



# 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

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

**Project Title:** 3167 Garden Highway Utility Pole Project

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

**Project Location:** The project site is located at 3167 Garden Highway

**Project Description:** The 3167 Garden Highway Utility Pole Project (Project) consists of the installation of a new 50-foot utility pole at the southeast corner of the existing single-family home. The pole will be inserted 7 feet below grade resulting in a 43-foot-high utility pole above grade. The purpose of the new pole is to provide new electric service to the new single-family home.

**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 and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Section 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures). Section 15303 states that "Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. Section 15303(d) includes water mains, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements of reasonable length to serve such construction. Thus, the Project consists of the installation of a new utility pole that would provide electric service to the new single-family residential home via extension of a new overhead utility line from an existing electric service line located across Garden Highway to the east. SMUD has reviewed the proposed Project and did not find any evidence that special circumstances exist that would create a reasonable possibility

that the proposed Project will have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Therefore, the proposed Project qualifies for the exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15303.

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