



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS B209
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Empowerment Park

Project Applicant: SMUD, 6201 S Street, MS B209, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Project Location: The Project site is situated on three parcels that includes a vacant parcel located at 1124 Bell Street, and the vacant portions of two parcels located at 1003 and 1007 Clinton Road; APNs: 285-0221-001, 285-0280-037 and -038, respectively. The Clinton Road parcels are partially developed with a single-family residence on each parcel.

Project Description: The proposed Empowerment Park Project (Project) consists of the development of a 1.54-acre public park located at the northeast corner of Bell Street and Irma Way in unincorporated Sacramento County. The proposed neighborhood-sized park would offer such amenities as playground area 2-5, playground area 5-12, water play zone, bankshot court, social areas, shade structure, raised-bed community garden, and open space. Associated site improvements include on-site parking, lighting, and landscaping.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: SMUD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: SMUD
Exempt Status (Check One)

- Ministerial (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines Section 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures)
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))
- Statutory Exemptions


Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

SMUD has reviewed the proposed project and has identified that it qualifies for an exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Division 6 of Chapter 3 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations). The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty

that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. No special circumstances exist that the proposed Project would create a significant adverse effect on the environment (i.e. no sensitive species or habitats, no hazardous sites, no scenic highways, no historic resources, etc.). Therefore, the proposed project qualifies for the exemption under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3); no further environmental review is required.

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Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Applicant

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