When does the California ISO get involved in transmission projects?

Every day, the California ISO works with Investor Owned Utilities such as Southern California Edison, Pacific Gas and Electric, and San Diego Gas and Electric for the safe and reliable operation of the grid.

Each year, the California ISO develops a report enumerating the transmission projects that should be built to improve reliability or provide an economic benefit to California.

The California ISO meets many times throughout the year with utilities and stakeholders to report on study work performed and explore transmission alternatives. At the end of the process, a preferred transmission solution is identified. If a project will cost more than $50 million, then the solution must be approved by the California ISO Board of Governors.

If the California ISO approves a project, it is based on a determination of need to improve reliability or provide economic benefit.

The project sponsor then goes to the regulatory permitting authority for final approval.