

# NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

## North City Landfill Closure Project

January 21, 2021

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the North City Landfill (NCLF) Closure 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 site is located at 20th Street and North B Street in Sacramento, California and consists of the former NCLF and the City of Sacramento’s Lot 31 as presented in Exhibit 1. The project site is bounded by the Western Pacific Railroad track and right-of-way to the west, the American River and levee to the north, undeveloped parcels owned by Blue Diamond Growers to the east, and SMUD-owned property to the south and southeast.

**Cortese-Listed Sites:** Section 15087 (c)(6) of the 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). No portion of the project site is identified on the Cortese List.

**Project Overview:** SMUD is proposing remediation, including installation of soil cover and drainage improvements, and long-term closure of SMUD’s approximately 12-acre North City Landfill, a former disposal site, and 1.5-acres of the approximately 3-acre City of Sacramento owned Lot 31 site. The project would be performed in compliance with the requirements established by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle) and the California Code of Regulations Title 27 solid waste regulations and regulated by Sacramento County Environmental Management Department as the Local Enforcement Agency in Sacramento County. The project would include concrete demolition, rough grading, import of approximately 50,000 cubic yards of soil, construction of a 2-foot thick soil cover, and construction of drainage improvements designed to collect runoff in an onsite drainage ditch and infiltration pond located on Lot 31. The project would reduce potential impacts on nearby sensitive receptors, public health and the environment by minimizing impacts to groundwater and improving storm water runoff quality from the site and reducing the chance for direct contact with solid waste and waste constituents. The project is anticipated to begin during the second quarter of 2022 and would be completed by late 2022, involving construction over a period of 6–9 months.

**Public Review Period:** A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will commence on January 21, 2021 and extend through February 22, 2021 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: SMUD-Environmental Services, P.O. Box 15830 MS H201, Sacramento, CA 95852-1830, Attn: Kim Crawford or [kim.crawford@smud.org](mailto:kim.crawford@smud.org).

**Document Availability:** The Draft IS/MND is available on SMUD's website <https://www.smud.org/CEQA>. Printed copies may be reviewed during normal business hours at SMUD Customer Service Center (6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 and SMUD East Campus Operations Center (4401 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827).

**Public Meeting:** SMUD will hold an online public meeting for the Draft IS/MND on February 4, 2021 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. to provide information and any questions on the proposed project. Access to the public meeting will be provided through a meeting link found at <https://www.smud.org/CEQA>.

**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 and responsible agencies may make oral comments. Both public meetings will be held at the SMUD Headquarters Auditorium, 6201 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817 if conditions permit, otherwise the meetings will be held online. SMUD anticipates that the Board of Directors would consider the project at meetings in March 2021. The Board will take no action at the ERCS meeting. 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.

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.

If you have questions about the online public meeting and/or project, please email [kim.crawford@smud.org](mailto:kim.crawford@smud.org) or call 916-732-5063. Para obtener información sobre el proyecto propuesto en español, envíe un correo electrónico a [kim.crawford@smud.org](mailto:kim.crawford@smud.org) o llame al 916-732-5063.

Sincerely,



Kim Crawford  
SMUD Environmental Services



**Exhibit 1 Project Site.**