



# Smith Road Tank

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Draft EIR Public Workshop

July 9, 2026



# Agenda

1. Introduction

*Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources*

2. Proposed Project Overview

*Fernando Baez, Manager of Engineering*

3. Environmental Review Process and Findings

*Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources*

4. Public Comments

# Introduction

# Purpose of This Workshop

Tonight's workshop is your opportunity to learn about and comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Smith Road Tank.

Under the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)**, a public agency must analyze the potential environmental effects of a proposed project before making a decision to approve the project. This Draft EIR presents those findings and proposed measures to reduce significant impacts.



# What Happens Tonight

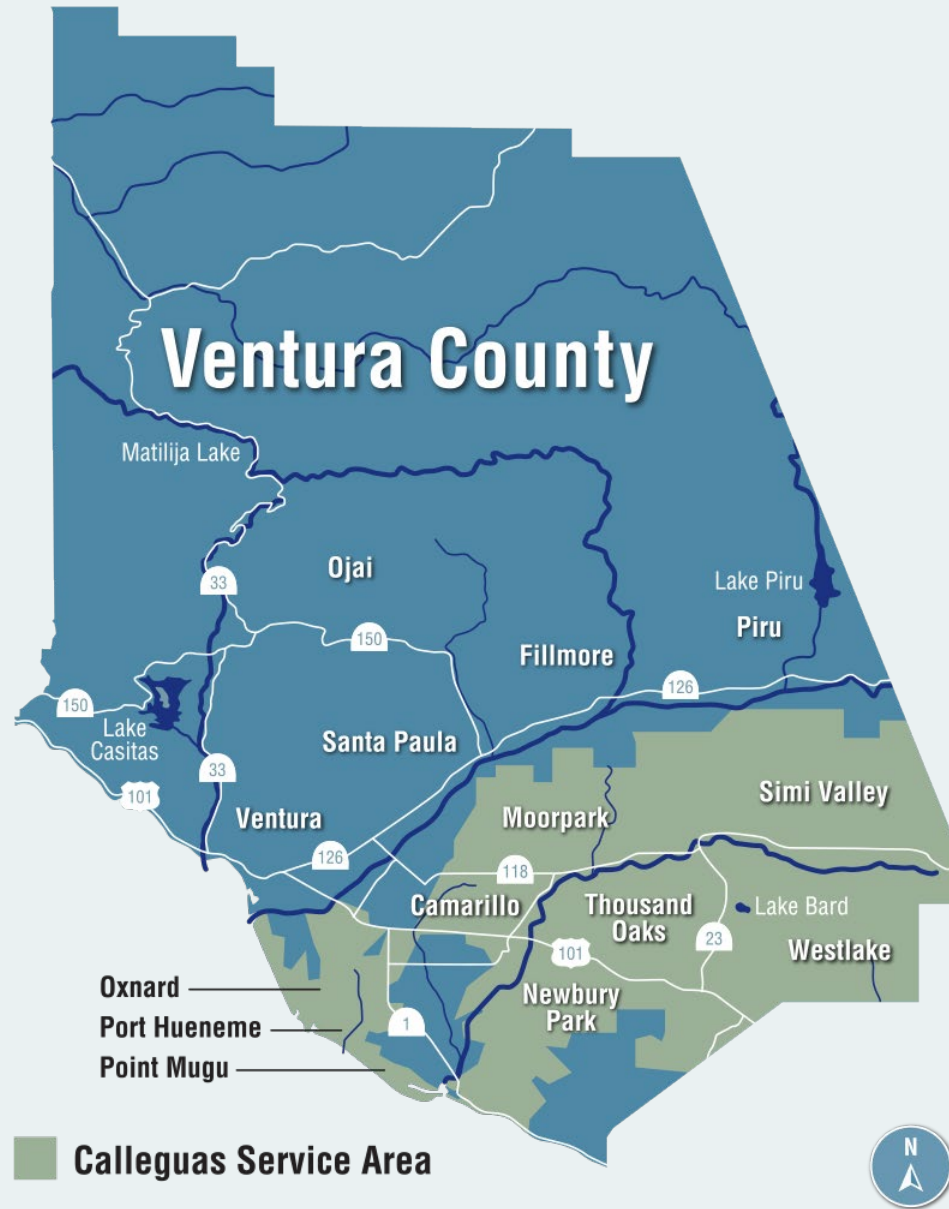
- Hear a **summary** of the project description and key environmental findings
- Learn about **proposed mitigation measures** designed to reduce environmental impacts
- Ask **questions** and gain a better understanding of the analysis
- Submit **oral comments** that will be included in the public record

# Your Comments Matter

- The public review period for the Draft EIR is open through **August 11, 2026**.
- All comments received — oral and written — will be addressed in the Final EIR.

*This workshop is informational. No decisions will be made tonight.*

# 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 over 615,000 people
- Governed by a five-member elected board

# Proposed Project Overview

Smith Road Tank

# 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 reliable 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, while minimizing long term electricity demands and maintenance.
- In case of emergencies, such as fires, provide an immediate source of water 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



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# 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 – 35 feet above ground surface



# Project Description

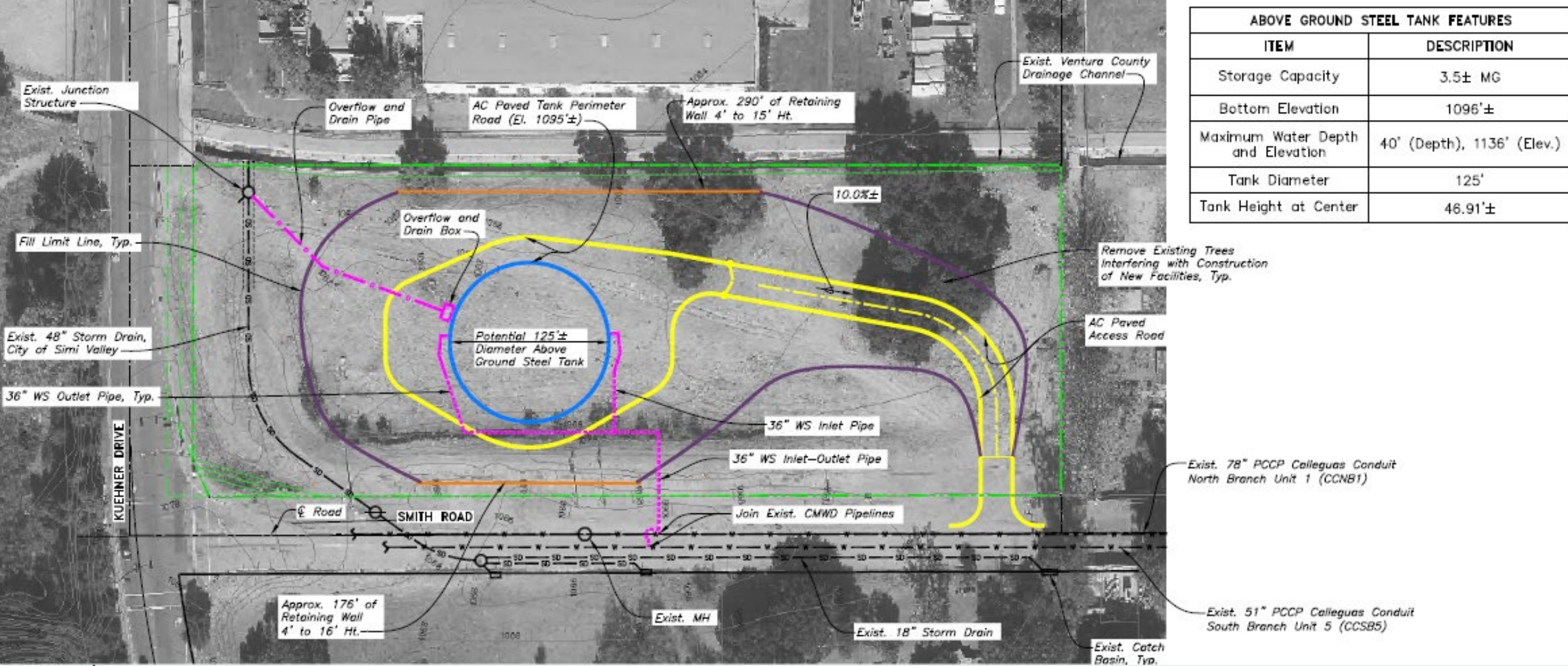
- Paved access road with driveway off of Smith Road
- Additional components: inlet and outlet pipelines, pipeline connections, overflow and drain pipes, above ground isolation valves, retaining walls, and cabinet(s) housing instrumentation and control components
- Landscaping and neutral paint color on tank



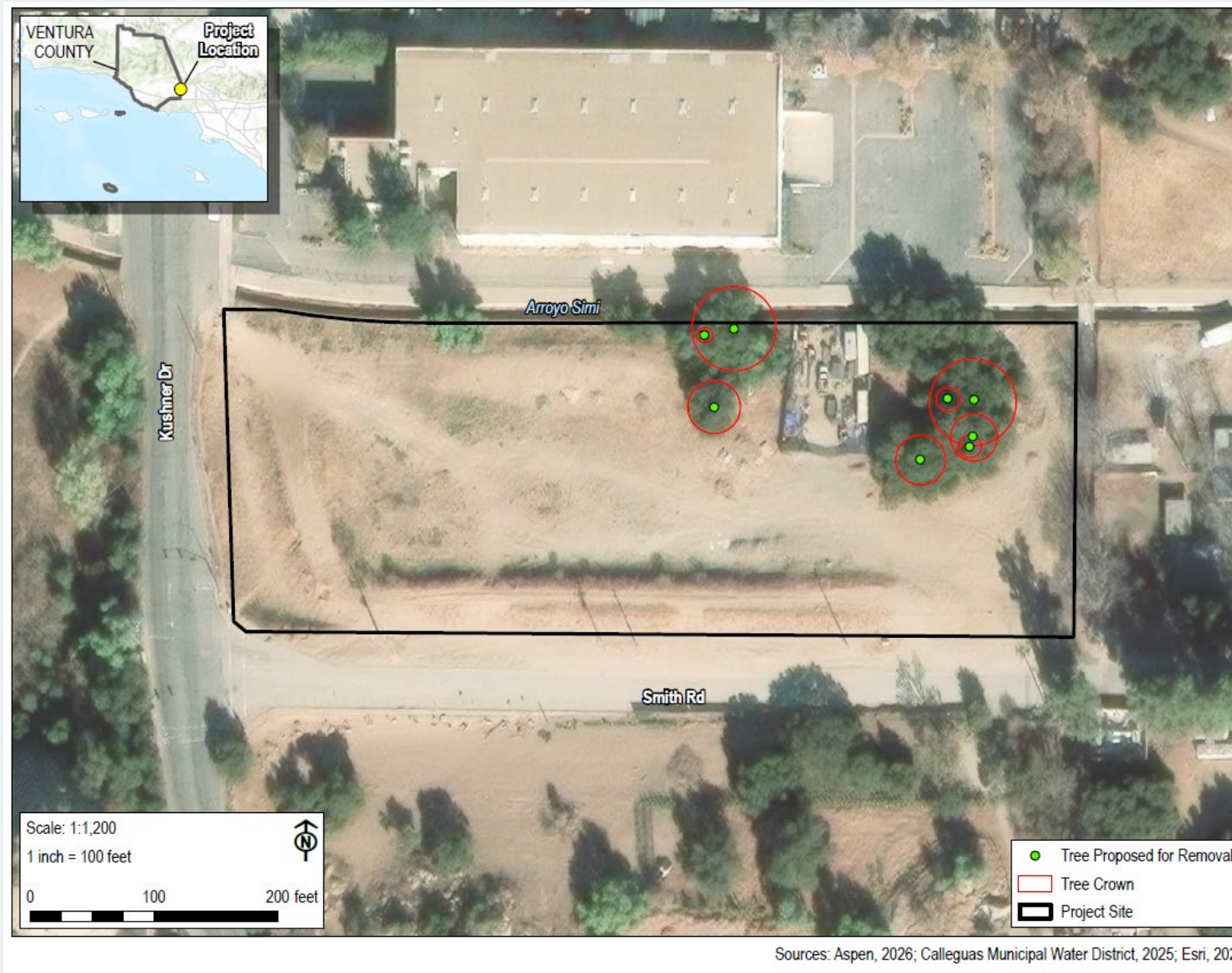
# Project Construction

- Approximately 30 – 36 months
- Most construction activity would be Mon – Fri, between 7:00 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





# Proposed Project

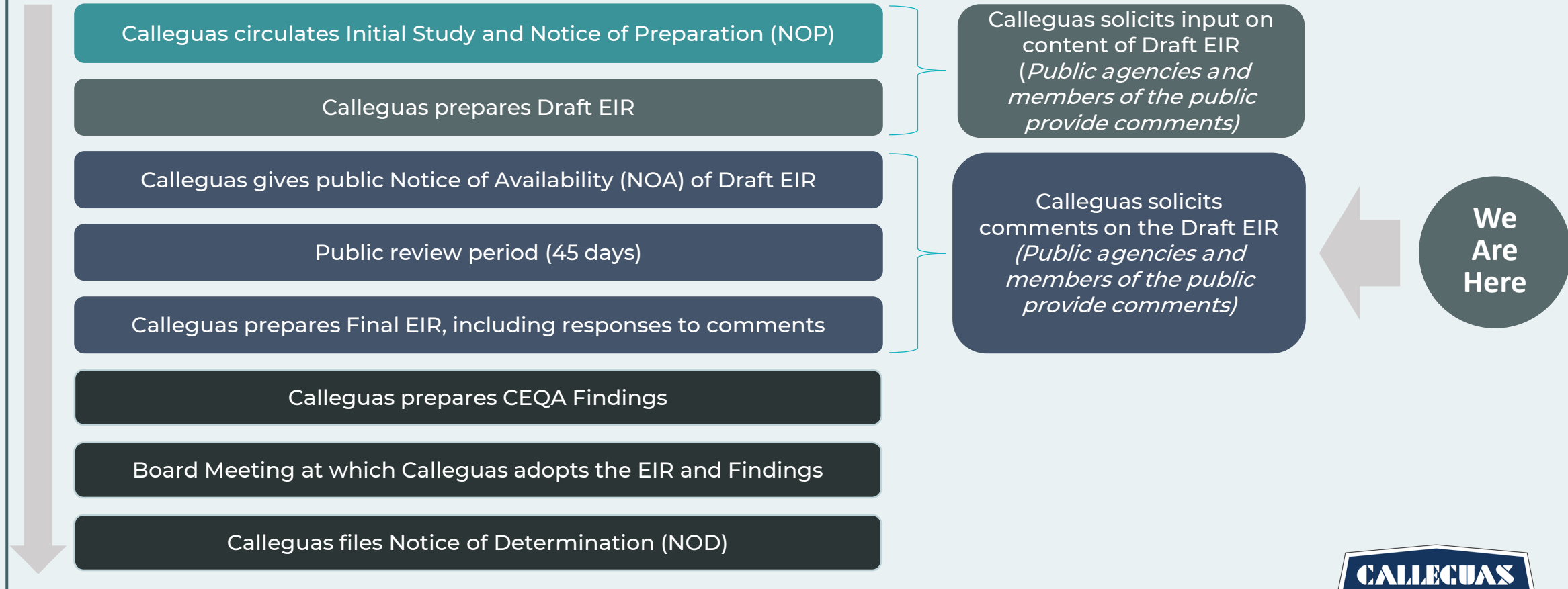


# Proposed Tree Removals

# Environmental Review Process



# CEQA: California Environmental Quality Act



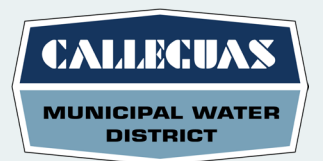
# CEQA Environmental Analysis



The Initial Study for the project analyzed the following issue areas and found no impacts or less than significant impacts:

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

Available for review at: [calleguas.com/transparency/environmental-documents](https://calleguas.com/transparency/environmental-documents)



# CEQA Environmental Analysis

The Draft EIR for the project analyzed 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
- Anticipated Impacts (project and cumulative)
- Mitigation Measures (where potential significant impacts are identified)

# Draft EIR Findings

- **Aesthetics:** Significant and unavoidable impacts
  - *The tank will be visible from surrounding areas; no feasible mitigation fully eliminates this impact.*
- **Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Tribal Cultural Resources:** Less than significant with mitigation
  - *Pre-construction surveys and monitoring reduce impacts to sensitive species and cultural/tribal resources to less than significant.*
- **Noise and Hazards & Hazardous Materials:** Less than significant with mitigation
  - *Nighttime construction noise reduction measures and standard hazardous materials handling reduce impacts to less than significant.*
- **Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** less than significant with no mitigation required



# Mitigation Measures Summary

## *Aesthetics and Biological Resources*

| Issue Area           | Mitigation Measure                       | Summary                                                                                      |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Aesthetics           | AES-1: Landscaping and Site Fencing Plan | Screening vegetation, non-flammable decorative fencing, maintenance program, 5-yr monitoring |
| Biological Resources | BIO-1: BEAT Training Program             | Pre-work training on sensitive species, regulations, and site protocols                      |
|                      | BIO-2: Pre-Construction Surveys          | Biologist survey for special-status species before clearing; avoid/relocate as needed        |
|                      | BIO-3: Wildlife Avoidance Measures       | Work-area limits, lighting/noise controls, secured excavations, on-call project biologist    |
|                      | BIO-4: Nesting Bird Avoidance            | Pre-construction surveys and buffers around active nests                                     |
|                      | BIO-5: Oak Tree Protection               | Arborist report, protective fencing, root/limb protection for impacted oak trees             |

# Mitigation Measures Summary

## *Cultural Resources, Tribal Resources, Hazards, and Noise*

| Issue Area                | Mitigation Measure                      | Summary                                                                                                                                  |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Cultural Resources        | CUL-1: CARE Training Program            | Archaeological/Tribal sensitivity training for all crew prior to ground disturbance                                                      |
|                           | CUL-2: Unanticipated Discovery          | If found, stop work in immediate vicinity and consult archaeologist and Native American monitors                                         |
| Tribal Cultural Resources | TCR-1: Native American Monitoring Plan  | FTBMI/GTIOC monitors on-site; monitoring and mitigation plan for ground disturbance                                                      |
|                           | TCR-2: Unanticipated Discovery (Tribal) | Treatment/disposition plan with Tribes; If found, stop work in immediate vicinity and consult archaeologist and Native American monitors |
| Hazards                   | HAZ-1: Soil Management Procedures       | Safe storage/disposal protocols                                                                                                          |
| Noise                     | NOI-1: Nighttime Noise Reductions       | Noise reduction measures, notice to neighbors, complaint hotline                                                                         |

# How to Provide Comments on the Draft EIR



- Share your comments verbally during the public comment period this evening



- Submit written comments by August 11, 2026



- All comments received during the public review period will be compiled and formally addressed in the Final EIR

# Written Comments on the Draft EIR

Submit written comments by **Tuesday, August 11, 2026**

- Via mail or email to:

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# Oral Comments on Draft EIR

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# Public Comments

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