

# Western issues Draft Environmental Impact Statement of proposed Trinity Public Utility District Direct Interconnection Project

## Public hearings set, comments invited

You are invited to review Western's draft environmental findings on the Trinity Public Utility District Direct Interconnection Project, proposed for Trinity County. We need your comments to ensure we've addressed all relevant issues and alternatives.

To help you understand the proposed project and the findings from our environmental analysis, Western will hold an open house Mar. 6 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Weaverville and Mar. 7 from 6 to 7 p.m. in Redding. A public hearing to receive comments will follow both sessions at 7 p.m.

Meeting facilities are wheelchair accessible. Please contact Western at **916-353-4549** if you need other accommodations to attend the open house or hearing.

Join us Mar. 6 or 7 to learn more about the environmental analysis and to share your comments.

### ► March 6

**Open house, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Public hearing, 7 to 9 p.m.**

Best Western Victorian Inn

1709 Main St.

Weaverville, Calif.

### ► March 7

**Open house, 6 to 7 p.m.**

**Public hearing, 7 to 9 p.m.**

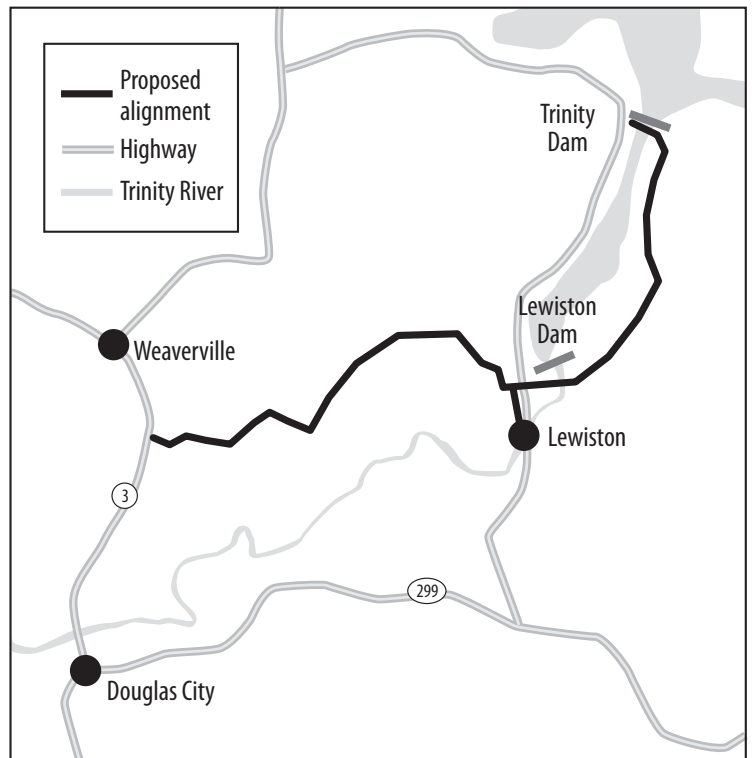
LaQuinta Inn

2180 Hilltop Drive

Redding, Calif.

Western has completed a draft environmental impact statement for a proposal to build transmission facilities near Weaverville, in Trinity County, Calif. The proposed Trinity County Public Utility District Direct Interconnection Project would remove about 5.3 miles of 12-kV distribution line and construct about 16 miles of new 60-kV transmission line, a tap structure and associated equipment as well as a new switchyard.

The Draft EIS is available for review at public libraries in Redding and Weaverville, Western's Sierra Nevada Region office in Folsom, Shasta-Trinity National Forest office in Redding, the Bureau of Land Management's Redding Field Office in Redding and the Bureau of Reclamation's Northern California Area Office in Shasta Lake.



## Specific issues studied, findings of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

Issues and concerns identified during scoping and addressed in the Trinity Public Utility District Direct Interconnection Project Draft EIS include:

- Air quality
- Biological resources
- Cultural resources
- Geology and soils
- Land use
- Noise
- Paleontological resources
- Public health and safety

- Socioeconomics and environmental justice
- Traffic and transportation
- Visual resources
- Water resources
- Wilderness and recreation

For each of the resource areas above, significant or potentially significant impacts would be mitigated to less than significant.

Four system alternatives and three main routing alternatives to the proposed project were examined but not considered

in detail for this EIS as they were found not to be economically viable, technically feasible, or were not reasonable. Because the proposed project would use an existing distribution line right of way and related access roads for over 5 miles, and would use existing access roads for most of the rest of its length, adverse effects would be minimized compared to constructing a new line in other locations.

The No Action Alternative appears to have the fewest overall environmental impacts; however, it does not meet Western's need for power system reliability.



## How can I receive a copy of the Draft EIS?

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You can request a copy of the Draft EIS, either in hard copy or CD format, by contacting:

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Locations where copies of the Draft EIS are available for review include:

- Shasta County Library  
Redding Branch  
1855 Shasta St.  
Redding, CA 96001
- Trinity County Library  
Weaverville Branch  
211 N. Main St.  
Weaverville, CA 96093
- Western Area Power Administration  
Sierra Nevada Region  
114 Parkshore Drive  
Folsom, CA 95603
- USDA Service Center  
Shasta-Trinity National Forest  
3644 Avtech Parkway  
Redding, CA 96002

- Bureau of Land Management  
Redding Field Office  
355 Hemsted Drive  
Redding, CA 96002
- Bureau of Reclamation  
Northern California Area Office  
16349 Shasta Dam Boulevard  
Shasta Lake, CA 96019

### To learn more about the project or to share your comments:

- Visit our Web site at <http://www.wapa.gov/transmission/intertrinity.htm>
- Attend the open house or public hearing
- Comment on the Draft EIS

**Send us your comments on the Draft EIS in writing by fax, mail or e-mail. Comments should be received by Mar. 26, 2007**

Please send comments by March 26 to:  
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