



Climate Action Plan

Subsequent Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting

January 10, 2024

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Scoping Meeting Logistics



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Scoping Meeting Purpose

- Initiate early public consultation
- Clarify the project
- Provide information about the environmental review process
- Receive comments on the scope and content of environmental information to be included in the SEIR

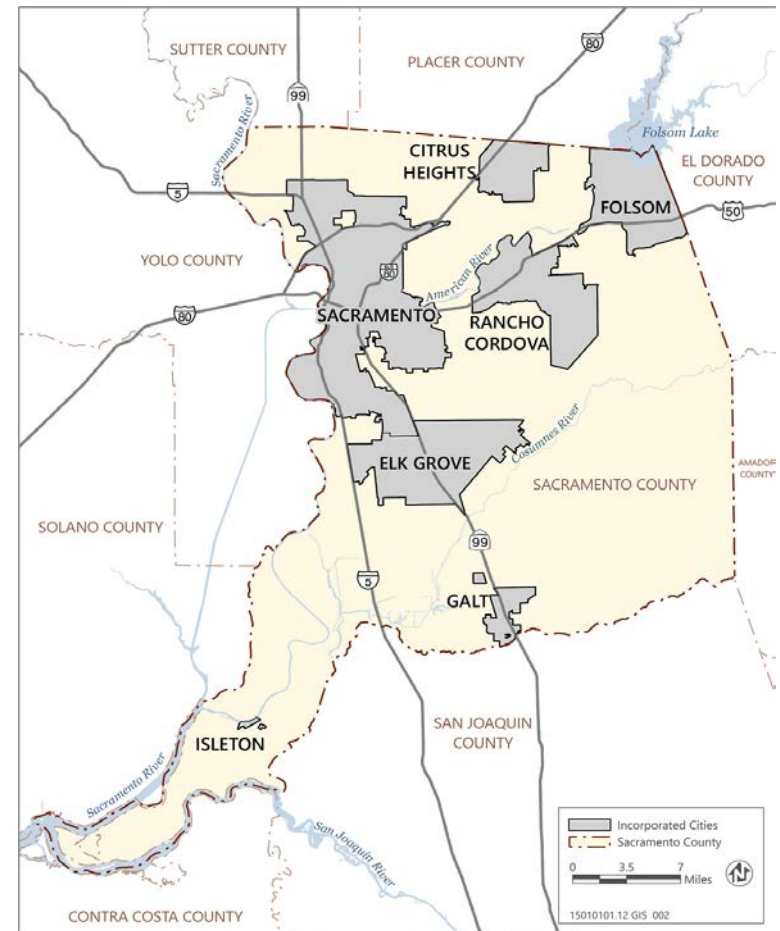
Scoping Meeting Agenda

- Brief Project Background and Summary
- Overview of CEQA and the Environmental Review Process
- Summary of Subsequent Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) Scope and Schedule
- Receive Input on the Scope of the SEIR

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Location

- The CAP would apply to:
 - existing and proposed development in unincorporated Sacramento County
 - County operations



Project Background - Overview

- Sacramento County's 2030 General Plan guides land use and planning
- General Plan EIR evaluated the environmental effects of growth consistent with the 2030 General Plan and identified a significant impact associated with GHG emissions
 - MM CC-1 modified the 2030 General Plan to include Policy LU-115 which identified a goal to help achieve the state's then-current goal of reducing GHG emissions to 1990 levels by the year 2020
 - No further action related to MM CC-1 is required
 - MM CC-2 requires preparation of a CAP and specifies implementation measures, including when the County must adopt a CAP, what elements the CAP must contain, and GHG emissions inventory frequency
 - MM CC-2 was incorporated into the General Plan as Implementation Measures F, G, H, I, and J

Project Background – MM CC-2

- **November 9, 2011:** the County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Climate Action Plan – Strategy and Framework Document*
 - presented a framework for reducing GHG emissions and an overall strategy to address climate change
- **September 11, 2012:** the County Board of Supervisors adopted the *Climate Action Plan – Government Operations*
 - quantified GHG emissions from the County's operations (e.g., County-owned facilities, vehicles, and equipment) and identified measures to reduce these emissions
- **2016:** County began work on a comprehensive CAP
- **2021 and 2022:** Several drafts of the comprehensive CAP were circulated for public review

Moving Forward: 2024 CAP

- Will build upon the County's ongoing efforts to address climate change by refining the Final CAP released in August of 2022
- What will it include?
 - Modified GHG emission reduction measures (from those previously circulated for public review)
 - Improved alignment with recent changes in State regulations including the 2022 Climate Change Scoping Plan.
 - New GHG emission reduction targets based on the most recently adopted State legislation

2024 CAP: Baseline and Forecast GHG Emissions

2021 Inventory

- Snapshot of the major sources of emissions in a single year
- Available: <https://green.saccounty.net/Pages/2021GreenhouseGasInventory.aspx>

Forecasts

- Estimate of future GHG emissions levels based on a continuation of current trends in activity, population and job growth, and relevant regulatory actions
- Growth projections will include reasonably foreseeable projects

Emissions Gap

- The emissions gap, if any, between forecasted emissions and reduction targets serves as the foundation to determine the strategies and measures needed to reduce GHG emissions to align with State legislation

2024 CAP: GHG Reduction Strategy

Each GHG reduction measure will:

- Clearly identify the appropriate mechanism or vehicle for implementation
- Have a performance standard that will measure the success of a program or that equates to a long-term emissions reduction supported by substantial evidence
- Provide a clear timeline of implementation
- Include an action to develop a funding mechanism or identify a potential grant funding or financing source

2024 CAP: Climate Change Adaptation Strategy

The adaptation measures help the County to prepare for increased: temperatures and extreme heat days, risk of wildfire, drought, flooding, and sea level rise.

Many climate adaptation measures may also reduce GHG emissions, improve public health, and achieve other co-benefits that further the County's sustainability and environmental justice goals and improve community resilience.

CEQA Streamlining

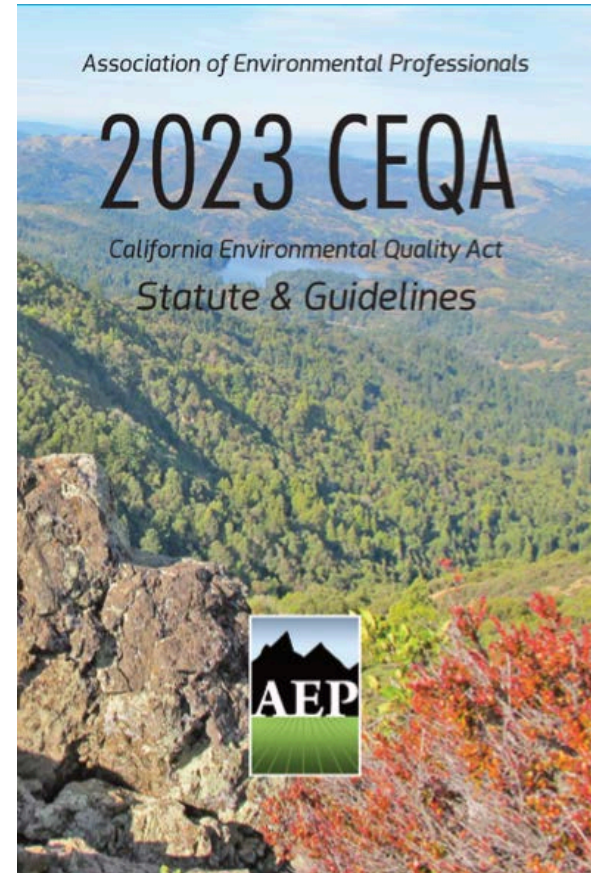
The 2024 CAP will be developed to serve as a qualified GHG reduction plan used for programmatic tiering per CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064.4(b)(3) and 15183.5(b).

A CAP Consistency Checklist will be required to enforce implementation of applicable GHG reduction measures on projects that wish to utilize the CEQA streamlining benefits of the 2024 CAP for their project-specific GHG impact analysis.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

California Environmental Quality Act

- Evaluate project's environmental effects
- Reduce significant effects, where feasible
- Public involvement and disclosure
- Informed decision making



Environmental Impact Report

An informational document prepared pursuant to CEQA

- Discloses potential effects of proposed project on the environment
- Identifies mitigation measures
- Describes feasible alternative to a proposed project
- Must be certified for a project to be approved

Subsequent Environmental Review

- The 2030 General Plan EIR (SCH # 2007082086, certified November 2011) includes a preliminary analysis of the effects of implementing a CAP
- A subsequent analysis is appropriate because the revised CAP may include measures that result in new or more severe significant impacts (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162)

Subsequent Environmental Review

The County will prepare a focused SEIR that will:

- tier analysis from the 2030 General Plan EIR
- evaluate whether implementation of the CAP would result in new or substantially more severe significant impacts than the impacts disclosed in the 2030 General Plan EIR

SEIR SCOPE AND SCHEDULE

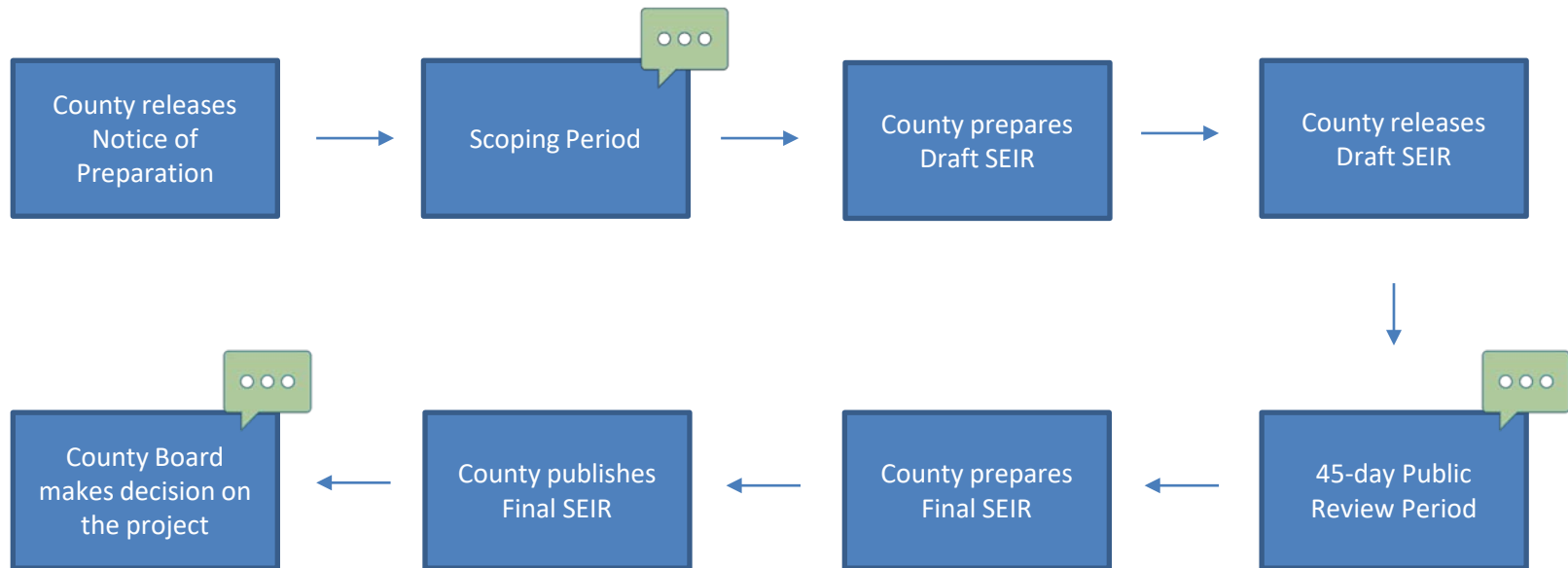
SEIR Scope


The County has determined that the CAP could result in new or substantially more severe significant effects on the resource areas described below.

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Energy
- GHG Emissions
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources

Other environmental resources will be discussed at a lesser level of detail to substantiate the determination that no new or more severe impacts would occur.

Environmental Review Process



 Opportunities for public comment

COMMENTS

Focus of Input

- Scope of environmental analysis
- Ideas for feasible mitigation measures
- Suggestions for alternatives to the project that could reduce or avoid potentially significant or significant impacts
- Identification of public agencies, public and private groups, and individuals that the County should notice regarding this project and the accompanying SEIR

Stay Involved

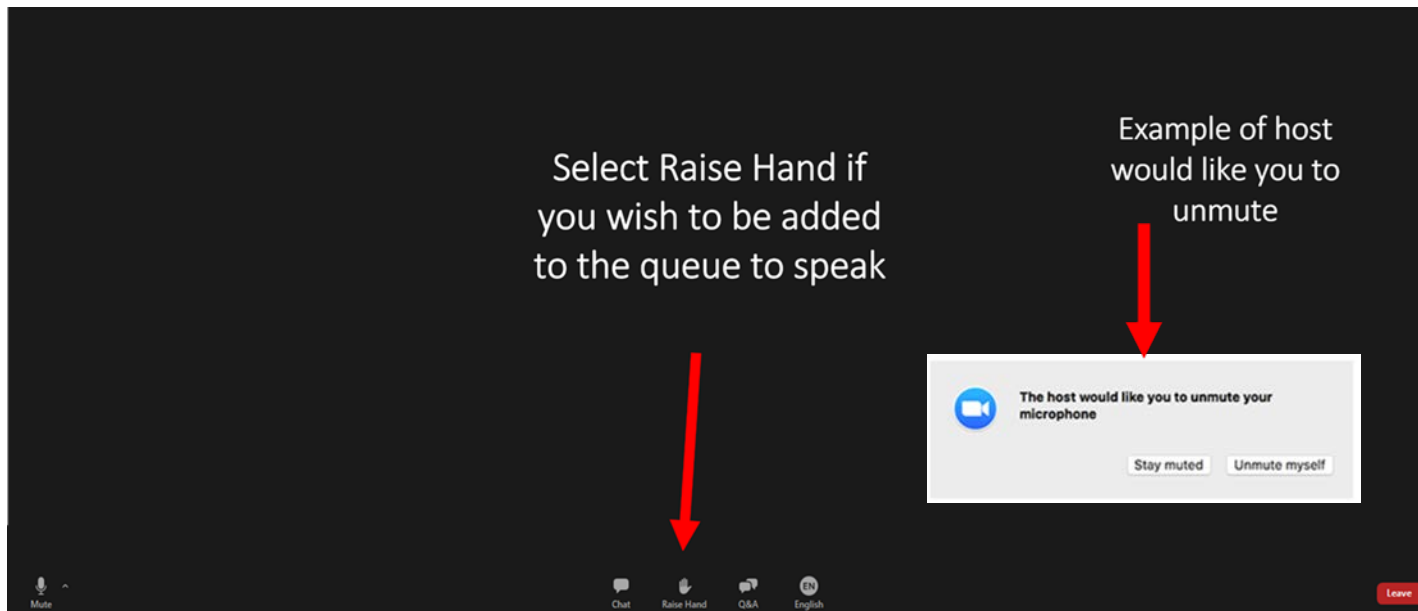
Visit the County's Website:

<https://planning.saccounty.gov/PlansandProjectsIn-Progress/Pages/CAP.aspx>

- Project materials, including the NOP
- Subscribe to receive email and text updates

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Via Zoom



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Providing Written Comments

Submit Comments To:

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Email: CEQA@saccounty.net

Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday , January 31, 2024

Please Limit Verbal Comments to 3 Minutes

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