

# Exhibit to Agenda Item #5

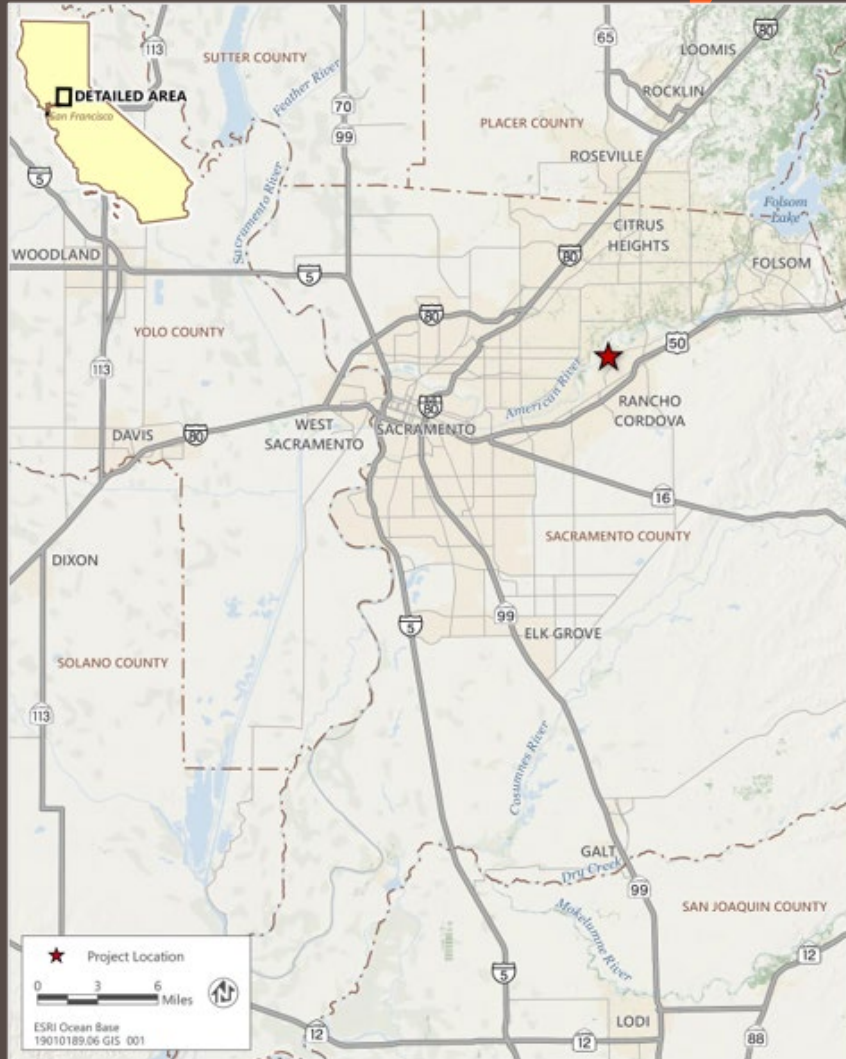
Certify the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Cordova Park Underground Cable Replacement Project (Project) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR)**, including adoption of the **Findings**; adopt the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project**; and approve the **Project**.

Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, July 21, 2022, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (online)

# Cordova Park Project Overview



# Project Description

- Replace 12kV and 69kV underground cable
  - Abandon existing cable in place
- Project elements include:
  - Phase 1
    - Up to 3,000 feet of underground 12kV cable replacement in Ambassador Drive.
    - Open trenching and placed within conduit.
    - Construction anticipated to begin between August and September 2022
  - Phase 2
    - Approximately 2 miles of underground 69kV cable replacement
    - Up to 13 utility vaults
    - Construction anticipated to occur within the next 5 to 8 years

# Public Review Process – Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- NOP 30-day public comment period (3/7/22 – 4/6/22)
- Published at SMUD.org, *Sacramento Bee*
- Draft EIR 45-day public comment period (5/11/22 – 6/27/22)
- Mailed to landowners within 500 feet of the project site; Native American Tribes; Local Agencies
- Available at Customer Service Center, East Campus Operations Center
- Public Meetings
  - Scoping Meeting (3/24/22)
  - Draft EIR Public Meeting (6/9/22)

# NOP and Draft EIR Commenters

- NOP
  - Native American Heritage Commission
  - California Department of Fish & Wildlife
  - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- EIR
  - No comment letters received

# Alternatives Analysis

- Project alternatives analyzed
  - No project alternative
  - Alignment reorientation
  - 69kV alignment would be included in Ambassador Drive
- The preferred alternative is the project as described here and in the draft and final environmental impact report (EIR)

# Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

The Project will implement 12 mitigation measures that will reduce all potentially significant impact to a less-than-significant level.

## Mitigation Measures:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Transportation

# AB 52, Tribal Consultation

- Eight AB-52 consultation meetings with the Tribes
- Canine Forensic Surveying per recommendation from United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC)
  - UAIC and Wilton Rancheria monitors attended the survey
  - 3 distinct locations were identified
- Tribes reviewed both the cultural resource and Tribal cultural resource EIR chapters before publication and staff was able to incorporate all comments and recommendations.
- Subsequently, the Tribes did not comment on the Draft EIR or attend the public meetings.



# SMUD Board Alternatives

- Certify the EIR for the Cordova Park Underground Cable Replacement project, adopt the Findings, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approve the project.
- Return to staff for further study.
- Reject the proposal and CEQA analysis.

# Requested SMUD Board Action

- Certify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report;
- Adopt the Findings;
- Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- Approve the Project.