NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center Substation Project

August 8, 2018

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center Substation Project (hereafter the “Project”). The Draft IS/MND analyzes the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In accordance with Section 15072 of the CEQA Guidelines, SMUD has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with notice of the availability of the Draft IS/MND and to solicit comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed Project.

LEAD AGENCY: Sacramento Municipal Utility District

CONTACT PERSON: Jerry Park
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PROJECT TITLE: Rio Cosumnes Correctional Center Substation Project

PROJECT LOCATION: The new 12.5 megavolt-ampere (MVA) substation would be located on Sacramento County parcel number 146-0050-082 at the Rio Cosumnes Correction Center (RCCC), which is located at 12500 Bruceville Road in unincorporated southern Sacramento County. The substation would be situated near the center of the parcel, which was specifically established for the substation. The substation site is south of Lambert Road, east of Franklin Road, north of Twin Cities Road, and adjaently west of Bruceville Road; the substation site is located immediately north of the RCCC facility.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: SMUD is proposing to construct a new 12.5 MVA substation for the RCCC on Sacramento County-owned land for the purpose of ensuring adequate and reliable power for the RCCC’s planned and future expansion projects. The new substation would be directly north of the RCCC facility and accessed by a new 30-foot wide service road off of Bruceville Road.

The Project would also include 1.5 miles of new 69-kilovolt (kV) subtransmission line on the east side of the Bruceville Road right-of-way (ROW); extending from the existing 69-kV subtransmission line at the Bruceville and Twin Cities intersection. The 1.5 miles of new subtransmission line includes a new underground portion of up to 1,600 feet. An existing 12-kV distribution line along this same alignment would be reconstructed to replace the current line poles with taller ones to allow for sufficient space to add the new single-circuit 69-kV subtransmission line above the 12-kV line. The new underground portion for the 69-kV subtransmission line would be situated directly east along the eastern edge of the Bruceville Road ROW within a new 25-foot wide SMUD easement on private agricultural land. The existing 12-kV underground distribution line would remain at its current location. It should be noted that if the underground 69-kV subtransmission line is not permissible on the east side of Bruceville Road, then underground...
portion for the 69-kV subtransmission line would be proposed on the west side of the Bruceville Road ROW, and two additional riser poles would be required for overhead crossing.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will commence on August 8 through September 7, 2018 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Any written comments on the IS/MND should be submitted to Jerry Park, SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, MS H201, Sacramento, CA, 95852-1830 or by email to jerry.park@smud.org before 5 p.m., September 7, 2018. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Park at (916) 732-7406 or at jerry.park@smud.org. Comments can also be made during the public meeting.

Copies of the IS/MND are available on SMUD’s web page at https://www.smud.org/en/about-smud/company-information/document-library/CEQA-reports.htm and hardcopies may be reviewed 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;
- Franklin Community Library, 10055 Franklin High Rd., Elk Grove, CA 95757;
- Elk Grove Library, 8900 Elk Grove Blvd., Elk Grove, CA 95624;
- Cosumnes River Preserve, 13501 Franklin Blvd., Galt, CA 95632; and
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

**PUBLIC MEETING:** SMUD will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, August 22, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the SMUD Customer Service Center, 6300 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, in the Rubicon Conference Room, for the purpose of providing information and to answer any questions on the proposed Project. The public is invited to attend this meeting to provide input on the Draft IS/MND analysis.

**SMUD BOARD ADOPTION:** The SMUD Board of Directors will consider adoption of the IS/MND for this Project at two meetings, the SMUD Energy Resources and Customer Service Committee (ERCS) meeting and the SMUD Board of Directors meeting, at which the public may make oral comments. Both public meetings will be held at the SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817, in the Rubicon Conference Room. The ERCS Meeting will be held on October 30, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The Board will take no action at the ERCS meeting. The Board meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

We appreciate your time and effort to review the Draft IS/MND. Your comments regarding this project will be considered as part of future decisions to be made by SMUD.

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