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SUBJECT: Comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Amendment of the Sphere of Influence for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District and Annexation by SMUD of the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis, and Woodland and Portions of Unincorporated Areas of Yolo County.

Dear Mr. Brundage,

This letter provides comments on the January 6, 2006 Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR) for the proposed SMUD annexation. The City of Davis has reviewed the DEIR and offers the following comments:

Overall

The DEIR adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed annexation. The City of Davis strongly supports the project and finds the DEIR provides sufficient information for the decision of the LAFCo.

Significant impacts were identified in the resources areas of aesthetics, air quality and noise. Cumulative impacts to a number of resource areas were found to be significant. The program will also be growth inducing.

Where possible, adverse impacts are appropriately addressed and minimized by best management practices and mitigation measures.

The DEIR addresses the growth inducing potential of the annexation that would be caused by facilitating economic growth. Improving the reliability of the electrical service and reducing the cost by as much as 25% can be seen as removing an economic obstacle to growth. Both conditions are favorable outcomes sought by the agencies seeking annexation. The DEIR puts this issue in the correct context of relative to the many variables that contribute to the regions growth ...”e.g. the economic climate of California and the Sacramento region, housing affordability, immigration, etc....uncertainty about the nature, extent, and location of growth; and the potential contributions to growth from projects other than the Program.



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The City of Davis is currently working with SMUD to develop a mutually acceptable operating agreement or Memorandum of Understanding to implement Program Component 3. Other agreements or MOUs may be necessary to implement terms and conditions that may be imposed by LAFCo.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments concerning this important project.

Sincerely,



Bob Weir
Public Works Director