



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: SMUD Procter & Gamble Gas Meter & Regulation Pipe Support Replacement Project

Project Applicant: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Location: 5000 83rd Street, Sacramento, CA 95826

Project Description: SMUD is proposing to replace two existing natural gas pipeline supports located at SMUD’s Procter and Gamble Valve Station. The new pipeline supports are designed to improve visual inspection around the support area and allow for efficient maintenance. The installation of the new pipeline supports will require minor surface excavation. Soils excavated will be temporarily stockpiled in a 50-foot by 100-foot laydown area located south of and adjacent to the Station. The majority of the soils excavated will be hauled off to an appropriate landfill.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Exempt Status (Check One):

- Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), §21084); CEQA Guidelines (§15301 (b), Existing facilities of publicly and investor owned utilities; §15302 Replacement or reconstruction (c).)

Reasons Why Project is Exempt: Under CEQA Guidelines §15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. SMUD has reviewed and determined that the SMUD Procter & Gamble Gas Meter & Regulation Pipe Replacement Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Guidelines §15301 (b), Existing Facilities, which allows for projects involving the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration 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. CEQA Guidelines §15302 (c), Replacement or Reconstruction, allows for an exemption where replacement/reconstruction of a utility system occurs, and in this case applies to the replacement of the pipe support structures. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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