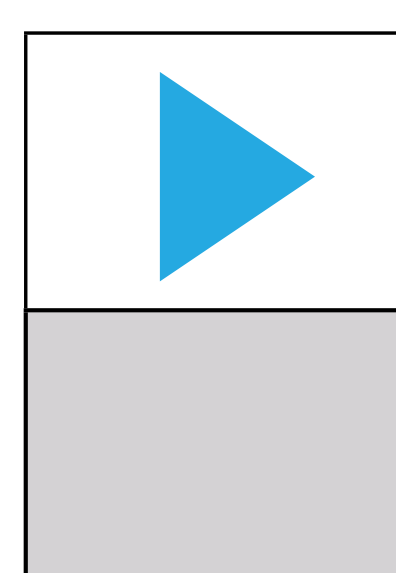


HOW LONG IS THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROCESS?

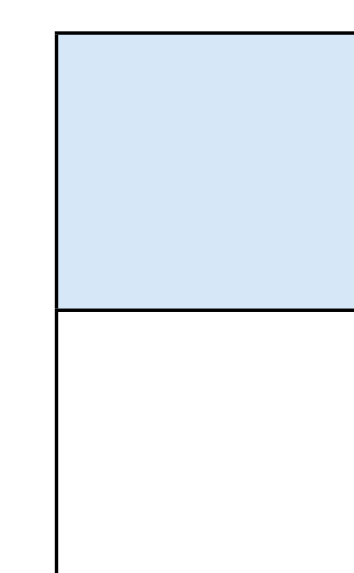
The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process require federal and state agencies to examine the potential environmental effects of their proposed actions for informed decision-making.

NEPA/CEQA MILESTONES	DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED SCHEDULE
Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starts the public involvement phase of the NEPA/CEQA process 	November 22, 2013
▶ Scoping Meetings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides an early and open public process to identify, define and prioritize issues to be evaluated in the EIS/EIR Includes public meetings, other opportunities for public involvement and options to submit comments 	Scoping Period: November 22, 2013 – January 21, 2014 Scoping Meetings: Tracy: January 8, 2014 Santa Nella: January 9, 2014
Draft EIS/EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presents the analysis of potential environmental impacts for the proposed project and alternatives, including a no action/no project alternative 	January – March 2015
▶ Public Hearings and Comment Period	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provides 45 days for the public to comment on the analysis in the Draft EIS/EIR Includes public meetings, other opportunities for public involvement and options to submit comments 	January – March 2015
Final EIS/EIR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Includes updates to the Draft EIS/EIR and responses to public comments received during the Draft EIS/EIR comment period 	September – December 2015
Record of Decision/ Notice of Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Occurs no sooner than 30 days after the release of the Final EIS/EIR Provides agencies decisions 	September – December 2015



Opportunities for Public Review and Comment

Complete



In Progress

Next Steps