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## **NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

**Project Title:** SMUD Easement at D33 El Paraiso and D49 Metro Air Parkway

**Control Number:** PLER2022-00076

**Project Location:** The project consists of two separate project sites. The D33 El Paraiso project site is located approximately 2,370 feet northwest of the intersection of 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Stockton Boulevard, in the South Sacramento community of unincorporated Sacramento County. The D49 project site is located at the County Department of Water Resources D49 Storm Drain Pump Station within Metro Air Park, approximately 2,470 feet southwest of the intersection of Metro Air Parkway and Meister Way.

**APN:** 037-0231-006-0000 & 201-1020-067-0000

**Description of Project:** The project consists of two Grant of Easements to the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) from the County Department of Water Resources (DWR). The easements will allow for placement of electrical facilities for the powering of the two pump stations and will provide SMUD with maintenance access. The D49 station is limited to the grant of easement; no planned construction at this time. Proposed construction at the D33 station consists of installation of a new 24-square foot primary pull box, an 87-square foot transformer pad, and 4-inch conduit between the pull box and transformer. The new equipment will tie into existing underground 12KV lines and will provide electrical service to the recently upgraded D33 pump station (PLER2021-00129).

**Name of public agency approving project:**  
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**Person or agency carrying out project:**  
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**Exempt Status:**  
Categorical Exemption (PRC Section 21084; CEQA Guidelines Sections 15300 -15333):

- CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d) – New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures
- CEQA Guidelines Section 15305 – Minor Alterations to Land Use Limitations

**Reasons why project is exempt:** Class 3 consists of the construction and location of new, small facilities or structures and the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures, including electrical and other utility extensions. Class 5 consists of minor alterations in land use limitations in areas with an average slope of less than 20%, which do not result in any changes in land use or density. Class 3 would cover the construction and installation of electrical facilities and Class 5 would cover the Grant of Easement.

### **Section 15300.2-Exceptions**

Section 15300.2 of the CEQA Guidelines, Exceptions, provides conditions under which categorical exemptions are inapplicable. Review of the Project indicates that it will not violate any of the exceptions, as described in the following section.

1. *The project will occur in certain specified sensitive environments or locations;*

The Project site consists of an existing pump station and is not considered a biologically sensitive location.

2. *Cumulative impacts will be considerable because successive projects of the same type will occur at the same place overtime;*

The Project will not result in potentially significant impacts. Therefore, no cumulative impacts will result from the Project and successive projects of the same type and at the same place over time.

3. *There is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances;*

There are no known unusual circumstances that will have a significant effect on the environment. The Project does not constitute an expansion of use. The project will involve earthwork and therefore is subject to AQMD Rule 403 for fugitive dust control.

4. *The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources within a highway officially designated as a scenic highway;*

The Project is not located in the vicinity of a highway officially designated as a scenic highway; therefore, the project will not result in damage to scenic resources or similar resources within a highway that is officially designated as a scenic highway.

5. *The project is located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code; or*

The Project site is not included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code. Therefore, the Project will not have an impact related to being located on a hazardous waste site.

6. *The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historic resource.*

The project site does not contain any historical resources.

In accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15064.5(b)(3), a project that conforms to the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties (Secretary's Standards)* is generally considered to be a project that will not cause a significant adverse impact. (14 CCR Section 15126.4(b)(I)). If a project meets the *Secretary's Standards*, the project can, in most cases, be considered categorically exempt from CEQA (14 CCR Section 15331) and qualify for a Notice of Exemption.

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