



## NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

**To:** Office of Planning and Research  
P.O. Box 3044  
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**From:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
6201 S Street, MS B209  
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

Recorder-Clerk  
County of Sacramento  
P.O. Box 839  
Sacramento, CA 95812

**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Project Title:** SMUD Reliable, Equitable, and Accessible Charging for multi-family Housing (REACH) Project

**Project Applicant:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS B209, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

**Project Location:** Sacramento County - Multiple locations throughout Sacramento County, listed below.

**Project Description:** SMUD proposes to construct and operate 278 level 2 Electrical Vehicle (EV) Charging Stations at up to 26 (twenty-six) multifamily housing sites in underserved areas located in SMUD's Service Area. This project will provide access for residents in approximately 2,851 affordable housing units as well as for the customers of 4 supermarkets and congregants of 4 churches. The physical addresses are:

- Alicante Villas, 2480 Sierra Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95825
- Carmichael Continental, 4461 Manzanita, Carmichael, CA 95608
- The Arlo Apartments, 5737 Angelina Ave, Carmichael, CA 95608
- Woodside HOA, 722 Woodside Ln. E, Sacramento, CA 95825
- Salishan Apartments, 7541 Ramona Ln, Citrus Heights, CA 95610
- The Falls at Arden, 2345 Northrop Ave, Sacramento, CA 95825
- Sutter Green, 2450 Natomas Park Dr, Sacramento, CA 95833
- Braden Hills, 7581 Grantline Road, Rancho Cordova, CA 95742
- Southside Park Co-Housing, 434 T Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
- Willow Glen Apartments, 7474 La Manacha Way, Sacramento CA 95823
- Zinfandel Ranch, 10833 Folsom Blvd, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Campus Commons Village 2, 851 Commons Drive, Sacramento, CA 95825
- Arlington Court, 5434 Garfield Ave., Sacramento, CA 95841
- Courtyard, 1503 Fulton Ave, Sacramento, CA 95825
- The Carla, 1201 Fulton Ave, Sacramento, CA 95864
- Skylark Place, 6930 Fair Oaks Blvd, Carmichael, 95608
- Grayson, 10055 Terra Loma Dr, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670

- Genesis Baptist Church, 2801 Meadowview Rd, Sacramento, CA 95832
- New Asian Market, 6418 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95823
- 4th St Promenade, Galt, CA 95632
- La Victoria Supermercado, 2533 Del Paso Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95815
- Center of Praise, 2223 Capitol Ave, Sacramento, CA 95816
- River's Edge Church, 6449 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95831
- Peace Lutheran Church, 924 San Juan Road, Sacramento, CA 95834
- Viva Supermarket, 6418 Stockton Blvd., Sacramento, CA 95823
- Viva Supermarket, 4211 Norwood Ave, Sacramento, CA 95838

Construction of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure at these 26 locations will consist of digging, trenching, and other construction activities for installation of Level 2 chargers, potential replacement, or installation of 208 to 480 voltage alternating current down power transformers, and installation of power cabinets and switch gear to support the EV charging equipment. The installation of the EVSE charges and transformers may require installation of conduit and underground cable to connect to existing infrastructure. All electrical conduits will be installed via trenching or underground directional boring. The construction crews will follow established best management practices for soil management during all ground disturbing activities. Where necessary the parking lots will be repaired once all work has been completed. All work completed in traffic paths of travel will utilize traffic management plans. The projects are scheduled to begin in June 1, 2024 and be completed by January 31, 2028.

**Name of Public Agency Approving the Project:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District  
**Exempt Status (Check One)**

- Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(2) & (4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c)(d))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15301, Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services; §15304 (f)) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored
- Statutory Exemptions

**Reasons Why Project is Exempt:**

Under CEQA Guidelines § 15062, a lead agency must identify the rationale for making the determination that a project is exempt under CEQA. SMUD has determined that the REACH Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15301, Class 1 Existing Facilities (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. The Class 1 exemption applies to the "operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alteration of existing public or private structures, facilities, mechanical equipment, or topographical features, involving negligible or no expansion of use beyond that existing at the time of the lead agency's determination" and § 15304 (f), Minor Alterations to Land, "Class 4 consists of minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation which do not involve removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes. Examples

include but are not limited to: Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.” The REACH Project involves minor alterations to land and the trenching or underground directional boring for installation of conduit and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15304 (f) and §15301(b)

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Lead Agency

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Signed by Lead Applicant

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