



## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A SUBSEQUENT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Oselot-Baroque Substation and Line Project

July 23, 2020

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is proposing to construct an overhead power line in the Oselot-Baroque neighborhood that would connect to a planned electrical substation.

SMUD has prepared a Draft Subsequent Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (SIS/MND) to evaluate a proposed 69-kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line route revision for a portion of SMUD's approved Oselot-Baroque Substation and Line Project (hereafter the "project") (formerly named Oselot-Zinfandel Neighborhood Electric Distribution Project), which was approved in March 2006.

The Draft SIS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, SMUD has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft SIS/MND and to solicit comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

**LEAD AGENCY:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

**CONTACT PERSON:** Jerry Park, CEQA Project Manager, (916) 732-7406

**PROJECT TITLE:** Oselot-Baroque Substation and Line Project

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The project site is in the city of Rancho Cordova within the boundaries of Zinfandel Drive, Sunrise Boulevard, International Drive and Douglas Road. The proposed 2.4-mile overhead 69-kV subtransmission line would be parallel to and east of the Folsom South Canal, along U.S. Bureau of Reclamation property (phase 1B), and north of Douglas Road between the Folsom South Canal and Sunrise Boulevard (phase 2) - see Figure 1 below.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** We're proposing to add a new 69-kV power line in the city of Rancho Cordova to maintain reliable service by supporting increased electrical demand due to continued development. This project will add an additional subtransmission loop which will help maintain dependable power to residents. The project will also locate the proposed subtransmission line further than originally planned from the residential properties located to the west of the Folsom South Canal. A section of the proposed subtransmission line will be located on the east side of the Folsom South Canal, which increases the distance from the residential property line from approximately 45 feet to 340 feet from the original plan. The project is anticipated to start in early 2021 and will involve 2 phases—phases 1B and 2. As shown in

Figure 1, the previous phase 1A has already been constructed and the future construction of the Oselot-Baroque substation has already been evaluated and subject to the original project approval from March 2006. The original project approval consisted of the Oselot-Baroque substation and an approximately 3-mile 69kV subtransmission line on the west side of the Folsom South Canal from the White Rock-Sunrise substation to Douglas Road and continuing along the north side of Douglas Road to the Sunrise Boulevard and Douglas Road intersection. This Draft SIS/MND only evaluates phases 1B and 2.

In phase 1B, we are adding 1.9 miles of subtransmission line along the east side of the Folsom South Canal from International Drive to Douglas Road, and connection points to the future Oselot-Baroque substation. Phase 2 is anticipated to begin when phase 1B is complete and would add 2,200 feet of line running east along the north side of Douglas Road where it would connect to an existing 69-kV line. Approximately 45 steel utility poles would be required for the construction of phases 1B and 2. The direct embedded steel poles are designed as an alternative to wood poles. Strength, dimensions and appearance are consistent and predictable with steel poles, offering design and application advantages. The steel poles are 24 inches around, approximately 70 feet tall and would be placed in 13-foot holes backfilled with concrete. We don't anticipate service outages to local businesses or homes during construction.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period for the Draft SIS/MND will start on July 23, 2020 and end on August 24, 2020 for interested individuals and responsible agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the SIS/MND should be submitted to Jerry Park, SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, MS B209, Sacramento, CA, 95852-0830 or by email to [Jerry.Park@smud.org](mailto:Jerry.Park@smud.org) before 5 p.m., August 24, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Park at (916) 732-7406 or at [Jerry.Park@smud.org](mailto:Jerry.Park@smud.org)

The SIS/MND is available for viewing and download at [smud.org/Oselot](http://smud.org/Oselot); and hardcopies may be reviewed at the following locations:

- SMUD Headquarters, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
- SMUD East Campus Operations Center, 4401 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827
- Rancho Cordova City Hall, 2729 Prospect Drive, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
- Rancho Cordova Library, 9845 Folsom Boulevard, Rancho Cordova, CA 95827
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

**ONLINE PUBLIC MEETING:** SMUD will hold an online public meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. to provide information and answer any questions on the proposed project. Access to the public meeting will be provided through a meeting link found at [smud.org/Oselot](http://smud.org/Oselot).

**SMUD BOARD ADOPTION:** The SMUD Board of Directors will consider adoption of the SIS/MND for this project at two meetings, the SMUD Energy Resources and Customer Service Committee (ERCS) meeting and the SMUD Board of Directors meeting, at which the public and responsible agencies may make oral comments. Both public meetings will be held at the SMUD Headquarters Auditorium, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 if conditions permit, otherwise the meetings will be held online, and links would be found on [smud.org/Oselot](http://smud.org/Oselot). The ERCS Meeting will be held on October 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The Board will take no action at the ERCS meeting. The Board meeting will be held on October 15, 2020 at 9 a.m.

We appreciate your time and effort to review the Draft SIS/MND. Your comments regarding this project will be considered as part of future decisions to be made by SMUD.

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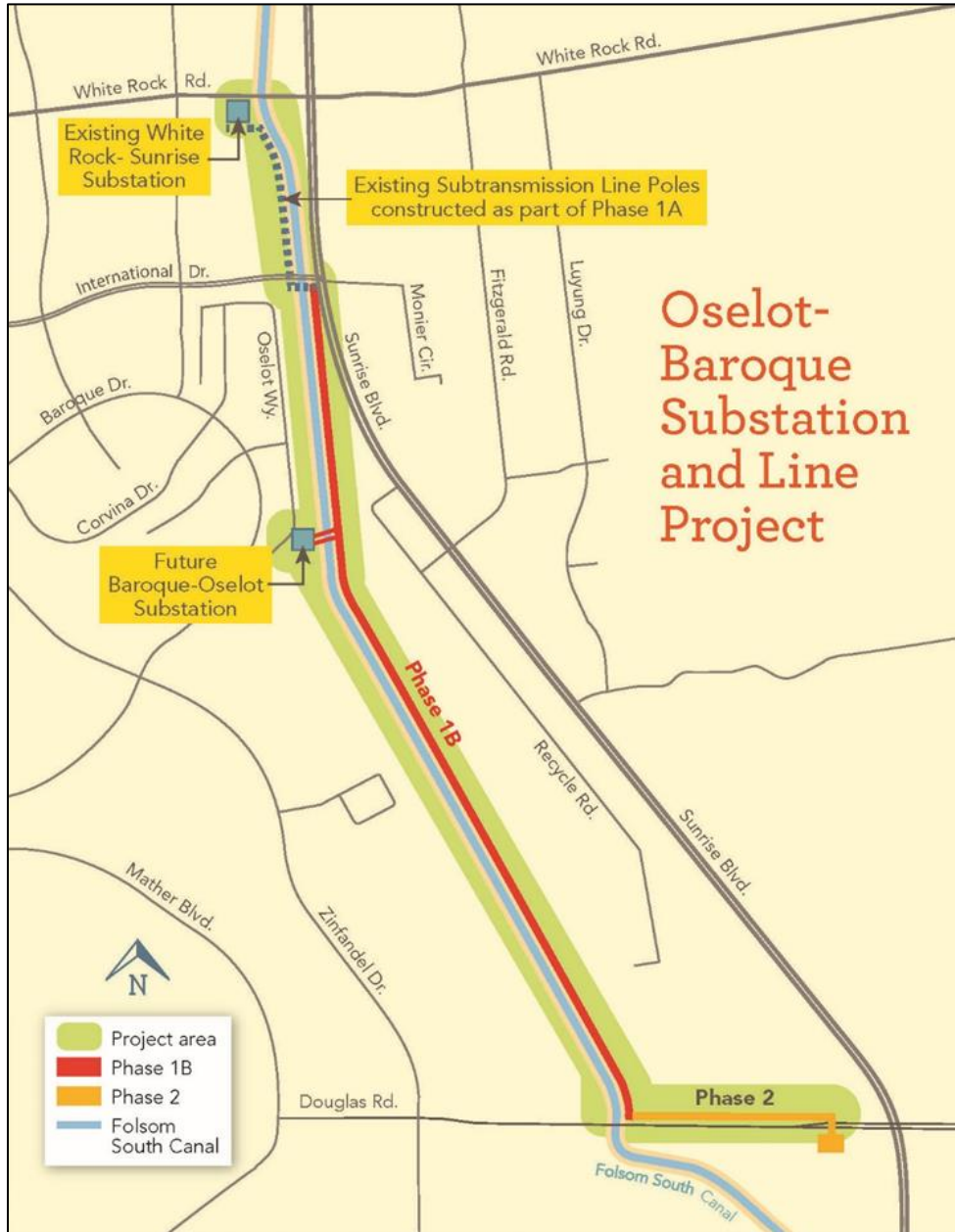


Figure 1. Proposed 69-kV Subtransmission Line Alignment – Phases 1B and 2