



PURE WATER PROJECT
LAS VIRGENES-TRIUNFO

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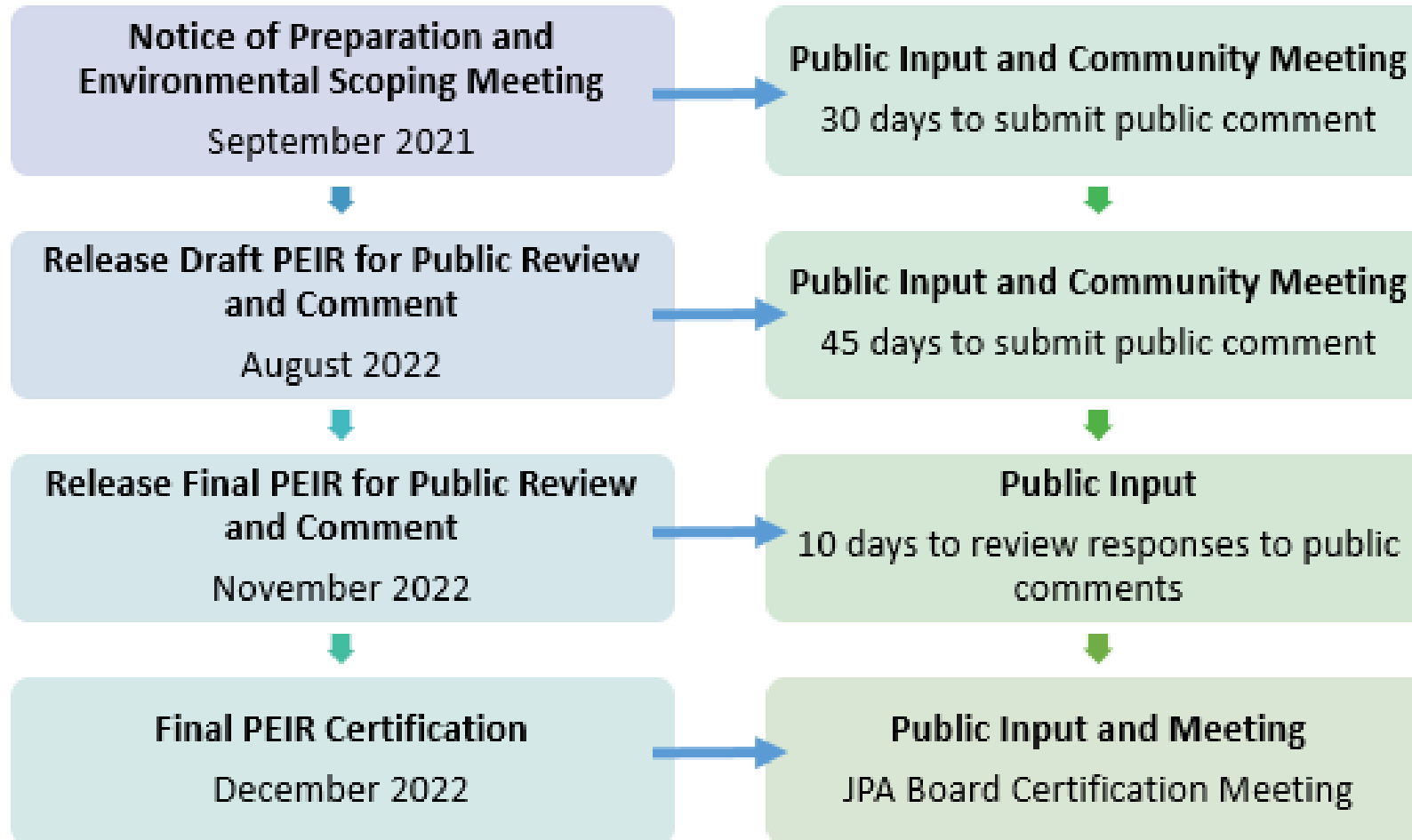
Final PEIR Adoption

Background

- On August 22, 2022, the JPA issued a Notice of Availability announcing the public review and comment period for the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (PEIR) and the date of a public meeting.
- JPA welcomed comments during the 45-day public review and comment period from August 22, 2022 to October 7, 2022.
- Public meeting was held on September 8, 2022
- Received 12 comments
- Final PEIR includes Appendix F with responses to all comments received
- Posted for an additional 10 days to allow commenters to review responses



CEQA Review Schedule



We are here

The CEQA Process

The CEQA process is intended to:

- (1) inform government decision makers and the public about the potential environmental effects of proposed activities;
- (2) identify the ways that environmental impacts can be avoided or significantly reduced;
- (3) prevent significant, avoidable environmental impacts by requiring changes in projects, either by the adoption of alternatives or imposition of mitigation measures; and
- (4) disclose to the public why a project was approved if that project has significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level.

Resources Areas Evaluated

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Cumulative and Growth-inducing Impacts
- Energy
- Geology and Soils
- Greenhouse Gases
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Wildfires

Comment Letters

- We received 12 comment letters:
 - 2 from private individuals (3 individuals total)
 - 1 from a South San Francisco Law Firm representing CLASP
 - 9 from State and Local Agencies (CDFW, SWRCB (2), LARWQCB, Calleguas MWD, Cities of Thousand Oaks, Agoura Hills, Westlake Village, and County Supervisor)
- All letters were delineated and received a response in Appendix F
- The main text of the PEIR was amended where appropriate, and the document was re-released for a 10 day review period.
- We received either no feedback or positive feedback from all local and state agencies
- The Law Firm and one individual responded during the 10-day period to state their comment was not answered to their satisfaction
- Errata 1 is available and merely clarifies information that has already been presented in the EIR

Human Health Considerations

- We received 3 comments related to human health effects of Pure Water and potable reuse water in general (i.e. CEC's, PFAS, Pharma, etc.)
- The State Water Resources Control Board considered human health effects through convening of an expert panel who determined the regulations for Indirect Potable Reuse to be adequately protective of human health
- Just as we do with our drinking water systems, we will continue to monitor developing regulation and science to ensure that all project aspects meet or exceed the regulatory standards and are protective of public health

Summary of Main Mitigation Measures

- Biological Resources
 - *Native plants and plant communities*
 - *Oak trees*
- Preconstruction Surveys
 - *Archaeological resources*
 - *Hazardous materials*
- Construction Noise Control Plan
- Construction Traffic Management Plan
- Trail Closure and Restoration Plan
- Air and water pollution control during construction

- The comment letters received were addressed with revisions to those above; there were no new measures, just clarifications and additions. These are delineated in Appendix F and the main text.

Statement of Overriding Considerations

- 4) Disclose to the public why a project was approved if that project has significant environmental impacts that cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level.
- Project itself provides an environmental benefit to the Malibu Creek Estuary and is intended to address wildlife concerns for the creek, as well as provide a new source of local water during an unprecedented drought
- A Statement of Overriding Considerations is a written statement explaining the specific reasons why the social, economic, legal, technical, or other beneficial aspects of the Project outweigh any unavoidable adverse environmental impacts and why the JPA is willing to accept such impacts.
- Since a couple of the environmental impacts of the Project cannot be reduced to a less than significant level, the JPA needs to adopt an SOC in order to approve the document.

Public Outreach Specific to PEIR

- Conducted a public outreach meeting on September 8, 2022
- Conducted scoping meeting prior to development of the document
- Announcements on our main website and the project specific website, including posting of the public meetings
- Hard copies of the document provided at the libraries and/or city halls of all cities in our service area.
- Advertisement in Ventura Co Star, Daily News, the Acorn Newspaper, the Thousand Oaks Acorn Newspaper, the Camarillo Acorn Newspaper.
- Gave presentations to the Agoura Hills, Westlake Village and Thousand Oaks City Council meeting, as well as the Oak Park MAC meeting
- Emailed and sent letters to over 200 members of the community of the notice of availability
- Social media posts
- Posted on the State Clearinghouse website

Public Outreach

- 5 "Taste The Water, Explore The Garden" Tours
- 31 Pure Water School Tours
- 57 Pure Water Tours (General Public)
- 26 Pure Water Tours for consultants, water boards and staff, and politicians' staffs
- 2021 Earth Day – Virtual Garden Tour featuring Urban Water Group, Inc.
- 2022 Earth Day – Pure Water Demo Facility & Sustainability Garden Tour
- Pure Water Tasting Series Pt. 1 – “Pure Coffee” – 3 Pure Water Tours
- Pure Water Tasting Series Pt. 2 – “Pure Gelato” – 5 Pure Water Tours
- Pure Water Tasting Series Pt.3 – “Pure Beer”
- Booths at local events such as Reyes Adobe Days, Hidden Hills Fiesta, Westlake Village City Celebration, and Calabasas Pumpkin Fest
- Speaking Events (HOAs, Citycouncils, Conejo Foundation, etc): 18+
- E-Notification for Community Wide Survey in 2020: 8,427
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- Reyes Adobe Days Parade in 2018: 1000+

We will continue to provide these opportunities to engage with the public and make ourselves available to customers who have questions or want to learn more.

Final PEIR Action and Recommendation

- Tonight's action includes pass, approve and adopt proposed Resolution No. 23
- Certifying the Final PEIR and approving the Pure Water Project Las Virgenes-Triunfo
- Adopting the environmental findings, mitigation measures, statement of overriding considerations, and mitigation monitoring and reporting program
- Authorize the Administering Agent/General Manager to sign a Notice of Determination to be filed in Los Angeles and Ventura counties and with the State Clearinghouse
- Select the 30800 Agoura Rd Site alternative in the City of Agoura Hills as the preferred site for the AWPF.

Recommendation

- Recommendation before the board has been reviewed by JPA legal counsel and our environmental experts. Based on our review, the Final PEIR meets the requirements of CEQA, adequately responds to public comments, and provides substantial evidence to support its conclusions that the Project's significant impacts would be mitigated to the greatest extent feasible. Staff agrees that the Final PEIR meets all statutory requirements and the comments have been adequately addressed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act.



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Thank You