Santa Cruz Reliability Project North

PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION

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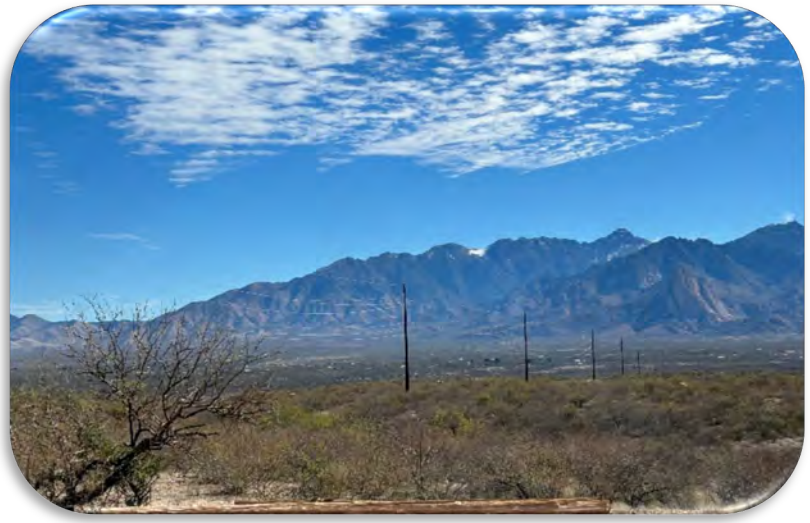

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Agencies

- Federal Agencies
- State Agencies
- Pima County
- Santa Cruz County
- Town of Sahuarita
- Green Valley Council
- Chambers of Commerce
- Telecommunication Companies
- Greater Nogales Santa Cruz County Port Authority
- School Districts
- Union Pacific Railroad
- Utilities
- Large private landowners

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Agenda

- Santa Cruz Reliability Project – Overview
  - Need and Benefits
  - Project Components
- Update - Planning and Siting Process
- Visual Simulations
- Project Schedule and Next Steps
- Public Participation
- Q&A Session

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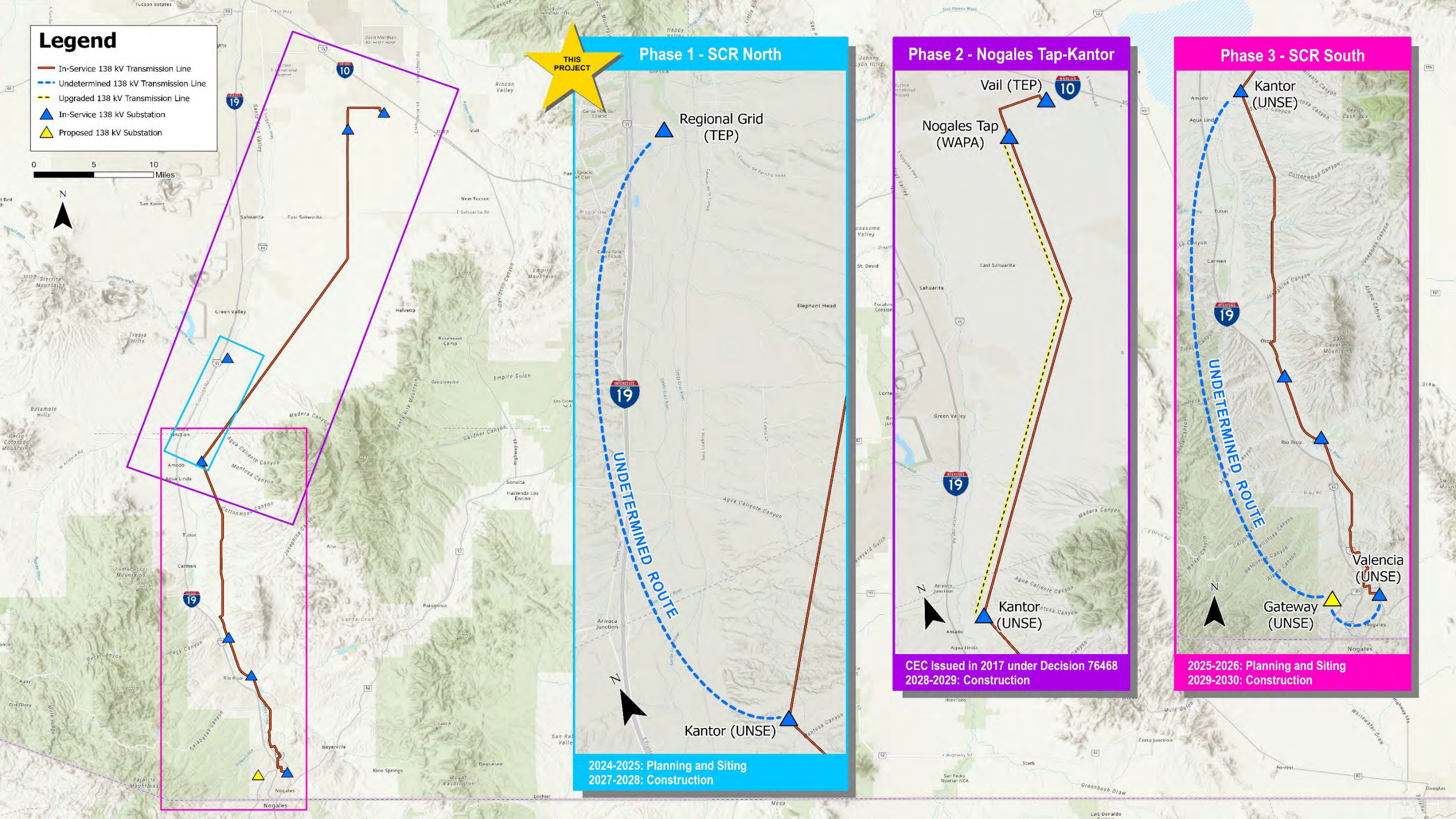
Legend
In-Service 138 kV Transmission Line
Undetermined 138 kV Transmission Line
Upgraded 138 kV Transmission Line
In-Service 138 kV Substation
Proposed 138 kV Substation
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THIS PROJECT
Phase 1 - SCR North
Regional Grid (TEP)
UNDETERMINED ROUTE
Kantor (UNSE)
2024-2025: Planning and Siting
2027-2028: Construction
Phase 2 - Nogales Tap-Kantor
Vail (TEP)
Nogales Tap (WAPA)
Kantor (UNSE)
CEC Issued in 2017 under Decision 76468
2028-2029: Construction
Phase 3 - SCR South
Kantor (UNSE)
UNDETERMINED ROUTE
Valencia (UNSE)
Gateway (UNSE)
2025-2026: Planning and Siting
2029-2030: Construction

Need and Benefits

- Improve the reliability and resiliency of the electrical transmission system serving Santa Cruz County.
- Maintain and strengthen reliability for Santa Cruz County and its residents, businesses and industries, including hospitals, schools, ports of entry and federal facilities.
- Reduce and eliminate the potential for a major and sustained outage in Santa Cruz County.
- Meet current and future energy needs without impacting service to existing customers.
- Support maintenance and other upgrades, allowing work to be performed without interrupting system operations.

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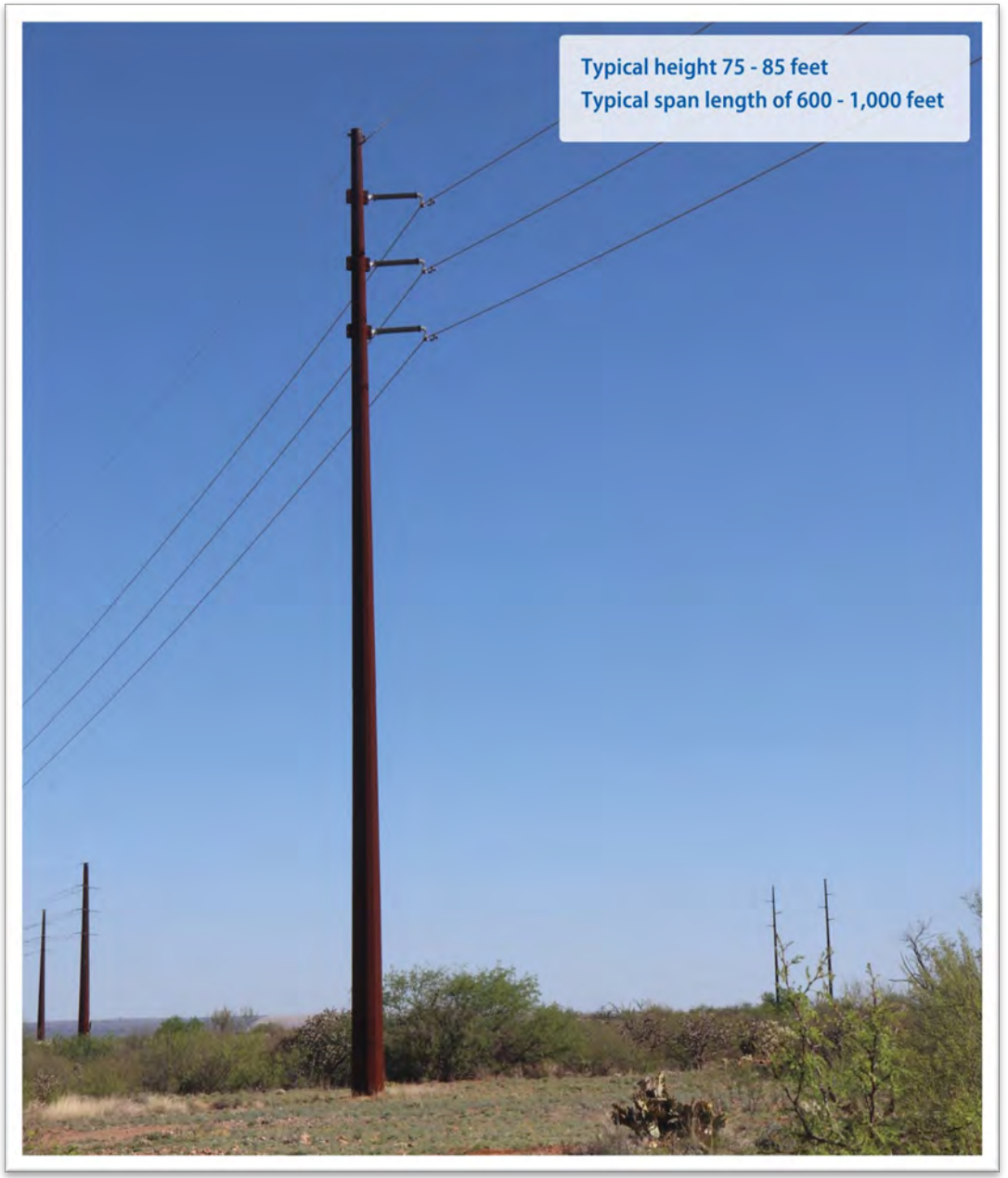
Example Pole Structure

- Tubular, Weathering Steel Monopoles
- Typical height 75 – 85 feet
- Typical span 600 – 1,000 feet



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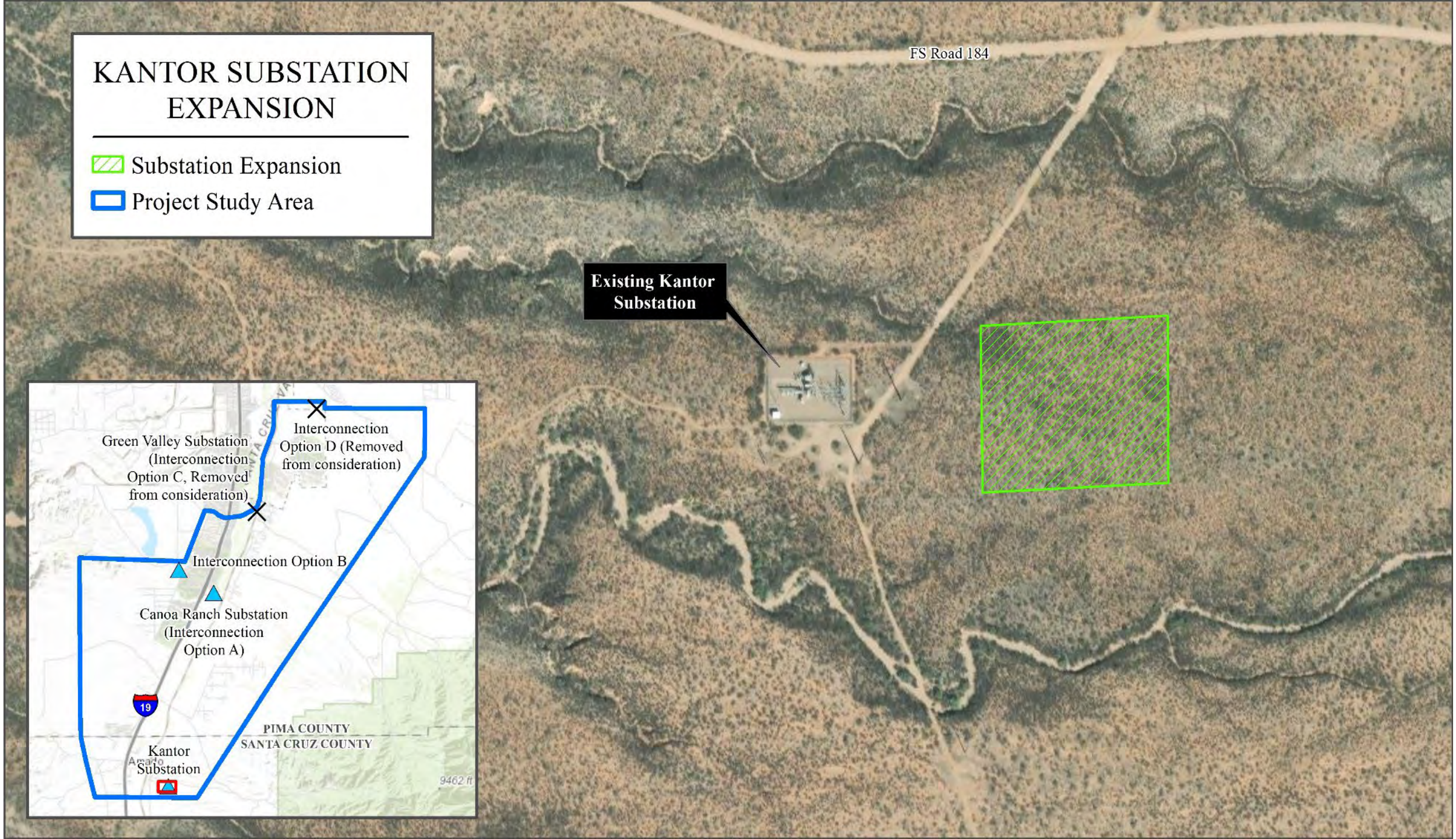
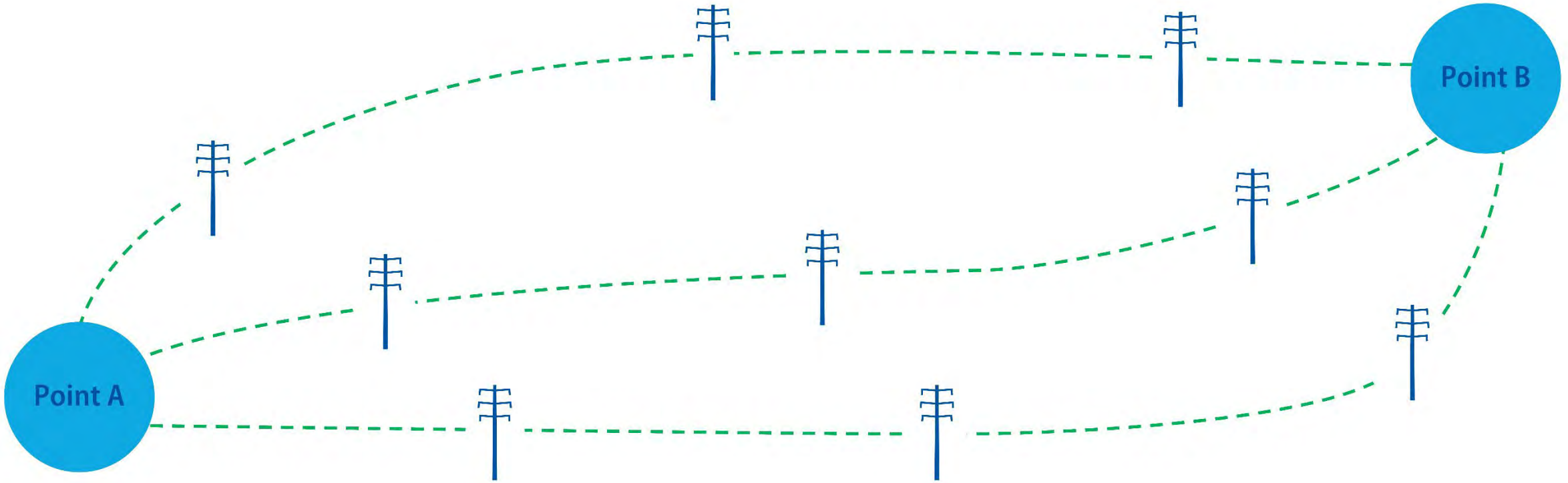

KANTOR SUBSTATION EXPANSION
Substation Expansion
Project Study Area
FS Road 184
Existing Kantor Substation
Green Valley Substation (Interconnection Option C, Removed from consideration)
Interconnection Option D (Removed from consideration)
Interconnection Option B
Canoa Ranch Substation (Interconnection Option A)
19
PIMA COUNTY
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
Kantor Substation
Amado
9462 ft

What is Siting?



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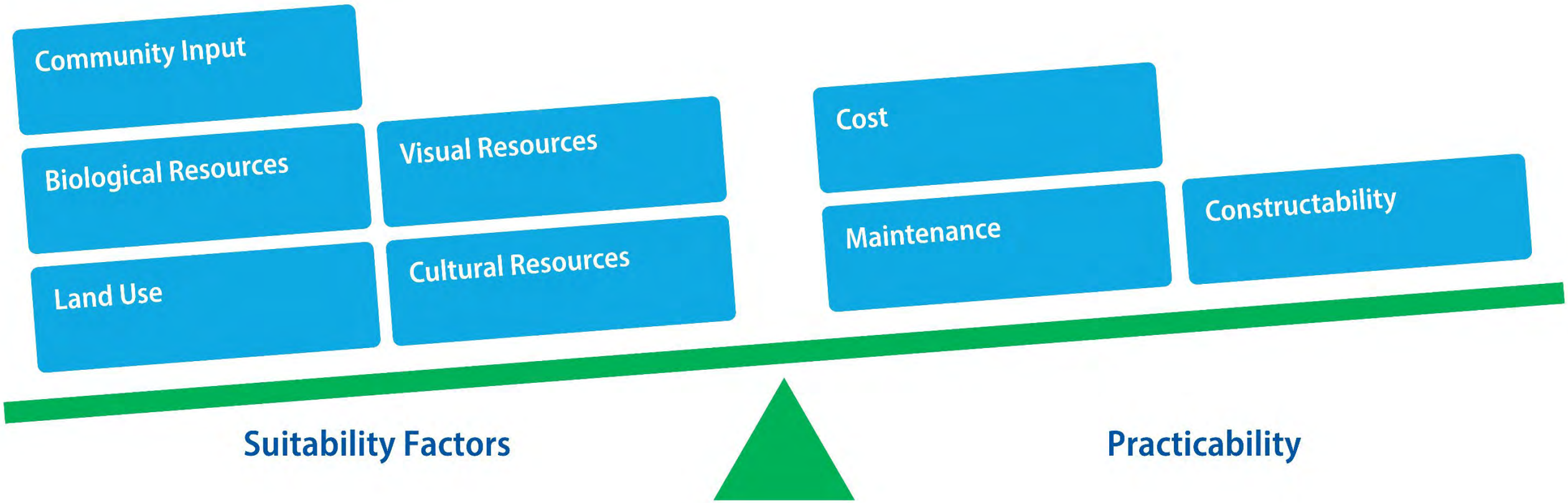
Project Route Development and Evaluation



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Planning and Siting Process Flowchart

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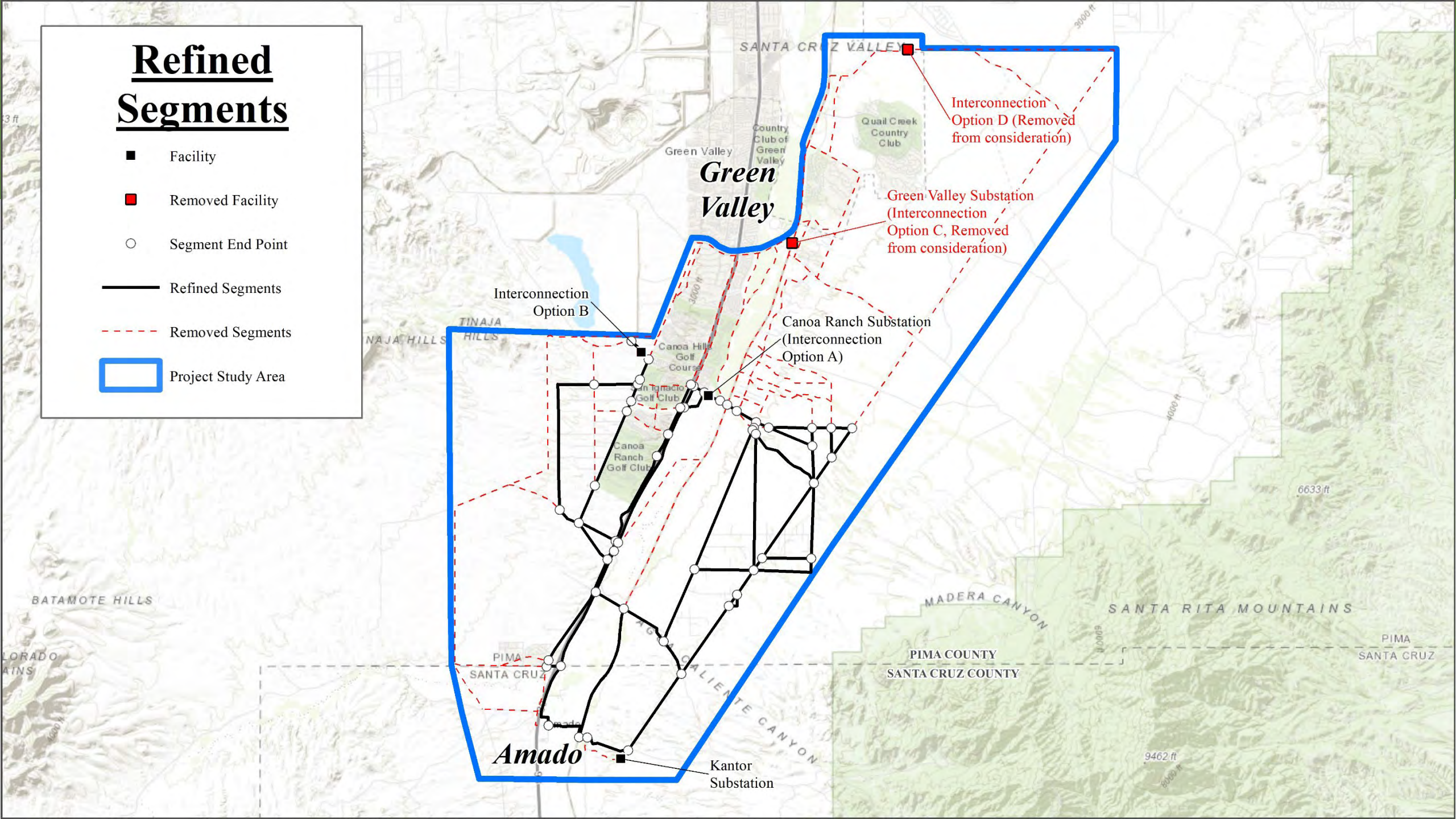
Refined Segments
Facility
Removed Facility
Segment End Point
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Amado
SANTA CRUZ VALLEY
Quail Creek Country Club
Country Club of Green Valley
Canoa Hills Golf Course
Canoa Ranch Golf Club
TINAJA HILLS
BATAMOTE HILLS
MADERA CANYON
SANTA RITA MOUNTAINS
PIMA COUNTY
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
PIMA
SANTA CRUZ
6633 ft
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Evaluation Criteria

- Wildlife & plant life
- Scenic areas, historic sites & archaeological sites and structures
- Environment
- Noise emission levels & interference with communication signals
- Existing and planned land uses
- Engineering feasibility and challenges
- Project costs & potential impacts on customer rates
- Potential public recreational uses

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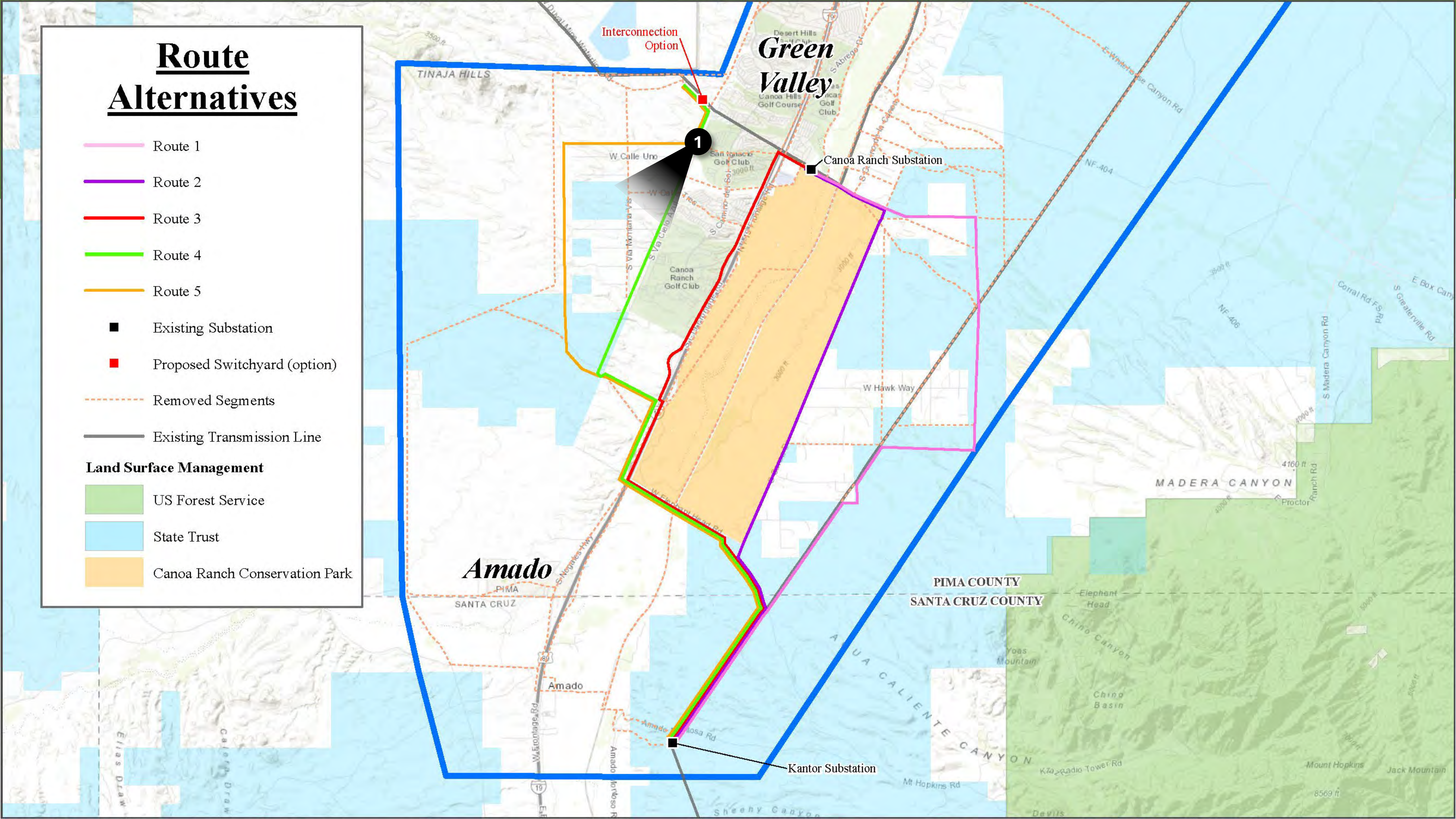

Route Alternatives
Route 1
Route 2
Route 3
Route 4
Route 5
Existing Substation
Proposed Switchyard (option)
Removed Segments
Existing Transmission Line
Land Surface Management
US Forest Service
State Trust
Canoa Ranch Conservation Park
Interconnection Option
Green Valley
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Kantor Substation
Amado
PIMA COUNTY
SANTA CRUZ COUNTY
MADERA CANYON
TINAJA HILLS
Canoa Ranch Golf Club
W Hawk Way
W Calle Uno

Visual Simulations

Key Observation Point 1
(San Ignacio Ridge Estates)

Via Nuevo Leon looking southwest along Via Cielo Azul.

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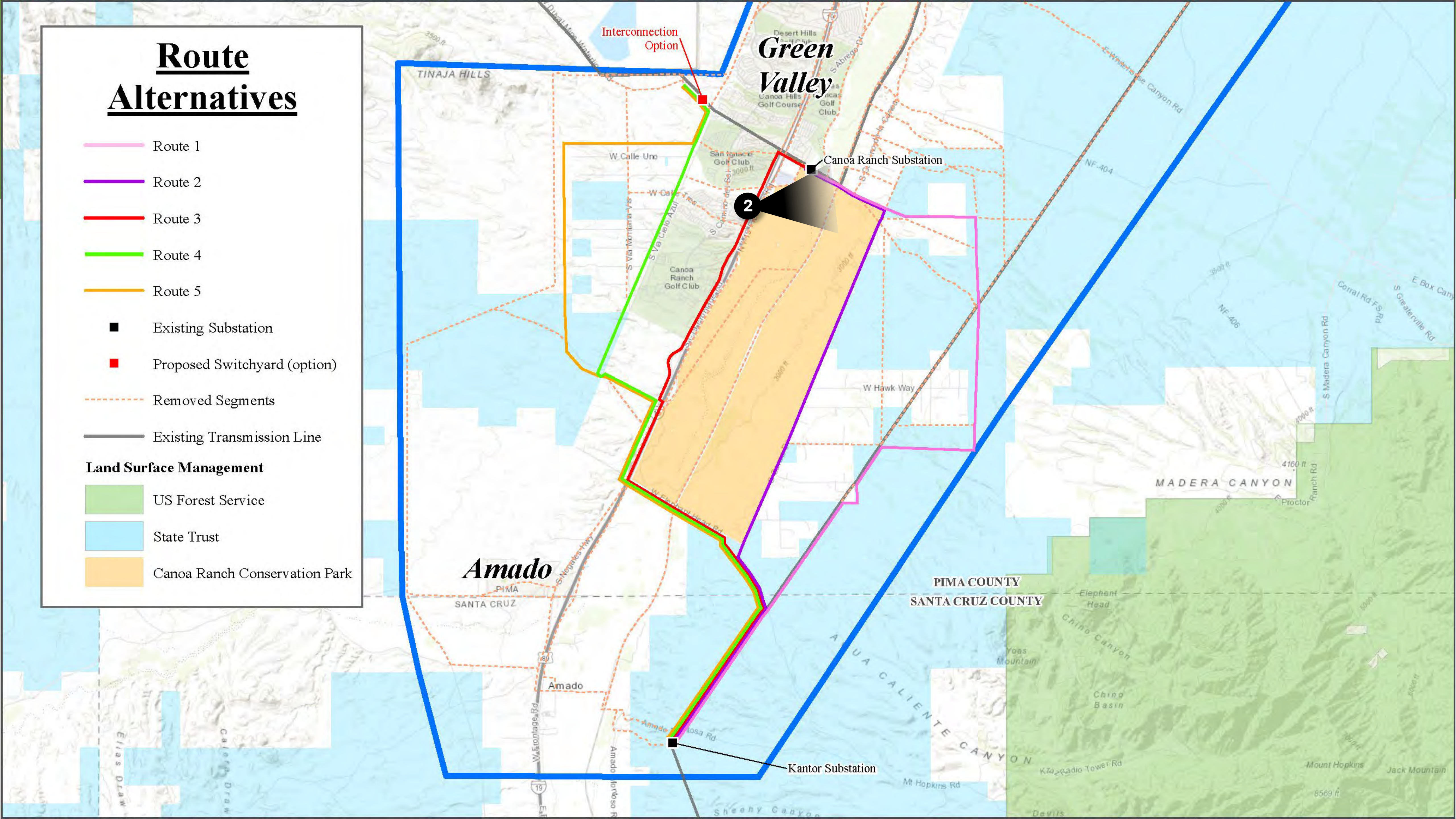

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Key Observation Point 2
(San Ignacio Vistas)

Gloria View Court looking east along I-19 frontage.

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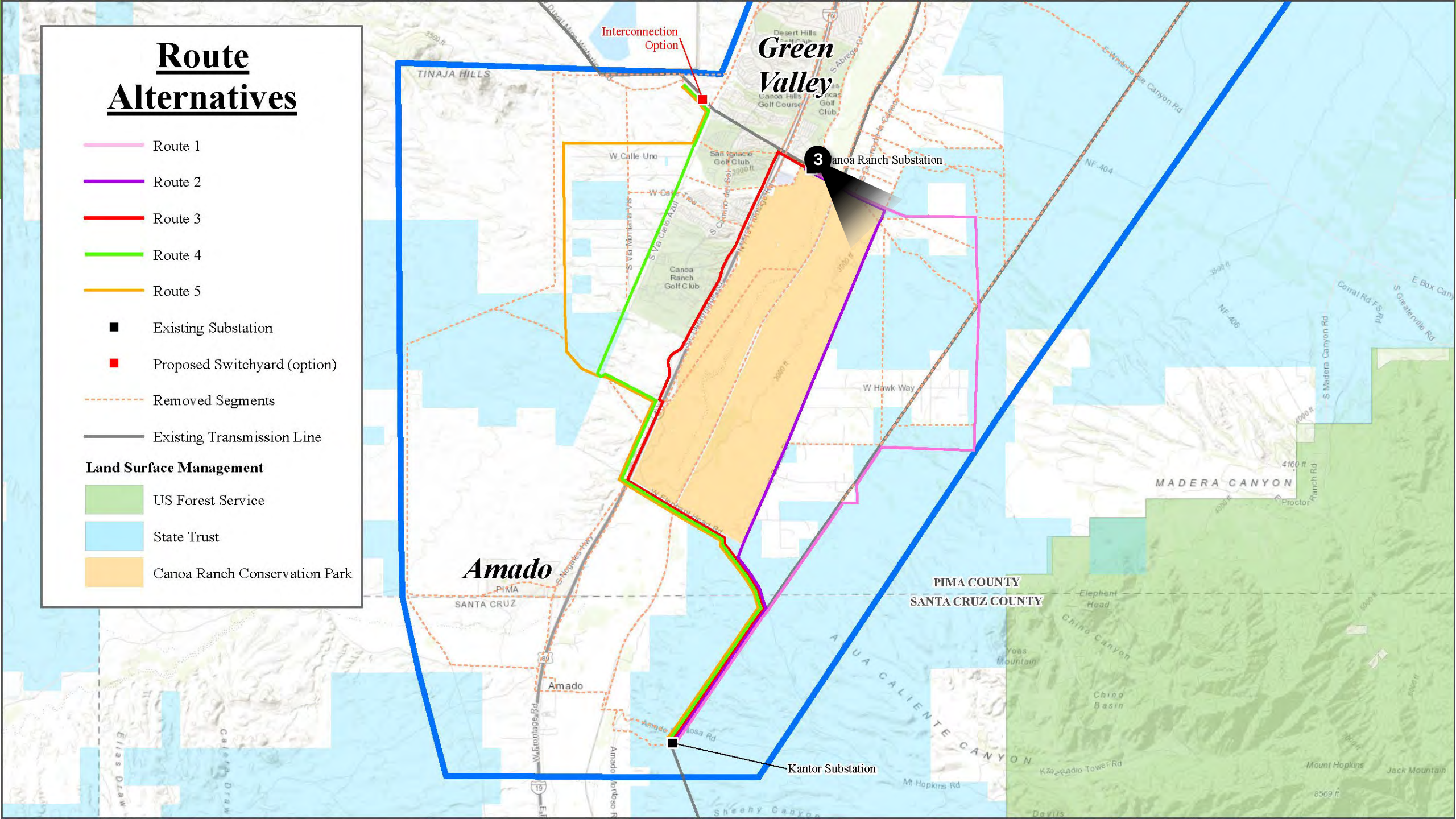
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W Hawk Way
S Nogales Hwy
Amado
Canoa Ranch Golf Club
San Ignacio Golf Club
Desert Hills Golf Club
Canoa Hills Golf Course
Mt Hopkins Rd
Mount Hopkins
Jack Mountain

Visual Simulations

Key Observation Point 3
(The Springs)

Ground Squirrel Road looking southeast.

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Project Schedule and Next Steps*

Under Arizona law, certain transmission line configurations require a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility (CEC) before construction and operation along an approved route.

- September 2025 – CEC Application Submittal
- November 2025 – Arizona Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee Hearing
- Q1 2026 – Arizona Corporation Commission (ACC) Open Meeting
- 2028 – Phase 1: Project in Service
- 2029 – Phase 2: Project in Service
- 2030 – Phase 3: Project in Service

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* Target schedule, subject to change

Public Participation

- Fill out an online comment form at: uesaz.com/santa-cruz-reliability-north
- Send comments via email to: scrnorth@uesaz.com
- Call (520) 917-6635 and leave a voicemail message
- Mail a letter with comments to:

ATTN: Santa Cruz Reliability North
P.O. Box 711
Mail Stop CB200
Tucson, AZ 85701-0711

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Public Open House Opportunities

Tuesday, August 5, 2025. 9-11 a.m.
Hosted by the Green Valley Council
Green Valley Recreation East Center
7 S Abrego Drive
Green Valley, AZ 85614

Tuesday, August 5, 2025. 5-7 p.m.
Sopori Elementary School
5000 W. Arivaca Rd.
Amado, AZ 85645

Virtual Presentation Option

Thursday, August 7, 2025. 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Hosted via Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID/Login: 238 531 081 327
Passcode: kPc45
Call-in Option: (712) 274-3750; ID: 73476288

Q&A Session

Please use the raise hand feature in MS Teams

or

Type your question into the chat

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