

## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

Date: March 17, 2021

**To:** Agencies and Interested Parties

**Lead Agency:** Sacramento Municipal Utility District

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**Subject:** Station H Substation Project Environmental Impact Report

Review Period: March 17, 2021 to April 30, 2021

In accordance with California Environmental Quality Act requirements, the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) has prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the decommissioning, removal and replacement of outdated Station A equipment. A new Substation H will be built within the outdoor area between the Station A building and Mercy Housing 7th and H Housing Community (Mercy Housing Community) to the east.

**Project Location:** The project is located at the northeast corner of 6th Street and H Street in downtown Sacramento. The project site is bordered by H Street to the south, 6th Street to the west, Government Alley to the north, and Mercy Housing Community to the east. The project is located in a highly developed area of downtown Sacramento. Much of the project site is currently occupied by Station A, an existing electrical substation owned and operated by SMUD. The project site totals approximately 0.47 acres.



**Significant Environmental Effects:** Impacts related to cultural and Tribal cultural resources were determined to be potentially significant and were addressed in the Draft EIR. After implementation of recommended mitigation measures, the Draft EIR concluded that impacts related to cultural resources would not be significant; but impacts related to Tribal cultural resources would be significant and unavoidable.

**Cortese-Listed Sites:** While there are active hazardous and cleanup sites located near the project site, the project is not located on an active site included on a list of hazardous materials sites.

**Public Meeting:** A virtual public meeting will be held on April 8, 2021 to receive input from agencies and the public on the Draft EIR. During the meeting, project information can be discussed with SMUD staff and written Draft EIR comments will also be accepted via email.

- Thursday, April 8, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m.
- Details for joining the meeting are available at https://www.smud.org/StationH

**How to View Project Documents:** As lead agency for the project, SMUD is distributing the Draft EIR to interested public and regulatory authorities for review and comment. SMUD will accept public/agency comments on the Draft EIR for a 45-day period beginning March 17, 2021 and ending April 30, 2021. The Draft EIR is available for review on SMUD's web page at: <a href="https://www.smud.org/StationH">https://www.smud.org/StationH</a>.

Hard copies may be reviewed at the following locations:

- SMUD East Campus Operations Center, 4401 Bradshaw Road, Sacramento, CA 95827
- SMUD Customer Service Center, 6301 S Street, Sacramento, CA 95817

Where to Send Your Comments: Written comments should be submitted to Rob Ferrera, SMUD, P.O. Box 15830, MS B209, Sacramento, CA, 95852-0830 or at Rob.Ferrera@smud.org before 5 p.m., April 30, 2021. If you have questions, please contact Rob Ferrera via his email or at 916/732-6676.