Exhibit to Agenda Item #5

Discuss certification of 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; adoption of the Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program; and approval of the project.

Board Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee and Special SMUD Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 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

• CEQA Proposed Project
  • 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 Customer Service Center (CSC), East Campus Operations Center (ECOC)
• Public Meetings
  • Scoping Meetings (9/27/18)
  • Draft Environmental Impact Report (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.