Exhibit to Agenda Item #10

Adopt the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)** for the **Pocket Substation Rebuild Project (Project)**; adopt the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**; and approve the **Project**.

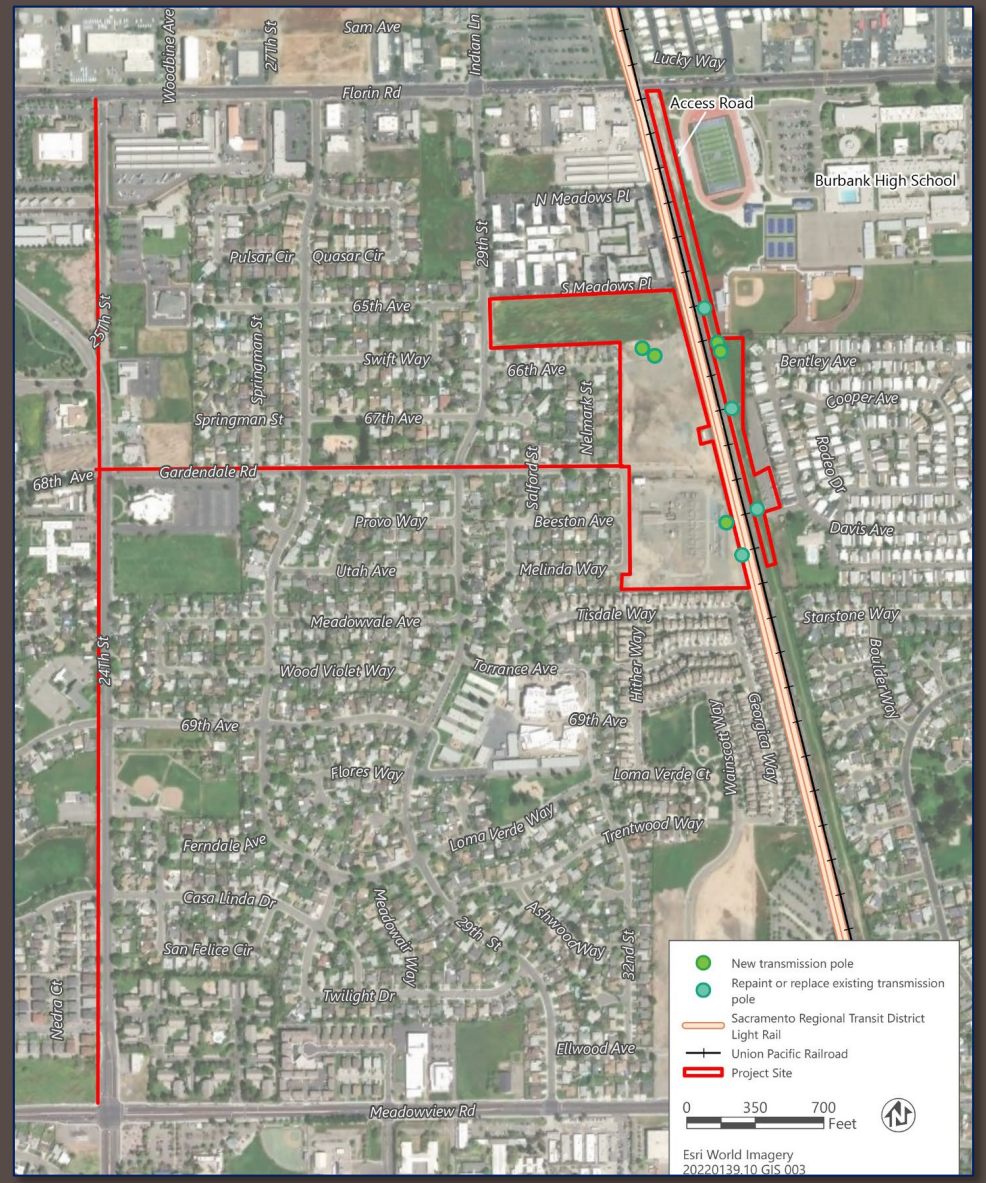
Board of Directors Meeting

Thursday, November 19, 2026, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium, SMUD Headquarters Building

Project Overview

- Construct new bulk substation
- Decommission and remove existing Pocket substation
- Electrical line work to connect to new substation
- Project construction is anticipated to begin in 2027 and decommissioning would complete in 2031



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Environmental Analysis

- Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND)

- Potentially significant impacts reduced to less-than-significant levels with mitigation measures related to:
    - Air Quality
    - Biological Resources
    - Cultural Resources
    - Noise
    - Tribal Cultural Resources





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Public Review Process

- Notice of Intent and Draft IS/MND, 30-day public comment period (August 20, 2026 – September 21, 2026)
- Published at SMUD.org, *Sacramento Bee*, and State Clearinghouse
- Notices mailed to property owners within 500 feet of the project, as well as to the State Clearinghouse and each responsible and trustee agency
- Document made available at SMUD Customer Service Center and East Campus Operations Center
- Public Meeting, September 3, 2026
- Final IS/MND was posted on November 6th and is available on www.smud.org/ceqa and smud.org/PocketSubstationRebuildProject

Tribal Consultation (AB 52)

- Request for Tribal consultation letters were sent to four Tribes
- Wilton Rancheria requested consultation on February 23, 2026
- Project updates were shared during project-specific AB 52 meetings, email correspondence and during our recurring monthly Tribal coordination meeting with Wilton Rancheria.
- Wilton Rancheria provided input on Tribal Cultural Resources section and mitigation measures
- AB 52 consultation was closed on October 22, 2026
- Mitigation measures include spot check monitoring for Tribal Cultural Resources during grading and excavation activities

Requested SMUD Board Action

- Adopt the CEQA Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Pocket Substation Construction Project;
- Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and
- Approve the Project