

ENERGY STREAMLINING TASK FORCE PROJECT SUMMARY

Name: Rio Linda/Elverta Power Project

EG-9

Entity proposing project: FPL Energy

Category of project: Electricity Generation

Brief description of project: 560 MV natural gas combined cycle power plant; new 16-20 inch 20.1-mile natural gas pipeline to be owned and operated by Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E); plant to supply power to Western Area Power Administration (WAPA), connecting at WAPA's Elverta substation 3,000 ft north of plant; water from Rio Linda/Elverta Community Water District (RLECWD); require upgrading 3.4-mile section of Hedge-Proctor transmission line southeast of Sacramento.

Agencies that must be consulted and agencies from which approval is needed:

Federal: Environmental Protection Agency – has not provided clear direction to local air district or applicant re: quantification of emissions credits from reduced agricultural burning

Fish & Wildlife Service

Army Corps of Engineers

Federal Aviation Administration

Western Area Power Authority

State: California Energy Commission (CEC) – application suspended due to lack of timely resolution of emissions credit issues with EPA, local air district and applicant

California Department of Fish & Game

California Regional Water Quality Control Board

California Department of Transportation

California Department of Water Resources

State Historic Preservation Office

Local: Sacramento County

Air district – required to issue Preliminary Determination of Compliance (PDOC) in order for to application to CEC to be reinstated; have accepted agricultural burn credits and has protocols for quantification but application process currently stalled pending comments from EPA

Reason for bringing project to the task force's attention: Notes that there appears to be no mechanism to resolve differing emissions credit protocols between various agencies; requests that a mechanism be developed and that timely response and justification from EPA be required