



August 20, 2026

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pocket Substation Rebuild Project

We prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Pocket Substation Rebuild Project (hereafter the “project”), which analyzes the potential physical environmental effects associated with project implementation. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements (Section 15072), we’ve prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with written notice of the availability of the Draft IS/MND and to invite comments regarding environmental issues that could be associated with the proposed project.

Project location: The project is in the Meadowview neighborhood of Sacramento. A new substation will be built north of the point where Gardendale Road ends at the railroad tracks, and we’ll remove the existing Pocket Substation, south of the dead-end at 3250 Gardendale Road. Additionally, the project involves adding, or upgrading, existing electrical lines along Gardendale Road, along 24th and 25th Streets from Florin Road to Meadowview Road and east of the proposed substation on the opposite side of the railroad tracks.

Cortese List: Section 15087 (c)(6) of the CEQA Guidelines requires that this notice disclose whether the project site is listed on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List). No portion of the proposed project site is on the Cortese List.

Project overview: We’re proposing to construct and operate a new substation and decommissioning the existing Pocket Substation. The proposed new substation, Meadowview Substation, would include new transformers and circuit breakers, a control building, paved access, fencing, lighting, stormwater drainage, stormwater detention basin and utilities. The project also involves installing new electrical lines either above ground or underground, and adjusting existing overhead powerlines to connect the new substation to the electrical grid. We anticipate project construction to begin in 2027 and the new substation to be operational in spring 2030. We anticipate the construction will last approximately 2.5 years for the new substation build and decommissioning of the Pocket Substation to follow for about 12 months.

Public review period: A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will begin on Aug. 20 and extend through Sept. 21, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND can be emailed to **Kim.Crawford@smud.org** or sent to:

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Document availability: The Draft IS/MND is available at **smud.org/PocketSubstationRebuildProject**. You can view printed copies during normal business hours at these locations:

SMUD
Customer Service Center
6301 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

SMUD
East Campus Operations Center
4401 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento, CA 95827

Public meeting: We'll hold an in-person public meeting regarding the Draft IS/MND on **Sept. 3, 2026 from 6 to 7 p.m.**, at Sam & Bonnie Pannell Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Rd., Sacramento CA 95832 to provide information and invite comments on the proposed project.

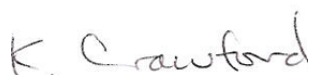
SMUD Board of Directors adoption: The project will be presented to the Board for consideration at the SMUD Energy Resources and Customer Service (ERCS) Committee meeting and the SMUD Board of Directors meeting, where the public and responsible agencies can make comments. We'll hold both meetings at the SMUD Headquarters Auditorium, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817. Otherwise, the meetings will be held online. Please note that the Board can only take action during a SMUD Board of Directors meeting, so no action will be taken at the ERCS meeting.

Please visit **smud.org/BoardMeetings** for more information on meeting schedules and agenda items, including this project.

We appreciate your time and effort in reviewing the Draft IS/MND. We'll consider your comments when making decisions about this project.

If you have questions, please email me at **Kim.Crawford@smud.org** or call me at **916-732-5053**.

Sincerely,



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SMUD Environmental Services

Proposed project site

