Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration addressing the potential environmental effects of constructing and operating the Station E Substation Project (Proposed Project), located in the City of Sacramento in Sacramento County, California. This document was prepared in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). SMUD is the CEQA lead agency.

The Proposed Project consists of installing a new substation with overhead and underground utility lines, steel structures, and electrical equipment to replace an existing substation. The Proposed Project would replace the existing North City Substation, which was constructed in the 1950s and has reached its planned operational end of life. The Proposed Project would meet SMUD’s performance objectives by locating the new substation near the load center of the existing service area. The Proposed Project site is located northeast of downtown Sacramento at the north end of 20th Street, south of the American River, west of Sutter’s Landing Regional Park and the 28th Street Landfill, and east of the Blue Diamond almond processing facility.

This Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration complies with CEQA, pursuant to Section 21080 of the California Public Resource code, to evaluate the environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of proposed project. The Mitigated Negative Declaration concludes that the proposed project will not cause a significant adverse environmental impact and an Environmental Impact Report is not required.

With the guidance and oversight of the State Clearinghouse, the Draft Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration was released for circulation to concerned resource agencies and interested parties on January 3, 2014, for a 30-day public review period that will end February 2, 2014. The entire document will be is available on SMUD’s web page at https://www.smud.org/en/about-smud/company-information/document-library/CEQA-reports.htm and hardcopies may also be reviewed at the following locations:

- Sacramento Central Library, 828 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814
- SMUD Headquarters Building, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817
- SMUD East Campus Operations Center, 4401 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA. 95827
- State Clearinghouse, 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

Written comments should be submitted to Jose Bodipo-Memba, SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, MS B203, Sacramento, CA 95852-1830, Jose.Bodipo-Memba@smud.org before 5 p.m., February 2, 2014. If you would like a copy or have questions please contact Jose Bodipo-Memba at (916) 732-6493 or at Jose.Bodipo-Memba@smud.org.

SMUD invites members of the public to attend a public meeting regarding the Recirculated Draft IS/MND. The public meeting will be held:

January 27, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
SMUD Headquarters Building  
6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

The SMUD Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Mitigated Negative Declaration for the project at two meetings at which the public may make oral comments. The Board will take no action at the Energy Resources and Customer Service Committee meeting.

Both public meetings will be held at

SMUD Headquarters Building  
6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

SMUD’s Energy Resources and Customer Service Committee Meeting  
March 5, 2014, 5:00 p.m., Rm.: HCC  
March 6, 2014, 6:00 p.m., Rm.: Aud

Accommodations are available for disabled individuals. If you need a hearing assistance device or other aid, or have questions, please contact Jose Bodipo-Memba at (916) 732-6493.