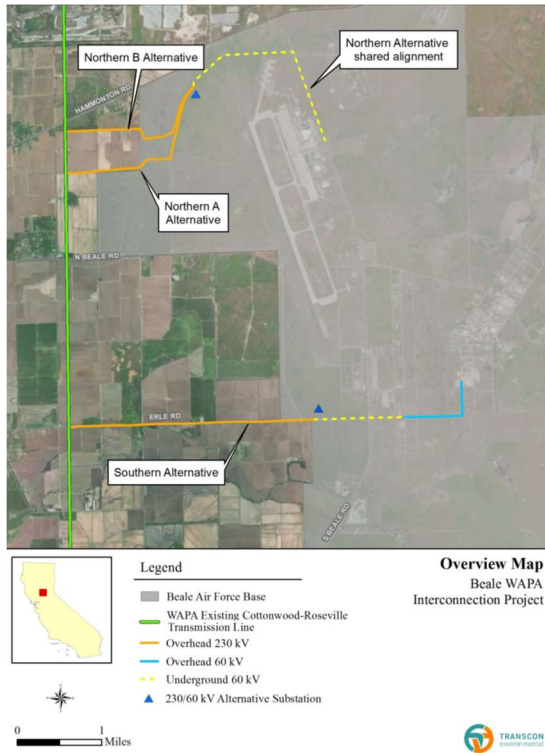


Western Area Power Administration (WAPA)'s Sierra Nevada Region completed the Final Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Beale-WAPA Interconnection Project located in Yuba County, California, in November 2020. WAPA signed a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) on November 30, 2020, and Beale Air Force Base (Beale AFB) signed a FONSI and Finding of No Practicable Alternative on January 12, 2021.



WAPA's proposed federal action is to assist Beale AFB with design and engineering, construction, installation, and operation and maintenance (O&M) services for the interconnection project. WAPA would construct and perform O&M activities on the 230-kilovolt (kV) portion of the project, which includes all infrastructure off Beale AFB and all 230-kV infrastructure on base up to and including the new substation to be located on Beale AFB. Beale AFB would construct and perform O&M activities on the underground 60-kV portion of the project, up to and including the connection to the existing Doolittle Drive Substation.

Based on the information contained in the EA, WAPA's federal action would not result in significant environmental impacts. WAPA has determined that its proposed federal action is not a major federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment within the meaning of National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); therefore, preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required, and WAPA is issuing a FONSI. Beale AFB also concluded that the proposed actions would not have a significant impact on the natural or human environment and that an EIS is not required. Beale AFB is also issuing a FONSI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional information and copies of the Final EA and FONSI are available to all interested parties and the public from the following contact:

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A copy of the Final EA and FONSI are also available on the following website:
<https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/environment/Pages/Beale-WAPA-Interconnection-Project-BWIP.aspx>

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