



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: Sacramento Municipal Utility District
6201 S Street, MS H201
Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

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Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

Project Title: Community Center Theater 21kV Offsite Project

Project Applicant: SMUD, 6201 S Street, MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95818-1899

Project Location: The project site is bounded by K Street to the north, L Street to the south, 15th Street to the east, and 13th Street to the west.

Project Description: The Sacramento Community Center Theater 21kV Offsite Project (Project) consists of installing approximately 1,060 lineal feet of 21kV duct and aluminum underground feeder cable (21kV underground line) between two junction points. The junction points are 1) an existing manhole within the pedestrian sidewalk on the west side of 15th Street just north of the intersection of 15th Street/Kayak Alley, and 2) a termination stub that is located on the north side of L Street within the pedestrian sidewalk and approximately 100 feet west from the intersection of 14th Street/K Street. The proposed 21kV underground line route from the existing manhole would proceed north approximately 200 feet to the intersection of 15th St./K Street; turn west on K Street and proceeding approximately 380 feet to the intersection of 14th Street/K Street; turn south on K Street and proceeding approximately 380 feet to the intersection of 14th Street/L Street; and turn west on L Street and proceeding approximately 100 feet to the termination stub. The electricity servicing the Sacramento Community Center Theater is currently sub-fed from the Sacramento Convention Center. As the City of Sacramento is planning to renovate and expand both the Theater and Convention Center, serving both buildings on the existing electric system would not provide sufficient capacity. Thus, the Project would allow the Theater to be independently serviced by connecting to SMUD's nearby existing 21kV system resulting in both buildings having sufficient capacity to serve their respective expansions.

Name of Public Agency Approving the Project: SMUD

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project: SMUD

Exempt Status (Check One)

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| Ministerial (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines Section 15268) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(a)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emergency Project (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines Section 15269(b)(c)) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC Section 21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines Section 15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Common Sense Exemption (CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3)) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Statutory Exemptions | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Reasons Why Project is Exempt:

SMUD has reviewed the proposed Project and has identified that it qualifies for an exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption) of the State CEQA Guidelines (Chapter 3 of Division 6 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations). The activity is covered by the Common Sense Exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. When 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. No special circumstances exist that the proposed Project would create a significant adverse effect on the environment (i.e. no sensitive species or habitats, no hazardous sites, no scenic highways, no historic resources, etc.).

Additionally, SMUD determined that the proposed project qualifies for an exemption from CEQA pursuant to Section 15303(d), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures. SMUD considers the Project as a utility extension.

Therefore, the proposed project qualifies for the exemption under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15303(d), thus no further environmental review is required.

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