

Public Scoping Comments

For the Transmission Agency of Northern California Transmission Project (TTP) Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report

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The purpose of the public scoping period is to obtain comments on the environmental issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the Joint Environmental Impact Report/ Environmental Impact Statement (EIR/EIS) that TANC and Western will be preparing for the TTP. You may use this form for your written comments and either drop it in the comment box provided at any of the public scoping meetings, mail it to the address at the left, fax to 916-353-4772, email to TTPEIS@wapa.gov, or provide comments online at www.wapa.gov/transmission/ttp.htm. It is important to note that only written comments will be accepted and all comments must be received by April 30, 2009.

Anonymous comments cannot be accepted.

(Please print legibly. Your name, address, and comments become public information and may be released to interested parties if requested.)

Name: John and Mary Doe

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Comments:

We were recently notified of the TANC project and reviewed the Project maps. We have determined that there is a direct negative impact to our property located _____. The following attached pages list the fifteen (15) Environmental Issue Areas listed in the Notice of Preparation of Environmental Impact Report. Please note the specific items we have checked in each of the Environmental Issue Areas.



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Summary of Potential Issues or Impacts: TANC Transmission Project

Environmental Issue Area
Potential Issues or Impacts

Aesthetics / Visual

Visual contrast, increased industrial character, view blockage, and sky lining resulting from placement of structures in all project segments.

Impacts to sensitive viewpoints from which the TTP would be visible, including but not limited to: residences, park and recreation areas, scenic roadways, public lands, and open space areas.

Agricultural Resources

Impacts during the construction phase resulting from the removal of cropland from production, interference with tilling and irrigation patterns, and/or potential conflict with agricultural aviators (crop dusters) due to temporary lay down areas, tensioning, and pulling sites.

Impacts on zoning for agricultural use, Williamson Act contracts, or conversion of farmland to non-agricultural use.

Long-term operational impacts where transmission line structure foundations would permanently remove active agricultural land out of production and interfere with tilling and irrigation patterns.

Air Quality

Impacts during construction when heavy equipment, support vehicles, and internal combustion equipment create fugitive dust and/or generate exhaust containing: carbon monoxide (CO), reactive organic compounds (ROC), nitrogen oxide (NOx), sulfur oxides (SOx), and particulate matter (PM10).

Ongoing impacts from emissions and fugitive dust produced during operation and maintenance activities.

Temporary and long-term impacts from toxic air contaminants that may have localized effects.

Impacts resulting from violation of the Federal Air Quality Conformity Rule in nonattainment areas for one or more air pollutants.

Impacts to human and environmental health from non-attainment of the EPA's National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS).

Impacts resulting from violations to any areas designated as non-attainment for particulate matter or any other pollutant based on California Air Resources Board (CARB) or local Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Standards.

Biological Resources

Temporary and permanent loss of native habitat, including habitat for special-status species

Disruption in wildlife behavior (e.g., breeding, foraging, roosting, nesting, etc.).

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Bird electrocution and collision resulting from contact with overhead transmission lines.

Direct, permanent impacts to wildlife and plants during construction, operations, and maintenance activities.

Cultural Resources

Impacts to known and unknown prehistoric and historic resources and archaeological sites, which may be determined to be eligible for the National Register of Historical Places (NRHP).

Impacts to Traditional Culture Properties (TCPs) or potential TCPs. Electric and Magnetic Fields

Public concern about electric and magnetic field effects of the transmission line. Geology and Soils

Sedimentation of water features from soil erosion caused by construction and operation activities.

Impacts from landslides, mudslides, surface rupture, or other ground failure from seismic activity, particularly where project features are near active faults.

Impacts from soil volume changes or soil compaction due to changes in soil moisture content and project activities.

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Impacts from improper storage or handling of hazardous materials and/or hazardous wastes during construction, operations, or maintenance activities.

Impacts from leaking or spilling of petroleum or hydraulic fluids from construction equipment or other vehicles during construction, operation, or maintenance activities.

Impacts from the inadvertent uncovering of hazardous materials during excavation activities, causing toxic releases to the environment.

Construction vehicles would require on-site refueling, and may require routine or emergency maintenance that could result in the release of oil, diesel fuel, transmission fluid or other materials.

Fire hazards during construction by workers and equipment use and during TTP operation through the contact of transmission line with vegetation.

Hydrology and Water Quality

Impacts from increased surface water runoff, erosion, siltation, and sedimentation.

Impacts to streams or washes from violation of water quality standards or waste discharge requirements.

Impacts to groundwater recharge resulting from creation of impermeable surfaces.

Hydrological impacts to creeks and rivers and flood control channels.

Land Use and Recreation

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Conflicts with applicable federal, State, and local land use plans, policies, or regulations adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect.

Impacts to residential, recreational, commercial, and transportation corridor land uses resulting from disruption, impedance, or removal of existing and planned land uses.

Impacts resulting from reduced access to recreation areas during construction activities.

Noise

On-site noise during construction primarily from heavy-duty diesel and gasoline powered construction equipment.

Off-site noise generated from trucks delivering materials and equipment to the jobsites, as well as from vehicles used by workers commuting to and from the job sites.

Operational noise as a result of corona noise discharge from active electrical lines, noise generated from substation activities, and noise generated from maintenance activities.

On-site ground borne vibration and ground borne noise during construction primarily from heavy-duty diesel and gasoline-powered construction equipment.

Off-site ground borne vibration and ground borne noise generated from trucks delivering materials and equipment to the job-sites.

Impacts from both construction and operational noise activities violating local noise ordinances (volume and hours of operation).

Public Services and Utilities

Impacts from increased usage of public resources, services, and utilities.

Impacts to emergency access and response times resulting from construction activities.

Impacts from increased generation of waste and disposal needs.

Socioeconomics

Impacts from the employment of construction personnel during construction of the TTP to established and projected population, housing, and employment levels within the project area.

Potential positive fiscal impacts in property-taxing jurisdictions, which would receive tax revenues from the TTP.

Impacts to property values of parcels crossed by or near the TTP.

Disproportionate impacts on low-income and/or minority populations

Transportation and Traffic

Temporary disruption of traffic flow, transit services, or rail services during construction activities.

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Physical impacts to public roadway rights of way (i.e., lane closures, detours, driveway blockages, loss of parking, and disruptions to traffic, transit, and pedestrian movements in the construction area).

Other Issues

Cumulative Impacts (considering other projects that are planned, proposed, or under construction in the project area)

Growth-Inducing Effects

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