



January 18, 2022

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

SMUD 59th Street Corporation Yard Demolition and Remediation Project

SMUD has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the SMUD 59th Street Corporation Yard Demolition and Remediation Project (hereafter the “project”), which analyzes its potential physical environmental effects. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements (Section 15072), SMUD has 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 and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project location: The project site is SMUD’s former corporation yard at 1708 59th Street in East Sacramento (Figure 1). The site is fully developed and is in a highly developed area, bordered by residential development to the west, commercial development to the north, a California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) laboratory to the east across 59th Street, and U.S. Highway 50 (US 50) to the south. The site is bisected by a Sacramento Regional Transit District light rail line.

Project overview: SMUD purchased the 59th Street property from the Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and used the 19.74-acre site as a corporation yard from 1947 to 2012. In 2013, SMUD relocated the yard to its facility at 4401 Bradshaw Road (the East Campus Operations Center). After relocating the yard, SMUD used the site as a storage area for hazardous wastes generated on-site or at other SMUD facilities.

SMUD is proposing installation of a full-scale soil vapor extraction (SVE) system to remediate volatile organic compound (VOC)-impacted soil gas, and excavation and disposal of contaminated soil. To access the contaminated soil, multiple buildings would require demolition. The project would include building demolition, installation and operation of the SVE system, and excavation and disposal of contaminated soil. All remediation activities would require approval from the California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) prior to implementation, to ensure protection of human health and the environment. SMUD is proposing to remediate the site to appropriate risk and exposure levels as determined by DTSC.

Project activities are expected to begin summer 2022 and last approximately three to four years through the different phases of remediation. Project noise levels and hours would be in accordance with the City of Sacramento’s Noise Ordinance, contained in Title 8, Chapter 8.68 of the Sacramento City Code. Construction would be limited to the hours between 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and between the hours of 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. However, weekend work is not anticipated for most of the project.

Public review period: A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will begin on January 18 and extend through February 16, 2022, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND can be sent to:

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Digital copies of the Draft IS/MND are available at smud.org/59thStreet. Hard copies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following locations:

SMUD
Customer Service Center
6301 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

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

Public meeting: SMUD will hold a virtual public meeting on **Thursday, February 3, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.**, during which the Draft IS/MND can be discussed with SMUD staff and written comments will be accepted. Please visit smud.org/59thStreet for meeting and registration information. If you have questions regarding the Draft IS/MND or the public meeting, please contact me at Rob.Ferrera@smud.org.

On Thursday, April 21 at 9:00 a.m., the SMUD Board of Directors will consider adopting the Draft IS/MND. Prior to its decision, on April 20 at 5:30 p.m., the Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee will review the project and make recommendations to the Board. Additional comments can be made at that time by members of the public.

Please refer to smud.org/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Board-Meetings for further information regarding meeting schedules and agenda items, which include this project.

If you have any questions, please contact me at **916-732-6676** or Rob.Ferrera@smud.org.

Sincerely,



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Figure 1

