



Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan & Program Environmental Impact Report

Scoping Meeting



March 21, 7:00-8:30, Recreation Park Community Center, Long Beach

Safety and Ground Rules

- Courteous Behavior Requested
 - Focus your input on the meeting objectives
 - Interact respectfully, no cross talk
 - Turn off or silence cell phones

Purpose of the Scoping Meeting

- Inform the public of the proposed project
- Provide an overview of the environmental review process
- Provide an opportunity for stakeholders to provide input on the scope of the Draft PEIR, issues of concern, and alternatives to be analyzed
- Outline “next steps” in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process

Scoping Meeting Agenda

- Presentation
- Open House Stations
- Comment Cards

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Project Organization Chart



Los Cerritos Wetlands Authority

- Formed in 2006
- Comprised of the State Coastal Conservancy, Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, City of Long Beach and City of Seal Beach
- Promotes acquisition, restoration, conservation and management of the Los Cerritos Wetlands
- LCWA Board approved the Los Cerritos Wetlands Draft Conceptual Restoration Plan in August 2015
- In 2017, received grant funding to initiate the next steps in restoration planning and environmental analysis

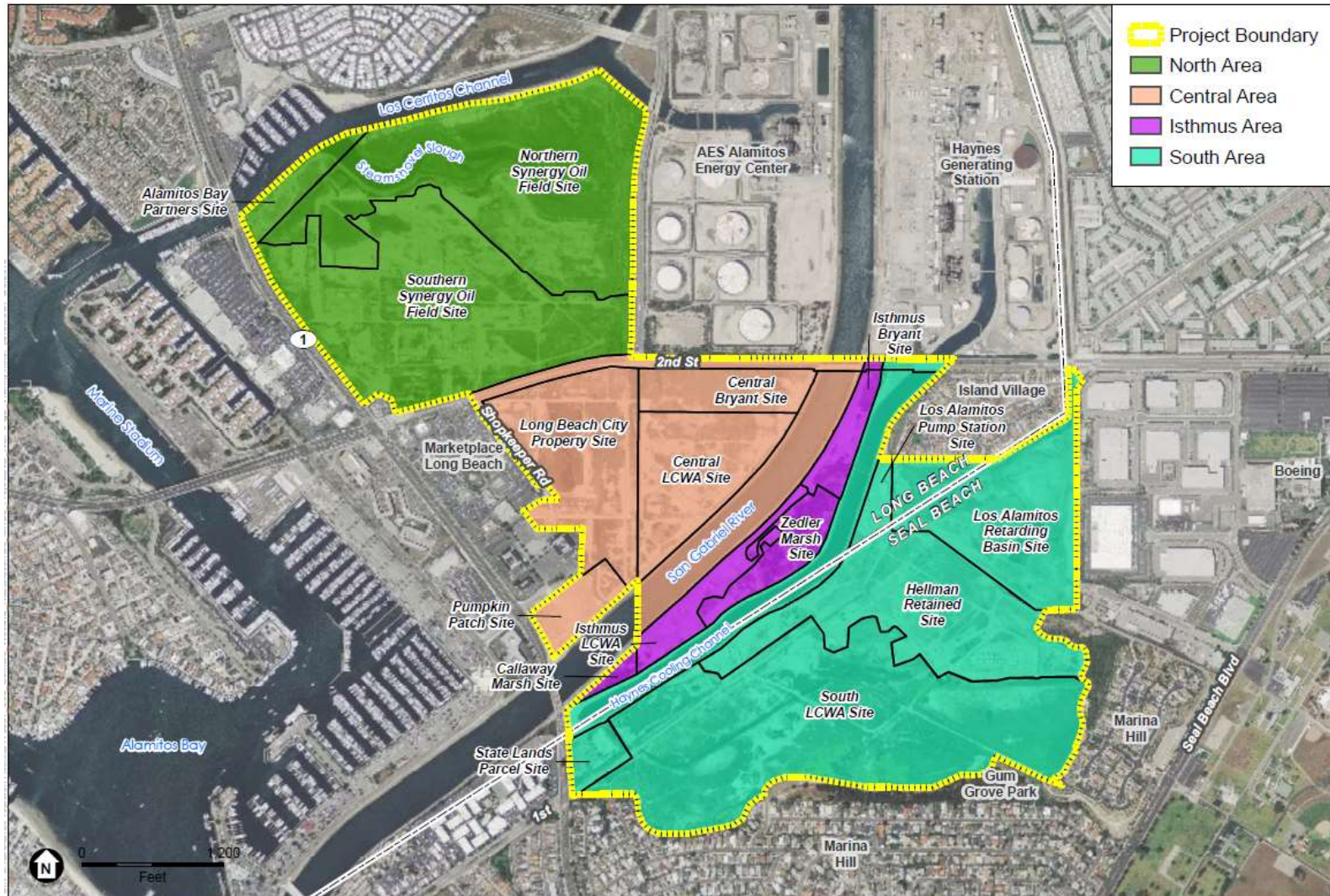


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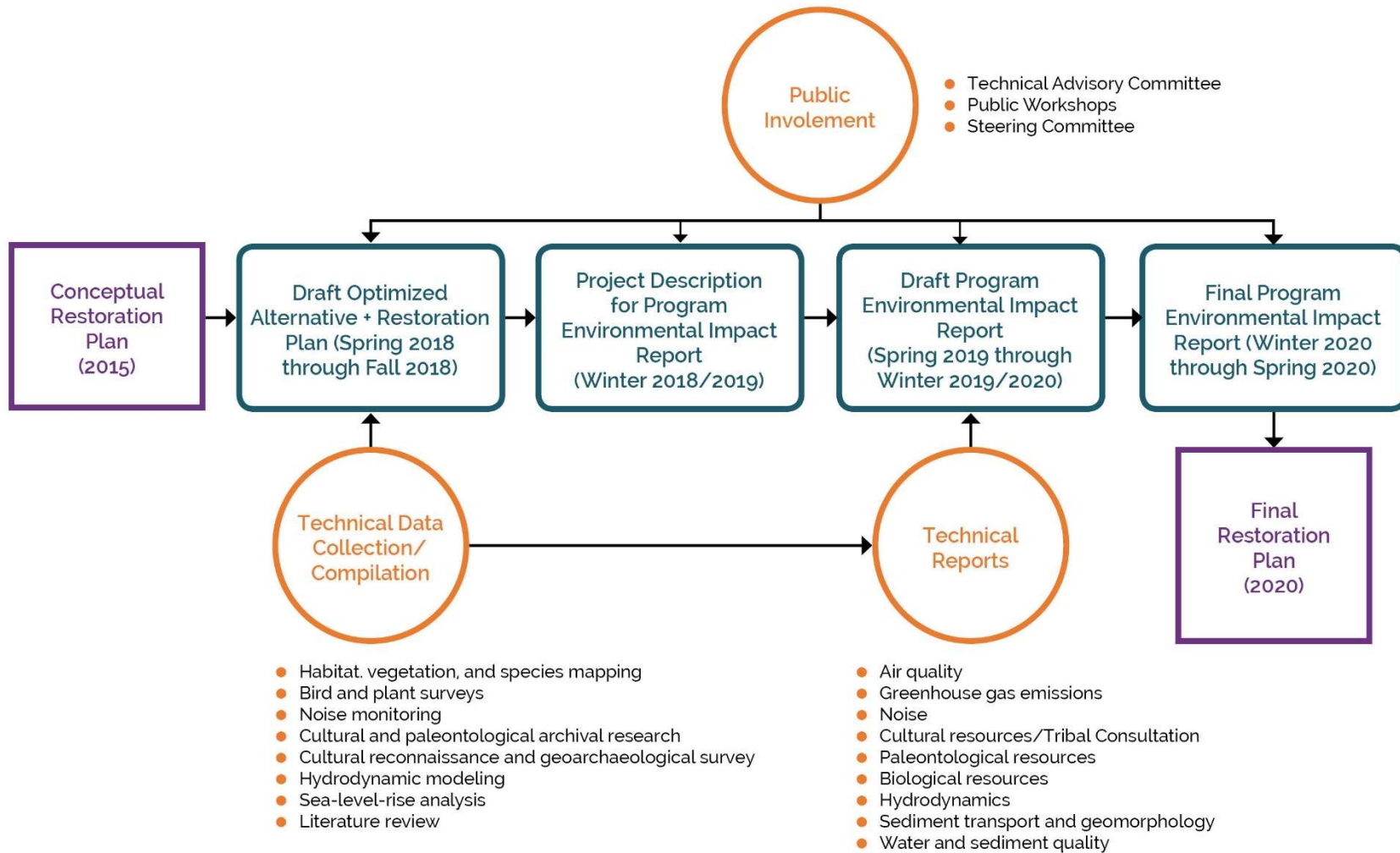
Los Cerritos Wetlands Complex



Project Boundary



Major Project Steps



Past Public Outreach

- **1st Community Workshop**
 - March 28, 2018
 - Kicked-off the Los Cerritos Wetlands Restoration Plan project
 - Presentation on key steps and past efforts
 - Workshop activity on public access
- **2nd Community Workshop**
 - September 26, 2018
 - Presentation on Draft Optimized Restoration Alternative
 - Open house with information stations

Project Goals

- Restore tidal **wetland process and functions** to the maximum extent possible
- Maximize **contiguous habitat** areas and maximize the **buffer** between habitat and sources of human disturbance.
- Create a **public access and interpretive program** that is practical, protective of sensitive habitat and ongoing oil operations, economically feasible, and will ensure a memorable visitor experience.

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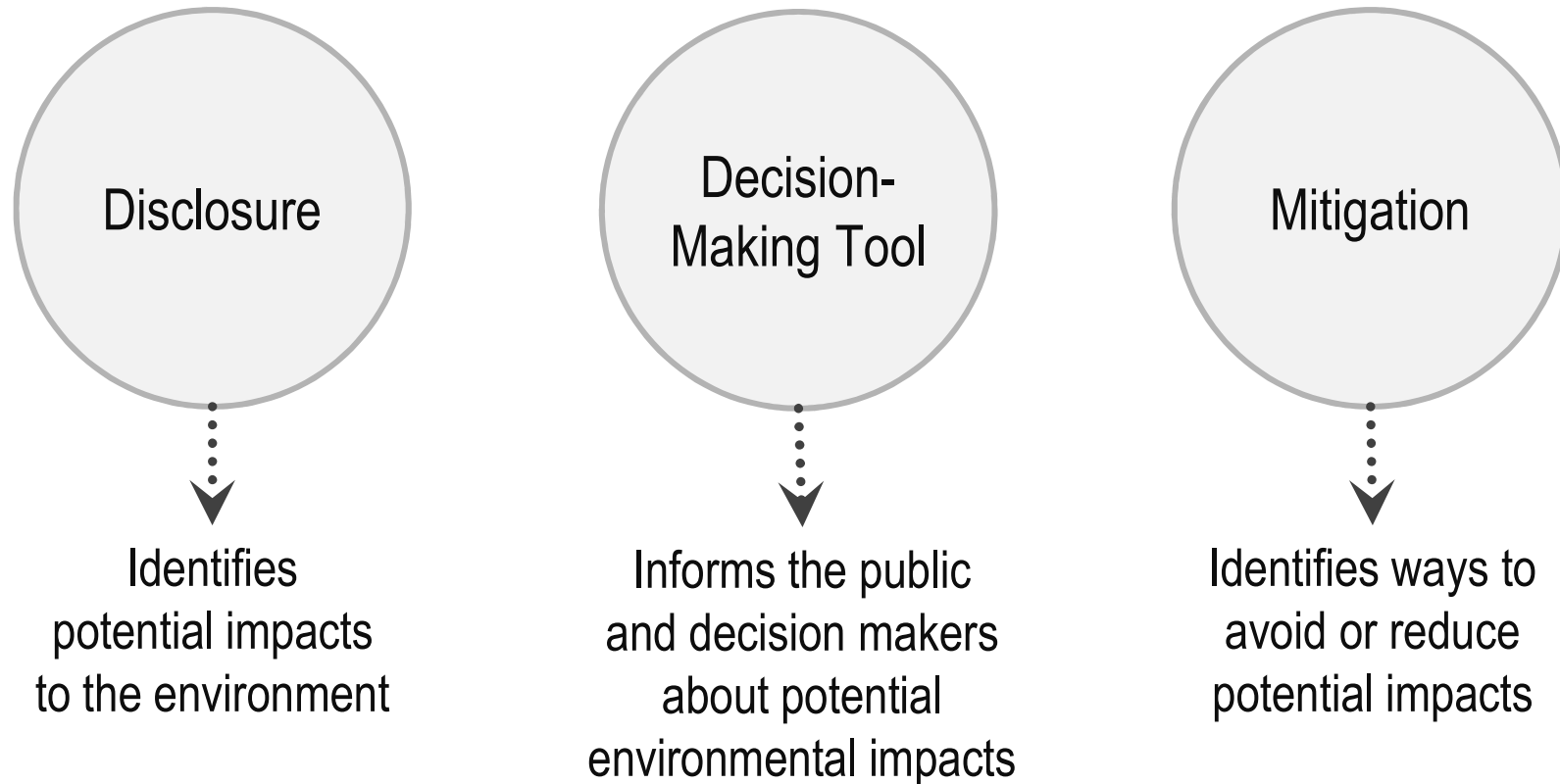
- **Phase implementation** to accommodate existing and future potential changes in land ownership and usage, and as funding becomes available.
- Strive for **long-term** restoration success.
- Integrate **experimental actions and research** into the project, where appropriate, to inform restoration and management actions for this project.

Proposed Program Overview

- Ecosystem Restoration
- Flood Risk and Stormwater Management
- Public Access and Visitor Facilities
- Infrastructure and Utility Modification
- Implementation and Restoration Process
- Monitoring and Adaptive Management
- Operation and Maintenance Activities

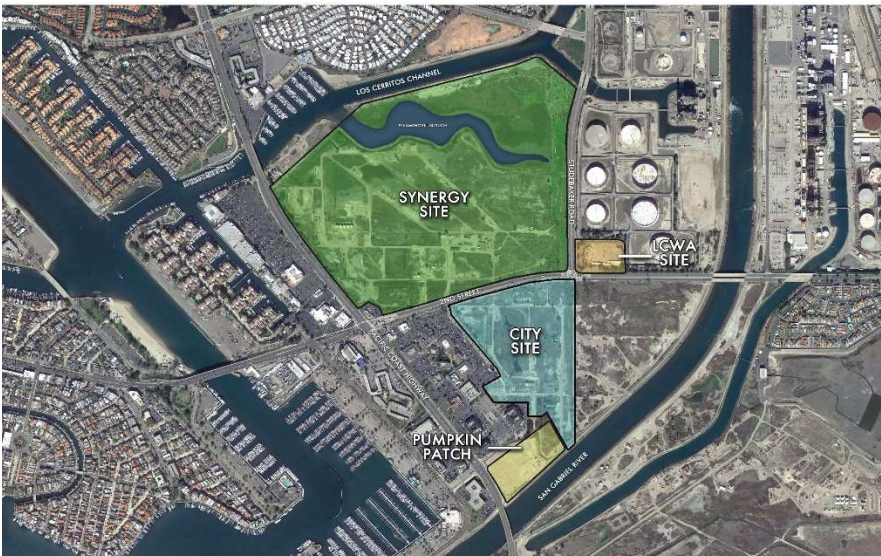
CEQA OVERVIEW

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Overview

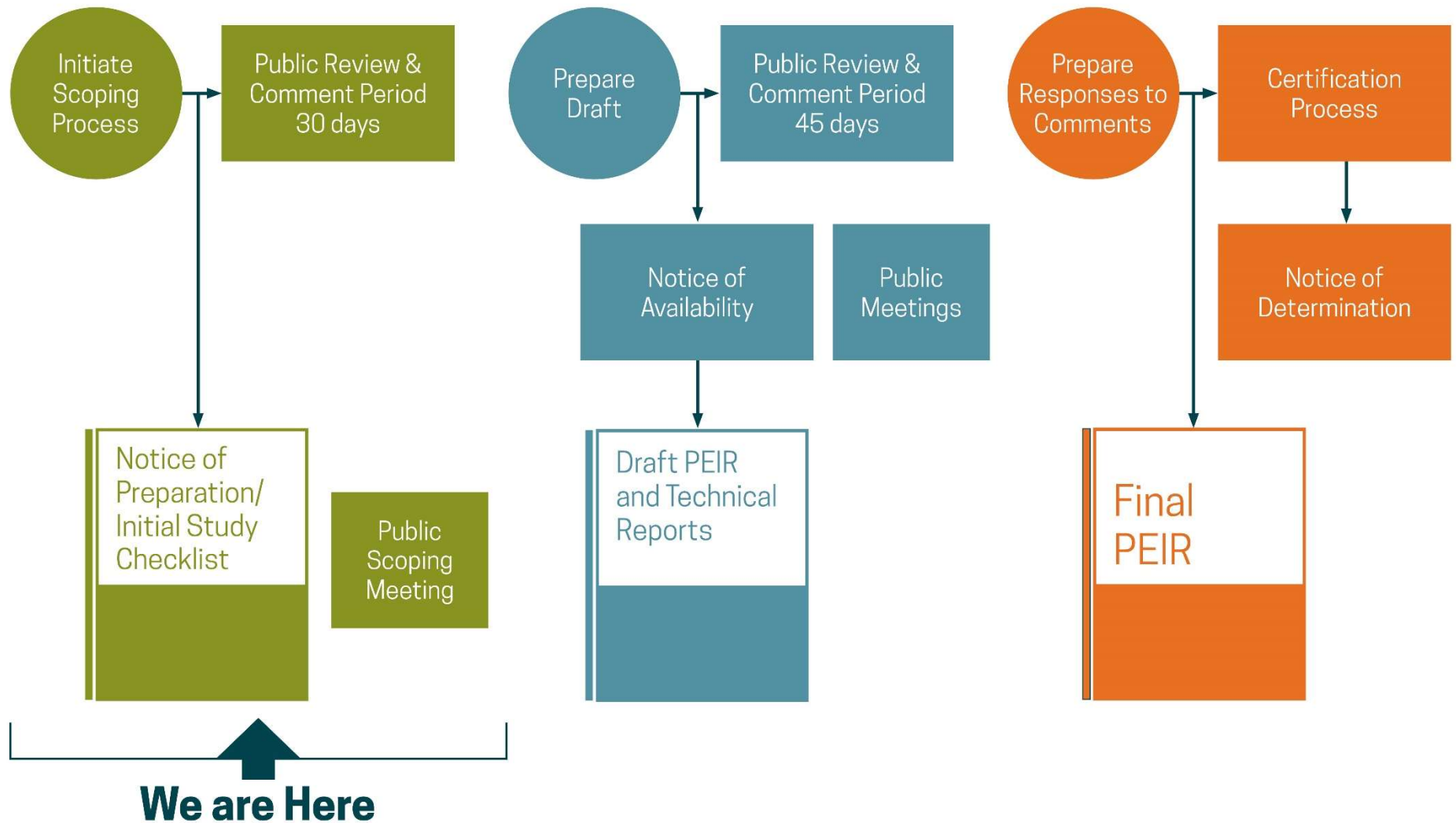


Program vs Project EIR

- **Project-level EIR:** generally focuses on **environmental changes caused by a project** (including planning, construction, and operation).
- **Program EIR:** generally looks at the **broad policy of a planning document** and may not address potential site-specific impacts of the individual projects within the planning document.



CEQA Process for a Programmatic



Topics that will be Evaluated in the PEIR

- 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
- Mineral Resources
- Noise
- Public Services
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

Topics that Will not be Evaluated in the PEIR

- Agricultural and Forestry
- Wildfire
- Population and Housing

Mitigation Measures and Alternatives

- Short and long term impacts will be analyzed
- Mitigation measures will be developed to minimize impacts
- Reasonable range of alternatives will be described
 - Attain most of the basic objectives of the project, if feasible
 - Avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant environmental effects

Scoping Period – Public Review

- Public review March 8, 2019 – April 8, 2019
- Notice of Preparation and Initial Study availability:
 - Bay Shore Neighborhood Library (195 Bay Shore Ave., Long Beach, CA 90803)
 - Mary Wilson Library (707 Electric Ave., Seal Beach, CA 90740)
 - Online: <http://intoloscerritoswetlands.org/the-lcws-eir/>

Scoping Period - Comments

- Written comment can be submitted today via “comment card” and left at the check-in station.
- Written comment can be also be sent:

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INFORMATION STATIONS

Information Stations

- CEQA Process and Program Environmental Impact Report
- Flood Risk and Stormwater Management
- Biological Resources
- Public Access and Recreation