



Smith Road Tank

Public Scoping Meeting

May 8, 2025



Agenda

1. Scoping Purpose
Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources
2. Proposed Project Overview
Fernando Baez, Manager of Engineering
3. Environmental Review Process
Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources
4. Public Comments

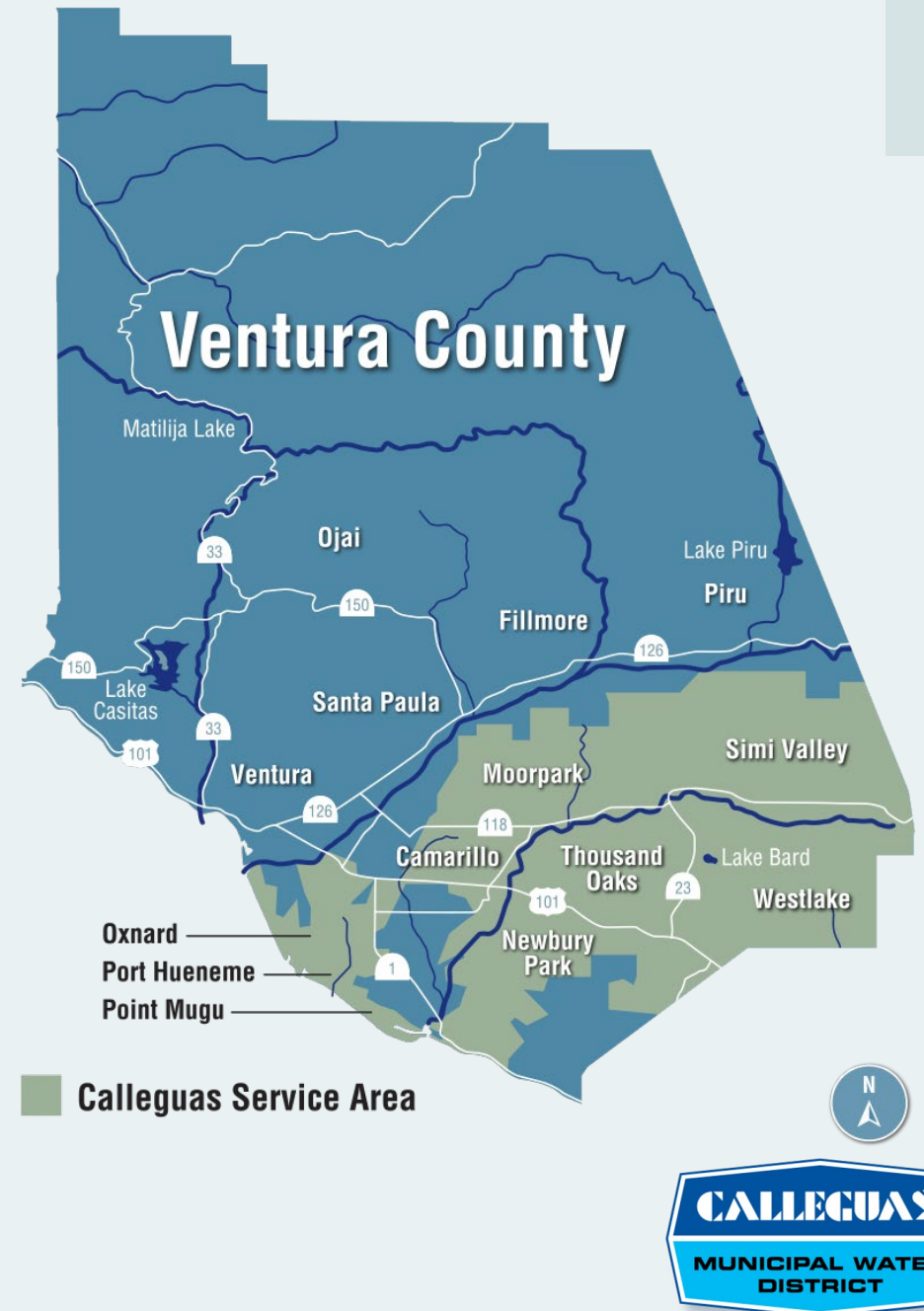
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- The scoping period marks the beginning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process for an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- Scoping allows the lead agency to:
 - Provide information about the Proposed Project
 - Outline the environmental review process and identify opportunities for public input
 - **Solicit public comments** on potential environmental impacts, mitigation measures, and project alternatives
 - Ensure the public has an opportunity to participate in the decision-making process

Calleguas Municipal Water District

- Formed in 1953 by local communities to develop supplemental water supplies
- Joined Metropolitan Water District of Southern California in 1960
- Supplies imported water to 19 retail water providers serving about 650,000 people
- Governed by a five-member elected board



Proposed Project Overview

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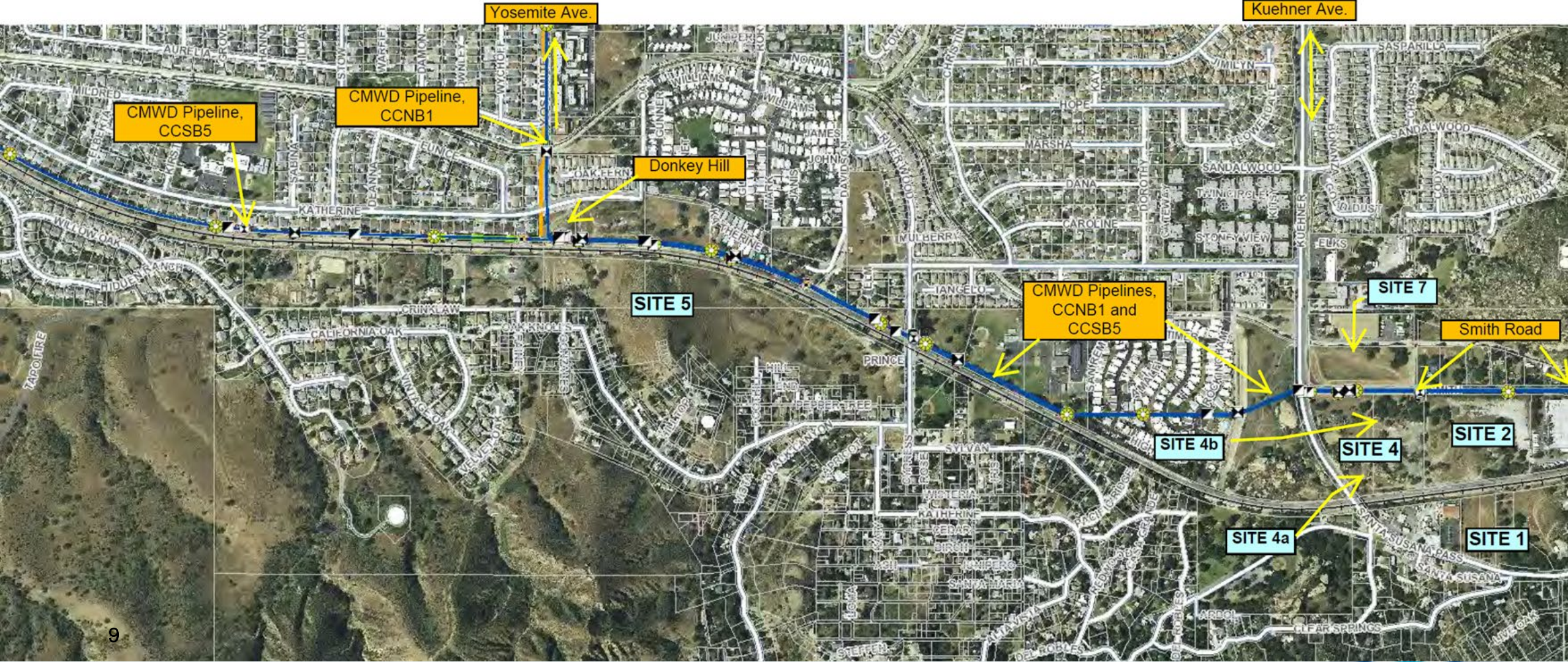
Project Objectives

- Meet the peak hourly demands in the Simi Valley region during short-term imported water supply outage conditions.
- Provide operational benefits and flexibility during normal and high demand conditions.
- Provide a reserve of water that can be used during supply interruptions, such as maintenance work, power outages, or natural disasters.
- Help maintain consistent water pressure throughout the distribution system.
- In case of emergencies, such as fires, provide local water storage for firefighting and other critical needs.

Tank Site Requirements

- Accommodate a 3.5-million-gallon tank
- Located near Calleguas's two large diameter pipelines (78- and 51-inch diameter)
- Bottom elevation of 1,096 feet to meet minimum pressures at nearby customer connections
- High water elevation of 1,136 feet to be able to fill by gravity from Metropolitan Water District connection and by pumping via Grandsen Pump Station

Site Evaluation and Selection Process



Site Evaluation and Selection Process

- Evaluate each site relative to:
 - Site access, features, and topography
 - Geophysical and geotechnical features
 - Right-of-way requirements
 - Environmental and community impacts
 - Impacts to sensitive resources
 - Construction and right-of-way cost
 - Cultural resources investigation

Proposed Project Location



Project Description

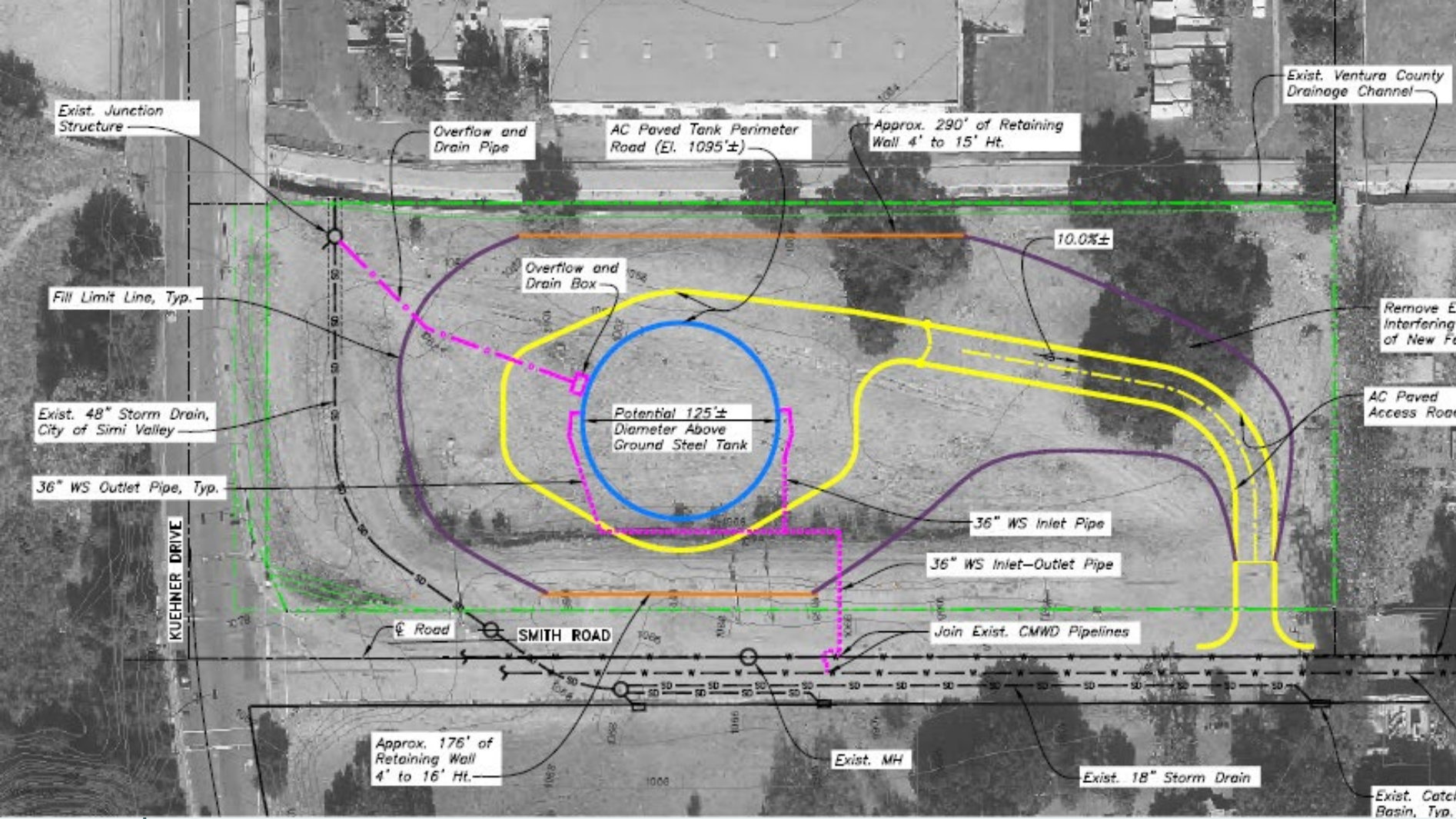
- Above-ground steel water storage tank
 - Capacity: 3.5 million gallons
 - 43 feet tall, 125-foot diameter
- Elevated pad to allow tank to operate by gravity without pumping
- Paved access road with driveway off of Smith Road
- Additional components: inlet and outlet pipelines, pipeline connections, overflow and drain pipes, above ground isolation valves, retaining walls, and cabinet(s) housing instrumentation and control components
- Landscaping and neutral paint color on tank



Project Construction

- Approximately 30 – 36 months
- Most construction activity would be Mon – Fri, between 7 am and 4:30 pm
- Nighttime work required for connections to Calleguas's large diameter pipelines in Smith Rd
 - This work requires a shutdown of the existing pipelines and would be performed continuously round-the-clock.
 - Approximately 2 weeks
- Work hours will be finalized during the encroachment permit process with the City of Simi Valley

ABOVE GROUND STEEL TANK FEATURES	
ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Storage Capacity	3.5± MG
Bottom Elevation	1096±
Maximum Water Depth and Elevation	40' (Depth), 1136' (Elev.)
Tank Diameter	125'
Tank Height at Center	46.91±



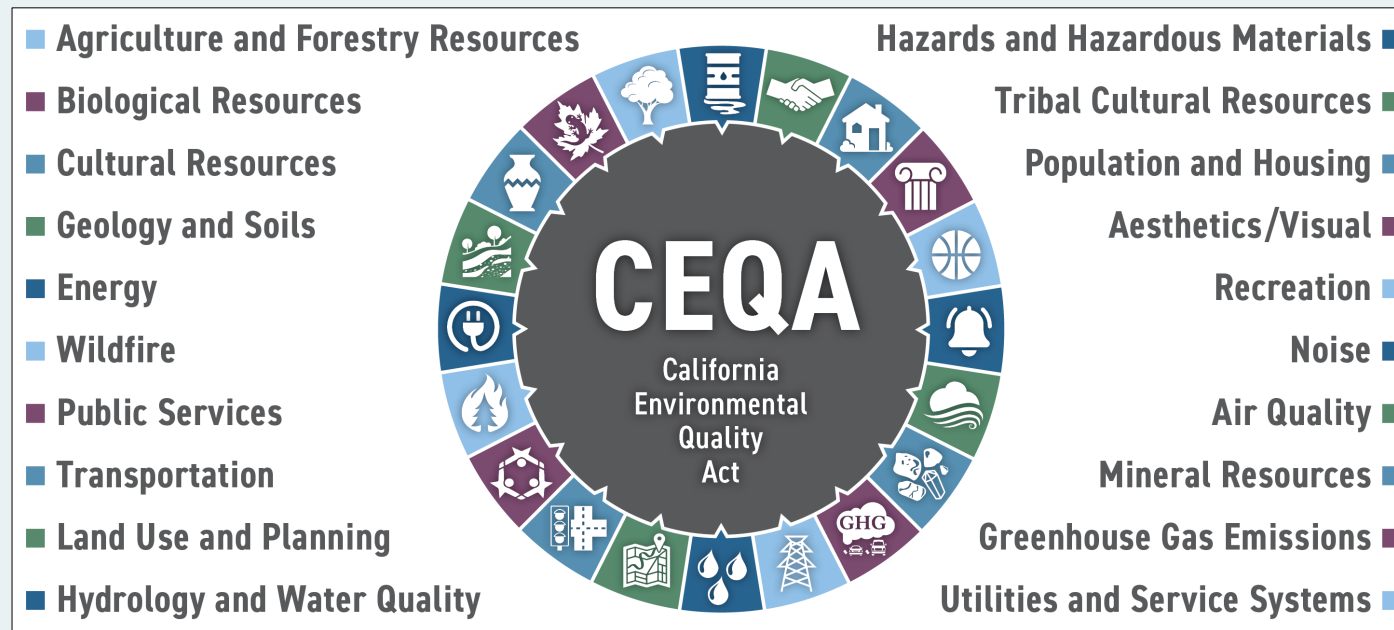
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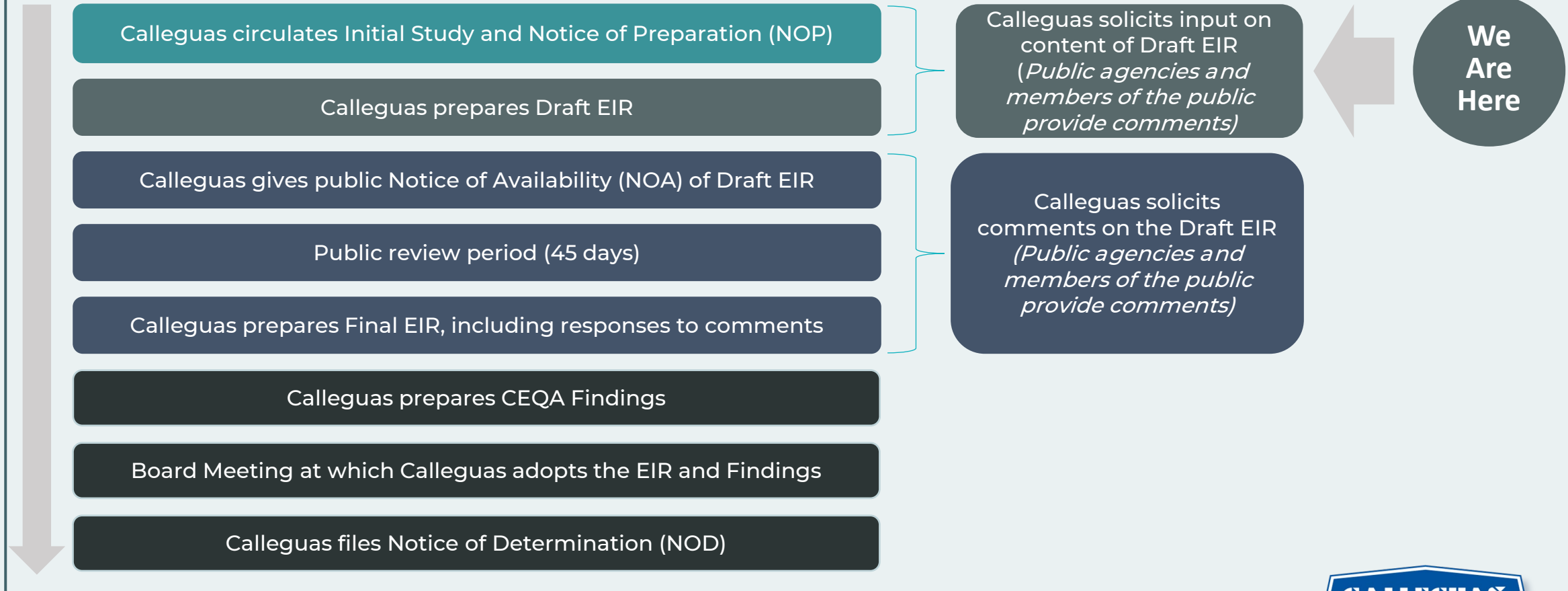
Environmental Review Process

CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act

- CEQA is a public disclosure and input process
- Intended to inform government decisionmakers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities and to prevent significant, avoidable environmental damage



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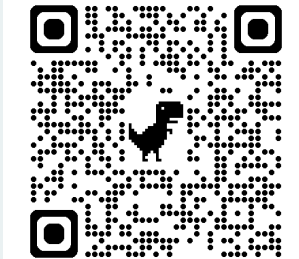


CEQA Environmental Analysis

The Initial Study for the project analyzed the following issue areas:

- Agriculture/Forestry
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Mineral Resources
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Wildfire

Available for review at: calleguas.com/transparency/environmental-documents



CEQA Environmental Analysis

The EIR for the project will analyze the following issue areas:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

CEQA Environmental Analysis

EIR Structure:

- Introduction and Summary
- Project Description
- Setting, Impacts, and Mitigation
- Alternatives
- Other Impacts



Each topic area includes:

- Environmental Setting
- Potential Impacts (project and cumulative)
- Mitigation Measures (where potential significant impacts are identified)

How to Provide Scoping Comments



- Provide oral comments this evening



- Submit written comments by May 30, 2025



- We invite your scoping comments on:
 - *Environmental issues* to be evaluated in the EIR
 - *Mitigation measures* to reduce or avoid impacts
 - *Alternatives* to the Proposed Project to be considered

Written Comments on EIR Scope

Submit written comments by **Friday, May 30, 2025**

- Via mail or email to:

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