

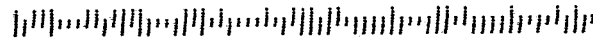
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San Luis Transmission Project

We Listened!

The San Luis Transmission Project Scoping Report and Alternatives Screening Report are available at www.sltpeis-eir.com.

The Scoping Report is a compilation of all the comments we received during scoping.

The Alternatives Screening Report details project alternatives.

SLTP BACKGROUND

What is the Proposed Project: 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 the:

- Tracy to Los Banos Substation 500-kV transmission line (approximately 62 miles long)
- Los Banos to San Luis Substation 230-kV transmission line (approximately 3 miles long)
- San Luis to O'Neill Substation 70-kV transmission line (approximately 5 miles long)
- San Luis to Dos Amigos Substation 230-kV transmission line (approximately 18 miles long)
- 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, and provide reliability and certainty for transmission of federal power to the San Luis Unit.

SCOPING PROCESS AND REPORT

The scoping process relies on public outreach and participation to identify issues and a range of actions, potential environmental effects, and mitigation that will be analyzed in the EIS/EIR. The 60-day scoping period ended on January 21, 2014. During the scoping process, Western received comments from individuals and landowners, organizations, and local, state, and federal agencies. These comments are summarized in the SLTP Scoping Report, which is available at www.sltpeis-eir.com.

ALTERNATIVES DEVELOPMENT

Western developed alternatives to address concerns raised by the public during scoping. The Alternatives Screening Report describes each alternative and the rationale for including or eliminating it from analysis. We will evaluate the alternatives, as described in the next section, in the EIS/EIR. Please visit the SLTP website (www.sltp.eis-eir.com) to see the Alternatives Screening Report for more details.

PROPOSED PROJECT AND ALTERNATIVES DESCRIPTIONS

Proposed Project Corridors

Tracy to Los Banos 500-kV Corridor. Tracy to Los Banos Substation 500-kV transmission line (approximately 62 miles long). Adjacent to and east of the existing transmission line corridor and along the east side of O'Neill Forebay.

Los Banos to San Luis 230-kV Corridor. Los Banos to San Luis Substation 230-kV transmission line (approximately 3 miles long). Adjacent to Gonzaga Road and on the south side of Highway 152.

San Luis to O'Neill 70-kV Corridor. San Luis Substation to O'Neill Substation 70-kV transmission line (approximately 5 miles long). Within the 500-kV and 230-kV corridors described above.

San Luis to Dos Amigos 230-kV Corridor. San Luis to Dos Amigos Substation 230-kV transmission line (approximately 18 miles long). Within the 230-kV corridor described above from the San Luis Substation on the south side of Highway 152 and passes adjacent to the Los Banos Substation, then south to the Dos Amigos Substation, adjacent to and east of the existing PG&E transmission line corridor crossing to the west of the existing PG&E transmission line corridor just south of the Los Banos Reservoir area.

SLTP EIS/EIR Timeline

January - March 2015	Draft EIS/EIR
	Public Hearings and Comment Period
September - December 2015	Final EIS/EIR
	Record of Decision/ Notice of Determination

Alternative Corridors

Patterson Pass to Horseshoe Road 500-kV Corridor. Deviates from the proposed Tracy to Los Banos 500-kV corridor at approximately Patterson Pass Road and extends south adjacent to and west of the existing transmission line corridor to approximately Horseshoe Road before rejoining the proposed corridor (approximately 50 miles long).

West of Cemetery 500-kV Corridor. Deviates from the proposed Tracy to Los Banos 500-kV Corridor at approximately Butts Road and extends around the west side of the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery to the San Luis Substation (approximately 7 miles long).

West of O'Neill Forebay 70-kV Corridor. San Luis Substation to O'Neill Substation 70-kV transmission line along west and north side of the O'Neill Forebay. (approximately 7 miles long).

Los Banos to Dos Amigos 230-kV Corridor. Los Banos Substation to north of Los Banos Reservoir 230-kV transmission line west of and adjacent to the existing PG&E transmission line corridor (approximately 6 miles long).

Jasper Sears Road 230-kV Corridor. Los Banos Substation to Dos Amigos Substation 230-kV transmission line along Jasper Sears Road adjacent to existing Western transmission line for approximately 9 miles then turns due east to rejoin the proposed corridor (approximately 14 miles long).

Voltage Alternatives

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