

Exhibit to Agenda Item #3

Discuss adoption of the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)** for the **Elverta-McClellan 69kV Feeder Tie Project (Project)**; and the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**; and approving the **Project**.

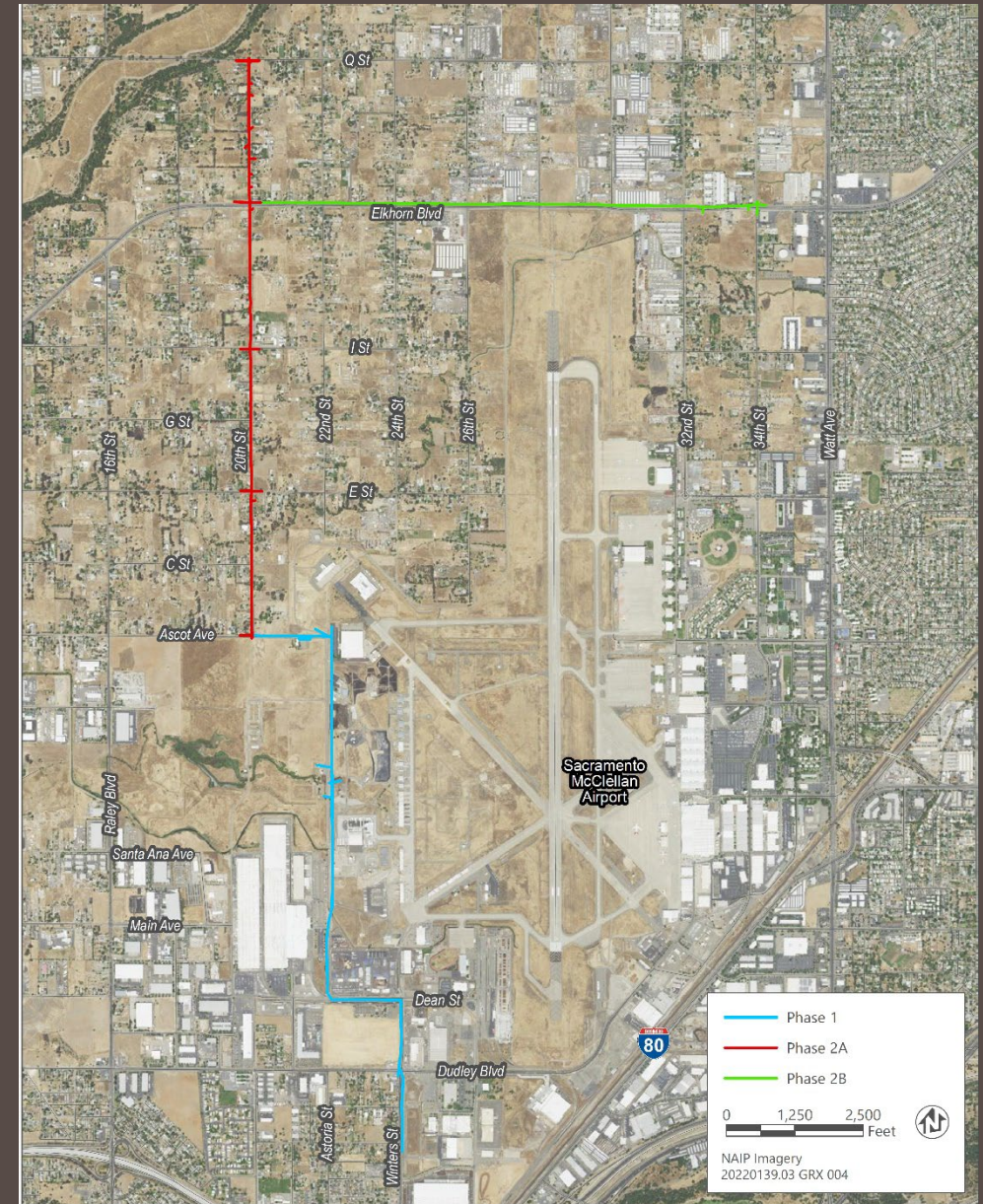
Board Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium

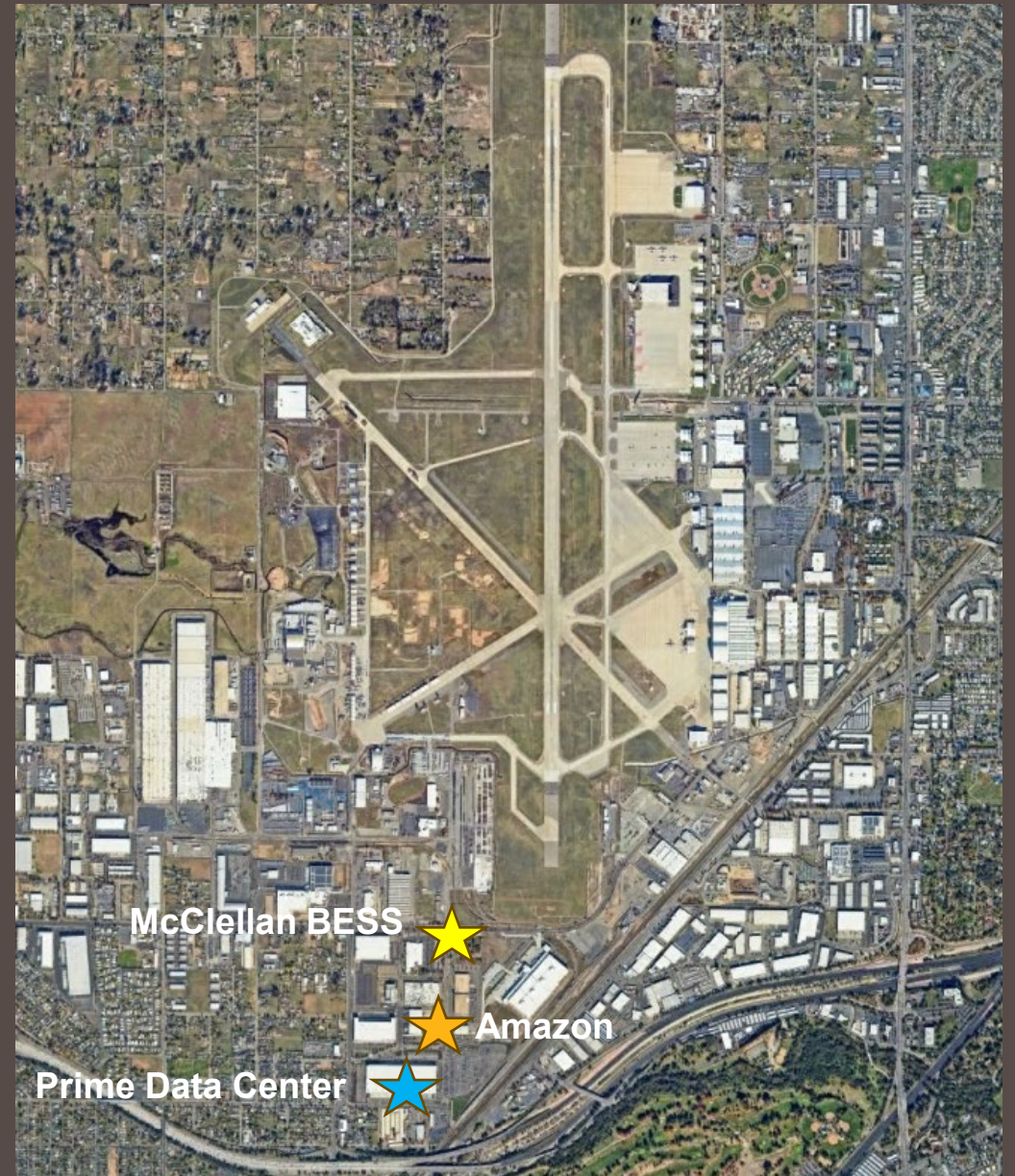
Project Overview

- Upgrade 5.5 miles of existing 12kV distribution line with 69kV and 12kV cables
- Constructed in three phases
 - Phase 1 – Double-circuit 69kV/12kV underbuild
 - Phase 2A – Double-circuit 69kV/12kV underbuild
 - Phase 2B – Single-circuit 69kV/12kV underbuild
- Requires 140 replacement poles and 10 new poles
- Anticipated construction time of 12 months
- Construction to begin in October 2024



Project Benefits

- Supports anticipated load growth for the McClellan Business Park
 - Prime Data Center expansion
 - Amazon EV fleet charging expansion
 - SMUD McClellan BESS Project
- Help maintain dependable power to the McClellan and Rio Linda areas
- Provide greater operational flexibility between circuits and substations in the area



Visual Sim at Ascot Ave & 20th St.

Current View



Simulated View



Environmental Analysis

- Prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
- Potentially significant impacts reduced to less-than-significant levels with mitigation measures related to:
 - Air Quality
 - Biological Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Geology/Soils
 - Transportation/Traffic
 - Tribal Cultural Resources

Public Review Process

- Notice of Intent and Draft MND released for 30-day public comment period May 13, 2024
- Published at SMUD.org, Sacramento Bee, and State Clearinghouse
- Notices mailed to property owners and customers within 1.000 feet of the project
- Documents available at SMUD Customer Service Center and East Campus Operations Center and at <https://www.smud.org/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Reports-and-Statements/CEQA-Reports>
- Public meeting held at McClellan Park Officer's Club on May 28, 2024
- One comment letter from Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB)
- Final MND posted on July 19th and provided to CVRWQCB

Tribal Consultation under CEQA

- Initial outreach on November 22, 2023
- Tribes Contacted:
 - Lone Band of Miwok Indians
 - Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians
 - United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC)
 - Wilton Rancheria
- Lone and UAIC responded with no identified issues
- No AB 52 consultation was requested

Requested SMUD Board Action

1. Adopt the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Elverta-McClellan 69kV Feeder Tie Project (Project);
2. Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan for the Project; and
3. Approve the Project