

Exhibit to Agenda Item #5

Discuss certification of 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**; adoption of the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**; and approval of the project.

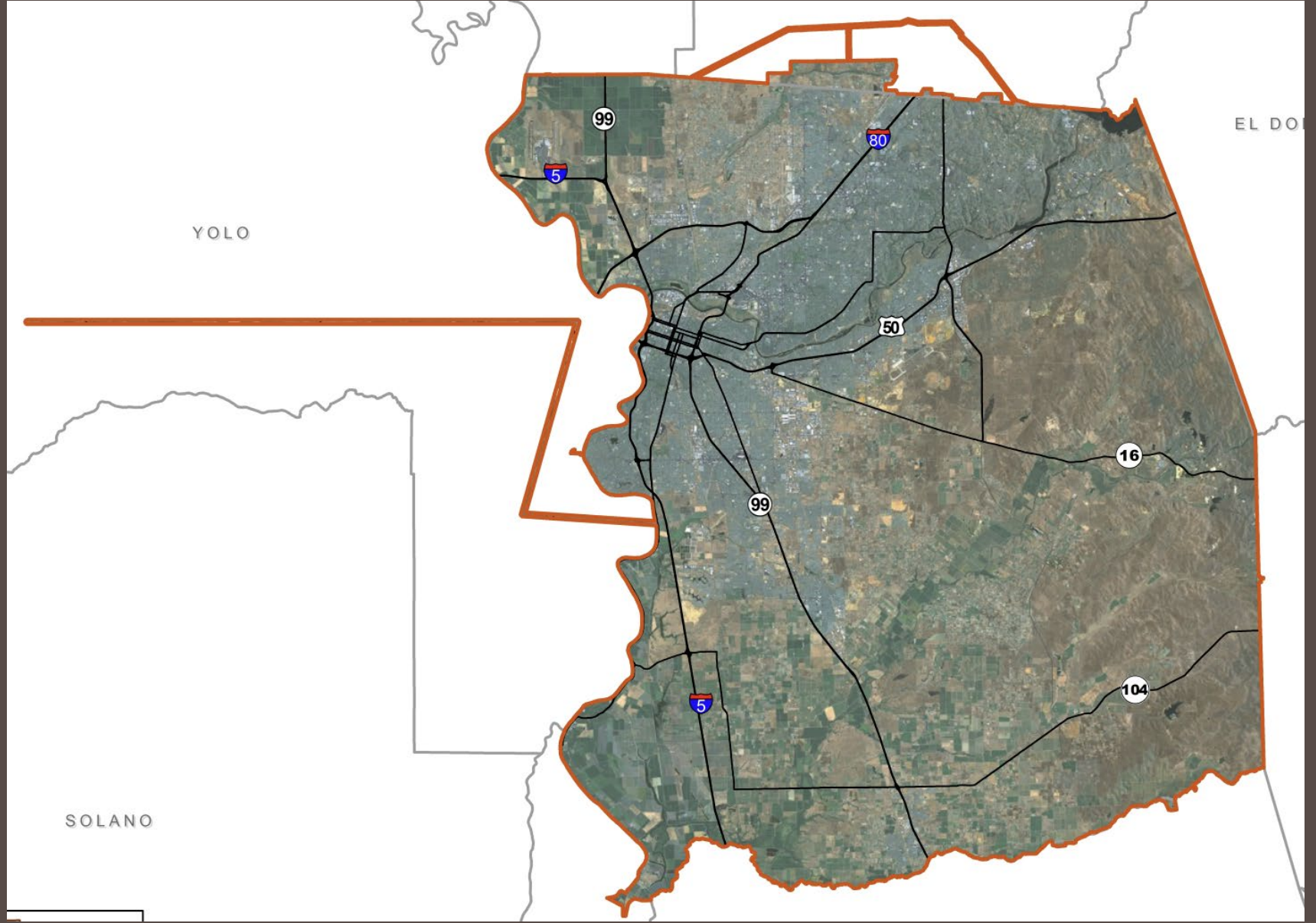
Board Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 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

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 - 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 Customer Service Center (CSC), East Campus Operations Center (ECOC)
- Public Meetings
 - Scoping Meetings (9/27/18)
 - Draft Environmental Impact Report (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.