

SLTP BACKGROUND

Western Area Power Administration (Western) and the San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) are in the process of preparing a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed San Luis Transmission Project (SLTP). The proposed SLTP includes construction, operation, and maintenance of:

- A single-circuit 500-kV transmission line, about 65 miles long, terminating at the existing, expanded, or new substations in the Tracy and/or Los Banos areas.
- A 230-kV transmission line, about 3 miles long, connecting the San Luis Substation and the Los Banos Substation or new adjacent substation, and a 230-kV transmission line, about 20 miles long, connecting the San Luis Substation and the Dos Amigos Substation.
- A single-circuit 70-kV transmission line, about 7 miles long connecting the San Luis and the O'Neill Substations.
- Associated access roads, substation additions, expansions, and/or modifications.

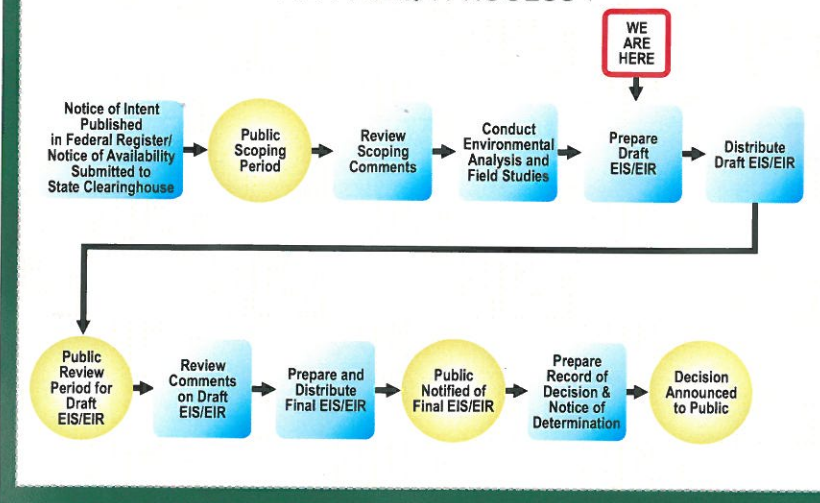
Refer to www.sltpeis-eir.com for additional information on the Proposed Project.

Why is the SLTP needed? Western's transmission contract with PG&E, under which power is transmitted over PG&E transmission lines between the San Luis Unit and Western's transmission system, will end in Spring 2016. The San Luis Unit is a key component in delivering federal water to central valley municipalities, industrial, and irrigation users. The SLTP is intended to minimize expected power transmission cost increases to schedule federal power to the San Luis Unit and to provide long-term cost-based transmission service that will enhance operational flexibility and reliability for the Federal electric and water systems.

SLTP EIS/EIR Timeline

Summer 2015	Draft EIS/EIR Published
	Public Hearings and Comment Period
Spring 2016	Final EIS/EIR
	Record of Decision/ Notice of Determination

NEPA/CEQA PROCESS



Since Newsletter #1 in May 2014, Western and the Authority have:

- Conducted environmental analysis and field studies on the Proposed Project and Alternatives
- Begun preparation of the Draft EIS/EIR

PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING SCOPING

Western and the Authority held two public meetings and received more than 80 comments during the 60-day scoping period, which ended in January 2014. These comments are summarized in the SLTP Scoping Report, which is available on the website. Based on the input received and additional analysis gathered as part of scoping, Western and the Authority have developed alternatives to be evaluated in the Draft EIS/EIR. The Draft EIS/EIR is anticipated to be published in Summer 2015.

BILLY WRIGHT ROAD ALTERNATIVE CORRIDOR IDENTIFIED

In addition to the existing proposed and alternative corridors, the Billy Wright Road Alternative Corridor will also be evaluated in the Draft EIS/EIR. The alternative corridor would connect the San Luis Substation to the Dos Amigos Substation. The northern portion of the new corridor runs adjacent to and east of the existing PG&E 500-kV transmission lines for approximately 9 miles. The southern portion runs west to east for approximately 4.5 miles to connect with the Proposed Project corridor.

Western and the Authority developed the Billy Wright Road Alternative Corridor to avoid the proposed Wright Solar Park and minimize conflicts with Agua Fria Village, a future community development project. This new corridor replaces the Jasper Sears Road Alternative Corridor.

Western and the Authority are also analyzing and evaluating voltage alternatives in the Draft EIS/EIR. See the Alternatives Screening Report for more details about the corridors and voltages on the SLTP website: (www.sltpeis-eir.com).

Questions?

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