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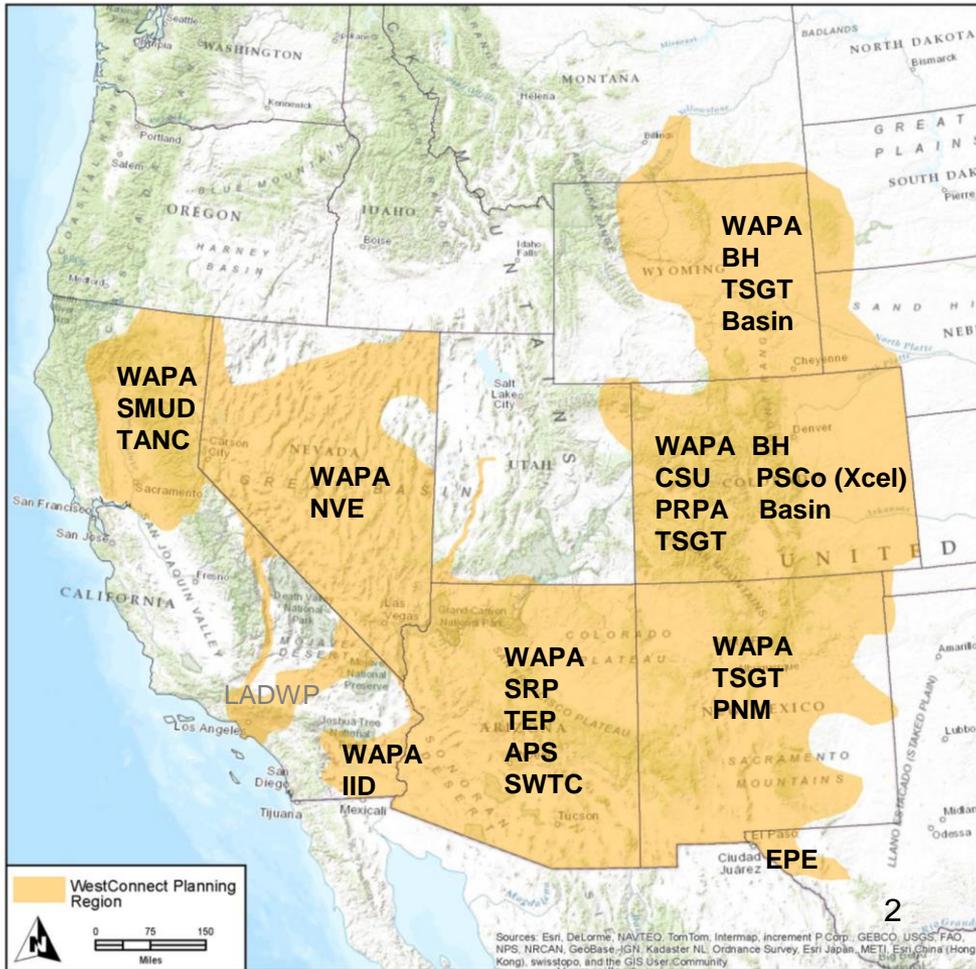
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WestConnect Regional Transmission Planning Overview

RETI 2.0 Transmission Technical Input
Group – Sacramento, CA

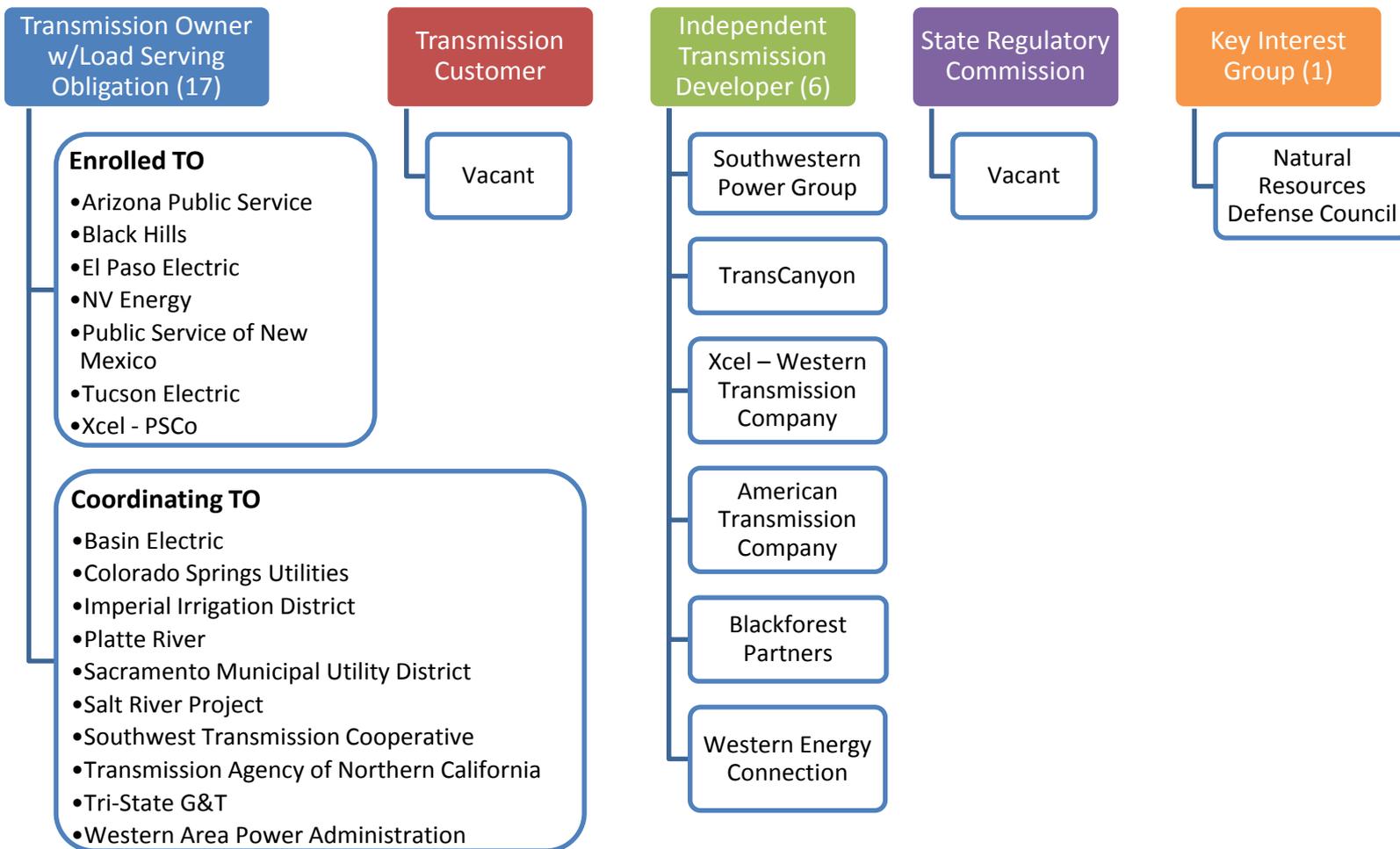
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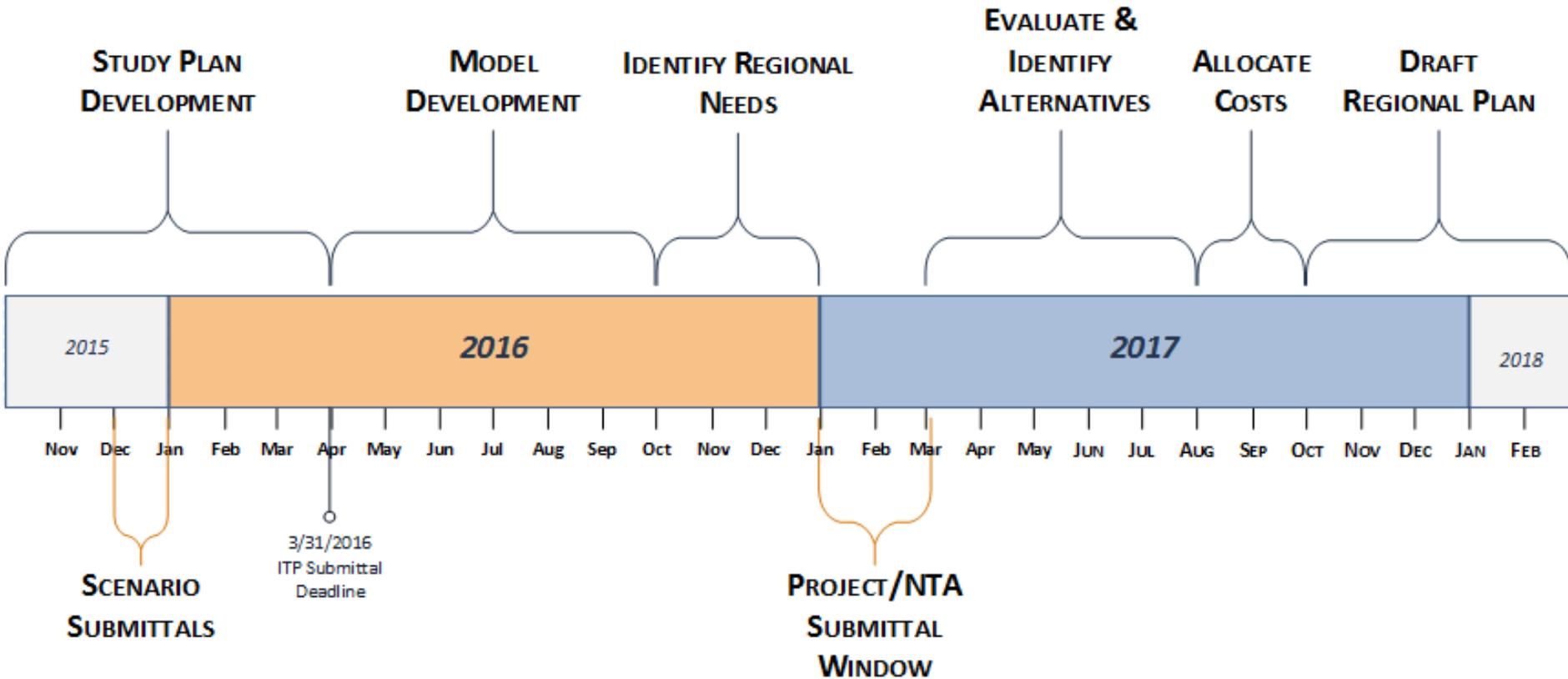
WestConnect Planning Region and Process Overview

- Biennial planning cycle
- Bottom-up planning process
- Reliability and economic modeling with public policy assessments
- Cost allocation for eligible projects is binding
- Public meetings
- Business Practice Manual is being finalized

PMC Membership as of 1/1/2016



2016-17 Planning Cycle Schedule



Interregional Transmission Project (ITP)

- Proponents of an Interregional Transmission Project for which WestConnect is a Relevant Planning Region (RPR) must submit the project to WestConnect by March 31, 2016
 - The project will be evaluated with regional alternatives submitted following the identification of WestConnect's 2016/2017 regional transmission needs at the end of Q4
- In second year of process WestConnect would initiate joint evaluation of ITP with other RPRs by March, 2017
 - By Q7, WestConnect will identify any ITPs initially selected by WestConnect for inclusion in its Regional Transmission Plan for the purposes of cost allocation
- Key decisions for ITP: regional need being met & cost allocation preference

Public Policy Planning

- Order 1000 planning process explicitly provides for consideration of public policy requirements
- **Enacted public policies** are reflected in planning base cases and transmission reliability and congestion issues driven by these policies *could* drive regional transmission needs
 - Public policies initially addressed in TOs local planning process and assumptions embedded in plans submitted to WestConnect
- **Non-enacted public policy** (i.e. proposed) considered through scenario planning process, as are enacted public policies with *significant implementation uncertainty*
- In- versus out-of-region public policies & planning scope



Thank You!

Additional Information Regarding the Regional
Planning Process can be Accessed at:
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