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February 22, 2006

Peter Brundage
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 "P" Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Environmental Impact Report for the amendment of the Sphere of Influence for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) and annexation by SMUD of the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis, and Woodland and portions of unincorporated areas of Yolo County

Dear Peter:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the above-referenced report. The staff of Sacramento County's Planning and Community Development Department has reviewed the document and offers the following comments:

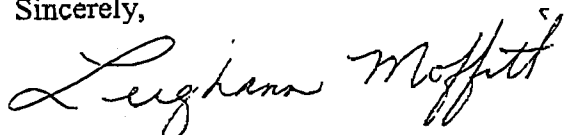
1. Developing certain types of infrastructure (e.g. for provision of urban water or sewer services) outside of the County's Urban Services Boundary (USB) may be considered growth inducing. However, the transmission facility being proposed to connect SMUD's Elverta substation to a substation in Yolo County will not provide expanded or enhanced service within Sacramento County. Therefore, Planning staff does not believe that this facility will result in any growth inducing impacts within Sacramento County. Since the ultimate alignment of this connection facility is still in question, Planning staff will defer further comment on this facility until the draft EIR for the transmission line project is released. However, Planning staff does not anticipate that the facility will result in substantial land use impacts or major conflicts with General Plan policy.
2. A Scenic Highway Element was adopted into Sacramento County's General Plan in 1974 but has not been updated during the course of the last few General Plan Updates. Some of the County's Scenic Highways identified in this Element, including the Garden Highway and portions of Fair Oaks Boulevard, may be impacted by facilities proposed by SMUD. However, the Draft EIR does not include discussion on possible impacts to these Scenic Highways; therefore, we recommend that the Final EIR address this issue.
3. On page VI-94 of the EIR, the Natomas Basin Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is identified as the only approved HCP in the area. However, the Metro Airpark HCP has also been adopted. While the

Metro Airpark HCP was considered in the discussion regarding the Natomas Basin HCP, it should also be identified as an adopted plan in the EIR.

4. The County is currently updating the American River Parkway Plan. Since SMUD is proposing to build new facilities in the Parkway, Policy 6.2 of the existing Plan applies and requires that "Adverse impacts upon the Parkway caused by adjacent land uses and activities shall be eliminated or mitigated." If mitigation is required for facilities proposed in the American River Parkway, efforts should be made to provide mitigation within the Parkway's boundaries.

Once again, thank you for referring this document to us for review and comment. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Dave Defanti or Anna Whalen at (916) 974-6141.

Sincerely,



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Principal Planner