



May 5, 2026

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

### Jackson Bulk Substation Project

SMUD has prepared a Draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (Draft IS/MND) for the Jackson Bulk Substation 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 invite comments and concerns regarding environmental issues associated with the proposed project.

**Project location:** The Project would be located on approximately 44 acres in unincorporated Sacramento County at the southeast corner of Excelsior Road and Jackson Road. The project site consists of two adjacent parcels, one located at 6037 Excelsior Road (APN 067-0050-039), and the other at 10590 Jackson Road (APN 067-0050-040) in Sacramento County, California. The Project area also includes linear corridors extending east, west, and south of the proposed substation that would be used for new or upgraded overhead lines (see Figure 2-2).

**Cortese List:** 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 proposed Project is on the Cortese List.

**Project overview:** SMUD is proposing to construct and operate the new Jackson Bulk Substation project. The Project includes the construction of an approximately 18-acre bulk substation. The proposed substation would convert high voltage from 230,000-volt (230kV) transmission lines to 69,000-volt (69kV) through transformers for local distribution into residential and commercial customers along the Jackson Highway corridor. Key features of the new substation include installation of new electrical equipment, a control building, driveway access, site fencing, lighting, stormwater drainage, and utilities. SMUD will also grade the remaining 26 acres for drainage improvements and maintain temporary soil storage south of the substation footprint. The substation will retain a 200-foot setback from Jackson Road and Excelsior Road.

In addition, the Project also includes construction of new or modified overhead power

lines that would link the substation to the existing electrical grid. Planned overhead line improvements involve constructing approximately 0.7 miles of new 69kV overhead lines and converting approximately 5.35 miles of existing 12,000-volt (12kV) pole and overhead lines to single-circuit 69kV overhead lines with a 12kV underbuild. This work will require replacing the existing poles with taller, stronger poles (see Figure 2-2).

Project construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of 2030, with commissioning and energization scheduled for December 2032. The anticipated construction duration for the Project is approximately 36 months.

**Public review period:** A 30-day public review period for the Draft IS/MND will begin on May 5 and extend through June 5, 2026, for interested individuals and public agencies to submit written comments on the document. Written comments on the Draft IS/MND can be emailed to **Sarah.Ahmed@smud.org** or sent to:

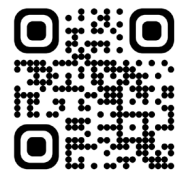
Sarah Ahmed  
SMUD Environmental Services  
P.O. Box 15830 MS B209  
Sacramento, CA 95852-1830

**Document availability:** The Draft IS/MND is available at **smud.org/CEQA** or **smud.org/JacksonBulk**. Printed copies may be viewed during normal business hours at these locations:

SMUD  
Customer Service Center  
6301 S Street  
Sacramento, CA 95817

SMUD  
East Campus Operations Center  
4401 Bradshaw Road  
Sacramento, CA 95827

**Online public meeting:** SMUD will hold an online public meeting regarding the Draft IS/MND from **5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18** to provide information and invite comments on the proposed Project.



Scan the QR code or visit **smud.org/JacksonBulk** to join.

**SMUD Board of Directors adoption:** The project will be presented to the Board for consideration at the SMUD Energy Resources and Customer Service (ERCS) Committee meeting and the SMUD Board of Directors meeting, at which the public and responsible agencies may make comments. Both 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. Please note that the Board can only take action during a SMUD Board of Directors meeting, so no action will be taken at the ERCS meeting.

Please go to **smud.org/Board-Meetings** for further information on meeting schedules and agenda items, including this project.

We appreciate your time and effort in reviewing the Draft IS/MND. Your comments will be considered when making decisions about this project.

If you have questions, please email me at **Sarah.Ahmed@smud.org** or call me at **916-732-6974**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah A".

Sarah Ahmed  
SMUD Environmental Services

# Project Site and Vicinity

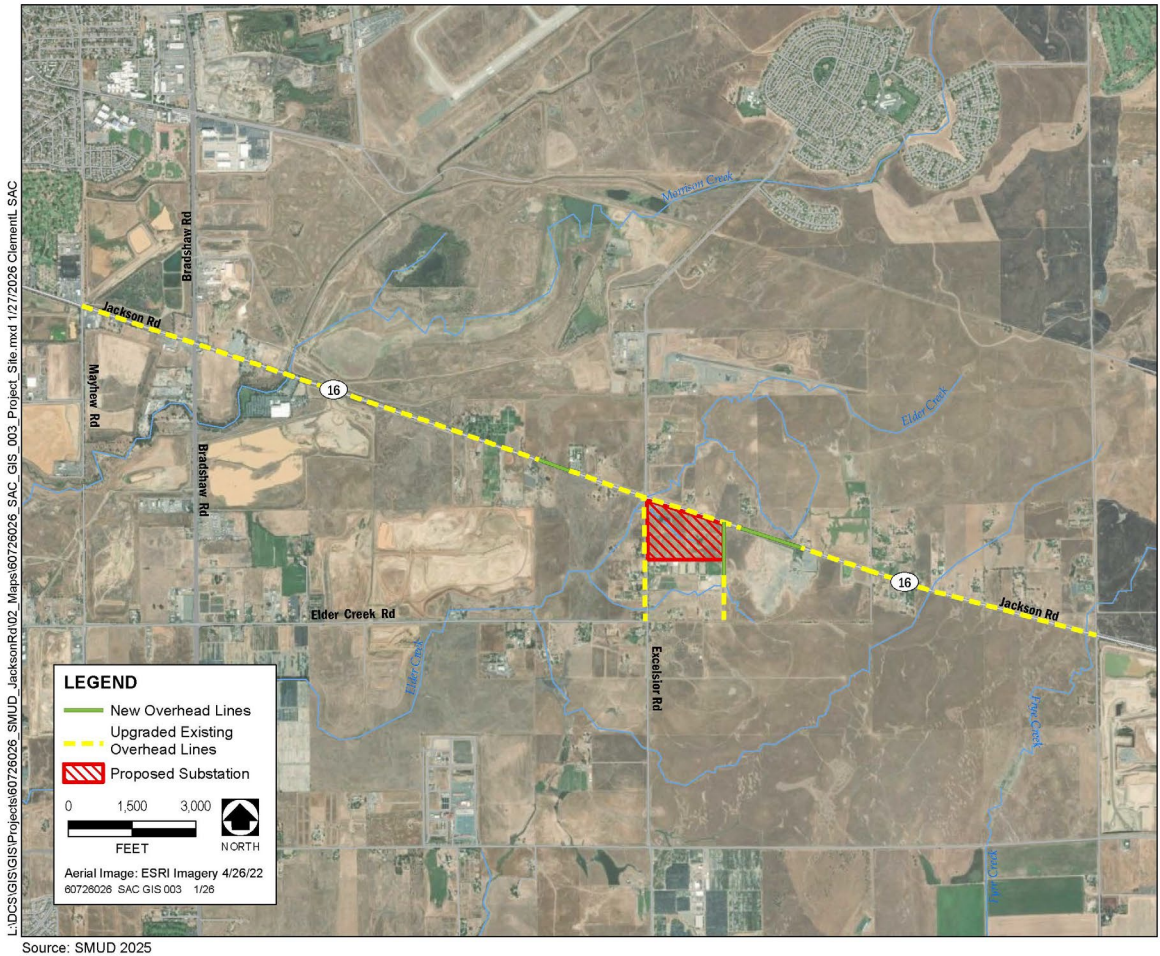


Figure 2-2: Project Site and Vicinity

AECOM