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Dear Reader:

The Western Area Power Administration (Western), Sierra Nevada Region (SNR) and the San Luis and Delta-Mendota Water Authority (Authority) announce the availability of on the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed San Luis Transmission Project (SLTP) (DOE/EIS-0496; State Clearinghouse No. 2013112059) located in Alameda, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, and Merced Counties. Western and the Authority prepared this document in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Western is the lead Federal agency and the Authority is the lead State agency for this action. The U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Reclamation and the California Department of Water Resources are cooperating agencies. The Final EIS includes a Draft Conformity Determination pursuant to Section 176(c) of the Clean Air Act.

The Final EIS/EIR and the Draft Conformity Determination can be accessed online at Western's SNR website or the SLTP website:

Western, SNR website: <https://www.wapa.gov/regions/SN/environment/Pages/san-Luis-transmission-project.aspx>
SLTP website: www.sltpeis-eir.com

Copies of the Final EIS/EIR, including the Draft Conformity Determination, are available for review at the following locations (call for hours of operation):

Tracy Library	Authority Headquarters
20 East Eaton Avenue	842 6th Street
Tracy, CA 95376	Los Banos, CA 93635
(209) 937-8221	(209) 826-9696

Printed copies can also be obtained upon request from Western.

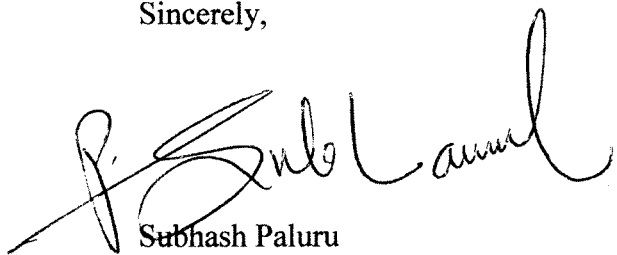
Please submit any comments you have on the Draft Conformity Determination during the next 30 days. Written comments can be provided by mail, fax, or e-mail listed below by April 25, 2016.

- Central Segment – Proposed Project
- San Luis Segment (500-kV) – Proposed Project
- San Luis Segment (70-kV) – Proposed Project
- South Segment – Billy Wright Road Alternative

Next Steps

The Authority will consider the Final EIR pursuant to CEQA and finalize its Notice of Determination if it decides to implement the Proposed Project. Following the 30-day comment period on the Draft Conformity Determination, Western will make a Final Conformity Determination and finalize the Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed project pursuant to NEPA. A notice of the Final Conformity Determination will be published within 30 days of rendering a final decision. If Western and the Authority decide to implement the SLTP, construction would commence in 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Subhash Paluru". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Subhash Paluru
Senior Vice President and
Sierra Nevada Regional Manager