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Notice of Determination

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**SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 or 21152 of the Public Resources Code.**

**State Clearinghouse Number (if submitted to State Clearinghouse):** 2017052041

**Project Title:** El Dorado Cloud Seeding Program Expansion

**Project Applicant:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**Project Location (include county):** The existing and expanded target areas are located primarily in El Dorado County, California, east of Sacramento County and west of the Tahoe Basin, but includes small portions of Placer, Amador, and Alpine counties. The additional expanded area extends south and west from the existing target area into areas near Kirkwood in Alpine County and the community of Kit Carson in Amador County. The expansion will create a 444-square-mile cloud seeding target area.

**Project Description:** SMUD is expanding its El Dorado Cloud Seeding Program (Project), which will increase SMUD's current cloud seeding area from 190 square miles to approximately 444 square miles of the Upper American River watershed, primarily in El Dorado County. The expanded target area will be treated with silver iodide nuclei dispersed by stationary ground-based units, aircraft, and mobile units transported to selected sites. The program is designed to produce localized increases in snowfall and subsequent snowmelt over a larger area of the watershed of SMUD's Upper American River Project (UARP). Like SMUD's current cloud seeding program, the Project will focus on the watersheds of Ice House, Union Valley, and Loon Lake reservoirs and their hydropower facilities in El Dorado County. The Project will also include the South Fork American River watershed that drains to Slab Creek Reservoir and its associated hydropower facilities.

This is to advise that the Sacramento Municipal Utility District has approved as (Lead Agency or  Responsible Agency) the above described project on 10/19/2017 and has made the following determinations regarding the above described project.

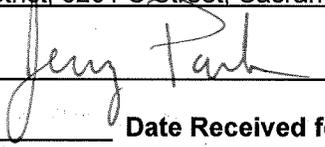
1. The project [will will not] have a significant effect on the environment.
2.  An Environmental Impact Report was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Negative Declaration was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.  
 A Subsequent or Supplemental EIR [ was was not] required and an Addendum to a previously certified EIR was prepared for this project pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.
3. New or revised mitigation measures [were were not] made a condition of the approval of the project.
4. A mitigation reporting or monitoring plan [was was not] adopted for this project.
5. A statement of Overriding Considerations [was was not] adopted for this project.

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6. Findings [were were not] made pursuant to the provisions of CEQA.

This is to certify that the Negative Declaration (SCH # 2017052041) is available to the General Public at:  
Sacramento Municipal Utility District, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817-1899

**Signature (Public Agency):**  **Title:** Environmental Management Specialist

**Date:** November 7, 2017 **Date Received for filing at OPR:** \_\_\_\_\_