

Exhibit to Agenda Item #9

Certify the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Oveja Ranch Solar Project (Project) Final Environmental Impact Report (EIR)**, including adoption of the **Findings**; adopt the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program** for the **Project**; and approve the **Project**.

Board of Directors Meeting

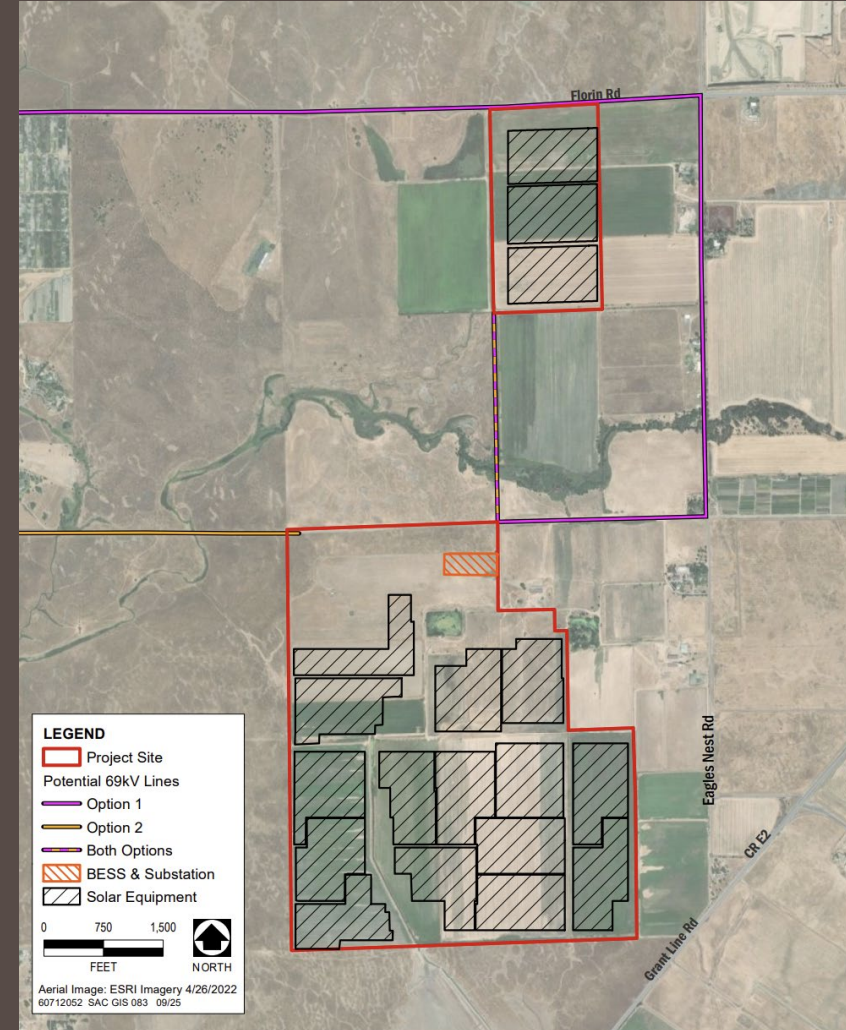
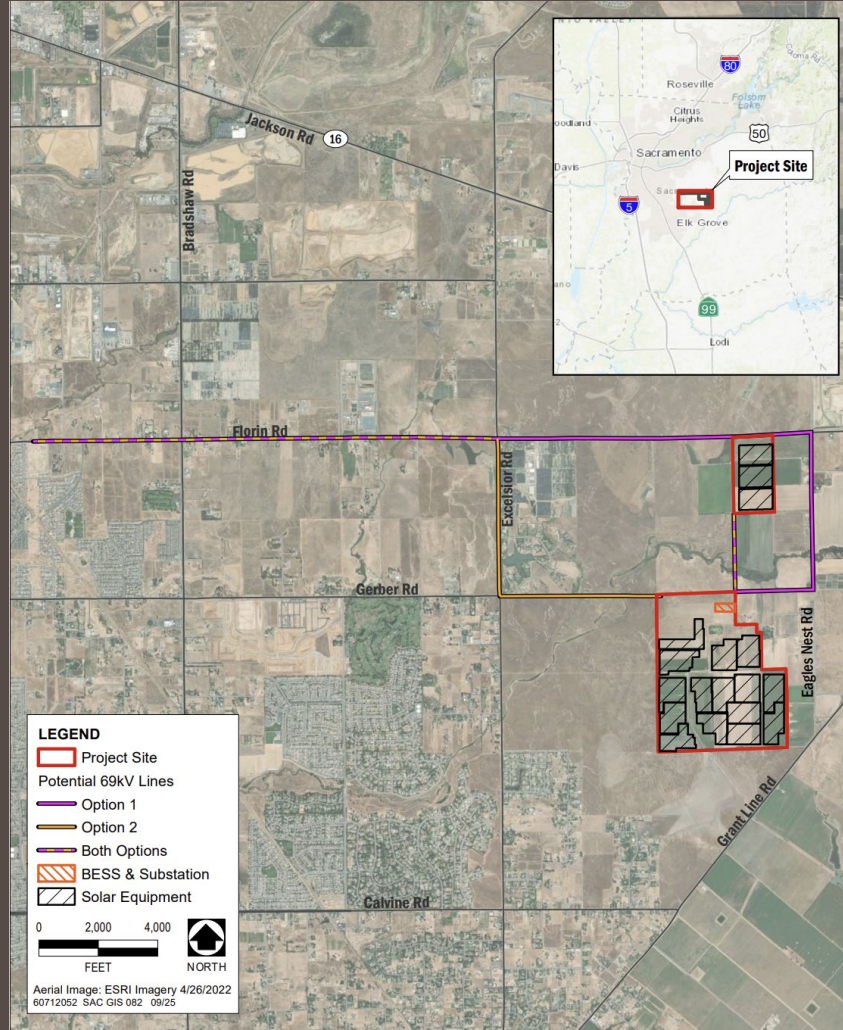
Thursday, September 18, 2025, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

SMUD Headquarters Building, Auditorium

Oveja Ranch Solar Project Description

- 75-megawatt solar facility located on up to 400 acres of leased land
- 37.5-megawatt battery energy storage system
- Generation substation
- 69 kilovolt distribution interconnection lines
- Williamson Act contract amendments
- Dual land use, with simultaneous solar energy generation and forage production and sheep grazing

Project Location



Public Review Process – Notice of Preparation (NOP)

- 30-day public comment period
(September 5, 2024 – October 6, 2024)
- Notice published at SMUD.org and Sacramento Bee
- Mailed to landowners within 0.5 mile of the solar facility and within 500 feet of the interconnection lines; Native American tribes; Sacramento Municipal Air Quality Management District
- Available at SMUD Customer Service Center (CSC) and East Campus – Operations Center (ECOC)
- Public Meeting – September 18, 2024

Notice of Preparation - Comment Letters

- California Department of Conservation
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- Defenders of Wildlife
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- Sacramento County Department of Transportation
- Southgate Recreation & Park District
- Resident (Carl Werder)

Environmental Analysis

- No significant and unavoidable impacts
- Mitigation Measures:
 - Agriculture and forestry resources
 - Air quality
 - Biological resources
 - Cultural resources
 - Geology and soils
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Noise
 - Transportation and traffic
 - Tribal cultural resources

Public Review Process – Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- 45-day public comment period
(March 17, 2025 – May 2, 2025)
- Notice of availability published in Sacramento Bee
- Mailed to landowners within 0.5 mile of the solar facility and 500 feet of the interconnection lines; Native American tribes; Sacramento Municipal Air Quality Management District; NOP commentors
- Copies available at CSC and ECOC; SMUD.org
- Public Meeting – April 10, 2025

Draft EIR Comment Letters

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Defenders of Wildlife
- East Bay Municipal Utility District
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
- Sacramento County - Department of Transportation
- Sacramento County - Planning and Environmental Review
- Sacramento County Water Agency
- Southgate Recreation & Park District

Final EIR - Corrections and Revisions

- Changes did not alter the conclusions of the Draft EIR
- Changes made in response to Draft EIR comment letters:
 - Air quality
 - Biological resources
 - Transportation
 - Recreation

AB-52 / Tribal Consultation Process

- United Auburn Indian Community
 - Conducted Tribal cultural resources surveys – April and June 2024
 - Tribal consultation closed – October 3, 2024
- Wilton Rancheria
 - Tribal consultation closed – April 29, 2025
- Inadvertent discovery mitigation measure
 - Evaluation and treatment of inadvertent or unanticipated discoveries of Tribal cultural resources, archaeological, or cultural resources