



# 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

County of Sacramento Clerk/ Recorder  
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**ENDORSED**  
SACRAMENTO COUNTY

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**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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**Project Title:** 22<sup>nd</sup> Street 21kV Cable Installation Project

**Project Applicant:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

**Project Location:** City of Sacramento - The Project is located along 22<sup>nd</sup> Street from Station E which is located north of the Union Pacific railroad tracks, across the tracks to C Street and then runs south approximately 10,000 feet to a SMUD vault located between Q and R Street on 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

**Project Description:** To improve and ensure safe and reliable electric service in the City of Sacramento, Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) will be replacing a nitrogen gas filled conduit housing a 21-kilovolt (kV) cable located within 21<sup>st</sup> Street and installing a new concrete encased conduit in 22<sup>nd</sup> Street. The 21<sup>st</sup> Street conduit will be emptied of the nitrogen gas and abandoned in place. The project involves the installation of approximately 10,000 feet of new underground concrete encased conduit duct bank and 21kV cable within existing right-of-way. The project also involves installation of up to 5 new 8' x 15' manholes and 21 new 6' x 8' pull boxes along the route to allow electric cable pulling, splicing and maintenance. From the northern terminus of the project alignment, the new 21kV cable will extend out of SMUD's Station E bulk transmission substation south towards two riser poles which will be set on either side of the Union Pacific railroad tracks. From the south side of the tracks the lines will head south then head north on C Street towards 20<sup>th</sup> Street. The line will "T" off of C Street and continue south on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street towards Q Street back towards 21<sup>st</sup> Street and will terminate at a pull box at 21<sup>st</sup> Street and R Street. In general, the manholes and bull boxes would be located in the street, however there may be a need to adjust the location of these facilities into the sidewalk to avoid conflicts with existing utilities. Construction activities will include grinding roadway surfaces which will remain in place until material can be removed for installation of infrastructure by trenching. Trenches are anticipated to be 2 feet wide by 2 feet deep where possible. This may change to avoid conflicts with existing utilities. All surfaces will be restored back to their original condition once installation is completed.

Work is expected to begin in late March 2024 and is anticipated to be completed by October 2024. All work will occur while adhering to the City of Sacramento's noise ordinance of 7 am to 6 pm, Monday through Saturday and 9 am to 6 pm on Sunday.

**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)**

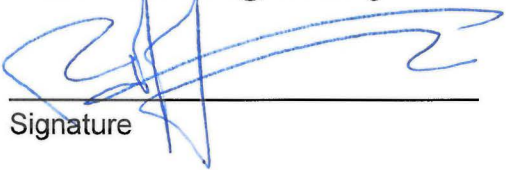
- Ministerial (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(1); CEQA Guidelines §15268)
- Declared Emergency (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(3); CEQA Guidelines §15269(a))
- Emergency Project (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(4); CEQA Guidelines §15269(b)(c))
- Categorical Exemption (CEQA PRC §21080(b)(9), 21084; CEQA Guidelines §15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, §15304, Minor Alterations to Land)
- 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 22nd Street 21kV Cable Installation Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines § 15303, New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures, which reads, "Class 3 consists of construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures..." and "(d) Water main, sewage, electrical, gas, and other utility extensions, including street improvements, of reasonable length to serve such construction." and §15304, "(f) Minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored."; the 22nd Street 21kV Cable Installation Project includes trenching and installation of conduit within existing road-rights-of-way and construction of limited new small facilities, and therefore is considered exempt in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15303 and §15304.

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March 26, 2024  
Date

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Lead Agency

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