



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Intel #2 Dedicated Substation Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: The project site is located within southeastern quadrant of the Intel campus located at 1900 Prairie City Road, Folsom, California.

Project Description:

The Intel #2 Dedicated Substation Project (Project) consists of constructing an additional dedicated substation on the Intel campus. The new substation would be constructed on an area measuring approximately 150 feet by 150 feet (0.5 acre), which is currently barren/ disturbed and covered with mine tailings. Components of the Project would include two 20 megavolt-ampere transformers, switchgear, capacitor banks, ground grid, grounding well, concrete foundation pads and surrounding sub-grade oil containment areas, chain-link fence, substation gate, paved driveway, and approximately four 69 kilovolt poles between the existing substation and new substation. Construction is scheduled to start in 2025 and be operational by the end of the year.

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 Sections 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 Sections 15303 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structure) and Section 15061 (b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption). Section 15303 applies to construction of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures, installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. Section 15303 is appropriate because the Project will consist of constructing an additional, small (0.5 acre) substation on the Intel campus. The common sense exemption in Section 15061 (b)(3) states that "Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA". The common sense exemption is appropriate because there is no possibility that a significant effort on the environment may result from construction of the Project. Therefore, no further environmental review is required.

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