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**TO:** All Interested Parties

**FROM:** Sacramento County Regional Sanitation District  
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**DATE:** December 19, 2013

**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation (NOP) of a Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District (Regional San or SRCS) / Sacramento Power Authority (SPA) / City of Sacramento Water Recycling Project (Project).

**AGENCIES:** Regional San will be the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Lead Agency for preparation of an Environmental Impact Report EIR for the project identified below. This NOP has been sent to responsible and trustee agencies and involved federal agencies pursuant to Section 15082 of the CEQA Guidelines. Agencies should comment on the scope and content of environmental information that is germane to the agencies' statutory responsibilities in connection with the proposed project.

**ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERESTED PARTIES:** The District requests comments and concerns from organizations and interested parties regarding environmental issues associated with construction and operation of the proposed Project.

**PROJECT TITLE:** Sacramento Regional County Sanitation District/Sacramento Power Authority/City of Sacramento Water Recycling Pipeline Project.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The Project is located in Sacramento County within and north of the Sacramento Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant (SRWTP), east of the Sacramento River, south of Broadway, and west of Franklin Boulevard (see Exhibit 1: Project Area Map).

**PROJECT BACKGROUND:** Regional San provides regional wastewater conveyance, treatment, and disposal services throughout the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Rancho Cordova, Sacramento, West Sacramento, and the communities of Courtland, Walnut Grove and unincorporated Sacramento County.

In 2004, Regional San developed a Water Recycling Opportunities Study (WROS) which evaluated the feasibility of implementing a large-scale water recycling program to help Regional San meet potentially costly waste discharge requirements such as limitations on flow and load by reducing the discharge to the Sacramento River. Objectives of the WROS included identifying, prioritizing and sequencing water recycling projects; identifying potential water recycling partners; and developing recommended steps for program implementation. A variation of the Project was identified as a potential water recycling project in the WROS.

In addition, Regional San has adopted a Water Asset Management Vision which states “SRCSD will manage its water assets to sustain regional water supplies, benefit current and future ratepayers of the region, and safeguard and enhance the environment.” Consistent with this vision, Regional San is interested in maximizing the beneficial use of its treated wastewater. Regional San has owned and operated a 5 million gallon per day (mgd) Title 22 water recycling facility since 2003 and has placed a portion of its total effluent to beneficial use as recycled water. The subject Project is an extension of the previously planned and permitted uses of Regional San’s existing 10-mgd water recycling facility.

There is potential opportunity to further reuse recycled water for a variety of allowable uses in Sacramento County offsetting the current and planned uses of potable water supplies, per State recycled water policy. Water recycling is an important component of regional water resources planning and management and has been recognized by the State of California as a critical supply in meeting the long-term water needs of California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Project consists of the construction of a pipeline (recycled water main) and necessary appurtenant facilities to convey recycled water from the SRWTP north to the SPA Cogeneration Plant. The recycled water main will initially convey 1-mgd to serve the SPA Cogeneration Plant on a year-round basis but will be sized to convey a maximum of 4.6-mgd to serve additional future users with recycled water needs within the project area. Examples of future recycled water uses include landscaped areas such as common areas, medians, golf courses, parks, and school fields.

The recycled water main starts at 18-inches and gradually tapers to 10-inches and would be constructed from the onsite SRWTP Title 22 treatment facilities, approximately one mile north-northwesterly to the intersection of the future 24<sup>th</sup> Street extension and Cosumnes River Boulevard. In the vicinity of the intersection of 24<sup>th</sup> Street and Cosumnes River Boulevard, the recycled water main would generally follow 24<sup>th</sup> street north approximately 6 miles to its terminus at the SPA Cogeneration Plant. The recycled water lateral connections would start at 10-inches and gradually taper to 4-inches and would be constructed to serve potential future recycled water uses, described previously, along the route.

**PROBABLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS/EIR FOCUS:** The EIR for the proposed Project is a project EIR as defined by the State CEQA Guidelines. To the degree possible, this EIR is intended to be used for consideration of construction and operation of all necessary project elements within the project description. Review of the draft project description and the

environmental resources in the study area has resulted in the identification of probable environmental effects which will be addressed in detail in the Draft EIR. The EIR will be full scope and will consider a full range of issues. Among the topics to be evaluated for potential adverse environmental effects are: Aesthetics, agriculture and forestry resources, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, land use and planning, mineral resources, noise, population and housing, public services, recreation, transportation and traffic, and utilities and service systems. Potential cumulative impacts and potential for growth inducement will be addressed. Alternatives, including the No Project Alternative, will be evaluated.

**PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD:** The NOP is available for public review and comment pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15082(b) for 30 days. The comment period for the NOP begins December 19, 2013 and ends on January 19, 2014. Due to the limits mandated by State Law, your response must be sent at the earliest possible date but not later than 30 days after receipt of this notice. **Written comments on the NOP must be provided to Regional San no later than 5 p.m. on January 19, 2014.**

**RESPONSES AND COMMENTS:** Please indicate a contact person for your agency and send your responses and comments to:

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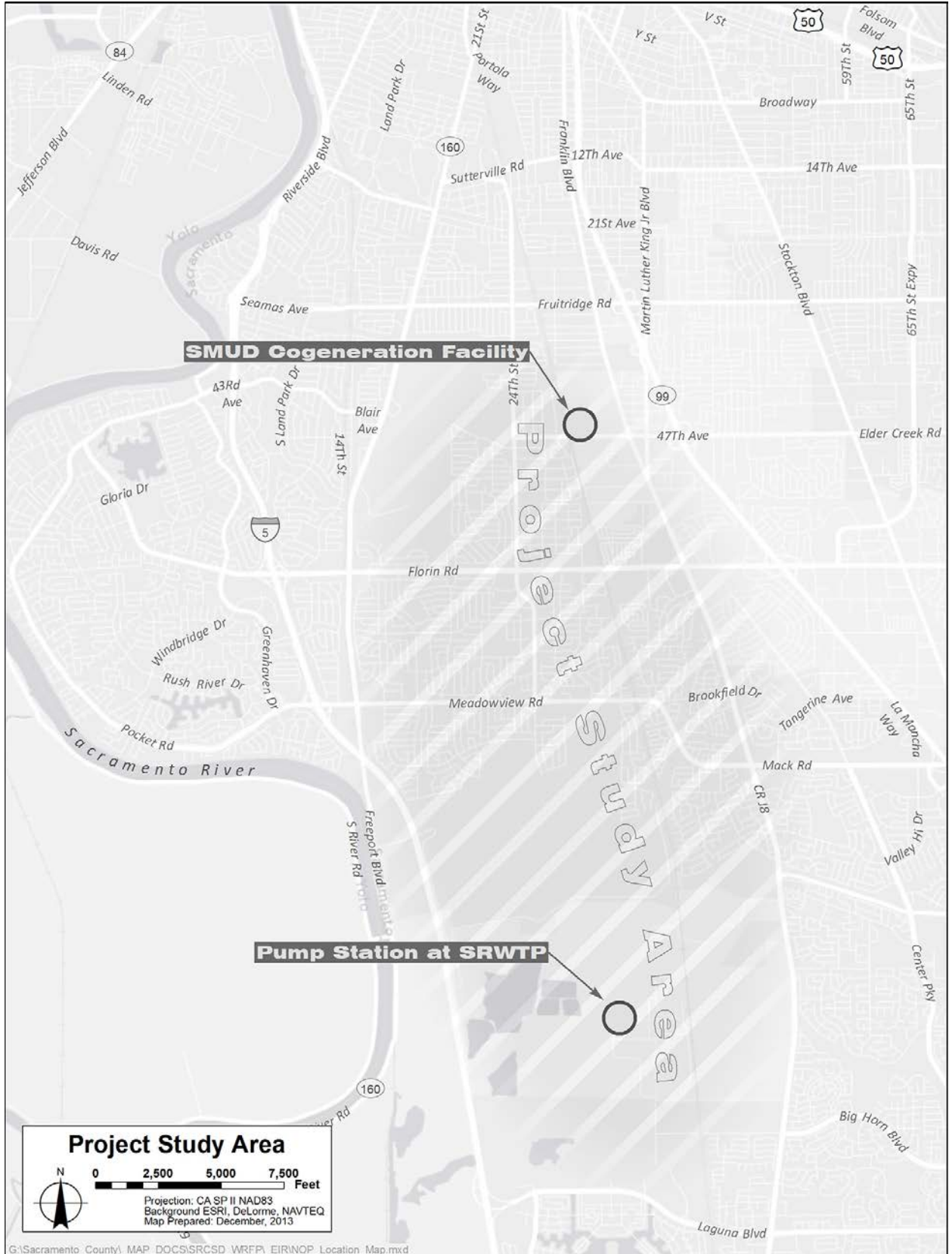
Your response should include the name of a contact person in your Agency. Agencies with specific questions about the project should contact José Ramirez, Project Manager, at (916) 876-6059 or ramirezj@sacsewer.com for further information.

**SCOPING MEETING:** Regional San will hold a scoping meeting on January 8, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Sacramento City Hall, Council Chambers, 915 I Street, 1st Floor, Sacramento, CA.

The NOP and future CEQA document(s) will be available for review on the internet at the following web address: <http://srcsd.com/index.php> and <http://www.per.saccounty.net/EnvironmentalDocuments/Pages/default.aspx>.

## **Attachments**

Exhibit 1: Project Area Map



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