



**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT FOR
THE PROPOSED SAN LUIS RESERVOIR STATE RECREATION AREA
DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN/GENERAL PLAN**

Date: August 3, 2012

To: All Interested Agencies, Organizations, and Persons

The California Department of Parks and Recreation (known as California State Parks, or CSP) has directed the preparation of and intends to adopt an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area Draft Resource Management Plan/General Plan (RMP/GP), in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines. CSP is the lead agency for the proposed project under CEQA.

PROJECT LOCATION: San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area, near Gustine in Merced County.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT: The Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Federal lead agency, and CSP, as the CEQA State lead agency, have made available for public review and comment the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area Draft RMP/GP and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Revised Draft EIR. The document provides a program-level analysis of the potential environmental effects of the No Action Alternative and three (3) Action Alternatives. A public hearing will be held to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the Draft RMP/GP and Draft EIS/Revised Draft EIR.

The Draft RMP/GP was initially released with a Draft EIR on April 27, 2005. This Plan is being recirculated with a Draft EIS/Revised Draft EIR for NEPA and CEQA compliance.

PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD: The EIR is being circulated for public review and comment for a period of 60 days, from August 3, 2012, to October 5, 2012. Questions regarding the project should be directed to Ms. Elizabeth Steller at 22708 Broadway Street, Columbia, CA 95310-9400 or by email at lstel@parks.ca.gov.

Your views and comments on this project are welcomed. Written comments should be submitted no later than October 5, 2012, to:

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Copies may be reviewed online at http://www.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=22642 and at the following locations during normal business hours:

California State Parks, Four Rivers Sector Office
31426 Gonzaga Road, Gustine, CA 95322

Los Banos Library
1312 South 7th Street, Los Banos, CA 93635

Bureau of Reclamation, South-Central California Area Office
1243 N Street, Fresno, CA 93721

California State Parks, Northern Service Center
One Capitol Mall, Suite 410, Sacramento, CA 95814

Bureau of Reclamation, Mid-Pacific Region, Regional Library
2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825

Bureau of Reclamation, Denver Office Library
Building 67, Room 167, Denver Federal Center, 6th and Kipling, Denver, CO 80225

Natural Resources Library, U.S. Department of the Interior
1849 C Street NW, Main Interior Building, Washington, DC 20240-0001

PUBLIC MEETING: A public meeting to receive comments from individuals and organizations on the San Luis Reservoir State Recreation Area Draft RMP/GP and Draft EIS/Revised Draft EIR has been scheduled for August 23, 2012, 6:30 PM to 9:00 PM at the California State Parks Four Rivers Sector Office, 31426 Gonzaga Road, Gustine, CA 95322. Representatives from CSP will be present at this meeting and will be available to discuss the project overview, its potential environmental effects, and proposed mitigation.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION: A notice will be published in the Los Banos Enterprise, Merced Sun Star, and Modesto Bee on August 23, 2012.

