



May 13, 2024

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Elverta/McClellan 69 kV Feeder Tie Project

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Elverta/McClellan 69 kV Feeder Tie Project (hereafter the “Project”), which analyzes the potential physical environmental effects associated with project implementation. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements (Section 15072), SMUD has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with written notice of the availability of the Draft IS/MND and to invite comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

**Project location:** The Project alignment covers approximately 5.5 miles and is located along the western edge of the McClellan Air Business Park and northward within the community of Rio Linda in Sacramento County, within the boundaries of the City of Sacramento and Sacramento County. The Project alignment extends generally from a connection point approximately 140 feet south of the intersection of Winters Street and Rene Avenue, to the intersection of Q Street and 20th Street to the north, and the intersection of Elkhorn Boulevard and 34th Street to the east. Between those points, the Project is generally located along the western and northern sides of the Sacramento McClellan Airport and through the community of Rio Linda.

**Cortese List:** Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that this notice disclose whether the project site is listed on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List). A majority of Phase I of the Project is located adjacent to or within the boundaries of the former McClellan AFB, which has undergone remediation activities and portions of which are subject to deed restrictions, including soil management procedures. SMUD would adhere to safety procedures outlined in the McClellan Park Soils Management Manual for Transfer Parcels, which would minimize the risk of exposure of construction workers and the public to known hazardous materials found within contaminated soils.

**Project Overview:** SMUD proposes to replace approximately 5.5 miles of an existing above-ground 12-kilovolt (kV) cable with 69 kV and 12 kV cables. The Project would involve replacing or relocating approximately 140 power line poles, and newly installing approximately 10 power line poles where they did not previously exist. The Project alignment would occur in three phases: Phase 1, Phase 2A, and Phase 2B. The southern end of Phase 1 would be located near the intersection of Winters Street and Rene Avenue. It would run north along Winters, turn west onto Dean Street, north along Patrol Road, then west along Ascot Avenue to 20th Street. Phase 2A would be located along 20th Street, from Ascot to Q Street. Phase 2B would be located along Elkhorn Boulevard from 20th Street to 34<sup>th</sup> Street. All of the new poles would be located within Phase 1 of the Project alignment.

**Public review period:** A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will begin on May 13,

2024, and extend through June 12, 2024, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND can be emailed to [elvertamcclellanproject@smud.org](mailto:elvertamcclellanproject@smud.org) or sent to:

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**Document availability:** The Draft IS/MND is available at [smud.org/Elverta-McClellan](http://smud.org/Elverta-McClellan) or [smud.org/CEQA](http://smud.org/CEQA). Printed copies may be viewed during normal business hours at these locations:

SMUD  
Customer Service Center  
6301 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817

SMUD  
East Campus Operations Center  
4401 Bradshaw Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

**Public meeting:** SMUD will hold a public meeting regarding the Draft IS/MND at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at McClellan Park Officer's Club - 3410 Westover Street McClellan, CA 95652 to provide information and invite comments on the proposed project. The meeting can be attended in person. Please go to [smud.org/Elverta-McClellan](http://smud.org/Elverta-McClellan) for meeting and registration information.

**SMUD Board of Directors adoption:** The project will be presented to the Board for consideration at the SMUD Energy Resources and Customer Service Committee (ERCS) meeting and the SMUD Board of Directors meeting, at which the public and responsible agencies may make comments. Both meetings will be held at the SMUD Headquarters Auditorium, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 if conditions permit. Otherwise, the meetings will be held online. Please note that the Board can only take action during a SMUD Board of Directors meeting, so no action will be taken at the ERCS meeting.

Please go to [smud.org/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Board-Meetings](http://smud.org/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Board-Meetings) for further information on meeting schedules and agenda items, including this project.

We appreciate your time and effort in reviewing the Draft IS/MND. Your comments will be considered when making decisions about this project.

If you have questions, please email me at [Jerry.Park@smud.org](mailto:Jerry.Park@smud.org) or call me at **916-732-7406**.

Sincerely,



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# Proposed Project Site

