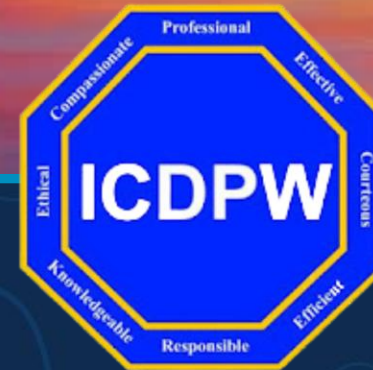


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# Public Scoping Meeting for the Lithium Valley Specific Plan Program EIR



Planning & Development  
Services



**DECEMBER 14, 2023**

# Public Scoping Meeting - Purpose

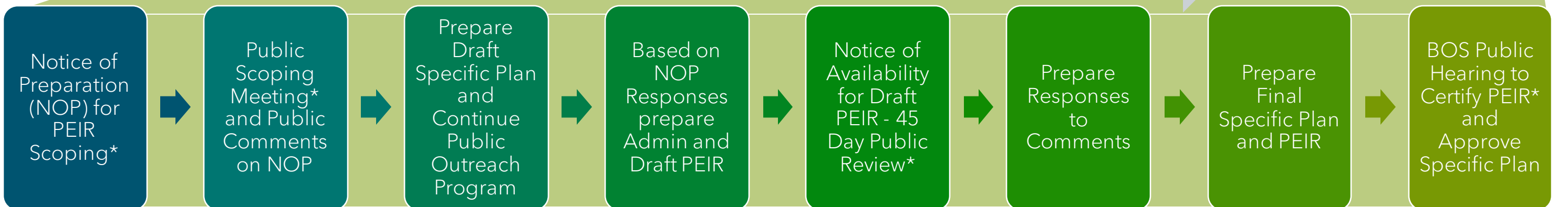
- Gain public input on the scope and content of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR)
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# Project Timeline: Where Are We Now?

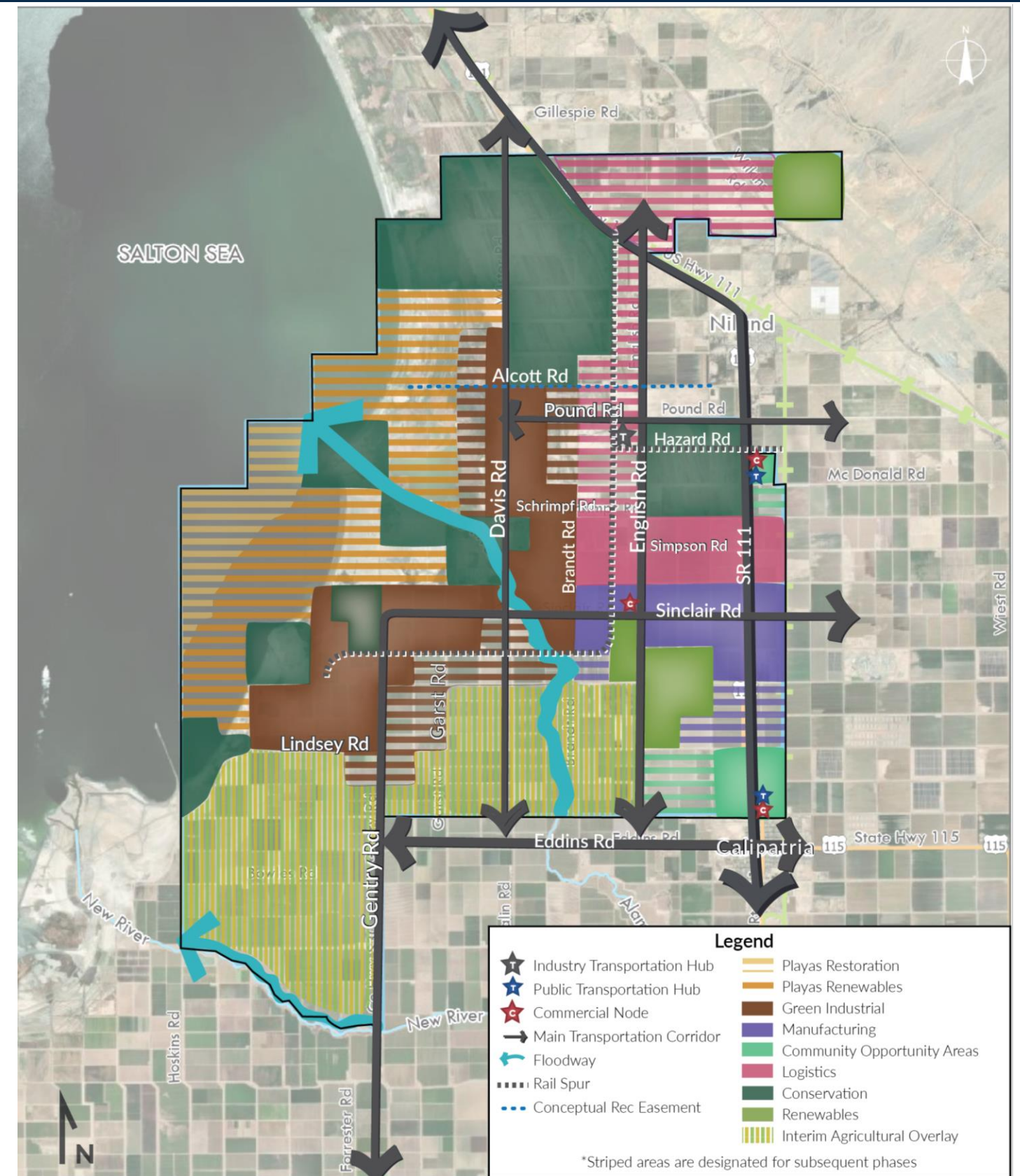


\* Includes community engagement



# Scope Overview

- Specific Plan for approximately 51,000 acres
- ~121 Million sq. ft. of buildings
- ~60,000 jobs
- ~93,000 acre-feet water consumption



# Scope Overview

- Considers the existing conditions (baseline)
- Evaluates the impacts of the proposed land uses for Specific Plan Implementation

**GREEN INDUSTRIAL:** These areas have a focus on geothermal energy production plants, however, would allow for additional industrial uses that support the goal of decarbonizing the energy industry. This designation may allow for industrial plants, and storage, distribution, and administrative facilities, including uses conducted outside of an enclosed building. The Specific Plan may restrict the use of certain products, processes, or manufacturing equipment due to external effects. Allowed uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal energy production and mineral recovery, biofuel generation, and green hydrogen. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, supportive manufacturing, commercial, logistics, and battery manufacturing and storage.

**MANUFACTURING:** This designation provides suitable industrial, office, and warehouse space for manufacturers of goods. Manufacturing may include compounding, processing, assembling, packaging, treatment or fabrication of materials and products such as electric vehicle batteries. Allowed uses may include, but not limited to, manufacturing, research and development, workforce training, industrial parks, and temporary construction housing. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal and mineral recovery, logistics, office, commercial, and battery storage.

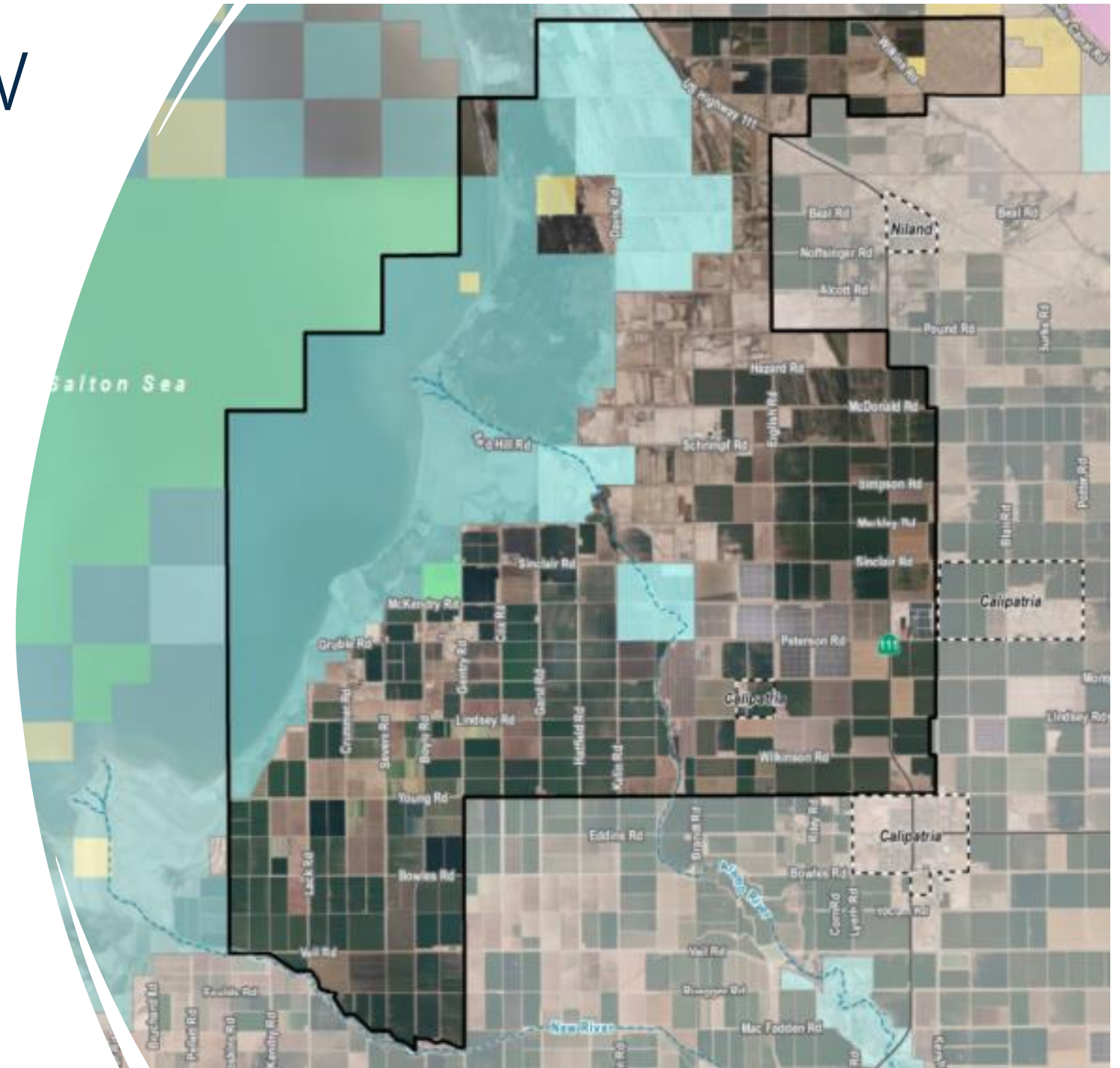
**LOGISTICS:** The areas identified for Logistics provide suitable space for the warehousing and distribution that allows for a variety of suppliers and services. Logistics activities may include, but not limited to, logistic facilities, industrial transportation hubs, outdoor storage of trucks, trailers, and shipping containers, and temporary construction housing. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal and mineral recovery, manufacturing facilities, office, employee services and property management facilities.

**PLAYAS RENEWABLES:** This designation recognizes the unique relationship to the Salton Sea and the possibly restrictive geologic conditions, including the clays and seismic activity. As such, geologic testing will be needed with any proposed structures within the Playas Renewables designation to determine the viability of development on the proposed site. This designation will require a certain percentage of the site be dedicated for dust suppression via natural vegetation and restoration techniques, beyond what is required to mitigate onsite surface impacts. Allowed uses may include, but not limited to, geothermal energy operations and mineral recovery, subsurface geothermal wells, pipes and mineral rights, habitat restoration, and dust suppression and public health mitigation projects. Ancillary uses may include, but not limited to, solar photovoltaics structures or floating structures (floatovoltaics).



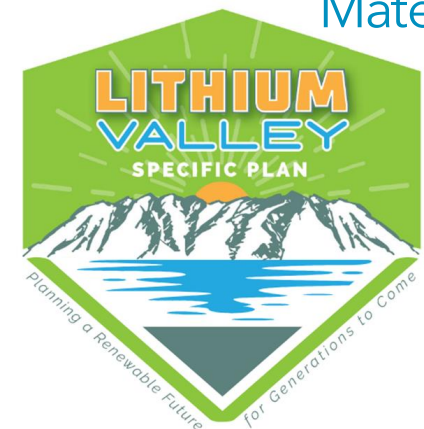
# PEIR Scope Overview

- Project Program EIR
  - All CEQA Topics to be addressed
  - Use types described in the Specific Plan addressed
  - Maximum envelopes evaluated
  - Alternatives
  - Cumulative Impacts
  - Growth
  - Intends to streamline future permitting

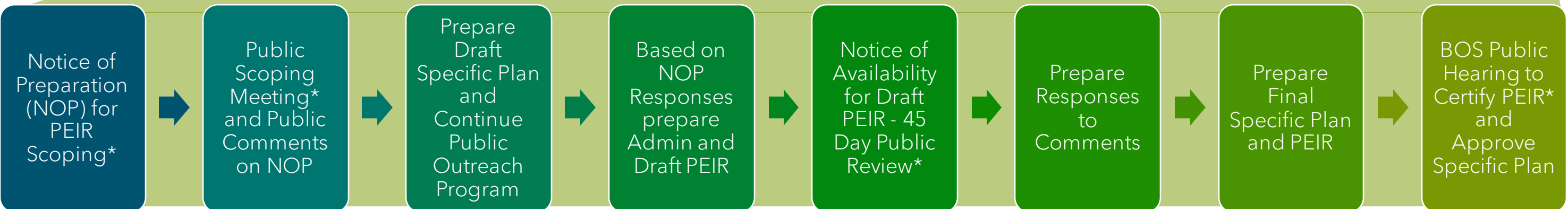


# PEIR Scope Overview

- CEQA Topics
  - Aesthetics
  - Agriculture
  - Air Quality
  - Biological Resources
  - Cultural Resources
  - Energy
  - Geology and Soils
  - GHG Emissions
  - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
  - Hydrology and Water Quality
  - Land Use and planning
  - Mineral Resources
  - Noise
  - Population and Housing
  - Public Services
  - Recreation
  - Transportation
  - Tribal Cultural Resources
  - Utilities and Service Systems
  - Wildfire



# Next Steps



\* CEQA Required Public Input opportunities



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**Public Scoping Meeting**  
**Dec 14, 2023 6pm**



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