

Summary Form for Electronic Document Submittal

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Project Title: Oveja Ranch Solar Project

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Project Location: incorporated Sacramento County

City

County

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

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) is proposing the Oveja Ranch Solar Project, which would build and operate a photovoltaic solar power and battery storage renewable energy generation facility interconnected to SMUD's distribution grid in unincorporated southeastern Sacramento County. Up to 400 acres of land would be leased by SMUD for the project. The project includes constructing PV solar panels, a battery energy storage system, a substation, and new and upgraded distribution lines to interconnect the project to SMUD's existing distribution system.

Project construction would take approximately 18 to 24 months, and is proposed to begin as early as the third quarter of 2026 and conclude in 2028. At the end of the project's useful life (anticipated to be 30 to 35 years), the site and all project components (except for the upgraded distribution lines) would be decommissioned.

The land underlying the site is subject to Williamson Act contracts. The Williamson Act contracts for these parcels do not currently include PV solar development as a compatible use. As such, the property owners intend to amend their contracts to allow for solar PV facilities and BESS in conjunction with their ongoing agricultural activities.

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

In summary, the potentially significant impacts of the project are:

- Agricultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Noise
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources

The project's impacts would be less than significant with mitigation for all resource topics. Mitigation includes preserving farmland, reducing criteria air pollutants, reducing impacts on biological resources by establishing no disturbance buffer zones, biological surveys and Swainson's hawk foraging mitigation, and implementing construction GHG best management practices.

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

There are no known areas of controversy at this time. Issues raised by agencies and the public during the NOP comment period include:

- recreation
- transportation
- biological resources
- land use and planning
- hydrology and water quality
- air quality
- greenhouse gas emissions
- energy
- agricultural resources
- utility and service systems

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

The following agencies may serve as responsible and trustee agencies for the project:

State:

- State Water Resources Control Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 2
- California Department of Transportation, District 3
- California State Office of Historic Preservation

Local:

- Sacramento County Planning and Environmental Review
- Sacramento County Department of Transportation
- Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District

While not state or local agencies, the federal agencies listed below may use environmental information in this EIR to inform their permitting actions.

Federal:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- State Historic Preservation Office
- Federal Emergency Management Agency