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The background of the slide is a scenic landscape photograph. It shows a wide, shallow body of water, possibly a marsh or a reservoir, with tall grasses and reeds growing along the banks. In the distance, there are rolling hills and mountains under a clear sky. The overall scene is peaceful and natural.

## Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water System and District Boundary Adjustment Project

Draft EIR Public Meeting

# Meeting Outline + Logistics

**Presentation:** First +/- 30 minutes

*Participants are muted*

**Public Comments:** Remainder of meeting

*Participants will comment using the in-meeting chat*

**Entire meeting will be recorded and posted on District website**

# Introductions

**David Stoldt** – General Manager

**David Laredo** – General Counsel

*Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (District)*

**Jennifer Haddow** – Principal Environmental Scientist

**Megan Jones** – Project Manager

**Ashley Quackenbush** – Assistant Project Manager

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# Meeting Outline

**Introduction**

**Proposed  
Project  
Overview**

**Enviro.  
Review  
Process**

**Summary  
of DEIR**

**Public  
Comments  
on DEIR**

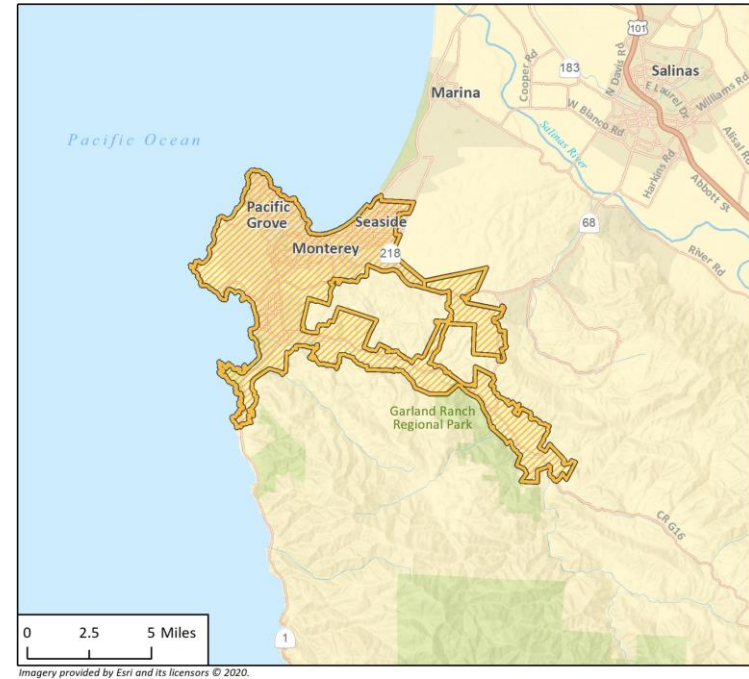
- Enviro Issues
- EIR Adequacy

# Introduction



# Proposed Project

- Potential acquisition of the Monterey Water System (MWS)
  - Currently owned by California American Water (CalAm)
  - ~55-square miles & 40,000 connections
  - Main System, Bishop, Hidden Hills, Ryan Ranch
  
- Does not include CalAm's Central Satellites
  - Ralph Lane, Ambler, Toro, Chualar, and Garrapata



Monterey Water System

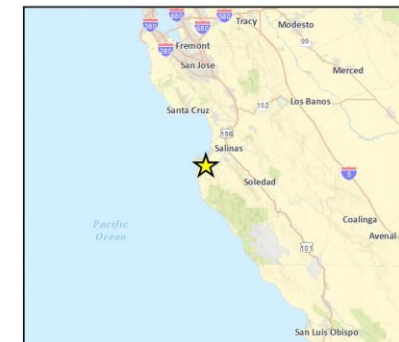
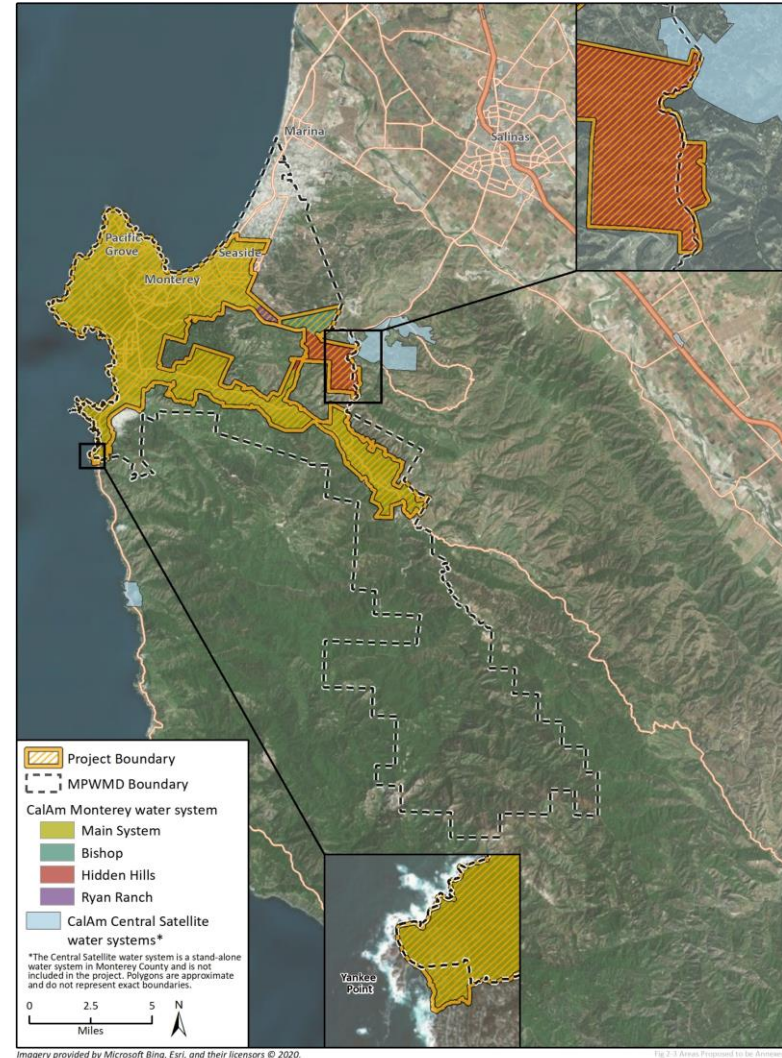


Fig. 2 Regional Context

# Annexation Areas

- Majority of water system within District boundary
- Only 2 areas outside District boundary
  - ~33 residential connections at Yankee Point
  - ~10 residential connections in Hidden Hills



# Project Background – Measure J

## Measure J Passes

- Nov. 2018
- Directed District to conduct feasibility study

## Listening Sessions

- Jan. 2019
- District received input on the enactment of Rule 19.8

## Plan

- Aug. 2019
- District General Manager releases a plan to pursue public ownership

## Feasibility Study

- Oct. 2019
- “A Preliminary Valuation and Cost of Service Analysis Report”

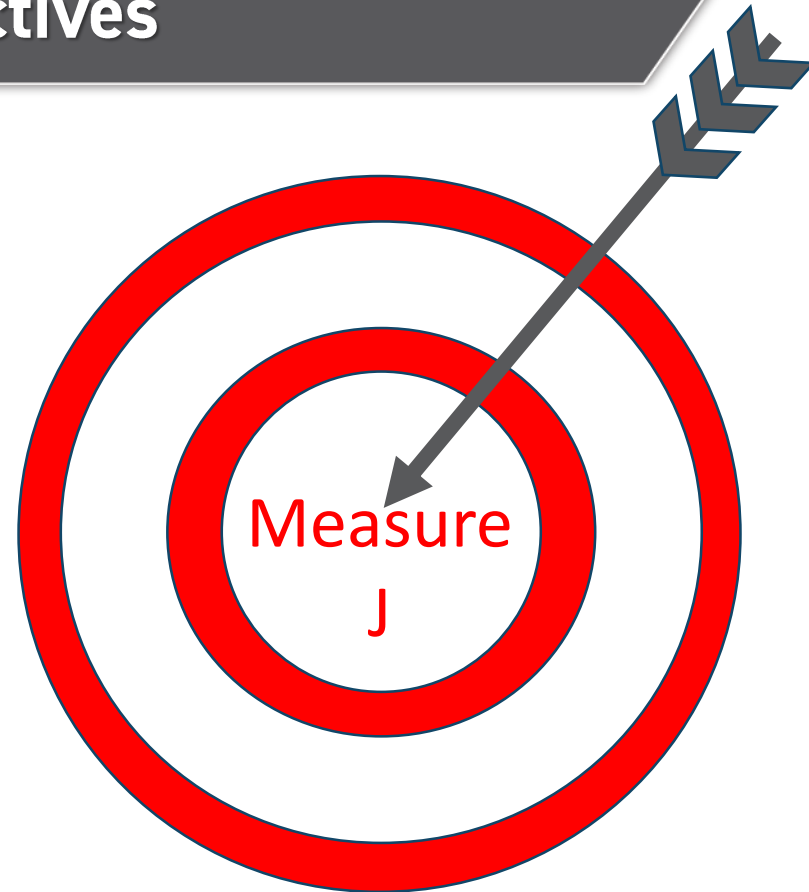
## Workshop on Feasibility Study

- Nov. 2019
- District received public input on feasibility study



# Project Purpose and Objectives

- Underlying purpose is for District to acquire, operate, and maintain the MWS
  - Includes planned but not yet constructed facilities
- Objectives are to implement the Purpose approved by the electorate in Measure J



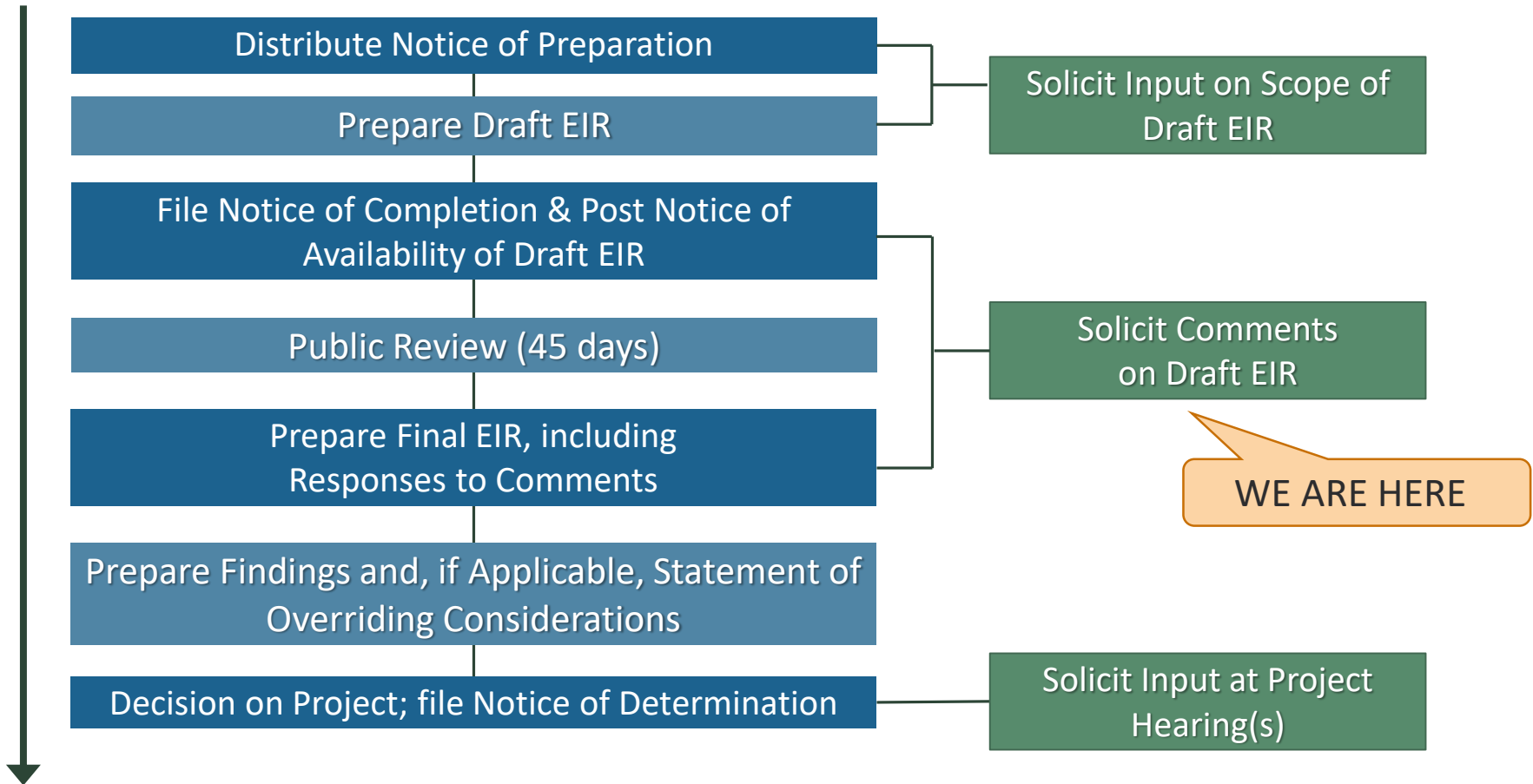
# Environmental Review Process



# Purpose and Requirements of CEQA

- CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act
- Inform decision-making
- Disclose potentially significant environmental impacts
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental impacts (mitigation measures)
- Consider alternatives
- Foster public participation and interagency coordination

# Purpose and Requirements of CEQA



# Summary of Draft EIR



# CEQA Issue Areas

Aesthetics

Air Quality

Biological Resources

Cultural Resources

Energy

Geology and Soils

Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Hazards and Hazardous Materials

Hydrology and Water Quality

Land Use and Planning

Noise

Population and Housing

Public Services

Recreation

Transportation

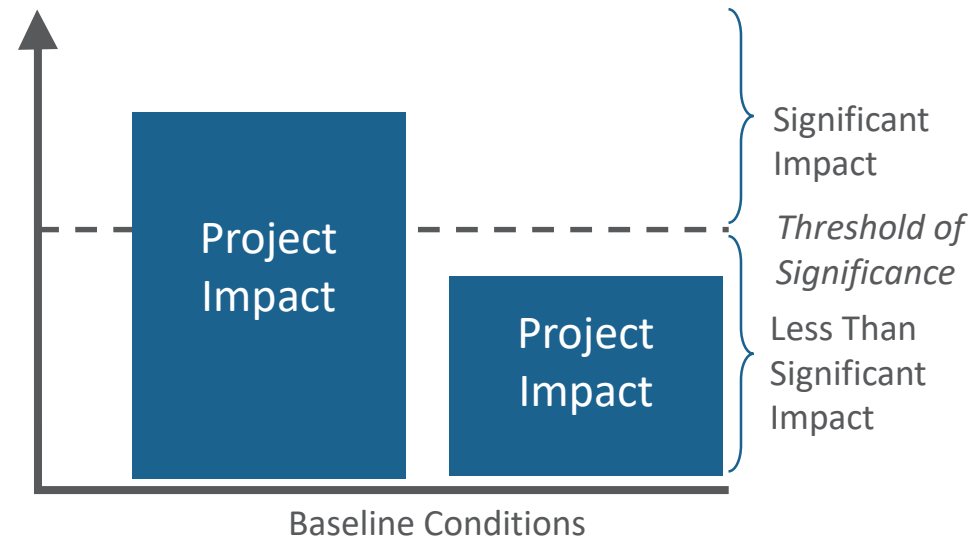
Tribal Cultural Resources

Utilities and Service Systems

Wildfire

# Environmental Impact Analysis

- Impacts identified per CEQA Guidelines and regulations
- Mitigation measure(s) avoid or reduce impacts to below thresholds
- Impact determinations:
  - Less than significant
  - Less than significant with mitigation
  - Significant and unavoidable



# Summary of Project Impacts

- Draft EIR Table ES-1
- 12 impacts identified
  - 10 less than significant
  - 2 less than significant with mitigation
  - 0 significant and unavoidable



## Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water System and District Boundary Adjustment

Draft Environmental Impact Report

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Monterey, California 93940  
Contact: David Stoldt, General Manager

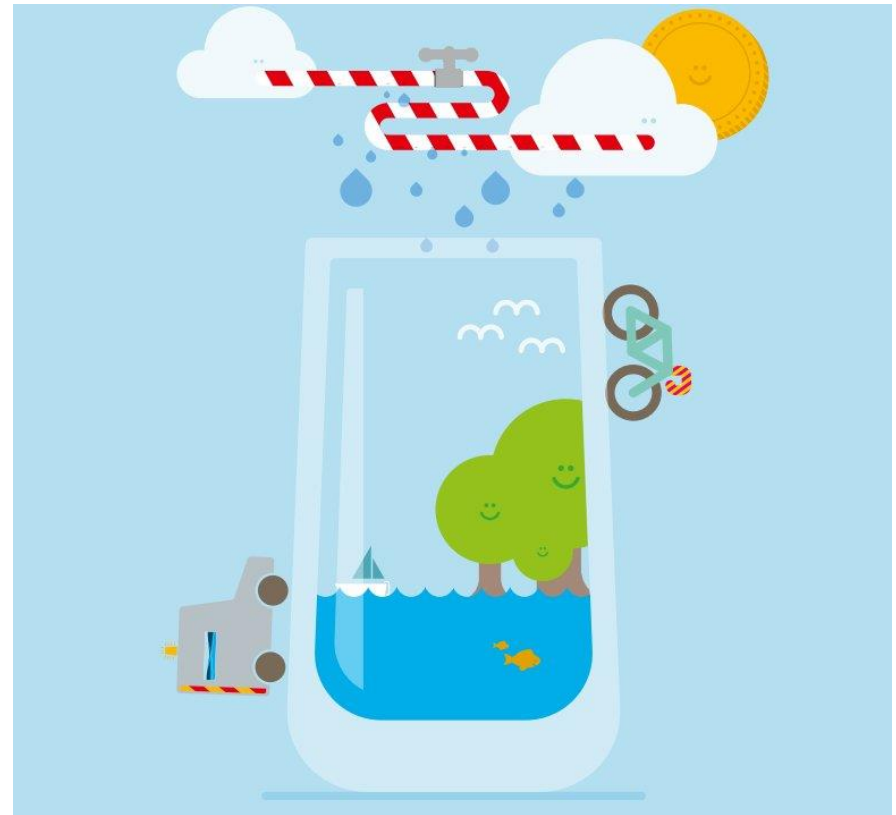
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# EIR Issue Areas

- Issues analyzed in detail:
  - Air Quality
  - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
  - Hydrology and Water Quality
  - Noise
  - Transportation
  - Utilities and Service Systems



# Vehicle Miles and GHGs

- Increase in VMT due to:
  - Potential duplication of trips
  - Increase in employees
- Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan
  - To reduce increase in GHG emissions to net zero

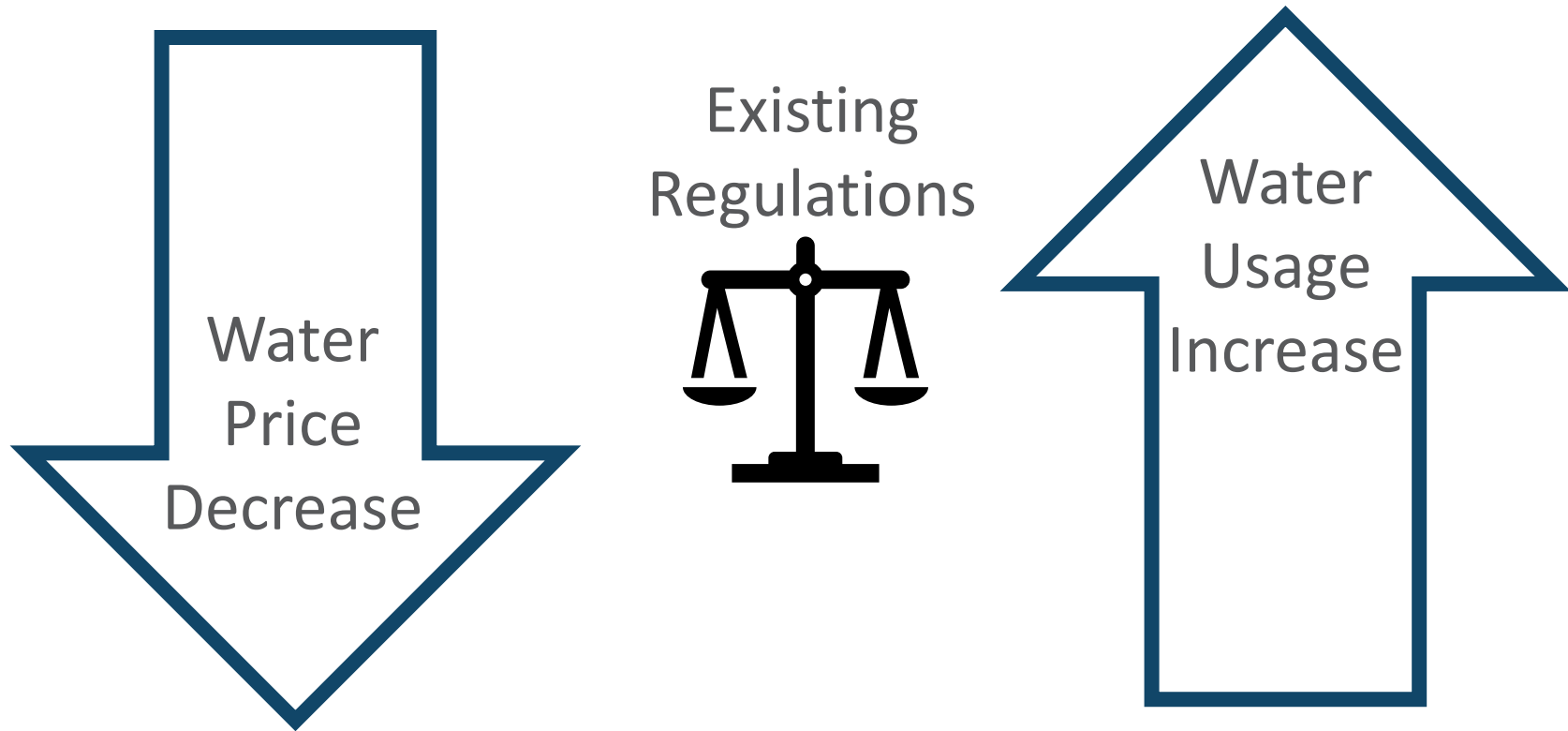


# Air Quality, Noise & Transportation

- Increase in vehicle trips would:
  - Increase air emissions
  - Increase roadway noise
  - Result in transportation impacts
- However, increase would be incremental
  - All these impacts would be less than significant
- Operation and maintenance would remain the same



# Water Supply & Demand



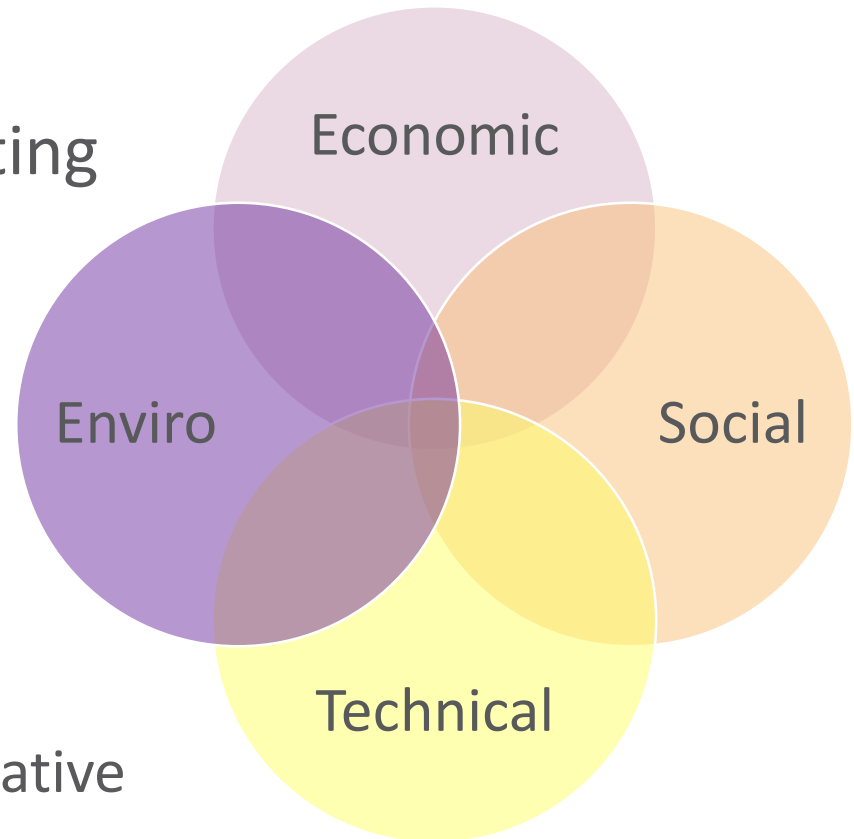
# Growth Inducement

- No impact to population growth
  - May have beneficial impact to economy
- Increase in 12 employees
  - Likely hired locally
- Annexation would not remove an obstacle to growth
  - Project does not allow new development



# EIR Alternatives

- Avoid or substantially lessen significant effects, while meeting project objectives
- No significant unavoidable effects
- Alternative considered but rejected
  - District acquires all assets alternative
  - Would not meet project objectives



# Alternatives Evaluated in EIR

Alternative	Outcome
#1. No Project	Acquisition would not occur
#2. No Boundary Adjustment	Areas outside the District would not be annexed
#3. Private Third-Party Operator Alternative	District hires contractor for services
#4. No Boundary Adjustment & Private Third-Party Operator Alternative	Combination of 2 and 3, areas not annexed and contractor for services

# Comparison of Alternatives

ISSUE	PROPOSED PROJECT IMPACT CLASSIFICATION	ALT 1: NO PROJECT	ALT 2: NO BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT	ALT 3: THIRD- PARTY CONTRACTOR	ALT 4: NO BOUNDARY ADJUSTMENT AND THIRD-PARTY CONTRACTOR
<b>Air Quality</b>	Less Than Significant	+	=	=	=
<b>Greenhouse Gas Emission</b>	Less Than Significant with Mitigation	+	=	=	=
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	Less Than Significant	=	=	=	=
<b>Noise</b>	Less Than Significant	+	=	=	=
<b>Transportation</b>	Less Than Significant	+	=	=	=
<b>Utilities and Service Systems</b>	Less Than Significant	=	=	=	=
<b>Growth Inducement</b>	Less Than Significant	=	=	=	=



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# Next Steps

- Deadline for comments on Draft EIR

August 3, 2020 at 5:00 PM

- Final EIR (Response to Comments)

August – September 2020

- Final EIR Hearing(s)

September – October 2020



# We Welcome Your Comments

- EIR is available here: <https://www.mpwmd.net/resources/measure-j-information/>
- Environmental issues and EIR adequacy
- To ensure comments are accurately captured please submit a written comment for the record
- Direct written comments to:
  - David Stoldt, General Manager
  - Monterey Peninsula Water Management District
  - 5 Harris Court, Building G
  - Monterey, CA 93940
  - comments@mpwmd.net
- Comments due:  
**Monday, August 3, 2020 @ 5:00 PM**

# Public Comments

