
San Joaquin Cross Valley Loop (SJXVL) 220 kV Transmission Line Project

California Public Utilities Commission
Public Scoping Meeting
for Preparation of an
Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

September 17, 2008
Farmersville, CA

September 18, 2008
Woodlake, CA

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Participants and their Roles

- Jensen Uchida, CPUC Project Manager
 - Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Doug Cover, ESA Project Manager
 - Environmental Consultant for the CPUC

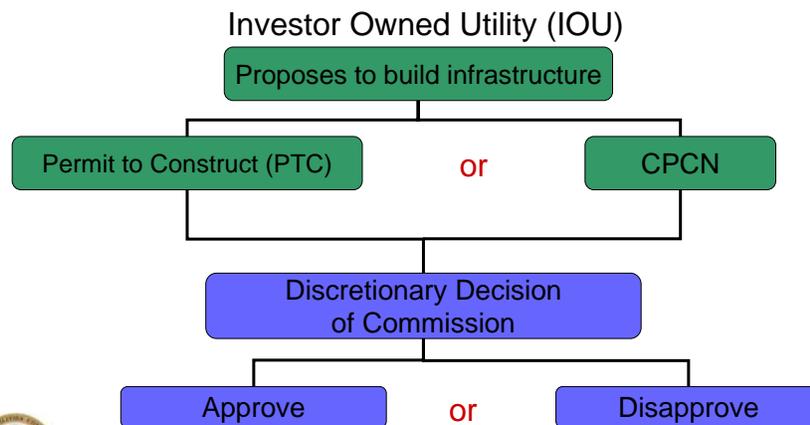
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Meeting Agenda

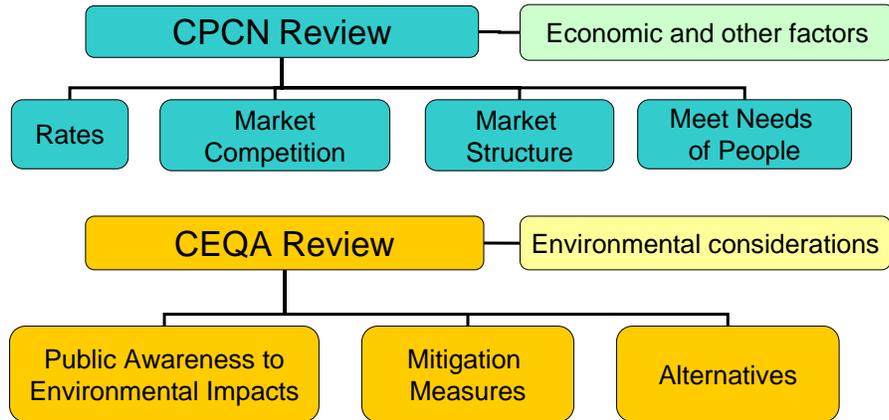
- CPUC Review Process
- Project Overview
- Alternatives
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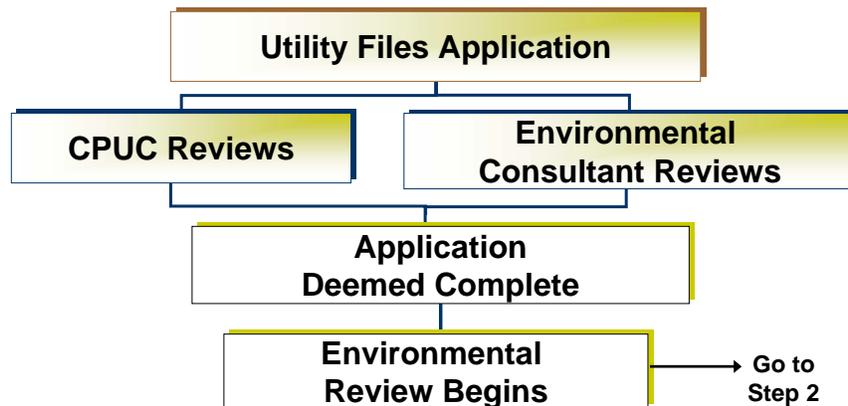
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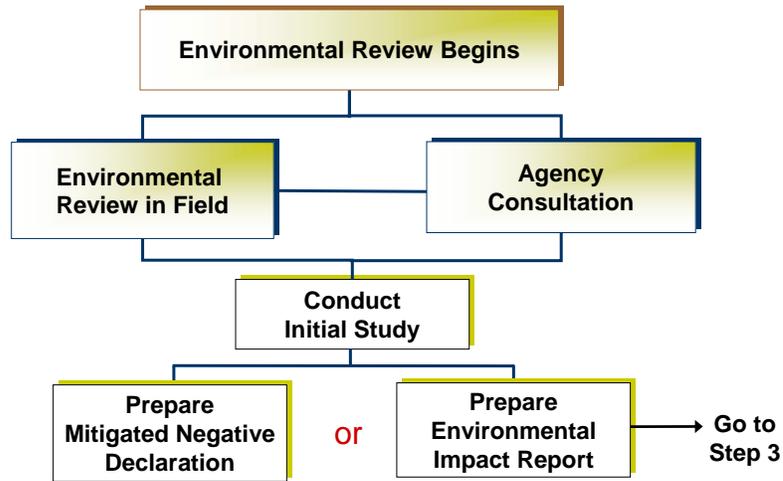
CPUC Review Process



Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 1)



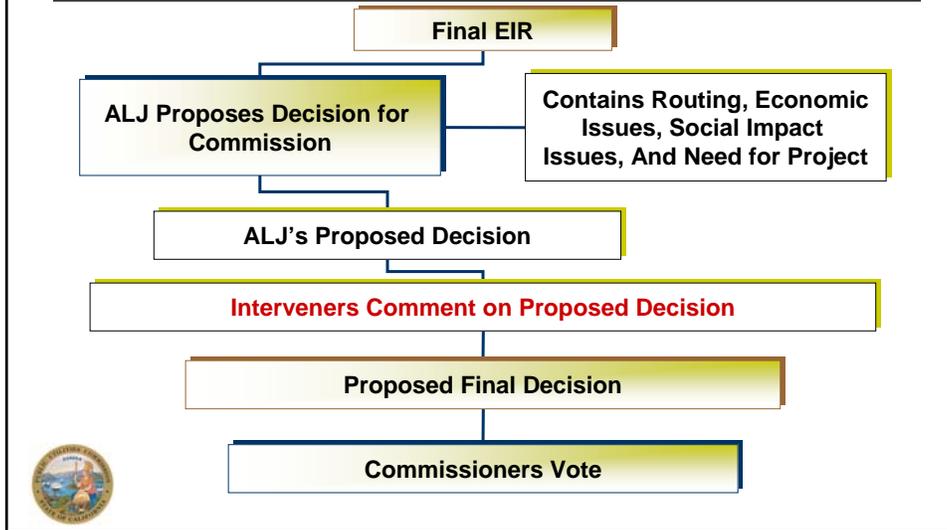
Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 2)



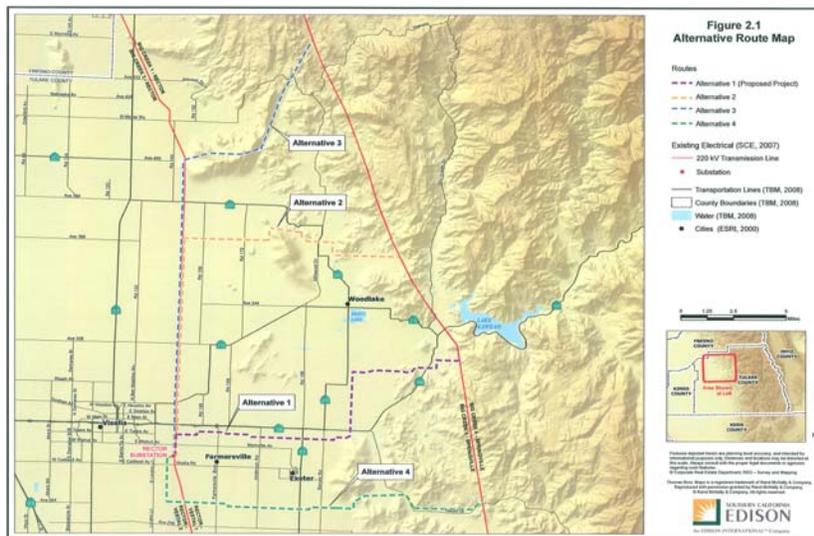
Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 3)



Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 4)



Proposed Project Location



Project Description

- Installation of approximately 18.5 miles of 220 kV overhead transmission line
 - NW portion of Tulare County
 - 1.1 miles in existing 220 kV right-of-way (ROW)
 - 17.4 miles mostly new ROW
 - 102 tubular steel poles; 11 lattice steel towers
- Modifications to existing Rector Substation
 - Electrical equipment, substation support structures, mechanical and equipment rooms
- Minor changes to Springville, Vestal, and Big Creek 3 Substations
- Alternative Routes
 - Three identified by SCE
 - Others to be identified by CEQA team as needed

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Alternative Routes

- Alternative #1 (Proposed Project)
- Alternative #2
 - Total Length: 23 miles
 - 10.8 existing ROW
 - 12.2 miles new ROW
 - Route:
 - North from Rector Substation through existing SCE ROW for ~10.8 mi
 - East for 4 miles through orchard and grazing lands
 - Next 5 miles, the route follows northern base of Colvin Mountain, near community of Elderwood
 - Route then enters foothills of the Sierra Nevada for ~3 miles

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Alternative Alignments (cont'd)

□ Alternative #3

- Total Length: ~24.3 miles
 - 14.6 miles existing ROW
 - 9.6 miles new ROW)
- Route:
 - North from Rector Substation in existing ROW for ~14.6 miles
 - Then East to the Sierra Nevada foothills

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Alternative Alignments (cont'd)

□ Alternative #4

- Total Length: ~18.8 miles
 - New ROW entire length of route
- Route:
 - South from Rector Substation for ~ 1 mile, then East for the rest of route
 - ~15 miles of route would traverse agriculture land
 - ~4 miles would be located in Yokohl Valley area of the Sierra Nevada foothills

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Next Steps

- ❑ Notice of Preparation was circulated to solicit input from agencies and the public
- ❑ This meeting is part of the scoping process
- ❑ A Draft EIR will be prepared and circulated for agency and public comment
- ❑ Comments will be considered and addressed in a Final EIR
- ❑ CPUC considers EIR / other factors and issues a draft decision for the Proposed Project
- ❑ CPUC considers comments on draft and alternate decisions and votes on the Project

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CEQA Process Schedule

Agency consultation meetings	July 2008 – September 2008 (on going)
Notice of Preparation to solicit written input from agencies and the public	August 22, 2008 – September 22, 2008
Public Scoping meetings will be held in the project area	September 17-18, 2008
Draft EIR circulated for agency and public comment	January 2009
Public comment meetings will be held in the project area	February 2009
Consider and respond to comments, publish Final EIR	April 2009
CPUC considers approval/disapproval of the Project	May 2009

Dates subject to change.

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How to Comment

- Please submit scoping comments no later than Monday, September 22, 2008:

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Public Comment

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Discussion Guidelines

- ❑ One person to speak at a time
- ❑ Be concise
- ❑ Stay on topic
- ❑ Support everyone's participation
- ❑ Respect others' opinions
- ❑ Comments will be recorded
- ❑ Written comments are encouraged