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Potential Acquisition of Monterey Water Supply and District Boundary Adjustment Project

Scoping Meeting

Meeting Outline + Logistics

Presentation: First +/- 30 minutes

Participants are muted

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



Fran Farina – Deputy 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
& Meeting
Purpose**

**Proposed
Project
Overview**

**Environmental
Review
Process**

Scoping

Comments

Introduction

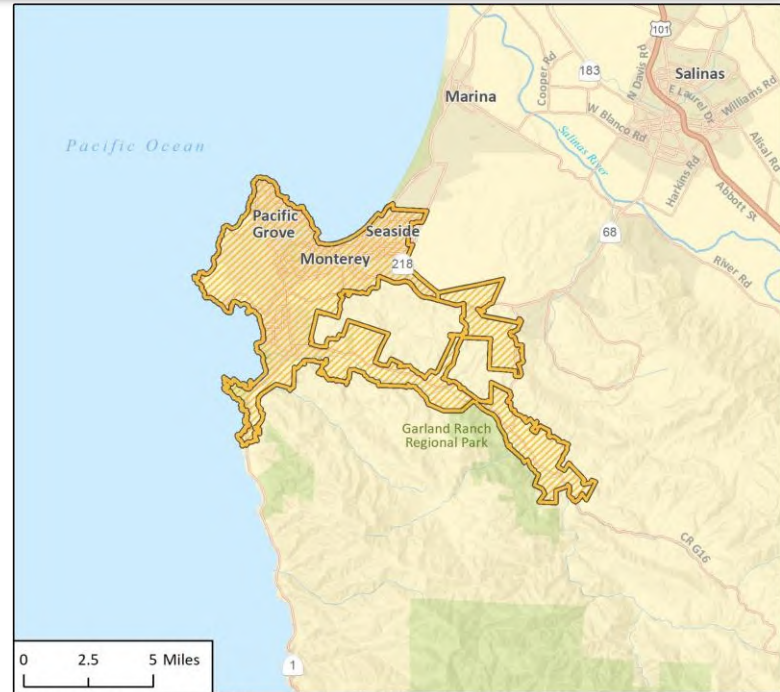


Scoping Meeting Purpose

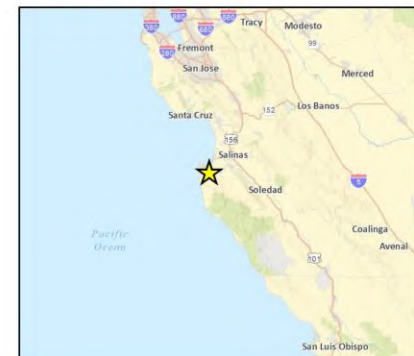
- Inform the community and agencies about the proposed project and the EIR
- Solicit input regarding the EIR scope
- Gather ideas for alternatives to the proposed project
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input

Proposed Project

- Potential acquisition of the Monterey Water System
 - Currently owned by California American Water (CalAm)
- Includes a boundary adjustment for areas outside the District



Project Boundary



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

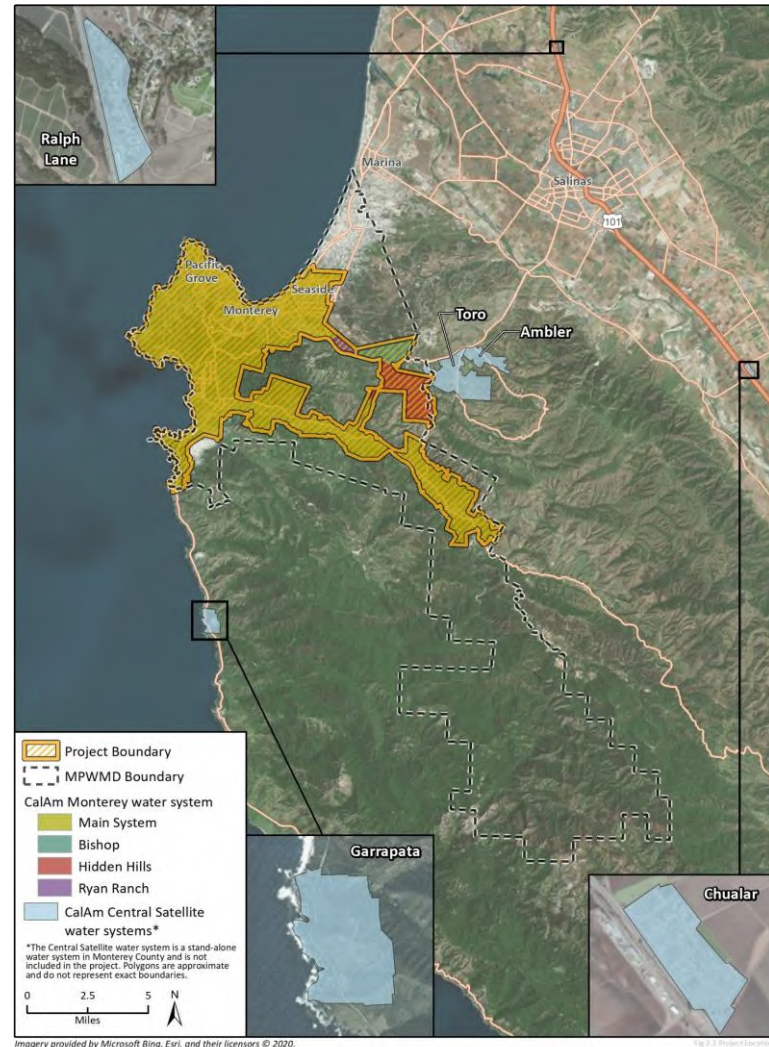
- Underlying purpose is for District to acquire, operate, and maintain the MWS
- Objectives are to implement the Purpose approved by the electorate in Measure J

Measure J Purpose Statement

“to ensure the long-term sustainability, adequacy, reliability, cost-effectiveness and quality of water service within the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District area, to lower the cost of service to ratepayers, to promote and practice sustainable water management measures, and to establish public ownership of water system assets by establishing regulations requiring the District to take affirmative action, to the extent financially feasible, to acquire the water system assets owned and operated by the California American Water Company that currently provide water service to the District and its ratepayers.” – Measure J Purpose

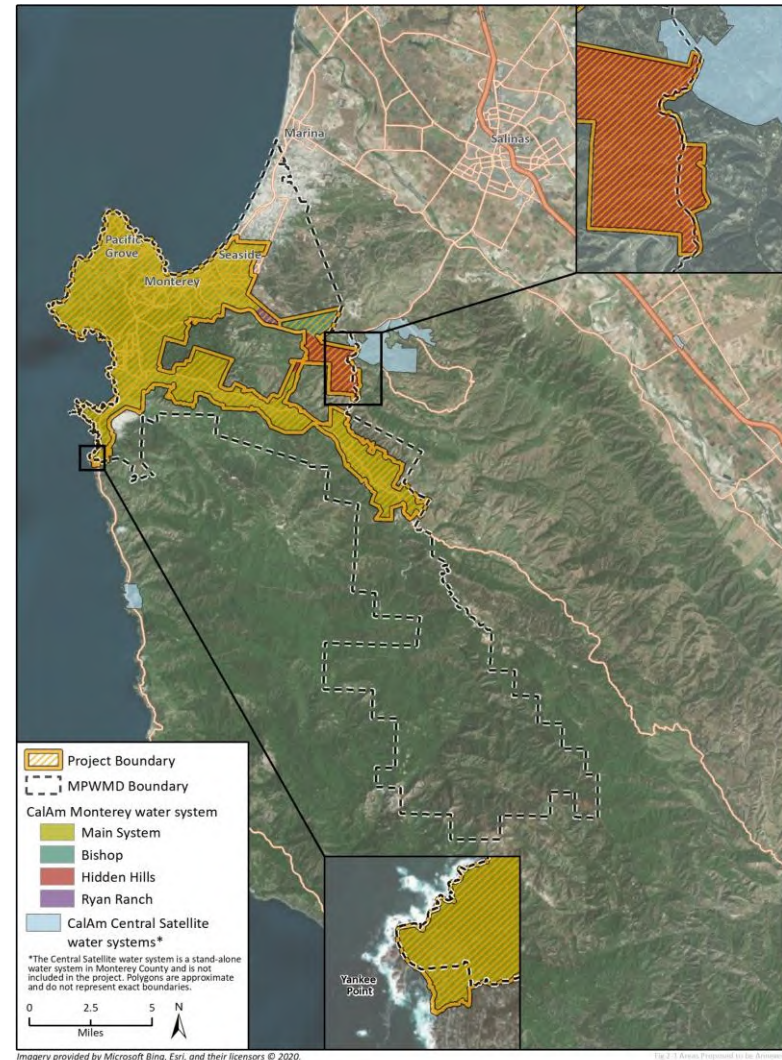
Project Area

- CalAm Monterey Water System
 - Main System, Bishop, Hidden Hills, Ryan Ranch
- ~55-square miles
- ~40,000 connections
- Does not include CalAm's Central Satellites
 - Ralph Lane, Ambler, Toro, Chualar, and Garrapata



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



Assets to Acquire

- Water systems and production wells (current and planned)
- Utility plants
- Vehicles and equipment
- Water rights
- Water supply contracts
- Records, books, and accounts
- Land, easements, and rental property

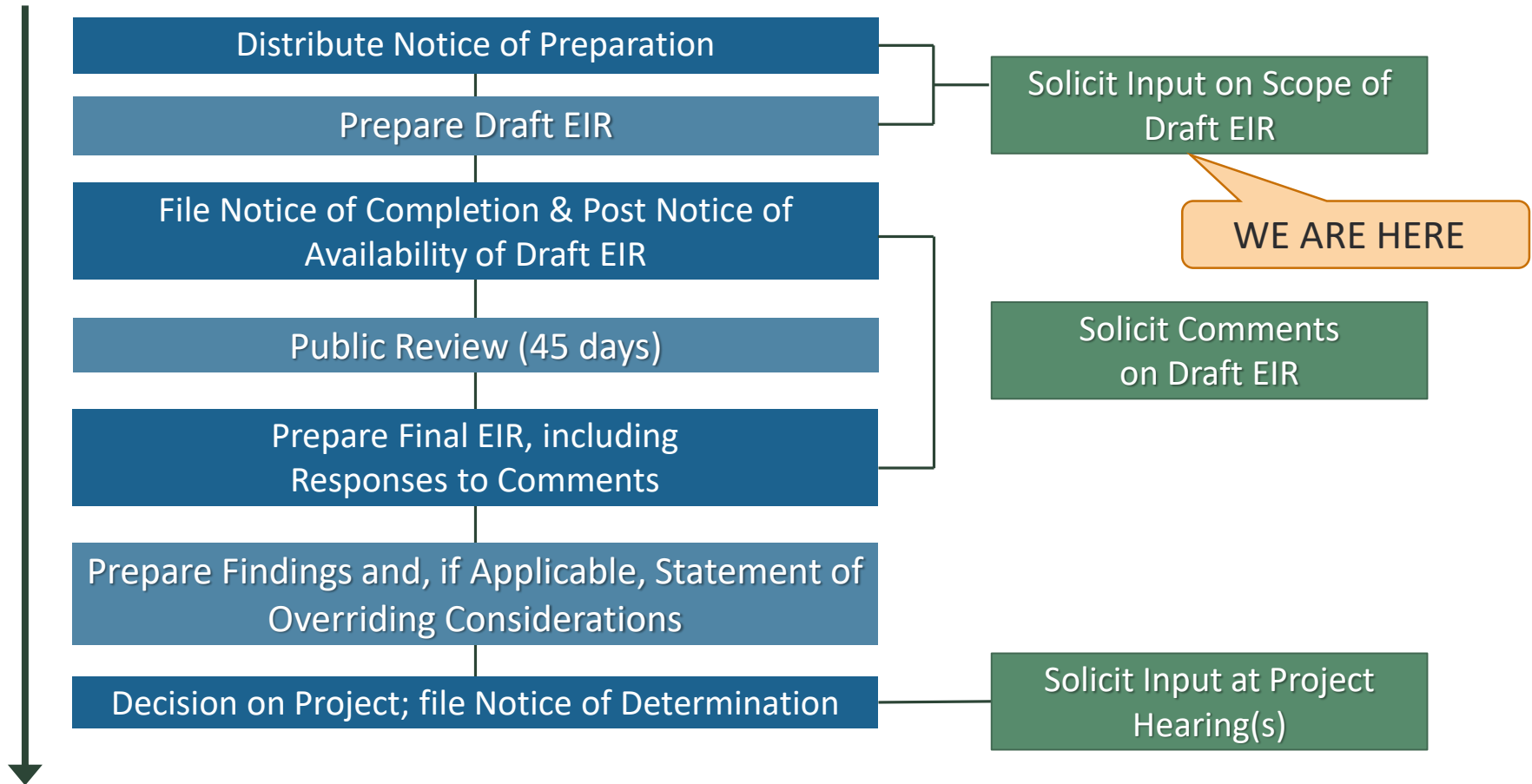
Environmental Review Process



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



Scoping



Scoping Meeting Purpose

- “Scoping” the EIR
 - Environmental issues
 - Alternatives
- Gather comments regarding the scope (content and focus) of the EIR analysis
- Provide information on future opportunities for input
- Begin EIR process

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

EIR Issue Areas

- Issues to be analyzed in detail:
 - Air Quality
 - Greenhouse Gases
 - Hydrology/Water Quality
 - Noise
 - Transportation
 - Utilities
 - Alternatives
 - Others?

EIR Timeline

- May 6: Scoping Comments Due
- Draft EIR : June-July 2020
- Final EIR Hearing(s): September-October 2020

We Welcome Your Comments

- Environmental issues and project alternatives
- 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:

Wednesday, May 6, 2020 @ 5:00 PM

**Thank you for
your time!**

