

# Exhibit to Agenda Item #10

Certify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Sacramento Municipal Utility District Operations, Maintenance, and New Construction Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), including adoption of the Findings; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approve the project.

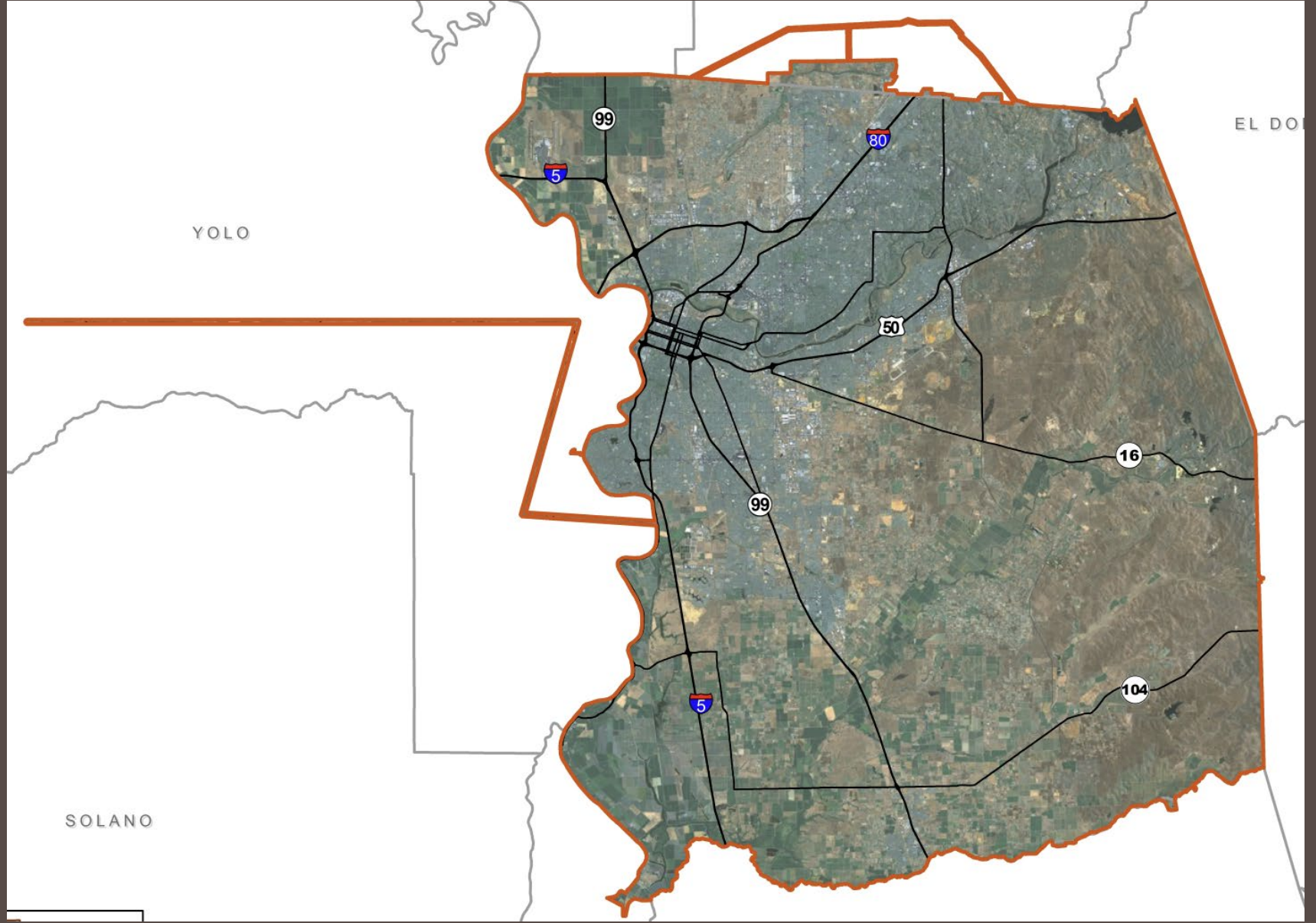
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, June 16, 2022, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.

Virtual Meeting (online)

# Habitat Conservation Plan Overview

- Streamlined state and federal endangered species act permitting for the next 30 years
- SMUD's operations, maintenance and new construction activities in the Permit Area
- Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation for:
  - Sacramento Orcutt grass, slender Orcutt grass, vernal pool fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, California tiger salamander, giant garter snake



# Habitat Conservation Plan Conservation Strategy

- Pre-project planning
- Avoidance and minimization measures
- Compensatory mitigation
- Enhance Sacramento Orcutt grass population and slender Orcutt grass introduction at the SMUD Bank

# Habitat Conservation Plan Benefits

- Endangered species compliance
- Regulatory certainty
- Operational efficiency
- Cost savings
- Conservation



# Habitat Conservation Plan Timeline

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Permit issuance
- HCP implementation

# CEQA Proposed Project

- CEQA Proposed Project
  - Application, issuance, and implementation of take authorizations
  - HCP implementation, including the conservation strategy
- Does not provide discretionary CEQA approval of Covered Activities

# CEQA Public Review Process

- Notice of Preparation 30-day public comment period (9/13/18 – 10/15/18)
- Draft Environmental Impact Report 45-day public comment period (1/31/22 – 3/17/22)
- Published at SMUD.org, Sacramento Bee
- Mailed to HCP steering committee; local, state, and federal agencies and special interest groups
- Available at CSC, ECOC
- Public Meetings
  - Scoping Meetings (9/27/18)
  - Draft EIR Public Meeting (2/22/22)



# NOP and Draft EIR Commenters

## Notice of Preparation

- California Native Plant Society
- Delta Stewardship Council
- Native American Heritage Commission
- Sacramento Fire Department
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- State Clearinghouse

## Environmental Impact Report

- County of Sacramento
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- San Joaquin Council of Governments
- United Auburn Indian Community

# Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

- Mitigation Measures
  - Cultural Resources
  - Tribal Cultural Resources
- No significant and unavoidable impacts



## 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.