

Chapter 5 Consultation and Coordination

Table 5-1 provides a list of federal, State, and local agencies and organizations contacted during preparation of the EIS/EIR.

Table 5-1. EIS/EIR Information Contacts

Agency/Organization	Name and Title
Federal	
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, San Joaquin Valley Division	Thomas Leeman, Division Chief Hunter Kunkel, Biologist
State	
California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Regions 3 and 4	Annee Ferranti, Senior Environmental Scientist Jim Vang, Environmental Scientist Marcia Grefsrud, Environmental Scientist Craig Bailey, Environmental Scientist
California Department of Parks and Recreation, Central Valley District	Liz Stellar, District Services Manager Jack Harper Jess Cooper
California Geological Survey, Mineral Resources and Mineral Hazards Mapping Program	John Clinkenbeard, Mineral Hazards Supervisor and Senior Geologist
California Highway Patrol	Chuck Enterg, Officer
California Farm Bureau	Karen Mills, Public Utilities Director
Local and Other	
Merced County Community and Economic Development Department	James Holland, Senior Planner
Stanislaus County Planning and Community Development Department	Jami Aggers, Director Environmental Resources and Parks and Recreation
City of Tracy	Bill Dean, Assistant Development Services Director
San Joaquin Delta College, South Campus at Mountain House	Public Information Office

NHPA Section 106 Consultation

State Historic Preservation Officer

On November 3, 2014, Western sent a letter (Appendix H) to the California SHPO, Carol Roland-Nawi, to initiate consultation pursuant to Section 106 of the NHPA and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800 Protection of Historic Properties, regarding the Proposed SLTP Undertaking. Pursuant to 36 CFR 800.2(a)(2), Western is designated Lead Federal agency for the purposes of Section 106 consultation. Western is conducting ongoing consultation with the California SHPO and Office of Historic Preservation. This is in regard to the area of potential effects from the Proposed SLTP Undertaking, the nature and organization of future survey and evaluation, the eligibility of resources present within the corridors, and the resolution of any effects to eligible resources. The primary contacts within the Office of Historic Preservation are Jessica Tudor, Associate State Archaeologist in the Archaeology and Environmental Compliance Unit, and Kathleen Forrest, State Historian II in the Architecture and Environmental Compliance Unit.

Native American Consultation

By letter of January 22, 2014, Western contacted the Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) and requested a current contact list of all Native American groups who might have an interest in the Project area. Western also requested that NAHC conduct a search of their Sacred Lands file to determine the presence of any sacred sites or traditional cultural properties and landscapes within the APE. By letter of January 29, 2014, NAHC responded with a list of contacts and a negative result of the Sacred Lands search. By letter of March 3, 2014, Western contacted all Native American groups on the list provided by NAHC. Western received one response from the California Valley Miwok Tribe who stated they have no issues, but requested to be notified in the event of any inadvertent discoveries associated with Miwok artifacts and/or human remains. Another individual contacted Western with suggestions for mitigation measures if the SLTP would impact sites or areas important to Native Americans, specifically, the Miwok Tribe. Western will continue to keep all of the Tribal contacts informed of any changes to the Proposed SLTP Undertaking and will continue to be responsive to any future requests for consultation. The Proposed SLTP Undertaking does not cross tribal reservations or Native American Trust territories.