

California Public Utilities Commission

Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Notice of Public Scoping Meeting for the Suncrest 230 Kilovolt (kV) Loop-In Project (A.26-05-005)

Notice is hereby given that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) review, has released a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and will be hosting scoping meetings for the proposed Suncrest 230 Kilovolt (kV) Loop-In Project (Proposed Project). San Diego Gas & Electric Company (SDG&E) filed an application (A.26-05-005) on May 8, 2026, with the CPUC and requests a Permit to Construct (PTC) for the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project would consist of the construction of an approximately 14.5-mile-long, double-circuit 230 kV transmission line consisting of overhead and underground segments to interconnect SDG&E's existing Transmission Line (TL) 23021 into the existing Suncrest Substation. The Proposed Project would also include modifications to the existing Suncrest Substation, including (1) installation of a 500/230 kV transformer bank and associated tertiary reactors, circuit breakers, disconnects, and communication equipment, and (2) construction of a 230 kV bay to accommodate the loop-in of TL 23021 to the existing Suncrest Substation. The proposed 230 kV transmission line, coupled with associated modifications to the Suncrest Substation, would create a loop to enhance system reliability. The Proposed Project would cross unincorporated communities within San Diego County, California, including Crest and Harbison Canyon.

The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) 2022-2023 Transmission Plan identified the need for the Proposed Project to upgrade the California electric grid to accommodate load growth. As such, the Proposed Project's stated purpose is to address operational challenges and thermal overloads on SDG&E's existing TL 23054 and TL 23055 from SDG&E's existing Suncrest Substation to the existing Sycamore Canyon Substation, as well as operational challenges and thermal overloads on the existing transformers at the Suncrest Substation.

The CPUC, as the lead agency under CEQA, will prepare an EIR to analyze the effects of the Proposed Project in compliance with CEQA. Information to be included in the EIR will be based in part on input and comments received during the scoping period. Decision-makers, responsible and trustee agencies under CEQA, property owners, and members of the public will also have an opportunity to comment on the Draft EIR once it is issued. Pursuant to CEQA, the scoping period will be 30 days following the release of this NOP. The NOP may be accessed online at the CPUC's website for the Project: <https://ia.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/ecorp/suncrest/index.htm>. The 30-day scoping period for this Proposed Project begins on **Friday, August 21, 2026, and closes at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2026.**

Please send your comments on the scope and content of the EIR by mail to: Connie Chen, CPUC, Suncrest 230kV Loop-In Project, c/o ECorp Consulting, Inc. Attn. D. Atwater, 3838 Camino del Rio North, Suite 370, San Diego, CA 92108, or by email to CEQA@suncrestloop-in.com. Email messages should have "SDG&E Suncrest 230kV Loop-In Project" as the subject line. Please include the name, organization (if applicable), mailing address, and e-mail address of the contact person for all future notifications related to this process. Public comments will become part of the public record and will be published in a Scoping Report. The CPUC will hold two virtual meetings to allow the public and regulatory agencies to have an opportunity to submit verbal comments on the scope of the EIR. Meeting information is provided below.

Meeting Information	Virtual Meeting No. 1	Virtual Meeting No. 2
Date	Tuesday, September 15, 2026	Tuesday, September 15, 2026
Time	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Register at this link	https://tinyurl.com/3s495x53 	https://tinyurl.com/ybz8e83c 