

Exhibit to Agenda Item #2

Discuss adopting the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)** for the **Jackson Bulk Substation Project (Project)**; adopting the **Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program**; and approving the **Project**.

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

Wednesday, October 14, 2026, scheduled to begin at 6:00 p.m.

Auditorium, SMUD Headquarters Building

Project Overview

- 44 acres; southeast corner of Jackson and Excelsior Roads
- Site used for temporary storage of soil since 2022; use will continue
- Approximately 6 miles of new or reconstructed overhead line work
- Will serve planned development along the Jackson corridor



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
 - Geology/Soils
 - Hazards & Hazardous Materials
 - Tribal Cultural Resources



Public Review Process

- Notice of Intent and Draft IS/MND, 30-day public comment period (May 5, 2026 - June 5, 2026)
- Published at SMUD.org, *Sacramento Bee*, and State Clearinghouse
- Notices mailed to property owners within 1,500 feet of the proposed substation site and within 500 feet of the off-site overhead line work
- Document made available at SMUD Customer Service Center and East Campus Operations Center
- Virtual Public Meeting, May 18, 2026
- Final IS/MND was posted on October 5, 2026, and is available on www.smud.org/ceqa.

Comment Letters during Public Review

- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Defenders of Wildlife
- Sacramento Area Sewer District
- Wilton Rancheria



Tribal Consultation (AB 52)

- Four Tribes contacted to offer Tribal consultation on the proposed project
- Wilton Rancheria requested consultation on October 28, 2025
- SMUD held four AB 52 project meetings with Wilton and continued consultation via email
- Project updates also provided during regular reoccurring Tribal consultation meetings
- Wilton Rancheria participated in pedestrian surveys of the project footprint
- Wilton Rancheria provided input on Tribal Cultural Resources section and mitigation measures
- AB 52 consultation was closed on September 24, 2026, without mutual agreement
- Mitigation measures include spot check monitoring for Tribal Cultural Resources during ground-disturbing activities and installing a mural on the perimeter fencing/wall to commemorate the use of the area as a travel route for Native American Peoples of the area
 - Full-time monitoring occurs when there is evidence for Tribal Cultural Resources on or in the vicinity of the project site; no such evidence could be provided.

Requested SMUD Board Action

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