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

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

Scoping comments must be submitted by March 7, 2017

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

Email: comments@cosuline.com  
Mail: Mr. Andrew M. Montano  
NEPA Document Manager  
Western Area Power Administration, Headquarters  
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Lakewood, Colorado  
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**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.
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.

This newsletter was mailed to property owners and/or occupants located within and 1,500 feet from the highlighted study areas and to the entire project mailing list.