Exhibit to Agenda Item #5

Certify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Cordova Park Underground Cable Replacement Project (Project) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), including adoption of the Findings; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program for the Project; and approve the Project.

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, July 21, 2022, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting (online)
Cordova Park Project Overview
Project Description

- Replace 12kV and 69kV underground cable
  - Abandon existing cable in place

- Project elements include:
  - Phase 1
    - Up to 3,000 feet of underground 12kV cable replacement in Ambassador Drive.
    - Open trenching and placed within conduit.
    - Construction anticipated to begin between August and September 2022
  - Phase 2
    - Approximately 2 miles of underground 69kV cable replacement
    - Up to 13 utility vaults
    - Construction anticipated to occur within the next 5 to 8 years
Public Review Process – Notice of Preparation (NOP) and Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- NOP 30-day public comment period (3/7/22 – 4/6/22)
- Published at SMUD.org, Sacramento Bee
- Draft EIR 45-day public comment period (5/11/22 – 6/27/22)
- Mailed to landowners within 500 feet of the project site; Native American Tribes; Local Agencies
- Available at Customer Service Center, East Campus Operations Center
- Public Meetings
  - Scoping Meeting (3/24/22)
  - Draft EIR Public Meeting (6/9/22)
NOP and Draft EIR Commenters

- NOP
  - Native American Heritage Commission
  - California Department of Fish & Wildlife
  - Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
  - Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

- EIR
  - No comment letters received
Alternatives Analysis

• Project alternatives analyzed
  • No project alternative
  • Alignment reorientation
  • 69kV alignment would be included in Ambassador Drive

• The preferred alternative is the project as described here and in the draft and final environmental impact report (EIR)
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

The Project will implement 12 mitigation measures that will reduce all potentially significant impact to a less-than-significant level.

Mitigation Measures:

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Transportation
AB 52, Tribal Consultation

- Eight AB-52 consultation meetings with the Tribes
- Canine Forensic Surveying per recommendation from United Auburn Indian Community (UAIC)
  - UAIC and Wilton Rancheria monitors attended the survey
  - 3 distinct locations were identified
- Tribes reviewed both the cultural resource and Tribal cultural resource EIR chapters before publication and staff was able to incorporate all comments and recommendations.
- Subsequently, the Tribes did not comment on the Draft EIR or attend the public meetings.
SMUD Board Alternatives

• Certify the EIR for the Cordova Park Underground Cable Replacement project, adopt the Findings, adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program, and approve the project.

• Return to staff for further study.

• Reject the proposal and CEQA analysis.
Requested SMUD Board Action

• Certify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Environmental Impact Report;

• Adopt the Findings;

• Adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and

• Approve the Project.