

Appendix J
**Notice of Availability and Proof of
Publication**

***Proof of Publication will be included
in the Final EA.***

**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
SACRAMENTO COUNTY/WATTEV COMMERCIAL CHARGING CENTER**

Pursuant to Paragraphs 6-2.2(g) of Federal Aviation Administration Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*; Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, 54 U.S.C. §§ 300101-307108 (Section 106); and Executive Order 11988 – Floodplain Management, and 40 CFR § 1501.9 as applicable, notice is hereby given by the Sacramento County Department of Airports (SCDA) that a Draft Environmental Assessment (Draft EA) has been prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed Sacramento County - WattEV Commercial Charging Center (Proposed Project) within Sacramento International Airport (SMF) property, Sacramento County, California. The Proposed Project would develop a publicly accessible Electric Vehicle (EV) charging facility for shippers and transporters as well as public transportation and passenger vehicles. This Proposed Project also includes supporting facilities that would be built on a parcel of land located south of, and adjacent to, I-5 on the south side of the Airport along the extended Runway 35R arrival centerline.

The Proposed Project would develop the EV charging facility and related facilities that would be built on a 139.2-acre parcel on the south side of the Airport. The Proposed Project includes:

- Construction of a 15.3-acre charging area/rest area configured with two truck charging areas separated by a publicly accessible central plaza. The facility would include a two-story 14,000-square-foot (sf) convenience store and visitor center, a 3,000-sf single story operations and maintenance facility, and a 3,000-sf single story office building.
- Construction of two truck charging areas providing a total of 18 Megawatt Charging Standard (MCS) chargers and 90 240 kW Combined Charging Standard (CCS) chargers designed for heavy and medium duty trucks. Eighty truck parking stalls would also be provided.
- Construction of 30 CCS chargers dedicated to passenger vehicle use and an automobile parking lot with 200 automobile parking spaces.
- Construction of access improvements along Bayou Way, which borders the site to the north and is directly south and parallel to I-5. Direct access to the Proposed Project site would be provided through the construction of three sets of ingress and egress points (six total access points) along Bayou Way.
- Drought tolerant landscaping in the northern portion of the Proposed Project site. Installation of an illuminated pylon sign that would be visible from I-5. Onsite lighting would also be provided.
- Construction of an 88.9-acre Photovoltaic (PV) solar array, with solar modules mounted on tracker arrays. Each rack would hold up to 90 panels (72 Cell Modules). Five 3.6 Megavolt Ampere (MVA) inverters and transformers would be installed on concrete pads located within the solar field.
- Installation of a substation and associated substation equipment. The proposed powerline intertie would connect from the substation switchgear existing facilities located along Power Line Road. The substation would be located within a fenced 200-foot by 200-foot pad in which the electrical gears would occupy an approximately 12,000-square-foot area.
- Installation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS). The enclosure would be placed outdoors on a concrete pad near the substation and main switch gear.
- A fence and security lighting would be installed around the perimeter of the solar facilities.

- Installation of two access gates and construction of internal road network.

The Draft EA evaluates the potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project described above and its alternatives, and has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 102(2)(c) of the *National Environmental Policy Act of 1969* (NEPA). The FAA is the lead federal agency to ensure compliance with NEPA for airport development actions. The Draft EA has also been prepared in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, *Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures*, and FAA Order 5050.4B, *National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Implementing Instructions for Airport Actions*. The Draft EA includes an analysis of reasonable alternatives, potential environmental impacts, and mitigation measures, as appropriate.

The FAA gives notice that the FAA has determined that the Proposed Action may affect, and is likely to adversely affect, the giant garter snake (*Thamnophis gigas*) and the northwestern pond turtle (*Actinemys marmorata*) that may be located on or near the Proposed Project Site.

FAA also provides notice that pursuant to Executive Order 11988 and Department of Transportation Order 5650.2, it is using the NEPA process to notify the public that the proposed undertaking will encroach into a Federal Emergency Management Agency-designated floodplain, but that the identified encroachment will not cause notable adverse effects on natural and beneficial floodplain values.

FAA also provides notice pursuant to 36 C.F.R. § 800.8(c) of FAA’s finding that the proposed undertaking will not affect any properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places.

PUBLIC REVIEW

Beginning on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, the Draft EA will be available for public review through Friday, February 21, 2025, at the following locations during normal business hours:

Online	https://sacramento.aero/DraftEA
Federal Aviation Administration, Western-Pacific Region, Office of Airports	777 S. Aviation Boulevard, Suite 150 El Segundo, CA 90245
Federal Aviation Administration, San Francisco Airports District Office	2999 Oak Road, Suite 200 Walnut Creek, CA 94597
Sacramento County Department of Airports <i>Please contact Zach Frese at (916) 874-0803 or FreseZ@saccounty.gov to schedule an appointment to review the EA at the Airport.</i>	6705 Lindbergh Drive, Sacramento, CA 95837
Public Library	North Natomas Library 4660 Via Ingoglia St. Sacramento, CA 95835 Open Tues-Sat, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Closed Sundays and Mondays

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public may submit written comments during the comment period. Comments must be received by **5:00 p.m.** Pacific Standard Time on **Friday, February 21, 2025**. Please ensure adequate time for

mailing. The purpose of the public comment period is to receive comments on the Draft EA. Comments should be as specific as possible and should be organized so that they are meaningful and make the FAA clearly aware of the commenter's views, interests, and concerns related to the Proposed Project.

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, be advised that your entire comment – including your personal identifying information – may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask the FAA in your comment to withhold from public review your personal identifying information, the FAA cannot guarantee that it will be able to do so.

Comments received on the Draft EA and the responses to those comments will be disclosed in the Final EA.

Written comments on the adequacy of the information disclosed in the Draft EA may be submitted via U.S. Mail by 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on **Friday, February 21, 2025**, to:

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