

You are invited to learn about a proposed transmission line project in Colusa, Sutter, Yolo and Sacramento counties. Please join the Western Area Power Administration and Sacramento Municipal Utility District at a public scoping meeting for the proposed Colusa-Sutter Transmission Line (CoSu Line). For more information, visit www.cosuline.com.



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Public Scoping Meetings

WAPA and SMUD will hold six public meetings to share information and receive comments on the scope of the proposed CoSu Line.

Sutter County

Tuesday, January 24, 2017
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Sutter Youth Organization Center
Ellwood Munger Hall
7740 Butte House Road, Sutter, CA

Yolo County

Tuesday, January 31, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Woodland Community & Senior Center
Banquet Rooms 2 & 3
2001 East Street, Woodland, CA

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Colusa County

Thursday, January 26, 2017
5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Colusa Casino-Resort
Community Room
3770 California 45, Colusa, CA

Sacramento County

Thursday, February 2, 2017
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Haggin-Grant
American Legion Post 521
6700 8th Street, Rio Linda, CA

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Scoping comments must be submitted by March 7, 2017

Comments can be sent by email or mail to the following addresses:

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Notice of Additional Public Scoping Period January 6, 2017

Effective January 6, 2017, the Western Area Power Administration (WAPA) and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) will hold an additional 60-day public scoping period to gather public input on potential environmental impacts, alternatives, and mitigation measures of the Colusa-Sutter Transmission Line, or CoSu Line. The CoSu Line is a proposed 500-kilovolt electric transmission line that would provide a new link between the California-Oregon Transmission Project (COTP) and SMUD's and WAPA's transmission facilities on the east side of the Sacramento Valley.

From December 2015 through April 2016, WAPA and SMUD conducted public scoping for a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to consider alternatives to and environmental impacts of the CoSu Line in portions of Colusa and Sutter counties. Based on the comments received during that process, WAPA and SMUD are adding an additional study area approximately 20 miles south of the study areas originally scoped and refining the previously-scoped study areas. This additional public scoping period will include all study areas previously scoped, slight additions to the previously identified study areas, and a new study area that would connect to the COTP in Yolo County and would terminate near the Elverta Substation in northwestern Sacramento County.

Why the CoSu Line?

SMUD is a customer of WAPA, which markets hydroelectric power through transmission lines to a variety of customers in 15 western states. WAPA's existing transmission facilities do not have enough capacity to meet SMUD's need for increased service, so the CoSu Line is being proposed as a solution to meet this need.

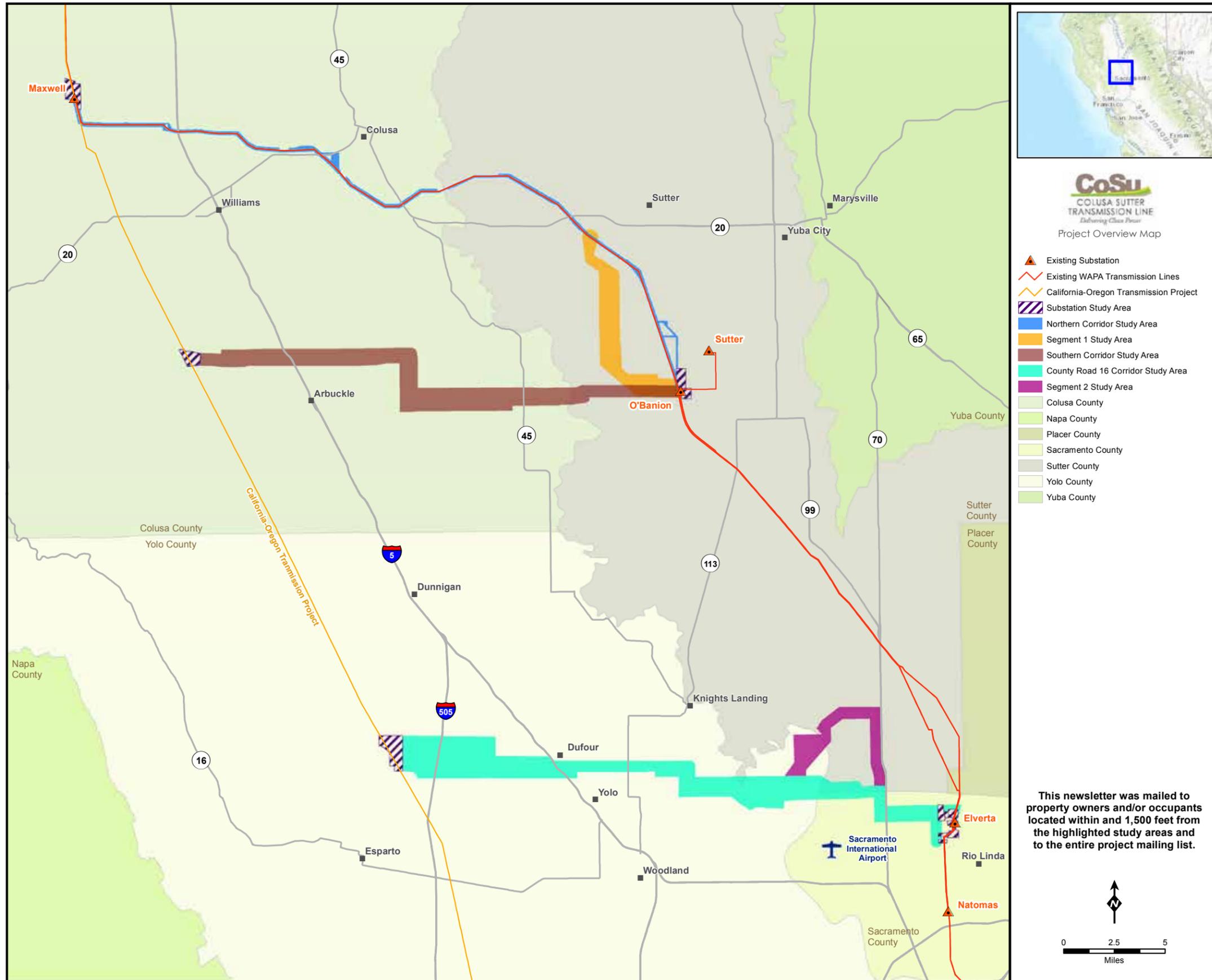
The CoSu Line would ensure a reliable and economic transmission path between SMUD and the COTP. The benefits of the project include increasing SMUD's ability to import power from and export power to other energy markets, particularly the Pacific Northwest, and helping SMUD cost effectively reduce its carbon emissions in support of the State's aggressive post-2030 carbon reduction mandates. The CoSu Line would also help support the integration of intermittent solar and wind energy.

Scoping Meetings & Public Comments

WAPA and SMUD will hold public scoping meetings between January 24 and February 2, 2017, to provide information, answer questions, and receive comments on the scope of issues to be analyzed in the CoSu Line environmental document. Public scoping meeting dates and locations are listed on the back page of this newsletter.

WAPA and SMUD held similar meetings in January and February 2016 to gather public input. As a result of the comments received, WAPA and SMUD added an additional study area approximately 20 miles south of the study areas originally scoped. The new study area would connect to the COTP in Yolo County and terminate near the Elverta substation in northwestern Sacramento County.

When developing the project alternatives and preparing the project environmental documents, WAPA and SMUD will consider all comments received – those that are submitted between January 6 and March 7, 2017, as well as all the comments received during the first scoping period. Previous comments are in the official record and do not need to be resubmitted.



Project Study Areas

WAPA and SMUD are currently considering and reviewing three corridor study areas and two segment alternatives for the CoSu Line:

- **Northern Corridor Study Area** running west to east from the COTP to northwest of Williams, then to the O'Banion Substation.
 - **Segment 1 Alternative Study Area** to provide a north-to-south route of the **Northern Corridor Study Area**.
- **Southern Corridor Study Area** running west to east from west of Arbuckle to the O'Banion Substation.
- **County Road 16 Corridor Study Area** running west to east from the COTP and ending near the Elverta Substation in northwestern Sacramento County.
 - **Segment 2 Alternative Study Area** to provide a west-to-east route of the County Road 16 Corridor Study Area.

Please see the map for a representation of all project study areas.

Environmental Review Process

WAPA and SMUD will prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (EIS/EIR) to examine the potential environmental effects of the CoSu Line. This public scoping phase is a key part of planning for the EIS/EIR. All comments received during the public scoping periods will be considered when developing project alternatives and establishing the scope of issues to be analyzed in the Draft EIS/EIR. The 60-day scoping period opens January 6, 2017, and concludes March 7, 2017.

Six public scoping meetings will be held between January 24, 2017 and February 2, 2017, to share information about the CoSu Line and accept public comments. You are invited to attend the scoping meetings to learn more, ask questions, and provide comment on issues, project alternatives, potential environmental impacts, potential mitigation measures, or the project study areas. If you cannot attend a scoping meeting, you are still invited to submit public comments by mail or email until March 7, 2017. Public scoping meeting dates and locations are listed on the back page of this newsletter.