

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT  
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION  
FOR THE HUNTER SUBSTATION REPLACEMENT PROJECT  
FOR RIVERSIDE PUBLIC UTILITIES, CALIFORNIA**

Riverside Public Utilities (RPU) is the Lead Agency for the Hunter Substation Replacement Project (Project). RPU has prepared an Initial Study and Proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of CEQA in general and the IS/MND specifically is to inform Project decision makers and the public about the Project, including a disclosure of anticipated adverse environmental effects and such measures proposed to reduce the severity of any impacts that may be considered significant. RPU will utilize the IS/MND during the issuance of permits and other regulatory approvals required to construct and operate the Project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The existing Hunter Substation is a 69/12/4kV distribution, air insulated substation (AIS) approximately one acre in size (fenced area). The existing Hunter Substation was constructed in approximately 1960 and has been operated continuously since then by RPU. RPU has made upgrades and incrementally increased the capacity of the substation since its initial construction, however new facility is proposed because the substation is out of date and deteriorated. The existing substation would be decommissioned and removed.

The proposed new substation will replace the existing Hunter Substation with a new 69/12kV electrical substation. The main components of the project include:

1. Construction of a new 69/12kV Hunter Substation on previously disturbed land adjacent to and west of the existing Hunter substation;
2. Loop-in (i.e., connection to) four existing 69kV sub-transmission lines and 20 existing 12kV distribution lines to the new substation;
3. Decommissioning and removal of the existing substation; and
4. Construction and operation of a warehouse facility that will store equipment and materials used by RPU for operation and maintenance of the RPU electrical grid system.

Access to the existing Hunter Substation is from the east (access directly to Chicago Avenue) and from the north where a substation gate is located at the end of an approximately 150-foot paved driveway that leads from Chicago Avenue to the gate that served as the previous access to the eastern parcel.

The proposed new Hunter 69/12kV distribution substation will be an AIS with four bays and a breaker-and-a-half configuration and the new Hunter Substation will be constructed on an undeveloped parcel immediately adjacent to the existing Hunter Substation. However, some features of the new substation may ultimately be located on the existing substation site.

**PROJECT LOCATION:** The existing 69/12 kilovolt (kV) Hunter Electrical Substation (existing Hunter Substation) is located at 1731 Marlborough Avenue, near the intersection of Marlborough Avenue and Chicago Avenue, south of Columbia Avenue in the City of Riverside, California. The Project includes the existing substation site (APN 210-060-049), and the adjacent parcel (APN 210-060-033), which is also owned by the City of Riverside. The existing substation and the new substation areas (collectively referred to as the "Project Site") comprise approximately 2.5-acres of land located within an urban area.

**HAZARDOUS WASTE SITES:** Pursuant to Section 15072(g)(5) of the Guidelines for California Environmental Quality Act, RPU acknowledges the non-existence of hazardous waste sites within the project area reviewed by this Mitigated Negative Declaration.

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**PUBLIC REVIEW AND WRITTEN COMMENTS:** The review period for submitting written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15105(b) commences on July 27, 2020 and will end on August 20, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions regarding the project or Mitigated Negative Declaration, please contact Fady Megala by e-mail or phone as indicated above.

Comments should be addressed to: Fady Megala, P.E.  
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**DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY:** The IS/MND may be viewed on the City's website at:  
<http://riversidepublicutilities.com/projects/current-projects-hunter-substation.asp>

If you challenge the above proposed action in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at a public hearing or in written correspondence delivered to RPU as described above.