

# Appendix C

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## Scoping Meeting Materials

# Scoping Meeting Agenda

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**California Department of Fish and Game**  
**Salmon Conservation and Research Facility &**  
**Related Management Actions**  
**Draft Environmental Impact Report**  
*Public Scoping Meetings*

**6:00 WELCOME & OPEN HOUSE**

- Opportunity for one-on-one discussion with staff
- Review and discussion of materials at various stations with opportunity for questions and clarifications

**6:25 OPENING REMARKS**

Michael Stevenson, Horizon Water & Environment – Facilitator

- Welcome
- Agenda Review
- Purpose of Meeting
- Meeting Ground Rules

**PROJECT BACKGROUND & OVERVIEW**

Gerald Hatler, Environmental Program Manager, DFG

- Overview of San Joaquin River Restoration Program
- Discussion of the SCARF Project

**CEQA OVERVIEW & HOW TO COMMENT DURING SCOPING PERIOD**

Michael Stevenson

- Background & Overview of CEQA and the EIR Process
- How to Comment on EIR and Use of Scoping Comments
- Summary of Next Steps

**6:45 RECEIPT OF PUBLIC COMMENTS**

- Receive oral comments and questions

**8:00 ADJOURN**

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*FOR MORE INFO, VISIT:*

[HTTP://WWW.DFG.CA.GOV/NEWS/PUBNOTICE/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/)

*WRITTEN SCOPING COMMENTS ACCEPTED UNTIL DECEMBER 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2012*

# Meeting Ground Rules

The purpose of this meeting is to solicit input from the public and interested public agencies regarding the nature and scope of environmental impacts to be addressed in the draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Additionally, the scoping meeting provides an opportunity for the Department of Fish and Game to share information regarding the EIR that is being prepared for the SCARF Project. Staff are present to answer relevant questions and to help the public become better informed in order to provide constructive comments to help frame the environmental analysis. Toward that end:

- Please make sure that all cell phones and pagers are on silent.
- Focus your attention on the presentation or response to questions – having side conversations distracts others in the group.
- Do not interrupt the presenter; there will be plenty of time for discussion.
- Try to make your comments clear and succinct. For specific questions that are of personal interest to you, please talk to Department staff before or after the meeting.
- Be respectful of each other and of differing points of view.
- Take personal responsibility for observing these ground rules, and honor our time together by keeping the meeting moving forward positively.
- This is a scoping meeting, not a formal hearing. Oral comments are not being recorded, but rather will be noted and summarized. Written comments are desired and will be printed in the EIR. Both written and oral comments will be considered as the EIR is prepared.
- The facilitator may ask individuals who do not abide by these rules to leave the workshop.

# CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

## SALMON RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION FACILITY OPERATIONS, FISH REINTRODUCTION, AND RELATED MANAGEMENT ACTIONS PROJECT

### *CEQA Scoping*

Public input is a valued and important component of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process. Please provide input on the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis. Scoping comments should be substantive and focused on the CEQA analysis, and can include information on:

- ✓ Potential environmental issues
- ✓ Potential mitigation measures
- ✓ Characteristics of the existing environment
- ✓ Resources that may be cumulatively affected

All comments received will be considered during preparation of the Draft EIR.

#### COMMENTS DUE:

**5:00 pm on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

#### MAIL WRITTEN COMMENTS TO:

SCARF CEQA Scoping Comments  
California Department of Fish and Game  
Attn: Gerald Hatler  
1234 E. Shaw Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93710

#### OR EMAIL COMMENTS TO:

SCARF@horizonh2o.com

Include your name, address, contact number, and email address  
for future correspondence related to this CEQA process

Visit our website: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/>

Further information about the San Joaquin River Restoration Program can be found at the  
program website: <http://www.restoresjr.net>



# Scoping Comment Form

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**SCARF CEQA Scoping Comments**  
**California Department of Fish and Game**  
**Attn: Gerald Hatler**  
**1234 E. Shaw Avenue**  
**Fresno, CA 93710**

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## Speaker Cards

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# Scoping Meeting Posters

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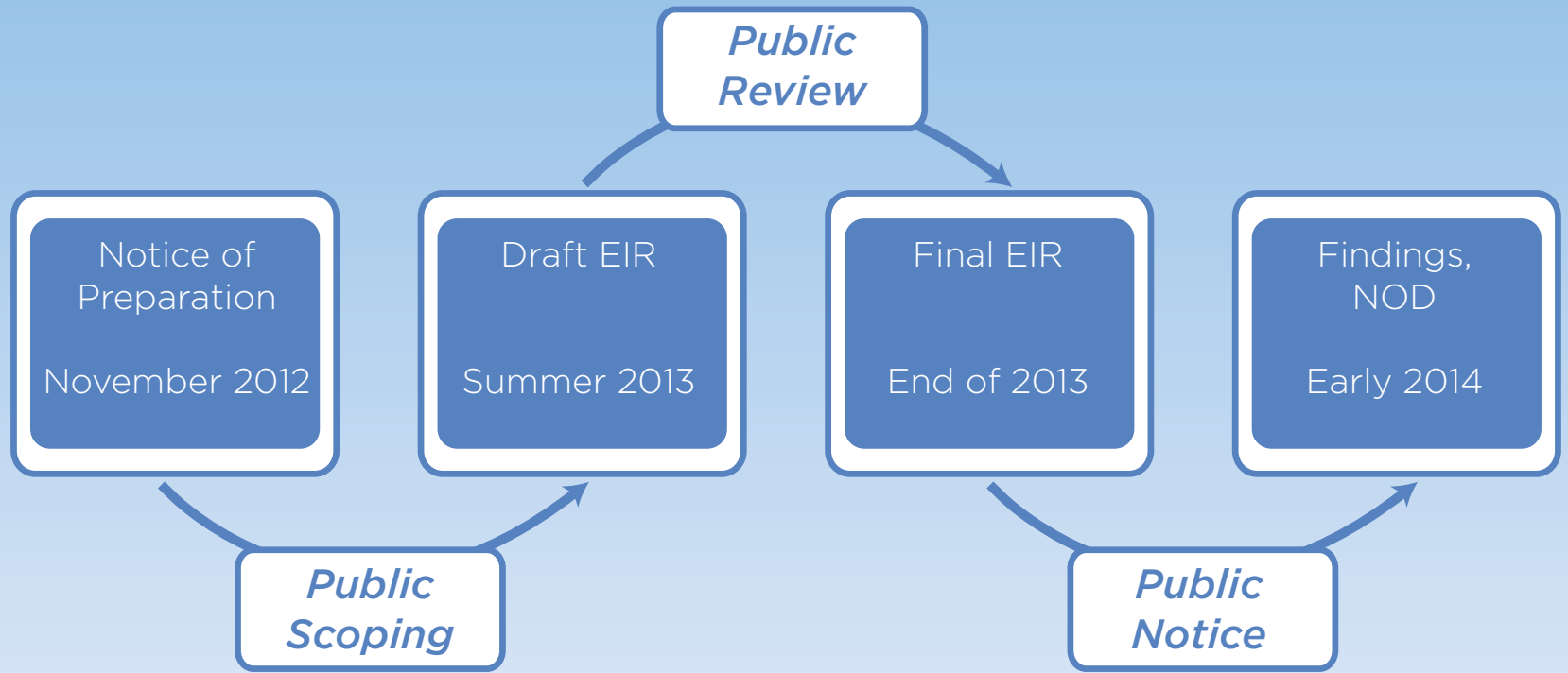
**SALMON CONSERVATION AND  
RESEARCH FACILITY AND RELATED  
MANAGEMENT ACTIONS**

**CEQA SCOPING MEETING**



# **SIGN IN/ORIENTATION**

- ▶ **All Guests Sign In Here**
- ▶ **Information, Handouts, and Comment Cards for Tonight's Meeting**



# PUBLIC REVIEW PROCESS



# SCOPING COMMENT SUBMITTAL

Please provide input regarding the scope of the EIR on the comment cards provided.

Or mail your comment card or letter before the deadline:

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California Department of Fish and Game  
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Or email your comments to: **[SCARF@horizonh2o.com](mailto:SCARF@horizonh2o.com)**

Visit the Program Website: **[www.restoresjr.net](http://www.restoresjr.net)**

**COMMENTS DUE DECEMBER 26th, 2012**



## The EIR will evaluate the following proposed actions:

1. Construction and operation of the Salmon Conservation and Research Facility (SCARF)
2. Broodstock collection for the SCARF
3. Reintroduction of Chinook salmon to the Restoration Area
4. Conducting fish/habitat studies in support of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program's Restoration Goal

## PROPOSED ACTIONS





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Two major goals of the SJRRP:

- ▶ **Restoration Goal** to restore and maintain fish populations in good condition in the Restoration Area, including naturally reproducing and self-sustaining populations of salmon and other fish
- ▶ **Water Management Goal** to reduce or avoid water supply impacts to Friant Division contractors that may result from Interim/Restoration flows provided for by the Settlement

The Proposed Project is intended to assist in achieving the Restoration Goal

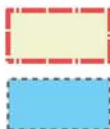
## **SAN JOAQUIN RIVER RESTORATION PROGRAM OVERVIEW**







Prepared by:



Salmon Conservation and Research Facility

Potential Fill Material Borrow Areas

*SCARF and Related Management Actions Project  
Notice of Preparation*

**Figure 2: SCARF Vicinity Map**

# Scoping Meeting Presentation

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California Department of Fish and Game

San Joaquin River Restoration Program - Salmon Conservation  
and Research Facility and Related Management Actions  
CEQA Scoping Meeting



# Welcome and Opening Remarks



# Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting Purpose and Ground Rules
2. Background on San Joaquin River Restoration Program
3. Overview of Project
4. Overview of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process
5. Receive Public Input

# Meeting Purpose – CEQA Scoping

**Purpose of Scoping:** To allow the public and agencies to provide input on the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis.

The scoping period provides 30 days to receive public input.

Scoping comments can include information on

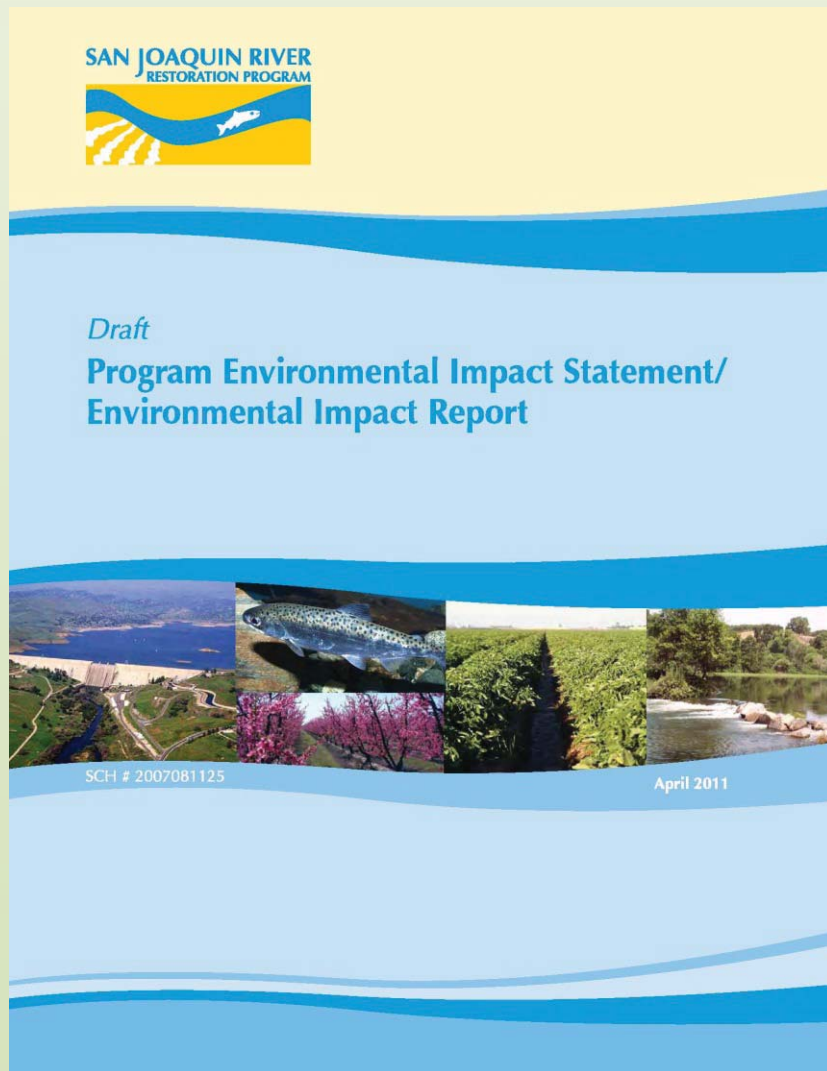
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- ✓ Resources that may be cumulatively affected



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- One person speaks at a time; please do not interrupt a speaker.
- Make clear and succinct comments in order for us to effectively capture the comment in notes.
- Be respectful of each other and of differing points of view.

# San Joaquin River Restoration Program Background



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# San Joaquin River Restoration Program Background

CDFG intends to assist in achieving the Restoration Goal pursuant to an MOU by constructing and operating the SCARF, including collection of broodstock, fish rearing and reintroduction and other management activities.

## MOU Signatories:

### State Agencies:

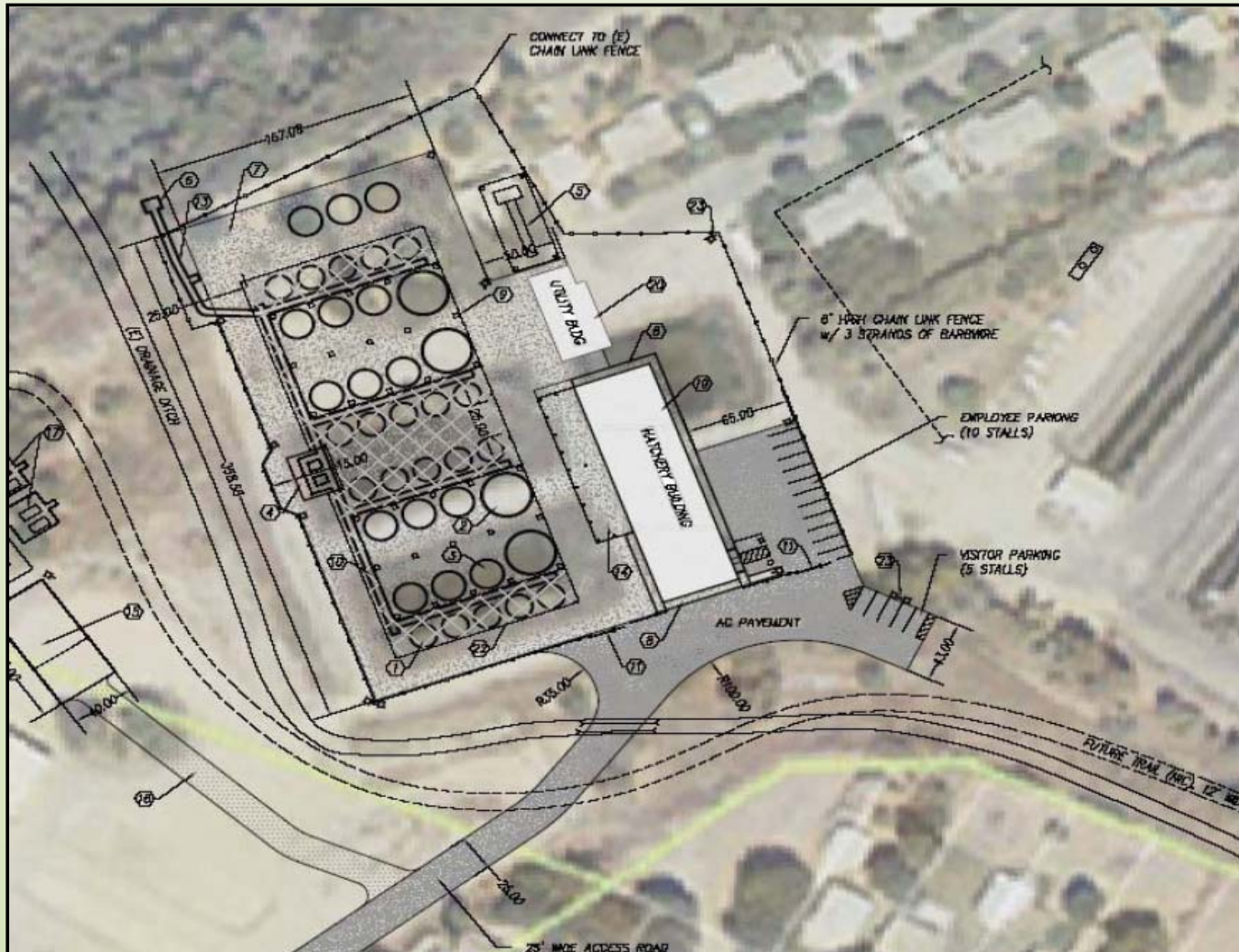
- California Resources Agency
- Department of Water Resources
- California Department of Fish and Game
- California Environmental Protection Agency

### Settling Parties:

- Department of the Interior
- Department of Commerce
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Friant Water Users Authority



# Proposed Project Overview



# Proposed Project Actions

Four principal components:

1. Construction and operation of the SCARF
2. Broodstock collection for the SCARF
3. Reintroduction of Chinook salmon to the Restoration Area
4. Conducting fish/habitat studies in support of the Restoration Goal

# Proposed Project Actions

## Proposed SCARF location:

- adjacent to the San Joaquin River
- approximately 1.1 miles downstream of Friant Dam
- immediately west of the existing San Joaquin Fish Hatchery

## Facilities are proposed to include:

- Buildings and Residences
- Smolt Production, Captive Rearing, Holding Facility and Release Channel
- Fish Propagation Water Supply & Treatment System
- Other Infrastructure and Ancillary Improvements

# Proposed Project Actions

## Potential Sources of Broodstock

- Feather River Fish Hatchery
- Feather River
- Deer/Mill Creek complex
- Butte Creek
- Mokelumne, Stanislaus, Battle Creek, Clear Creek, and/or Yuba Creek

## Fish Reintroduction Approaches

- Direct Release
- Off-Site Release
- Translocation



# Proposed Project Actions

## Fish Studies

- Assess quantity of available habitat
- Evaluate condition of habitat
- Analyze impediments to fish migration and survival
- Observe responses to conditions in the Restoration Area

# CEQA Process Overview

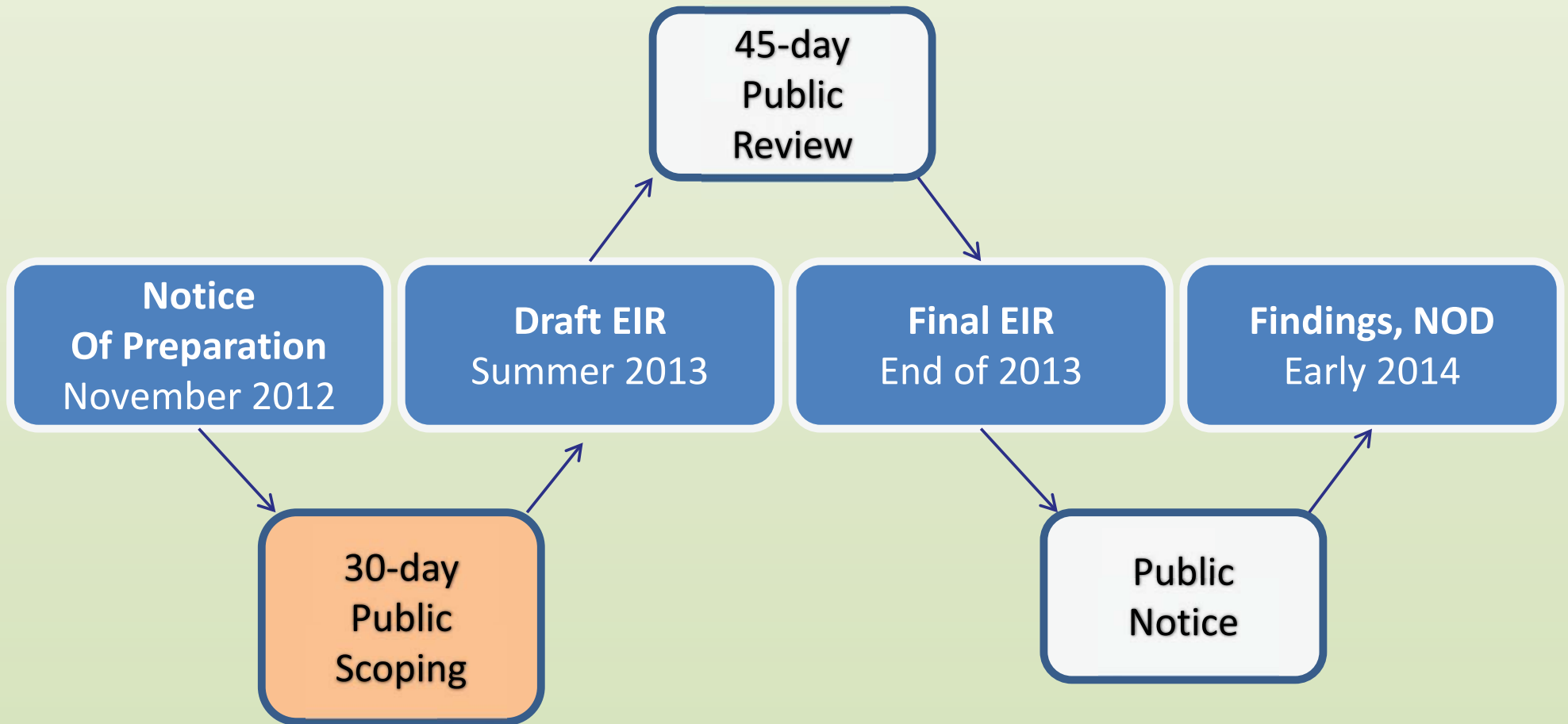


# CEQA Requirements

## **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires:**

- Environmental review and public disclosure for discretionary actions conducted by public agencies
- Disclosure of potential environmental impacts
- Identification of mitigation measures and project alternatives to potentially reduce or avoid these impacts

# CEQA Process and Schedule



# Purpose of Scoping

To provide the public and agencies to provide input on the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis.

Scoping comments can include information on

- ✓ Potential environmental issues
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# Effective Commenting

- Public input is valued and important
- Comments will be considered throughout the CEQA process
- Keep comments substantive and focused on the CEQA analysis
- Comments may be given orally today (use speaker cards), in writing on provided comment forms, or in writing at any time during the scoping period

# How to Comment After Today

- Comments due:

**5:00 pm on December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

- Send written comments to:

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**Email: [SCARF@horizonh2o.com](mailto:SCARF@horizonh2o.com)**

**Subject Line: SCARF CEQA Scoping Comments**

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# For More Information

More information regarding the Proposed Project:

**[www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/](http://www.dfg.ca.gov/news/pubnotice/)**

More information regarding the overall SJRRP:

**[www.restoresjr.net/](http://www.restoresjr.net/)**



We will now take your comments

**Thank you!**

