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SCH #: _____

Project Title: El Rio Substation Project

Lead Agency: Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD)

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Project Location: Elverta, Sacramento County
City *County*

Project Description (Proposed actions, location, and/or consequences).

SMUD is proposing to construct and operate a new 230-115-69 kilovolt (kV) substation that would replace the existing Elverta Substation located south of Elverta Road and just west of El Rio Avenue in Elverta, California. The El Rio Substation is proposed to be constructed on a portion of the existing Elverta Substation as well as on the 4.4-acre property immediately east of the Elverta Substation. The proposed El Rio Substation would include new transformers and circuit breakers, a substation control building, paved access, fencing, lighting, stormwater drainage and utilities. North of the substation, two existing electrical towers carrying 230-kV transmission lines would be replaced with two or three steel monopoles (also known as steel tubular poles) on a new alignment to tie the proposed substation into the existing grid. A stormwater retention basin would be constructed within or south of the proposed El Rio Substation. Following the energization of the proposed El Rio Substation, the existing Elverta Substation would be decommissioned and outdated substation equipment dismantled and removed from the site.

Identify the project's significant or potentially significant effects and briefly describe any proposed mitigation measures that would reduce or avoid that effect.

The Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the SMUD El Rio Substation project has evaluated the potential environmental impacts associated with the construction and operation of a new substation and associated transmission pole/line work and the decommissioning and removal of outdated equipment at the existing Elverta Substation. As a result of this evaluation, mitigation measures were identified that, if carried out as planned, will reduce potential environmental impacts from potentially significant to less than significant levels. The environmental issues identified for mitigation include air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology/soils, hazards & hazardous materials, noise, and Tribal cultural resources. Mitigation measures include construction best management practices, pre-construction surveys, worker environmental awareness and cultural respect training, procedures for inadvertent discoveries, and remediation of hazardous materials, if present.

If applicable, describe any of the project's areas of controversy known to the Lead Agency, including issues raised by agencies and the public.

None.

Provide a list of the responsible or trustee agencies for the project.

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