

## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Del Paso – East Commerce Bank #2 Installation Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is an existing substation located at 2430 Del Paso Road in the

City of Sacramento.

**Project Description:** The Del Paso – East Commerce Bank #2 Installation Project (Project) consists of installing a new 25 megavolt-ampere (MVA) transformer and a new 4-feeder switchgear. The new equipment will be placed on a new standard foundation, replacing an existing foundation that was built in conjunction with unit #1. Surface excavation will be required for the removal of the existing foundation and reconstruction of the new transformer and switchgear concrete foundation pad with a surrounding sub-grade oil containment area. The Project will also include modification and/or replacement of support infrastructure (i.e. switch pole, tap pole, pull box, conduit, grounding, etc.) to service the new transformer and switchgear. The transformer foundation can have a depth of about 5 feet and the switch pole foundation can have a depth of about 10 feet. Civil construction is scheduled to start in March of 2022 and will take approximately 3 months to complete. All work will occur within the existing substation walls.

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 Section15268)	
Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section15269(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 Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement or Reconstruction))	
Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3))	
Statutory Exemptions	

## **Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

SMUD has reviewed and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities) and 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). Section 15301 applies to projects that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alternations of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination. Section 15302 states that "Class 2 consists of replacement or reconstruction of existing structures and facilities where the new structure will be located on the same site as the structure replaced and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the structure replaced..." Thus, the Project will involve the repair and minor alternation of an existing substation facility resulting in no change or expansion of use; and the replacement of an existing transformer and switchgear in the same location and serving the same purpose and capacity. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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