Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Requirements And Guidelines For Uses Within Electric Transmission Easement

- Comply with California Public Utilities Commission General Order 95 and all other safety rules.
- All metal fences, or other metallic facilities within the right of way shall be properly grounded.
- Light or signal standards, trees (at mature height), landscaping, fences and equipment shall not exceed 15 feet in height within the right of way, so long as there is adequate clearance.
- No structures either permanent or temporary shall be constructed within the right of way, including covered parking, swimming pools, spas, gazebos, etc.
- Roads and utilities should cross the transmission easement as nearly at right angles as possible. Road intersections will not be allowed with transmission easement.
- Operation of equipment that exceeds 15 feet in height is not permitted within the right of way.
- Notify SMUD 48 hours before starting any work within the easement and at the conclusion for field review that all requirements have been met.
- Access for line equipment shall be provided at all times to SMUD’s tower/pole structures.
- All grading shall maintain General Order 95 clearances and shall not affect the integrity of tower/pole footings. Footings shall not be covered with soil. Excavations within 10 feet of any structure will not be allowed.
- Protect SMUD’s towers/poles from vehicular damage by installing protective barriers as required.
- SMUD will want to review subdivision, site, grading, landscape, and any other improvement plans that show changes to the area within the transmission easement. The transmission easement and tower/pole locations will be shown on such plans.
- Vehicles parked in a transmission easement must be in operating condition and moveable at all times.
- SMUD’s transmission easement shall be designated on subdivision/parcel maps as “RESTRICTED USE AREA—NO BUILDING”.
- For information regarding use of electric transmission easement, contact SMUD’s Property Administrator (916) 732-5016.
- This guideline is not all inclusive and does not constitute SMUD’s consent to use its transmission easement. Such consent may be issued upon receipt, evaluation and approval of final plans and becomes effective when signed by the owner/developer.