

**North 16th Street Streetscape Project
 Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration
 Comments and Responses
 August 2, 2019**

The Mitigated Negative Declaration for the North 16th Street Streetscape Project was circulated for public comment from May 3, 2019 to June 5, 2019. Written comments were received as follows:

Date	Commenter
	Agencies
6/5/2019	PG&E
6/5/2019	SMUD
6/4/2019	State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning & Research

Each of the comments addressed the project site and conditions as they relate to the particular areas of concern of the respective commenting agency, company, organization or individual. The comments are acknowledged by the City and have been considered as part of the project planning and its implementation.

None of the comments identified any new significant effect, increase in severity of an impact identified in the Mitigated Negative Declaration, or provided significant new information. Recirculation of the Mitigated Negative Declaration is not required.

The City of Sacramento Community Development Department, as lead agency, released the North 16th Street Streetscape Project Initial Study / Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for public review beginning on May 3, 2019 pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15105. The IS/MND and supporting documents were made available at the City of Sacramento, Community Development Department, 300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor, Sacramento, California. According to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15073 and 15074, the lead agency must consider the comments received during consultation and review periods together with the negative declaration.

The responses to comments are provided herein as Attachment 1. The comment letters are provided in Attachment 2. The written comments do not require changes in the analysis or conclusions of the MND and recirculation of the document is not required (CEQA Guidelines Section 15088).

Attachment 1 – Responses to Comments
Attachment 2 – Comment Letters

Attachment 1

Pacific Gas and Electric, June 5, 2019

The Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) letter requests the opportunity to review the final plans prior to construction in order to identify any PG&E gas distribution facilities within the project vicinity. The City will coordinate with all utility providers in the project area to avoid utility conflicts during project construction. The comments are acknowledged and no further response is required.

Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD), June 5, 2019

The letter states that SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed Project area, and notes that SMUD's aim is to ensure the proposed project does not have a significant impact on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers. The letter includes a general list of concerns including transmission and distribution lines, electrical load needs, energy efficiency, climate change, and cumulative impacts to electrical delivery. The letter identifies specific concerns with the existing 21kV overhead facilities at North B Street, C-D Alley, D-E alley, and G-H Alley, and planned future 21kV facilities crossing the project site at North C Street and the UPRR tracks.

Electrical utilities are discussed in Section 3.14 of the IS/MND. This section incorporates the utilities impact analysis from the General Plan MEIR, including cumulative and growth inducing impacts. The analysis found that there are no project- or site-specific impacts to electrical facilities. The City will coordinate with all utility providers in the project area to avoid utility conflicts during project construction. The comment is acknowledged and no further response is required.

State Clearinghouse, Office of Planning & Research, June 4, 2019

The letter from the State Clearinghouse confirms that the document was circulated for review by state agencies. No state agencies provided comments on the document.

Attachment 2



June 5, 2019

Mr. Scott Johnson
City of Sacramento
300 Richards Boulevard, 3rd Floor
Sacramento, CA 95811

Re: North 16th Street Streetscape Project

Mr. Johnson:

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to review the subject plans. The proposed North 16th Street Streetscape Project is within the same vicinity of PG&E's existing facilities that impact this property. PG&E has gas distribution facilities in the vicinity of 16th Street that may be affected by your proposed improvements. When site specific plans are finalized, please submit these to PGEPlanReview@pge.com for review.

Please contact the Building and Renovation Center (BRSC) for facility map requests at BRSCSSR@pge.com or by calling 1-877-743-7782 and PG&E's Service Planning department at www.pge.com/cco for any modification or relocation requests, or for any additional services you may require.

If you have any questions regarding our response, please contact me at john.spigott@pge.com.

Sincerely,

John Spigott
Land Management
925-328-5122



Sent Via E-Mail

June 5, 2019

Scott Johnson
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srjohnson@cityofsacramento.org

Subject: North 16th Street Streetscape Project / MND

Dear Scott Johnson

The Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the North 16th Street Streetscape Project. SMUD is the primary energy provider for Sacramento County and the proposed Project area. SMUD's vision is to empower our customers with solutions and options that increase energy efficiency, protect the environment, reduce global warming, and lower the cost to serve our region. As a Responsible Agency, SMUD aims to ensure that the proposed Project limits the potential for significant environmental effects on SMUD facilities, employees, and customers.

It is our desire that the Project MND will acknowledge any Project impacts related to the following:

- Overhead and or underground transmission and distribution line easements. Please view the following links on smud.org for more information regarding transmission encroachment:
 - <https://www.smud.org/en/Business-Solutions-and-Rebates/Design-and-Construction-Services>
 - <https://www.smud.org/en/Corporate/Do-Business-with-SMUD/Land-Use/Transmission-Right-of-Way>
- Utility line routing
- Electrical load needs/requirements
- Energy Efficiency
- Climate Change
- Cumulative impacts related to the need for increased electrical delivery
- The potential need to relocate and or remove any SMUD infrastructure that may be affected in or around the project area

More specifically, SMUD would like to have the following details related to the electrical infrastructure incorporated into the project description:

- SMUD has existing 21kV overhead facilities crossing the designated area at North B Street, C-D Alley, D-E Alley and G-H Alley. If the project requires that these facilities need to be relocated, then these activities must be reflected in the project description and the associated impacts must be analyzed and included in the IS/MND.
- SMUD has planned future 21kV facilities crossing the designated area at North C Street and along the railroad tracks.

SMUD would like to be involved with discussing the above areas of interest as well as discussing any other potential issues. We aim to be partners in the efficient and sustainable delivery of the proposed Project. Please ensure that the information included in this response is conveyed to the Project planners and the appropriate Project proponents.

Environmental leadership is a core value of SMUD and we look forward to collaborating with you on this Project. Again, we appreciate the opportunity to provide input on this MND. If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact SMUD's Environmental Management Specialist, Rob Ferrera, at rob.ferrera@smud.org or 916.732.6676.

Sincerely,



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Governor

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Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon
Director

June 4, 2019

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Sacramento, CA 95811

Subject: North 16th Street Streetscape Project
SCH#: 2019059019

Dear Scott Johnson

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 6/3/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019059019/2>.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse