



NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Pocket/Greenhaven 69kV Underground Cable Reliability Project

August 7, 2019

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Pocket/Greenhaven 69kV Underground Cable Reliability Project (hereafter the “project”), which analyzes the potential physical environmental effects associated with project implementation. In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements (Section 15072), SMUD has prepared this Notice of Intent (NOI) to provide responsible agencies and other interested parties with written notice of the availability of the Draft IS/MND and to solicit comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

Project Location: The project is located within a two-mile corridor in the Pocket/Greenhaven neighborhood of the City of Sacramento, within western Sacramento County. The project extends generally from a connection point south of Florin Road and east of Interstate 5 (I-5) in Sacramento to two existing SMUD-owned electric distribution substations within the Pocket/Greenhaven neighborhood. Between those points, the project is generally located along Florin Road Gloria Drive between Florin Road and the Gloria-Florin electric distribution substation (approximately 400 feet west of Florin Road), and Havenside Drive between Florin Road and Havenside-Canal electric distribution substation.

Project Overview: The project involves the replacement of approximately 2 miles of existing underground 69kV cable within existing right-of-way and construction of up to 15 new manholes along the route to allow for improved access and maintenance of the power line. From the eastern terminus of the project alignment, the existing 69kV cable extends westward beneath I-5, as presented in Exhibit 1. It is unknown whether the cable beneath I-5 is encased in conduit or directly buried in the ground. If the cable is within conduit, it will be replaced by pulling through the conduit. If the existing cable is direct-buried, the project would include installation of conduit and new cable beneath I-5, or overhead lines crossing I-5. After crossing I-5, the alignment runs northwest through an existing apartment complex parking lot to the northeast corner of the existing Nugget Supermarket, along Florin Road just west of I-5.

From this location, the replacement 69kV underground duct bank would be located below-grade along the number one eastbound lane of Florin Road, adjacent to the center median. At Havenside Drive, the underground duct bank splits, with one circuit proceeding along Florin Road and a second circuit proceeding south on Havenside Drive to the Havenside-Canal distribution substation located on the northside of Havenside Drive, immediately west of the Pocket Canal. The Havenside alignment crosses the canal immediately west of Los Positas Circle. East of the canal, two new manholes would be installed. The cable would go underneath the canal within existing conduit. This branch would terminate at the Havenside-Canal distribution substation, adjacent to the west side of the canal. For the portion of the project continuing along Florin Road past Havenside Drive, the replacement 69kV cable would continue to be located along the southern half of Florin Road to Gloria Drive, before turning left on Gloria Drive towards the Gloria-Florin distribution substation (approximately 400 feet west of Florin Road). The proposed manholes would consist of pre-fabricated, pre-cast concrete, measuring 8' x 14' x 8' inside,

requiring an excavation area of 15' x 20' x 15', and would be spaced throughout the alignment to allow for regular access to the 69kV line. In general, manhole locations would be selected such that relocation of other existing utilities is not required.

Construction activities are expected to begin in late 2019 and would likely be completed by the end of 2020. City of Sacramento noise restrictions prohibit construction between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

Public Review Period: A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will commence on August 7, 2019 and extend through September 6, 2019 for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND can be sent to the following address:

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Digital copies of the Draft IS/MND are available on the internet at: <https://www.smud.org/en/about-smud/company-information/document-library/CEQA-reports.htm>. Hardcopies of the Draft IS/MND are available for public review at the following locations:

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
Customer Service Center
6301 S Street
Sacramento, CA 95817

Sacramento Municipal Utility District
East Campus Operations Center
4401 Bradshaw Road
Sacramento, CA 95827

Public Meeting: SMUD will hold a public meeting for the Draft IS/MND on August 20, 2019 from 6pm-7pm at the Elks Lodge #6, Emblem Room, 6446 Riverside Blvd, Sacramento, CA 95831. At the meeting, project information can be discussed with SMUD staff, and written comments will be accepted. If you have questions regarding the Draft IS/MND or public meeting, please contact Rob Ferrera at the email address shown above.

The SMUD Board of Directors will consider adoption of the MND on October 17, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Additionally, the Energy Resources & Customer Services Committee will review the project on October 16, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. and make recommendations to the Board prior to their decision. Additional verbal comments can be made at that time by members of the public. Please refer to <https://www.smud.org/en/Corporate/About-us/Company-Information/Board-Meetings> for further information regarding meeting schedules and agenda items, including the project. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Ferrera at (916) 732-6676 or rob.ferrera@smud.org.

Sincerely,



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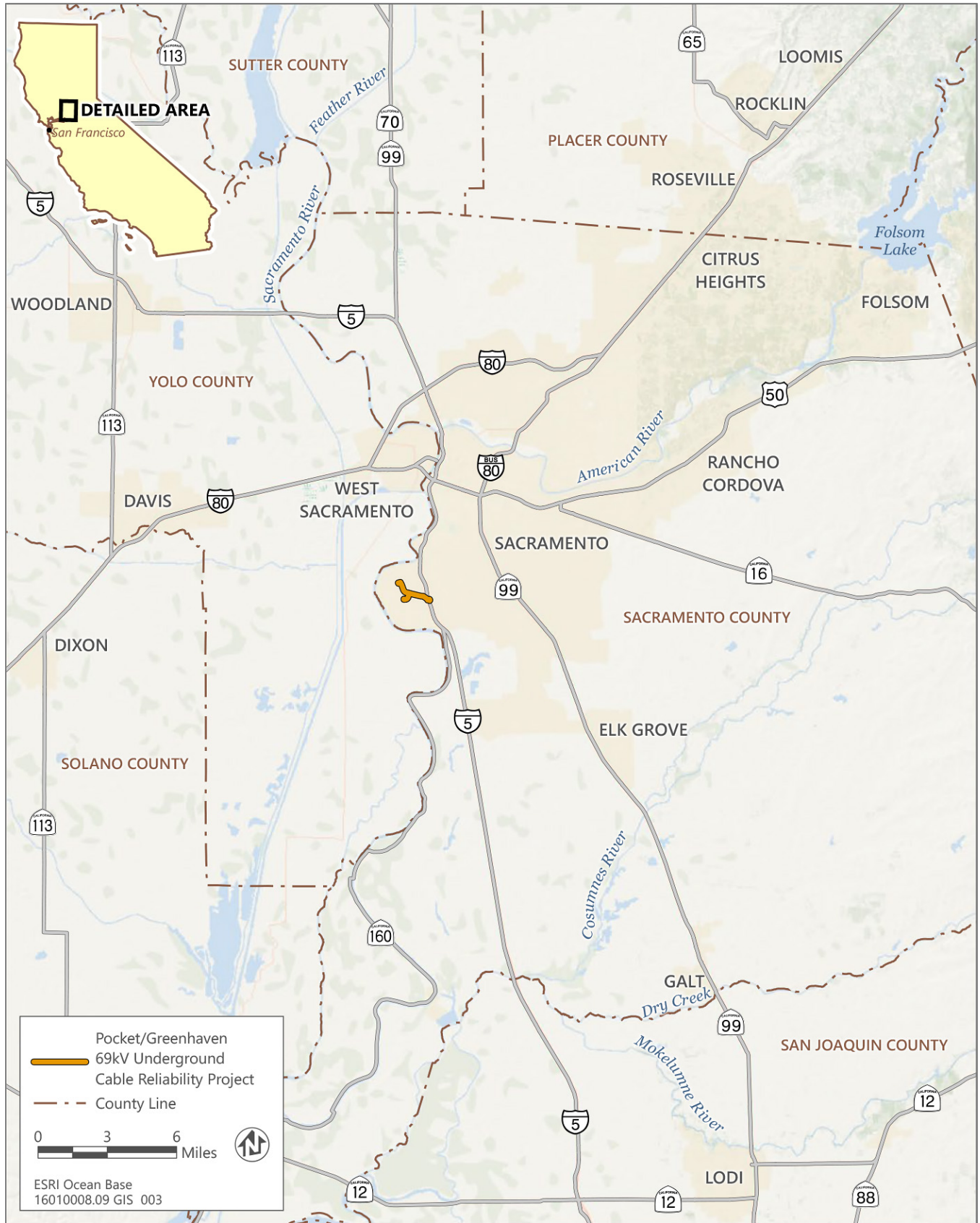


Exhibit 1 Project Alignment.