

City of Gonzales Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Gonzales Municipal Electric Utility (GMEU) Microgrid Project - Public Review Period: Oct. 20 to Nov. 19, 2021.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the Gonzales Municipal Electric Utility (GMEU) Microgrid Project (proposed project) is available for public review during the public comment period shown below. The City of Gonzales (Lead Agency) has prepared the MND to analyze environmental impacts associated with implementation of the proposed project and to propose mitigation measures for identified potentially significant impacts that will eliminate or mitigate impacts to less than significant levels.

Project Description: The GMEU and Bodega Microgrid, LLC are partnering to build the GMEU Microgrid Project. The GMEU will be responsible for installing the electric power distribution system (i.e., overhead and trenched power lines) in Gonzales and County of Monterey road rights-of-way. Bodega Microgrid will be responsible for building the power generation (solar panels) infrastructure at 195 Katherine Street (a City owned retention pond) and 400 Short Road (the Gonzales Wastewater Treatment Facility), and will also build the electric power substation, electric power battery storage facility, and the command-and-control system that is appurtenant to electric power infrastructure. The project will provide power to the Gonzales Agricultural Industrial Business Park and will also connect to the regional power grid operated by California Independent Systems Operators (CAISO)/Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) that traverses the City of Gonzales. The project site is not included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

Project Applicant: GMEU and Bodega Microgrid, LLC

Project Location: Various project components addressed above are located at 400 Short Road (wastewater treatment plant), 195 Katherine Street (retention pond) both in the City of Gonzales, 162 Bodega Road (substation and energy storage in the Gonzales industrial park), and City and County road rights-of-way for above ground and trenched power lines.

Public Review Period: Oct. 20 to Nov. 19, 2021.

Public Hearing Date/Location: December 13, 2021 @ 6p.m.; Council Chambers 117 Fourth St., Gonzales.

Written comments: Submit comments no later than 5:00 p.m. on Nov. 19, 2021.

- **E-Copy available Online:** <https://gonzalesca.gov/services/community-development/community-development-documents>
- **Hard Copy available at City of Gonzales:** 147 Fourth Street, Gonzales, 93926 831-675-4203 (8:00 – 12:30 and 1:30 – 5:00)

Submit Comments to: Matthew Sundt, Community Development Director, City of Gonzales, California 93926 Phone: (831) 675-4203; Email: msundt@ci.gonzales.ca.us

Please take notice that - pursuant to Public Resource Code Section 21177, Government Code Section 65009, and other applicable law - if you challenge the proposed action described above in court, then you may be limited to raising only those issues or objections you or someone else raised during the public comment period or the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the address above within the review period, or to the Planning Commission during the public hearing. [GRAPHIC ATTACHED]

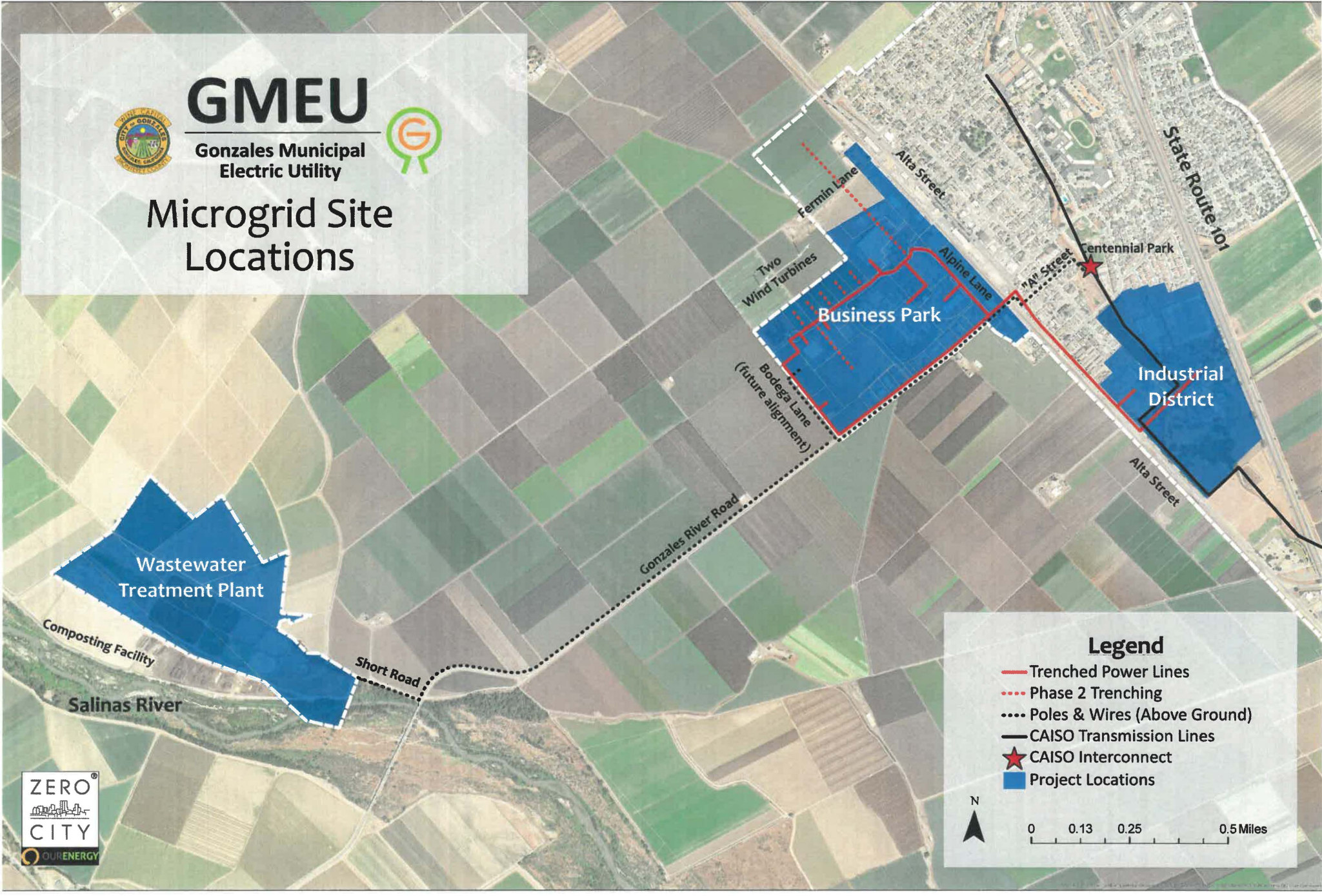


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Microgrid Site Locations

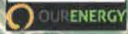
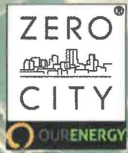


Legend

- Trenched Power Lines
- ⋯ Phase 2 Trenching
- ⋯ Poles & Wires (Above Ground)
- CAISO Transmission Lines
- ★ CAISO Interconnect
- Project Locations

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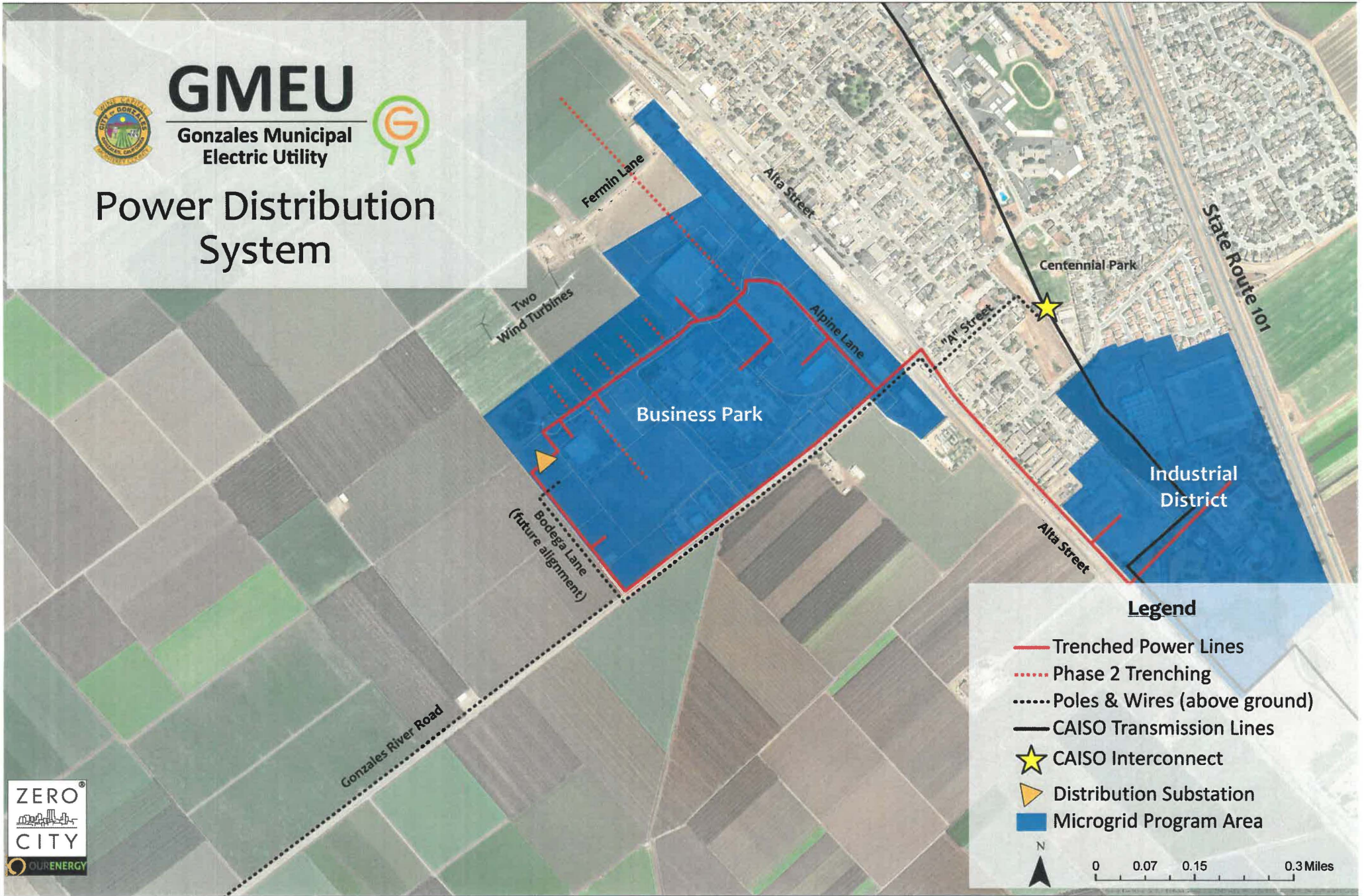
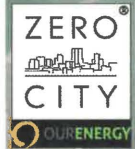


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Power Distribution System



Legend

- Trenched Power Lines
- ⋯ Phase 2 Trenching
- ⋯ Poles & Wires (above ground)
- CAISO Transmission Lines
- ★ CAISO Interconnect
- ▲ Distribution Substation
- Microgrid Program Area



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