

# WAPA Elverta/SMUD El Rio Substation Project

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION

## Public Input Opportunity: WAPA Elverta/SMUD El Rio Substation Project



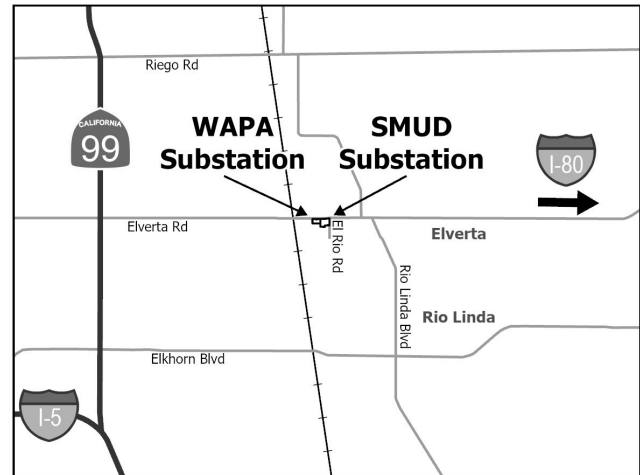
### Project Information

Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), a federal power marketing agency within the U.S. Department of Energy, is proposing to make upgrades to WAPA's Elverta Substation to support Sacramento Municipal Utility District's (SMUD's) request for construction of a new El Rio Substation adjacent to and as an expansion of their existing Elverta Substation. WAPA's purpose and need for this project is to support SMUD's request by ensuring ongoing power, operation, and compatibility between the WAPA and SMUD substations, and approving a new easement for re-routing transmission lines to serve the SMUD El Rio Substation.

WAPA's proposed action for this project is design review and engineering support for the new substation and existing substation changes to ensure compatibility. This includes relocating two poles and securing an easement for rerouting a WAPA transmission line, updates to electrical equipment in WAPA's Elverta Substation, installation of new electrical cable between WAPA and SMUD's yards, and installation of a new pole to bring offsite power to the WAPA substation control building.

### Environmental Process

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, WAPA will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the proposed action. The EA will discuss the purpose and need and analyze the potential effects from the proposed action and determine whether WAPA should prepare an Environmental Impact Statement or issue a Finding of No Significant Impact. SMUD's El Rio Substation Project is not part of WAPA's proposed action, but its impacts will be presented alongside WAPA's federal proposed action as part of a comprehensive analysis in the EA.



### Scoping Process

WAPA is requesting input on the proposed action and the scope of the environmental analysis during a 30-day public comment period. We would like to know of any issues, concerns, and suggestions you may have regarding the proposed project. Your comments will help define issues and alternatives for consideration in the environmental process. Comments can be provided in writing or by phone by July 8, 2024, at the contact listed below.

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