

Notice of Exemption

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Project Title: Hurley Substation Utility and Driveway Repair (Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-39344-R2)

Project Location: The project is located at Chicken Ranch Slough, a tributary to the American River, in the County of Sacramento, State of California; Latitude 38.58850, Longitude -121.41866 (WGS 84 datum, decimal degrees) 2018 Hurley Way, Sacramento, CA, 95825; Assessor's Parcel Number [285-0160-014-0000].

Project Description: The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) has executed Lake and Streambed Alteration Agreement EPIMS Notification No. SAC-39344-R2, pursuant to Section 1602 of the Fish and Game Code to the project Applicant, Sacramento Municipal Utility District.

The project is limited to the replacement of failing sewer and water lines at Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD) Hurley Substation by routing new lines underground below the substation driveway. The existing sewer and water lines will be capped and abandoned, and a new sewer line will be installed. A new water line will be installed and connected to an existing. Stormwater ponding issues at the substation entry gates will be corrected by installing an underground storm drain. The driveway south of Hurley Way will be repaved and designed to direct stormwater to a drain and then discharged to Chicken Ranch Slough. The storm drain inlets will be precast concrete constructed at the low points of the driveway. The storm drain will be constructed below the driveway and will be PVC C900 with the last five (5) feet of the drainpipe and outlet being reinforced concrete pipe. The outlet will be constructed in the concrete bank of Chicken Ranch Slough. The storm drainpipe will be installed as shallow as possible to maintain minimum embedment requirements and will maintain a minimum vertical clearance of one (1) foot from both sewer and water service. Construction equipment will be restricted to paved or disturbed surfaces and will not encroach within the banks of Chicken Ranch Slough.

Public Agency Approving Project: CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

Person or Public Agency Carrying out Project: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Exempt Status:

- Categorical Exemption. Type – Class (1, 3 and 4); California Code of Regulations, title 14, sections (15301, 15303 and 15304)

Reasons why project is exempt: Class 1 because the repair and maintenance involves negligible or no expansion of existing or former use. Class 3 because the project consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment

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and facilities in small structures. Class 4 because the project is a minor alteration to Chicken Ranch Slough and does not involve the removal of healthy, mature, or scenic trees.

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