

PROPOSED PROJECT

WESTERN AREA POWER ADMINISTRATION (WESTERN), UNDER THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, IS CONSIDERING ALTERNATIVES FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE.

▶ PROJECT

To construct, own, operate and maintain new transmission lines between Western's Tracy Substation and several key pumping and generating facilities of the Central Valley Project San Luis Unit.

▶ WHY IS THIS PROJECT NEEDED?

Western's transmission contract with PG&E, under which power is transmitted between Western's Tracy Substation and the San Luis Unit, will end in spring 2016. The San Luis Unit is a key component in delivering water for municipal, industrial and irrigation supply. The transmission lines, if constructed, would minimize expected power delivery cost increases for operating the San Luis Unit.

▶ WHO IS PROPOSING THIS PROJECT?

- **Western (National Environmental Policy Act [NEPA] Lead Agency):** Delivers federal power to federally-authorized projects, including the Central Valley Project.

▶ WHO ARE WESTERN'S PARTNERS?

- **Bureau of Reclamation (Cooperating Agency):** Owns, operates and manages the dams, power plants and canals of the Central Valley Project.
- **San Luis & Delta-Mendota Water Authority (California Environmental Quality Act [CEQA] Lead Agency):** A California joint powers agency that operates and maintains South of the Delta Central Valley Project facilities, including the San Luis Unit.

