TRUCKEE DONNER
PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICT

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A NEGATIVE DECLARATION
2026 ELECTRIC SYSTEM MASTER PLAN UPDATE

This notice is to inform the public and interested agencies that, in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Truckee Donner Public Utility District (TDPUD or "District") is circulating an Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/ND) for its 2026 Electric System Master Plan ("Master Plan") Update and soliciting public comment.

Planning Area: The planning area encompasses the District's electric service territory, which covers approximately 44 square miles in eastern Nevada County and approximately 1.5 square miles in adjacent Placer County.

Master Plan Description: The District has prepared the 2026 Electric System Master Plan to guide the planning, operation, maintenance, modernization, and improvement of the District's electric distribution system. The Master Plan was prepared pursuant to District Code Section 7.45 and serves as both a technical assessment of existing and future system conditions and a strategic roadmap for maintaining safe, reliable, affordable, and environmentally responsible electric service within the District's service territory. The Master Plan incorporates updated electric system modeling, findings from the District's 2024 Integrated Resource Plan, lessons learned from the 2019 Master Plan, anticipated community growth, regulatory requirements, and contingency planning for emergency and maintenance conditions. The Master Plan evaluates the District's electric distribution system over a five-year planning horizon from 2026 through 2030 and is intended to be updated on a recurring five-year cycle.

The primary objectives of the Master Plan are to: (1) maintain and improve system reliability and resilience; (2) accommodate anticipated electrical demand associated with population growth, electric vehicle adoption, building electrification, and other development; (3) maintain compliance with applicable federal, state, and local regulatory requirements; and (4) modernize the District's electrical infrastructure and improve system operations. Modernization efforts include replacement of aging infrastructure and increased use of automated protection and sectionalizing equipment, real-time field monitoring, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA), and outage management technologies.

Findings/Determination: The Master Plan itself is a planning tool that has no impacts on the environment and does not qualify as a project under CEQA in accordance with CEQA Guidelines §15378. This Negative Declaration is being released in an effort to provide full disclosure to the public and interested agencies of the purpose and scope of the Master Plan. Individual projects within the Master Plan are conceptual only and, prior to implementation, would require further planning, design, and engineering and environmental analysis before being approved by the District. Individual projects would be evaluated by the District under CEQA based on project-specific information, including the project location, design, construction methods, and potential environmental effects. Depending upon the characteristics and environmental setting for an individual project, subsequent CEQA compliance could include: a determination that the activity or project is not subject to CEQA; the activity or project is eligible for a statutory or categorical exemption; or the activity or project is subject to CEQA review and requires preparation of a Negative Declaration, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Environmental Impact Report, as appropriate.

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Public Review and Comment Period: The 30-day public review period for the Negative Declaration begins at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 18, 2026, and ends at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 19, 2026. Written comments may be submitted by 5:00 p.m. on October 19, 2026, addressed to:

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Truckee Donner Public Utility District
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Document Availability: The Master Plan and the Negative Declaration are available for public review online at the District's website at www.tdpud.org/electric-services and at the District headquarters public counter located at 11570 Donner Pass Road, Truckee, CA 96161.

Notification Methods: This notice has been published in Sierra Sun and posted at the District's headquarters and the Truckee Library located at 10031 Levon Ave, Truckee, CA 96161.