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Amendment to the Sphere of Influence for the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) - Annexation by SMUD of the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland.
SCH#2005092009

Mr. Peter Brundage
County of Sacramento LAFCO
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Dear Mr. Brundage:

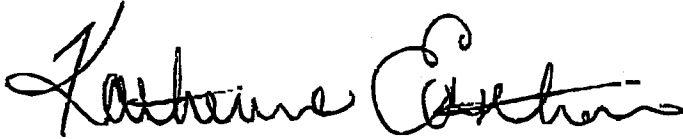
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the amendment to the sphere of influence for SMUD and the annexation by SMUD of West Sacramento, Davis and Woodland. Our comments are as follows:

- We are concerned with the location of new towers and power lines in relation to state highway facilities. It is important to ensure that towers do not encroach upon any state highway right-of-way, or that any temporary construction facilities do not conflict with access to and from any Caltrans facilities in the annexation area. In addition, to ensure that any permits, as necessary, will be obtained prior to construction of facilities or the placement of power lines over any and all state highways in the project area.
- While the aspect of growth inducement may be small in this case, we applaud the effort to include an analysis of potential impact of growth inducement into the EIR, as this may have indeed have long-range traffic and transportation impacts in those areas not yet served by SMUD.

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Please provide our office with copies of any further action regarding this project. If you have any questions regarding these comments, please contact Patrick Tyner at (916) 274-0558.

Sincerely,



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