

Introduction and Welcome

■ Meeting Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- CPUC Process and Schedule
- Environmental Impact Report Process
- Description of Proposed Project
- Draft EIR Conclusions
- Questions on Project Understanding
- Closing Comments
- Public Participation Hearing (begins at 7:00 p.m.)





Purpose of a Draft EIR

- **Provide decision makers and the general public with information about the impacts of the Proposed Project.**
- **Identify mitigation measures and alternatives to the Proposed Project.**
- **Seek public comment regarding the Draft EIR.**
- **Identify issues of concern and areas of potential controversy.**



Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN)

- **General Proceeding**
 - **Assigned Commissioner Timothy Alan Simon and Administrative Law Judge Richard Smith**
- **Scope (defined by Public Utilities Code Section 1002)**
 - **Determine need for the project (facilities are necessary to promote the safety, health, comfort, and convenience of the public)**
 - **Consider community values, recreational and park area, historic and aesthetic values**
 - **Review environmental impacts as required by CEQA**



Key Players and Their Roles in the CEQA Process

- **California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC):**
Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- **Sacramento Natural Gas Storage (SNGS), LLC:**
Applicant
- **Dudek: Environmental Contractor for CPUC**
- **Responsible Agencies**



CPUC Review Process

- **The CPUC has two parallel review processes for SNGS, LLC's Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN):**
 - **General Proceeding (Application # 07-04-013)**
 - **Environmental Review (the CEQA process)**





Environmental Review Process

- **As lead agency for the Sacramento Natural Gas Storage Project EIR, CPUC is mandated to fulfill the following requirements under CEQA guidelines:**
 - **Disclose significant environmental effects and means to reduce, avoid, and minimize those impacts**
 - **Present discussion of alternatives**
 - **Provide a public forum to discuss project planning and decision-making process**
 - **Ensure that decision makers have a solid basis for making a sound decision**



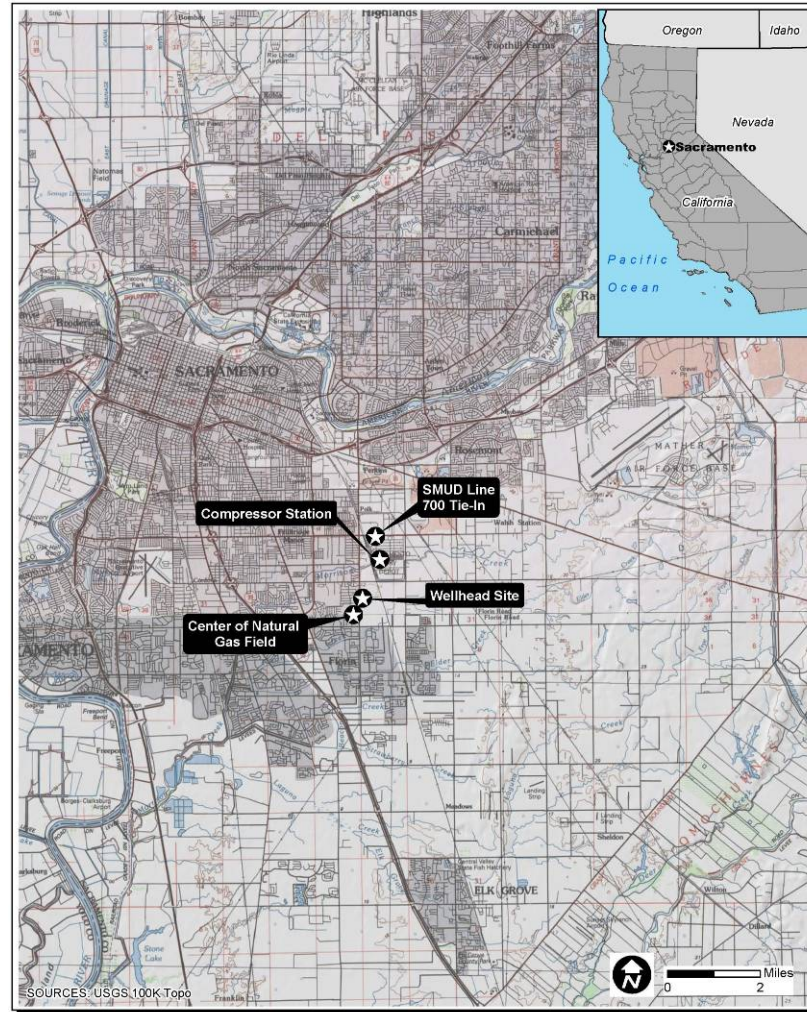


Where is the Proposed Project?

- **The components to be evaluated in the Sacramento Natural Gas Storage Project EIR would be located in:**
 - **City of Sacramento**
 - **County of Sacramento**



Regional Map



Project Objectives

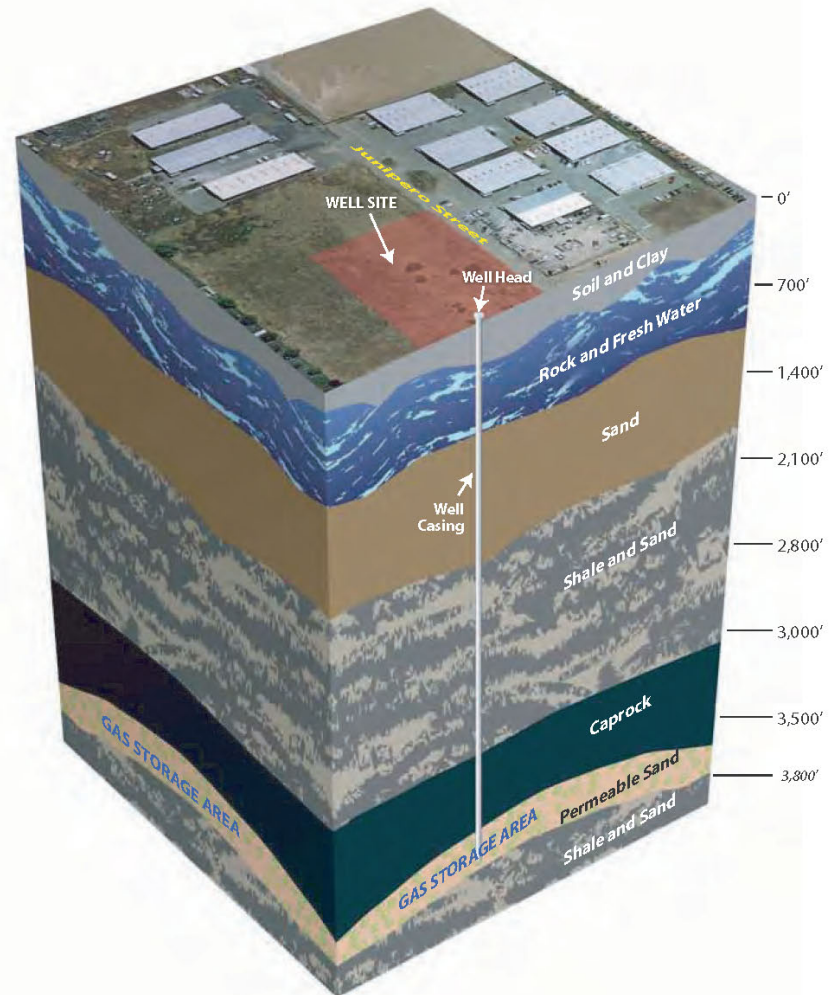
- Provide strategically located gas storage in California
- Provide a secure and reliable gas supply in the Sacramento area in the event of a major disruption of service from the main gas supply line
- Satisfy Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD's) natural gas storage needs to provide fuel supply for electrical generating plants (4.0 billion cubic feet (bcf) equals an approximately 30-day supply)



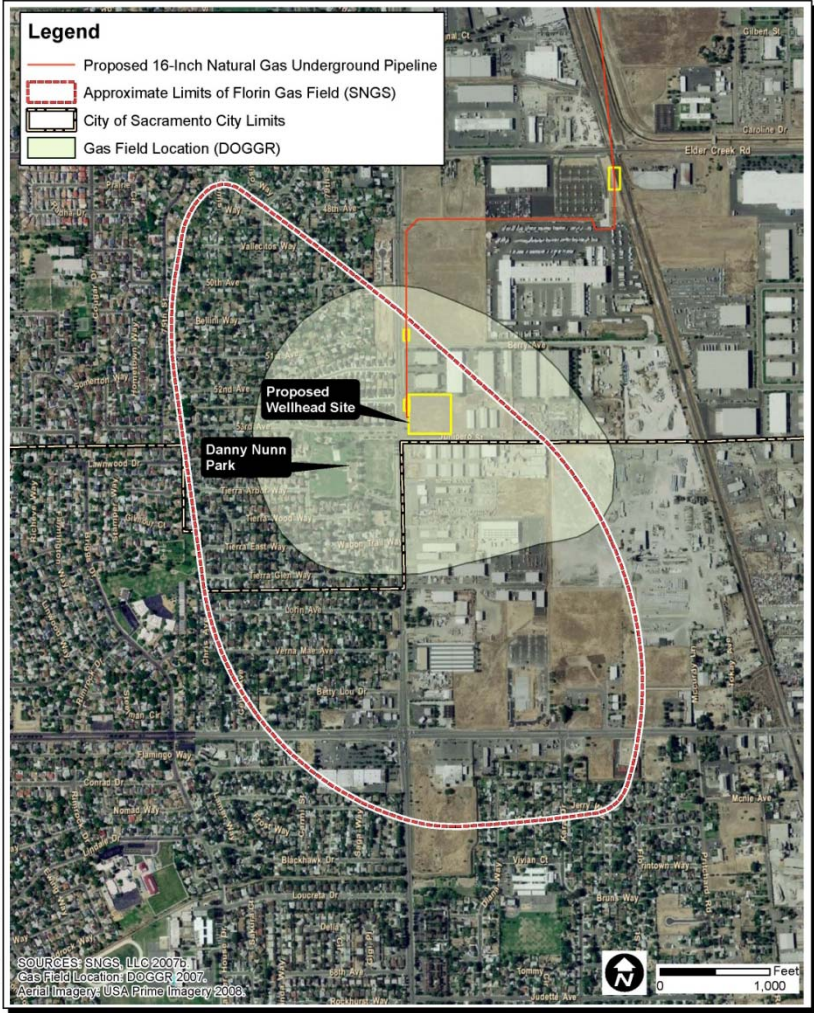
What is the Proposed Project?

Natural Gas Storage Facility

- Underground natural gas storage reservoir centered under Power Inn Road and Wagon Trail Way in the City of Sacramento
- Wellhead site
 - Four-acre site at the northeast corner of Junipero Street and Power Inn Road
 - Up to six injection/withdrawal wells



Approximate Extent of Florin Gas Field





What is the Proposed Project? (cont.)

Natural Gas Transmission

- **Compressor station on approximately 5 acres in Depot Park in the City of Sacramento**
- **16-inch interconnection pipeline between the wellhead and compressor station sites**
- **16-inch interconnection pipeline between the compressor station site and the SMUD Line 700 in Fruitridge Road.**



Facilities Map



Construction Schedule

- **Construction duration varies by component:**
 - **Wellhead: three months**
 - **Compressor station: six to eight months**
 - **Pipelines: three months**



Environmental Issue Areas

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology and Soils
- Hazards and Public Safety
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning, Agriculture and Recreation
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services and Utilities
- Transportation and Traffic
- Visual Resources



Significant Unavoidable Impacts

- **Potential fire and explosion from gas pipelines**
- **Potential migration of gas from underground reservoir**
- **Potential migration of gas into groundwater aquifer**
- **Short-term noise impacts associated with drilling of wells at wellhead site**



Alternatives

- **No project**
- **Alternative gas field sites**
- **Alternative pipeline design alignments**

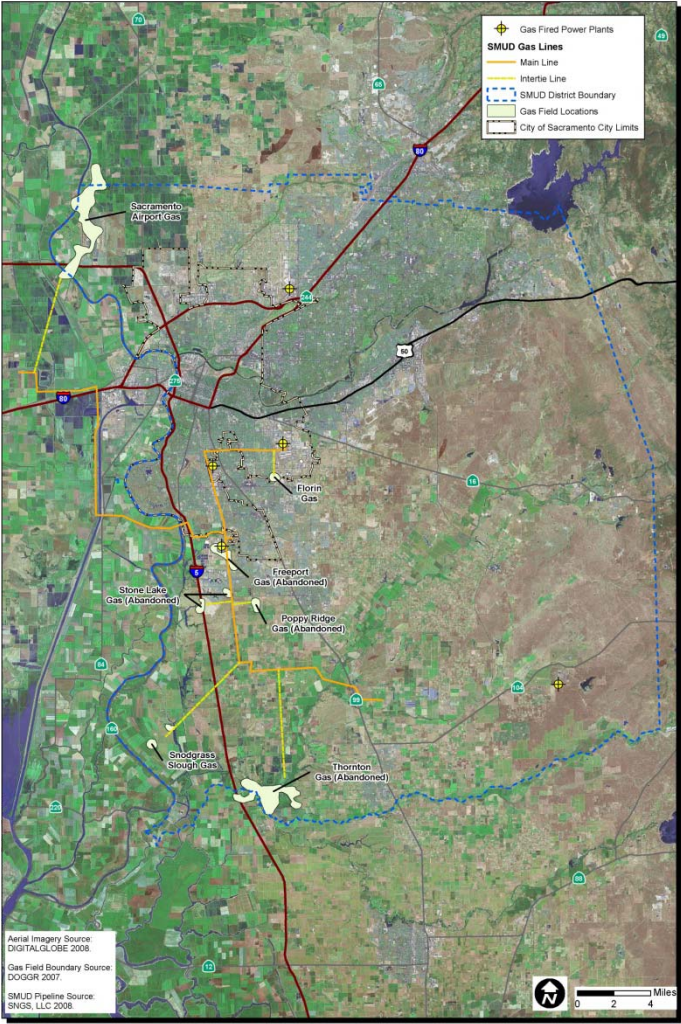


Alternative Natural Gas Fields

- **Freeport Gas Field Alternative**
- **Snodgrass Slough Gas Field Alternative**
- **Thornton Gas Field Alternative**



Alternative Natural Gas Field Locations



Pipeline Alignment Design Alternatives

■ Route Variations

- **Alternative Route 1 would parallel Junipero Street, cross an industrial-use yard, and parallel the Union Pacific Railroad (UPRR) tracks northwest to Elder Creek Road.**
- **Alternative Route 2 would run within the utility alignment to Berry Avenue, then parallel the UPRR tracks northwest to Elder Creek Road.**
- **Alternative Route 3 would run within an existing utility alignment then along Power Inn Road to Elder Creek Road to the UPRR tracks.**





Schedule

General Proceeding

- Application filed by SNGS, LLC
 - April 9, 2007
- First pre-hearing conference
 - October 20 & 21, 2008
- Public participation hearing
 - April 28, 2009
- ALJ Decision
 - 180 days after certification of EIR

Environmental Review

- SNGS Proponent's Environmental Assessment
 - Filed April 9, 2007
 - Amended October 9, 2007, and September 12, 2008
- Notice of Preparation for EIR
 - November 16, 2007
- Public Scoping
 - November 16 – December 17, 2007
- Draft EIR: April 8, 2009
 - 45-day comment period ends May 25, 2009
 - Public meeting on April 28, 2009
- Final EIR/Response to Comments
- EIR Certified by CPUC
 - September 2009



After EIR Completion

- **Commission vote on proposed decision tentatively September 2009**
- **EIR is referenced in the decision**
- **If the project or an alternative is approved, the decision will require monitoring of adopted mitigation measures and definition of mitigation monitoring procedures**



Comments on Draft EIR

Please send comments to:

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**Please be sure to include your name, address,
and phone number on all comments.**



For More Information

Check our Internet website:

http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/sngs/SNGS_Home.htm

Information Repositories - three area libraries have copies of the Draft EIR:

**City of Sacramento
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Sacramento, CA 95823**

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