Exhibit to Agenda Item #10

Certify the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Sacramento Municipal Utility District Operations, Maintenance, and New Construction Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR), including adoption of the Findings; adopt the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approve the project.

Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, June 16, 2022, scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting (online)
Habitat Conservation Plan Overview

• Streamlined state and federal endangered species act permitting for the next 30 years
• SMUD’s operations, maintenance and new construction activities in the Permit Area
• Avoidance, minimization, and mitigation for:
  • Sacramento Orcutt grass, slender Orcutt grass, vernal pool fairy shrimp, vernal pool tadpole shrimp, valley elderberry longhorn beetle, California tiger salamander, giant garter snake
Habitat Conservation Plan Conservation Strategy

• Pre-project planning
• Avoidance and minimization measures
• Compensatory mitigation
• Enhance Sacramento Orcutt grass population and slender Orcutt grass introduction at the SMUD Bank
Habitat Conservation Plan Benefits

- Endangered species compliance
- Regulatory certainty
- Operational efficiency
- Cost savings
- Conservation
Habitat Conservation Plan Timeline

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
- Permit issuance
- HCP implementation
CEQA Proposed Project

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  - Application, issuance, and implementation of take authorizations
  - HCP implementation, including the conservation strategy

- Does not provide discretionary CEQA approval of Covered Activities
CEQA Public Review Process

- Notice of Preparation 30-day public comment period (9/13/18 – 10/15/18)
- Draft Environmental Impact Report 45-day public comment period (1/31/22 – 3/17/22)
- Published at SMUD.org, Sacramento Bee
- Mailed to HCP steering committee; local, state, and federal agencies and special interest groups
- Available at CSC, ECOC
- Public Meetings
  - Scoping Meetings (9/27/18)
  - Draft EIR Public Meeting (2/22/22)
NOP and Draft EIR Commenters

Notice of Preparation
• California Native Plant Society
• Delta Stewardship Council
• Native American Heritage Commission
• Sacramento Fire Department
• Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
• State Clearinghouse

Environmental Impact Report
• County of Sacramento
• Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District
• San Joaquin Council of Governments
• United Auburn Indian Community
Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program

- Mitigation Measures
  - Cultural Resources
  - Tribal Cultural Resources

- No significant and unavoidable impacts
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.