



# NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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

**Project Title:** SMUD Pole 1117A Replacement Project

**Project Applicant:** SMUD

**Project Location:** The project site is located in Sacramento, California, along the American River Parkway south of Cal Expo.

**Project Description:** SMUD is proposing to replace Pole 1117A which is a single, damaged, wooden transmission line pole that supports 115-kilovolt (kV) overhead electric lines. The proposed new tubular steel pole is an improved hybrid pole composed of steel upper sections and concrete base sections that is expected to last longer than an equivalent wooden pole and will offer better protection from insects, fires, and flooding. The new pole measures approximately 76 feet above ground with a diameter of approximately 32 inches and would be installed in-line with the existing overhead conductors and situated within 10 feet of the existing pole to be replaced. The project would require limited surface excavation to allow the prefabricated concrete base to be properly positioned and set within an excavated hole for stability. A staging and work area measuring approximately 100-feet by 50-feet will be necessary for construction vehicles and equipment movement at the project site. The two ground disturbance areas (for the base cavity excavation and for the Pole 1117A removal) would each measure less than 5 feet in diameter.

The site is accessible via an existing dirt access road beginning at the Ethan Way River Access which winds westward towards the overhead utility right-of-way, and intersects with a narrow two-track road that branches into a northward loop. The project site is adjacent to the northward loop road approximately 1,100 feet from the access road and northward loop road intersection.

**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 15302, Replacement and 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 Section 15302 (Replacement and Reconstruction). 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..." SMUD Pole 1117A Replacement Project involves the replacement of a fire damaged wood pole in the same general location with no expansion of service and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15302.

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March 28, 2023  
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Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
 Lead Agency

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- Signed by Lead Applicant

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