



## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR PUBLIC REVIEW

**Date:** July 23, 2019

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

**To:** Agencies and Interested Parties

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**STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**

**Subject:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report: Solano 4 Wind Project  
(State Clearinghouse No. 2019012016)

**Review Period:** July 23, 2019 to September 6, 2019

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Solano 4 Wind Project (Project), located in Solano County. The Project would involve the decommissioning of existing wind turbine generators (WTGs), construction of new, more technologically advanced WTGs, an associated electrical collection system, and access roads, along with minor upgrades to the existing Russell Substation, and operation and maintenance of the new WTGs.

**Project Location:** The project site comprises two geographically distinct areas owned by SMUD, Solano 4 East and Solano 4 West, and the collection and home run lines, which together total 2,549 acres. Solano 4 East is approximately 3.5 miles southwest of Rio Vista and Solano 4 West is adjacent to the Sacramento–San Joaquin Delta near the town of Collinsville. The project site is located within the Solano County Wind Resource Area (WRA).

**Project Description:** Decommissioning of the Solano Wind Project, Phase 1, would involve removing turbines and pad-mounted electrical equipment on part of the site. The foundations and buried cables would be abandoned in place, and pads and access roads that are no longer needed would be reclaimed and restored to match the surrounding land use. The existing turbines would be dismantled and hauled off-site to be recycled or sold for reuse.

SMUD would construct up to 22 new WTGs: up to 10 in Solano 4 East and up to 12 in Solano 4 West. Associated access roads and collection lines would be installed to support the new WTGs. Power generated by the new WTGs would be transmitted from Solano 4 East and West to the existing Russell Substation on Montezuma Hills Road via new, underground direct-buried electrical cable. The proposed project would have a net power production capacity of up to 91 MW delivered at the point of interconnection with the grid managed by the California Independent System Operator (CAISO). The power would be distributed from the substation via the adjacent Birds Landing Switching Station through the existing 230-kilovolt Vaca–Dixon–Contra Costa transmission line.

Construction crews and delivery trucks carrying materials and equipment would access the project site primarily by using SR 12 and either traveling along Birds Landing Road from Rio Vista, or traveling south on Shiloh Road and Collinsville Road from Fairfield. Construction of the project would involve ground-disturbing activities, including grading and vegetation clearing in conjunction with the construction of necessary work areas, structure foundations, and access/spur roads.

The duration of construction is anticipated to last between 17 and 20 months. On-site construction activities would be restricted to 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday, and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, with only crane mobilization and transportation of heavy components occurring during the nighttime hours. To minimize disruption to traffic patterns, transportation of oversized project components would be conducted at night. Approximately 70 people would be employed during construction.

SMUD anticipates that the Board of Directors would consider the project at a hearing in October 2019 and that permit applications would be submitted to regulatory agencies to prepare for project construction in 2019 or 2020. SMUD anticipates the project would become operational in 2022.

**Significant Environmental Effects Anticipated:** The Draft EIR identified significant or potentially significant effects associated with aesthetics; air quality; biological resources; archaeological, historical, and tribal cultural resources; geology and soils; hazards and hazardous materials; hydrology and water quality; noise; and transportation and traffic. After implementation of recommended mitigation measures, all impacts would be reduced to less-than-significant levels with the exception of air quality, construction emissions of criteria air pollutants and ozone precursors (significant and unavoidable).

**Cortese-Listed Sites:** Section 15087 (c)(6) of the State CEQA Guidelines requires that this notice disclose whether the project site is listed on any of the lists enumerated under Government Code Section 65962.5 (Cortese List). As noted in the Draft EIR, no sites in the project area are shown in DTSC's EnviroStor database (DTSC 2019) and no underground storage tank sites in the project area are identified on the Cortese List (CalEPA 2019). Therefore, the regulatory database (Cortese) search did not identify any known hazardous wastes sites.

**Document Availability:** The Draft EIR is available on SMUD's website at <https://www.smud.org/en/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Reports-and-Statements/CEQA-Reports>. Printed copies may be reviewed during normal business hours at SMUD Customer Service Center (6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817), SMUD East Campus Operations Center (4401 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827), and Solano County Library (44 S 2nd St, Rio Vista, CA 94571).

**Public Meeting:** A public meeting will be held on August 20, 2019 to receive input from agencies and the public on the Draft EIR. The meeting will take place from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Rio Vista Veterans Memorial Bldg., 610 St. Francis Way, Rio Vista, CA 94571.

**Comment Period:** Written comments should be submitted to SMUD—Environmental Services, P.O. Box 15830 MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95852-1830, Attn: Ammon Rice; or [Ammon.Rice@smud.org](mailto:Ammon.Rice@smud.org) before 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2019. For more information on the project, please contact Ammon Rice at (916) 732-7466.

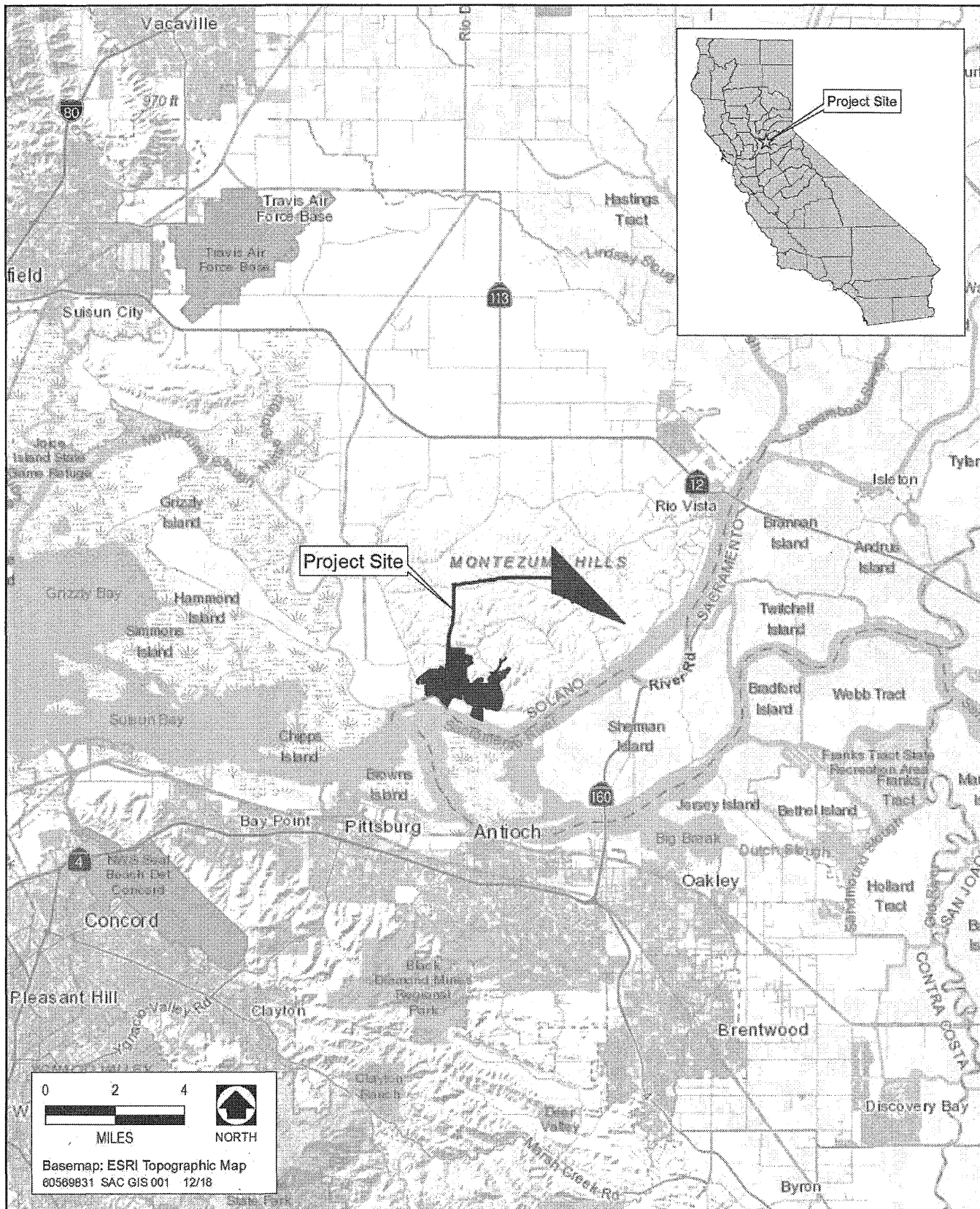


Exhibit 1 Project Location and Surrounding Land Uses

