

ATTACHMENT 7

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) WORKSHEET

The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq.) requires public agencies to identify the significant environmental impacts of their actions and to avoid or mitigate them, if feasible.¹ Under CEQA, an activity that may cause either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment is called a “project.” (Public Resources Code § 21065.) Approval of a contract, grant, or loan may be a “project” under CEQA if the activity being funded may cause a direct physical change or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. Agencies must comply with CEQA before they approve a “project.” This can include preparing a Notice of Exemption or conducting an Initial Study and preparing a Negative Declaration, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or, if there are significant impacts, an Environmental Impact Report.

The Lead Agency is the public agency that has the greatest responsibility for preparing environmental documents under CEQA, and for carrying out, supervising, or approving a project. Where the award recipient is a public agency, the Lead Agency is typically the recipient. Where the award recipient is a private entity, the Lead Agency is the public agency that has greatest responsibility for supervising or approving the project as a whole.² When issuing contracts, grants or loans, the Energy Commission is typically a “Responsible Agency” under CEQA, which means that it must make its own CEQA findings based on review of the Lead Agency’s environmental documents. If the Energy Commission is the only public agency with responsibility for approving the project, then the Energy Commission must act as the Lead Agency and prepare its own environmental documents before approving the project.

This worksheet will help the Energy Commission determine what kind of CEQA review, if any, is necessary before it can approve the award, and which agency will be performing that review as a Lead Agency. Please answer all questions as completely as possible. It may also help you to think through the CEQA process necessary for your proposed project. The Energy Commission may request additional information in order to clarify responses provided on this worksheet.

¹ For a brief summary of the CEQA process, please visit <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/summary.html>.

² 14 C.C.R. §§ 15050, 15051. The Lead Agency typically has general governmental powers (such as a city or county), rather than a single or limited purpose (such as an air pollution control district).

1. What are the physical aspects of the project? (Check all that apply and provide brief description of work, including any size or dimensions of the project).

Type of Project	Yes	No	Project Description
Construction (including grading, paving, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Installation of EV Chargers
Trenching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Electrical conduit
New or replaced pipelines	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Modification or conversion of a facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
New or modified operation of a facility or equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
On-road demonstration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Customers will utilize the chargers for their personal on-road vehicle charging needs as a part of a public program.
Paper study (including analyses on economics, feedstock availability, workforce availability, etc.)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Project requires reporting
Laboratory research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
Temporary or mobile structures (skid-mounted)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	May be used during construction
Design/Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Engineering design for the charger installation
Other (describe and add pages as necessary)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

2. Where is the project located or where will it be located? (Attach additional sheets as necessary.)

Address	County	Type of Work to Be Completed at Site
6900 Airport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95837	Sacramento	Installation of EV chargers
401 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814	Sacramento	Installation of EV chargers
6000 J St, Sacramento, California, 95819	Sacramento	Installation of EV chargers

3. Will the project potentially have environmental impacts that trigger CEQA review? (Check a box and explain for each question.)

Question	Yes	No	Don't Know	Explanation
Is the project site environmentally sensitive?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Existing parking lots
Is the project site on agricultural land?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The parcel is zoned for parking
Is this project part of a larger project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	This is a standalone project
Is there public controversy about the proposed project or larger project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There is no known controversy
Will historic resources or historic buildings be impacted by the project?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	There are no known historic resources at the proposed locations

Is the project located on a site the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Secretary of the Environmental Protection have identified as being affected by hazardous wastes or cleanup problems?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No known locations
Will the project generate noise or odors in excess of permitted levels?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	No expected noises above permitted levels
Will the project increase traffic at the site and by what amount?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	The charging program is expected to be used by drivers who are already traveling to these locations.

4. Will the project require discretionary permits or determinations, as listed below?

Type of Permit	No	Modified	New	Approving Agency	Reason for Permit, Summary of Process, and Anticipated Date of Issuance
Air Quality Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Water Quality Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Conditional Use Permit or Variance	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Building Expansion Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Hazardous Waste Permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Rezoning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Authority to Construct	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		

Other Permits (List types)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Building, grading, and encroachment permits
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5. Of the agencies listed in #4, have you identified and contacted the public agency who will be the lead CEQA agency on the project?

Yes. Provide the name of and contact information for the lead agency.

SMUD is the lead agency for this project. Under CEQA Guidelines Section 15051(a).

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No. Explain why no contact has been made and/or a proposed process for making contact with the lead agency.

6. Has the public agency prepared environmental documents (e.g., Notice of Exemption, Initial Study/Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration, Environmental Impact Report, Notice of Determination) under CEQA for the proposed project?

Yes.

Please complete the following and attach the CEQA document to this worksheet. (For “Not a project,” the title of the document may be an e-mail, resolution, or letter.)

Type of Environmental Review	Title of Environmental Document	State Clearinghouse Number	Completion Date	Planned Completion Date (<u>must be before approval of award</u>)
“Not a project”		N/A		N/A
Exempt (Resolution of public agency or Agenda Item approving Exemption)		N/A		N/A
Exempt (Notice of Exemption)	Notice of Exemption	N/A	09/21/23	08/01/23
Initial Study				
Negative Declaration				
Mitigated Negative Declaration				
Notice of Preparation				
Environmental Impact Report				
Master Environmental Impact Report				
Notice of Determination				


NEPA Document (Environmental Assessment, Finding of No Significant Impact, and/or Environmental Impact Statement)				
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No. Explain why no document has been prepared. Propose a process for obtaining lead agency approval and estimated date for that approval (must occur before the Energy Commission will approve the award).

Certification: I certify to the best of my knowledge that the information contained in this worksheet is true and complete. I further certify that I am authorized to complete and sign this form on behalf of the proposing organization.

Name: Lora Anguay

Title: Chief Zero Carbon Officer

Signature:  _____

Phone Number: (916)320-7430

Email: Lora.Anguay@smud.org

Date: June 23, 2023



June 22, 2023

Phil Dyer, Commission Agreement Officer
California Energy Commission
715 P Street, MS-1
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: CEQA Review and Notice of Exemption for Proposed Installation Sites

Dear Mr. Dyer,

SMUD is considered a Lead Agency under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Article 4. Lead Agency § 15051. Criteria for identifying the Lead Agency (a) Where two or more public agencies will be involved with a project, the determination of which agency will be the Lead Agency shall be governed by the following criteria: (a) If the project will be carried out by a public agency, that agency shall be the Lead Agency even if the project would be located within the jurisdiction of another public agency.

The projects included in this grant qualify as categorically exempt from CEQA under § 15303. New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to: (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction and § 15304. 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: (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored; (f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored.

The project locations are as follows:

Sacramento International Airport: 6900 Airport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95837

Sacramento Valley Station: 401 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814

California State University, Sacramento: 6000 J St, Sacramento, California, 95819

Sincerely,

Rob Ferrera
Environmental Services
SMUD



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
P.O. Box 3044
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

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

ENDORSED
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

SEP 21 2023

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BY:  DEPUTY

Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Project Title: SMUD Direct Current FAST Charging Station 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, in partnership with Sacramento International Airport (SMF), Sacramento Valley Station (SVS), California State University, Sacramento (CSUS), ChargerHelp!, and AECOM, propose the deployment of Direct Current Fast Charging stations at three locations in Sacramento, enabling increased access to electric vehicle (EV) charging for ride-share drivers, food delivery drivers, rental car fleets, shared mobility services, and residents. The EV Charging Stations will be located at three sites in SMUD’s Service Area. The physical addresses are:

- Sacramento International Airport: 6900 Airport Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95837
- Sacramento Valley Station: 401 I St, Sacramento, CA 95814
- California State University, Sacramento: 6000 J St, Sacramento, California, 95819

Construction of the electric vehicle charging infrastructure at these three locations will consist of minor digging, trenching, and other construction activities for installation the EV Chargers. All charging stations will have a minimum power output rating of 150 kilowatts (kW), with most being 200kW. The sites at SMF, SVS, and CSUS were selected because they are shovel-ready and require no infrastructure upgrades aside from charger installation. Installation of the proposed chargers will be done within existing capacity, significantly reducing the time needed to connect the chargers. 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 project construction is scheduled to begin in mid-2024 and be completed within approximately 3 months.

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 §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures and §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 Direct Current FAST Charging Station Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. The numbers of structures described in this section are the maximum allowable on any legal parcel. Examples of this exemption include but are not limited to: (d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction 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 Direct Current FAST Charging Station Project involves new construction of small structures and minor alterations to land and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15303 and §15304(f).

Lead Agency Contact Person:

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Signature

September 21, 2023

Date

Ammon Rice

Printed Name

Sacramento Municipal Utility District

Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Lead Applicant

Date Received for filing at OPR: _____



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
2023 ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT FILING FEE
CASH RECEIPT
 DFW 753.5a (REV. 01/01/23) Previously DFG 753.5a

RECEIPT NUMBER:
 34 — 09/21/2023 — 447
 STATE CLEARINGHOUSE NUMBER (If applicable)

SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON REVERSE. TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY.

LEAD AGENCY Sacramento Municipal Utility District	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 09/21/2023
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING Sacramento	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2023-0517	

PROJECT TITLE

SMUD Direct Current FAST Charging Station Project

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME Sacramento Municipal Utility District Attn: Ammon Rice	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL ammon.rice@smud.org	PHONE NUMBER (916) 732-7466
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 6201 S Street, Mailstop B209	CITY Sacramento	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 95817

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency
 School District
 Other Special District
 State Agency
 Private Entity

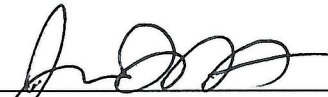
CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Environmental Impact Report (EIR) | \$3,839.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) | \$2,764.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW | \$1,305.25 | \$ | 0.00 |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Exempt from fee | | | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Exemption (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CDFW No Effect Determination (attach) | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy) | | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) | \$850.00 | \$ | 0.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County documentary handling fee | | \$ | 50.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | | \$ | |

PAYMENT METHOD:

- Cash
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TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Sacramento County Clerk/Recorder - Jacob Hermanson - Deputy Clerk
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