

# Staff Report

for the Administrative Practices Committee Meeting of December 1, 2020

**TO:** Administrative Practices Committee  
**FROM:** Keane Sommers, P.E., Hydroelectric Manager  
**DATE:** November 24, 2020  
**SUBJECT:** South Sutter Water District – Hydroelectric Support

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## ***HYDROELECTRIC***

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Review and discuss a proposal by South Sutter Water District to provide support for their hydroelectric operations and provide direction as appropriate.

### **BACKGROUND:**

In 1981 South Sutter Water District (SSWD) signed an agreement with Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) for construction of a 7 MW power plant at Camp Far West Reservoir. Power production started in the spring of 1985. Since that time, SMUD has provided regulatory support, operations, and maintenance of the powerhouse. The SSWD/SMUD contract is coming to an end, and SSWD is looking for options for the long term support with plant operations and maintenance.

As a part of their due diligence, SSWD reached out to NID for advice on potential options. During those discussions, the concept was developed of NID operating and potentially providing maintenance and administrative services.

### **BUDGETARY IMPACT:**

To be determined

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