



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Hedge SPA - T1 & T2 Trailer Project

Project Applicant: SMUD

Project Location: 9268 Tokay Ln., Sacramento, CA 95829; APN 064-0036-005

Project Description: The proposed Hedge SPA - T1 & T2 Trailer Project consists of repurposing classroom trailers from SMUD’s 59th Street yard location and relocating them to the southern end of the Sacramento Power Academy. The Project area would encompass approximately 7,000 square feet, adjacent to the Sacramento Power Academy’s Pole Training Area. The Project site is characterized as barren, disturbed, and developed with office space, a parking lot and associated roads. Each trailer unit measures 60 feet long by 24 feet wide, totaling 1440 square feet each of classroom space. To accommodate the trailers, approximately 11 poles from the Pole Training Area would need to be removed and backfilled with aggregate base and topped with soil. A 4480 square feet concrete slab will be poured as a foundation for the trailers. The Project would also include associated support equipment such as an existing switch gear and transformer. Approximately 550 feet of trenching would be necessary for laying electrical conduit and cable from the existing switch board to provide power to the new structures, at a depth of 30 inches and width of 18 inches. The total excavation of soil required throughout the project site is estimated to be approximately 241 cubic yards throughout the project site.

Construction is expected to April 2024 and last 40 days.

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 15301(b), 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303(c), 15303(d) (New Construction), and 15304(f) (Minor Alterations to Land))
- Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3))
- Statutory Exemption

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

SMUD has reviewed and determined that the Project is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Sections 15301 (Existing Facilities), 15303 (New Construction), 15304 (Minor Alterations to Land). Section 15301 applies to projects that consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, permitting, leasing, licensing, or minor alternations 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; (b) Existing facilities of both investor and publicly owned utilities used to provide electric power, natural gas, sewerage, or other public utility services. Thus, the Project will involve the minor alternation of an existing facility and the removal of and would not result in expansion of use.


Section 15303 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. (c) states that “commercial buildings not exceeding 10,000 square feet in floor area on sites zoned for such use,”; and (d), which states “Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction”. Thus, the Project would not exceed the maximum allowable structures on any legal parcel. The project would also consist of minor extensions to water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, that serves the construction for this project and would not exceed a reasonable length.

Section 15304 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, including (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored. The Project would not remove any healthy, mature, or scenic trees. The trenching would be temporary and the surface would be restored.

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”. All work would be within an existing SMUD-owned parcel that is already developed with office and classroom space. Therefore, there is no possibility that the activity would have a significant effect on the environment.

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