

# **APPENDIX E**

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## **Public Workshop and Scoping Meeting Presentations**

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**Circle City Substation and  
Mira Loma-Jefferson  
66 kV Subtransmission Line Project**

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**California Public Utilities Commission**

**Educational Workshop**

**February 16, 2016  
Circle City Center  
365 N. Main Street  
Corona, California**

**February 17, 2016  
Corona Public Library  
650 S. Main Street  
Corona, California**

# Workshop Participants

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- CPUC: Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
  - Connie Chen, CPUC Project Manager
  
- Environmental Science Associates (ESA): Environmental Consultant to the CPUC
  - Matt Fagundes, ESA Project Manager
  - Claire Myers, ESA Public Involvement
  - Michelle Irace, ESA Public Involvement



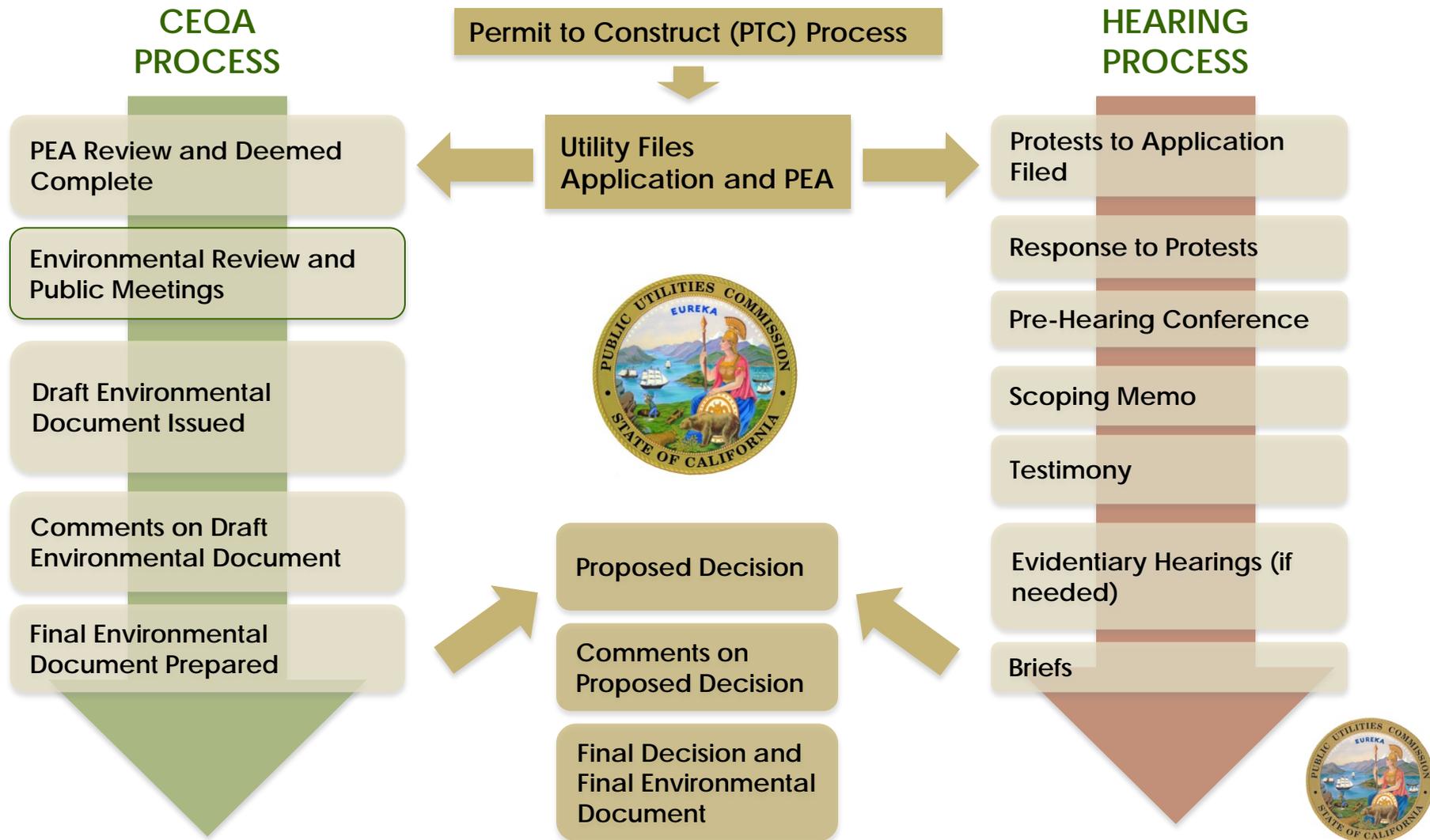
# Workshop Outline

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- CPUC Review Process
  - Permit to Construct (PTC) Review
    - Environmental (CEQA) Review
- CEQA Overview
- CEQA Process Schedule
- How to Get Involved



# CPUC Processes



# CEQA Review

| CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW  | SECTION 1001/GO 131-D REVIEW  |
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| <p><b>Application filed Dec 4, 2015:</b> Application includes the utility's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) of the proposed project's environmental impact, identifying the utility's preferred project alternative.</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Completeness review</b> - CPUC staff review the application and the PEA for completeness.</p> <p><b>Agency consultations</b> – CPUC staff meet with agencies.</p> <p><b>Public workshops</b> – CPUC staff may hold workshops to explain the CEQA process.</p> <p><b>Notice of Preparation (NOP)</b> – CPUC staff issue NOP giving public notice of the environmental review and inviting public participation.</p> <p><b>Public scoping process</b> – CPUC staff conduct meetings to solicit information on the impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, and other suggested alternative routes and/or sites. Interested persons may also submit written comments on these scoping issues.</p> <p><b>Comments on NOP</b> – Interested persons may submit written comment to the CPUC staff, including proposed alternatives to the project and alternative routes.</p> <p><b>Draft EIR</b> – CPUC staff issue Draft EIR assessing environmental impact of the proposed project and alternatives, identifying mitigation measures for each, and identifying the environmentally preferred alternative.</p> <p><b>Public meetings on Draft EIR</b> – CPUC staff conduct public meetings to discuss Draft EIR.</p> <p><b>Public comments on Draft EIR</b> – Interested persons may submit comments stating any objections to the DEIR</p> <p><b>Final EIR</b> – Final EIR, responding to public comments on the Draft EIR, is issued and submitted into the formal record of the proceeding.</p> | <p><b>Protests/responses filed</b> – due within 30 days of the application filing date (GO 131-D § XII)</p> <p><b>Public Participation Hearings (PPH)</b> – to hear public comment. Public statements are not sworn or subject to cross-examination. May be scheduled at outset, prior to CPUC vote, or other appropriate point in the process, as determined by ALJ and assigned Commissioner.</p> <p><b>Prehearing conference (PHC)</b> – to discuss scope of issues to be addressed, need for evidentiary hearing and schedule for the proceeding, and other procedural matters.</p> <p><b>Scoping memo</b> – The Assigned Commissioner issues scoping memo determining the issues, schedule and other procedural matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally, <b>evidentiary hearing</b> will be limited to matters other than the environmental issues addressed in the CEQA process.</li> <li>• Whether or not evidentiary hearings are set, the schedule may provide for the filing of <b>briefs</b>.</li> </ul> |
| <p><b>Proposed and alternate decisions</b> – The ALJ issues proposed decision. The Assigned Commissioner may concurrently issue an alternate decision. Other Commissioners may subsequently issue alternative decisions.</p> <p><b>Comment on proposed and alternate decisions</b> – Generally, all proposed and alternate decisions are subject to 30 days for public review and parties' comment before the CPUC may vote on them.</p> <p><b>CPUC vote</b> – The CPUC votes on the proposed and any alternate decisions at a public business meeting.</p>  |   |

# PTC Review



# Application Process

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Investor Owned Utility (IOU)

Proposes to build infrastructure

Permit to Construct (PTC)

Discretionary Decision  
of Commission

Approve

Disapprove

or



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 1)

**Utility Files Application**

**CPUC and its Environmental Consultant Review**

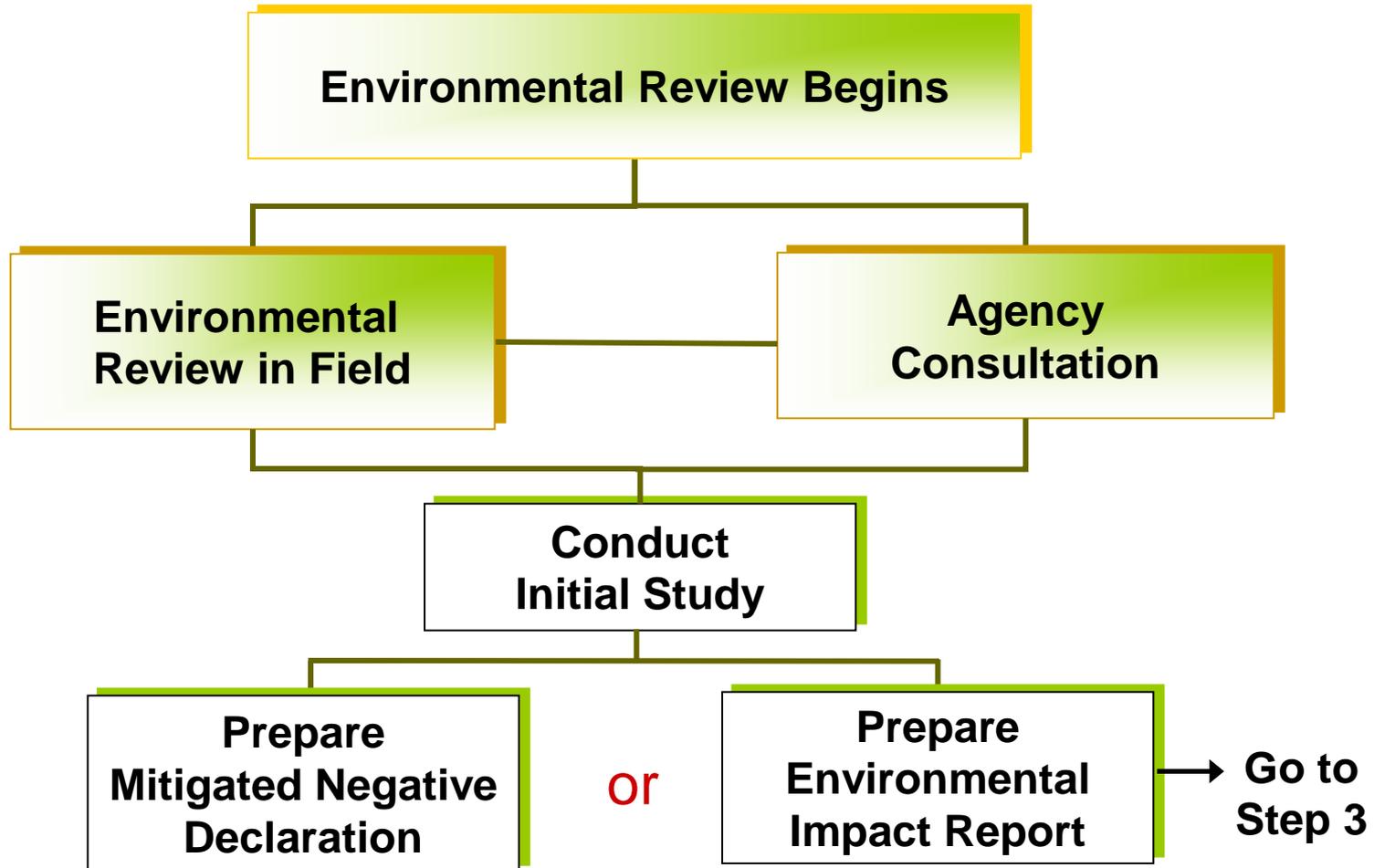
**Application  
Deemed Complete**

**Environmental  
Review Begins**

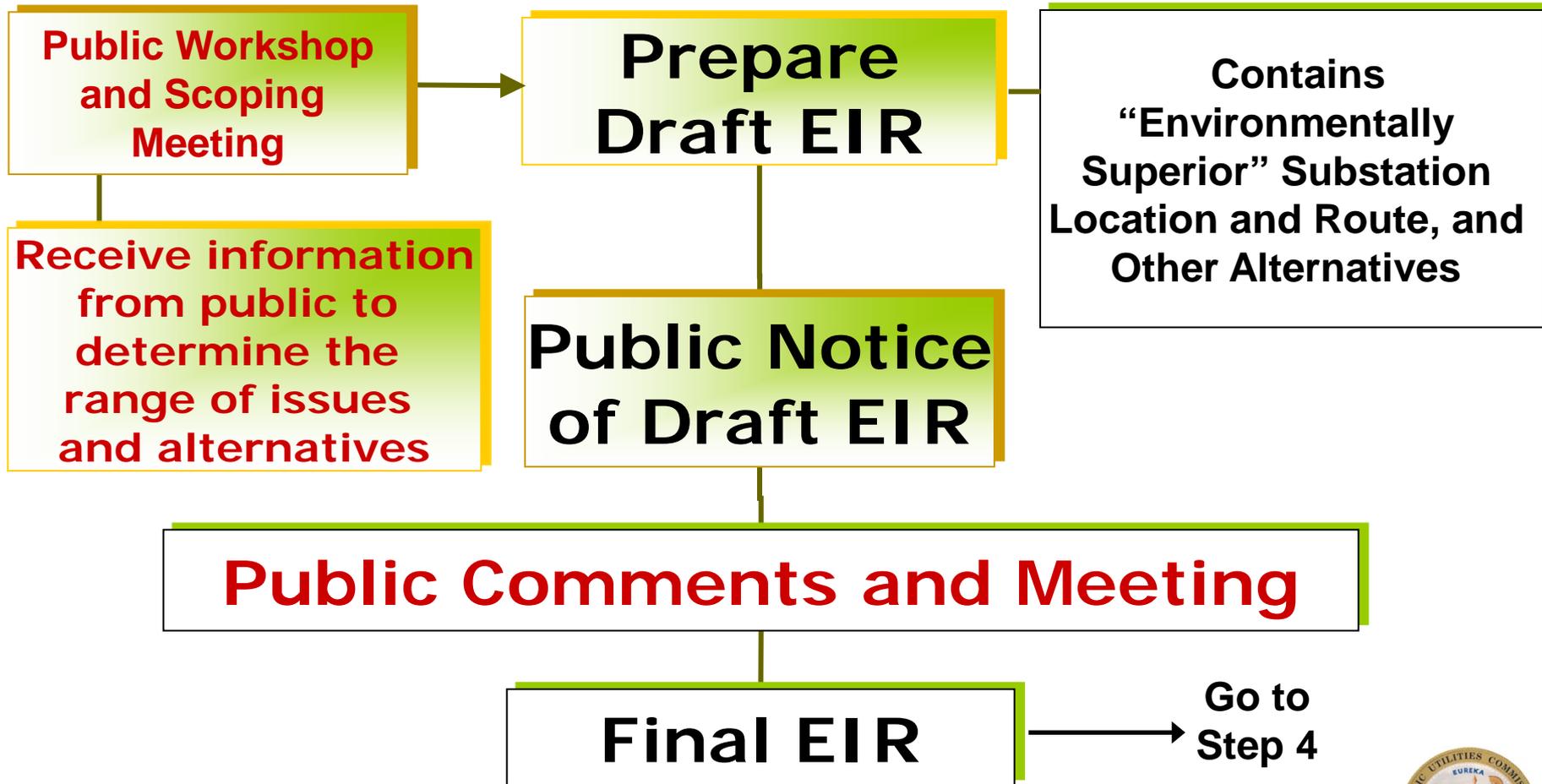
→ **Go to  
Step 2**



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 2)



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 3)



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 4)



# To Get Involved in the PTC Process

## *Get on the Service List*

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- Go to:  
[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service\\_lists/sl\\_index.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service_lists/sl_index.htm)
- Information you need:
- Project Name: Circle City Substation and Mira Loma-Jefferson 66 kV Subtransmission Line Project
  - Proceeding Number: A.15-12-007
  - Administrative Law Judge: Kimberly Kim
- Questions
  - (415) 703-2021 or [process\\_office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:process_office@cpuc.ca.gov)



# CEQA Overview

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- ❑ The California Environmental Quality Act
  - Inform decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of a proposed project
  - Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced
  - Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures
  - Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project if significant environmental effects are involved
- ❑ Focus on physical impacts to the environment



# CEQA: Project Description

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## □ Construction

- What would be built
- How would the project be built
  - Construction methodology
  - Equipment required
  - Workers required
- Project schedule

## □ Operations

- How would the project be operated
- Operational personnel required

## □ Maintenance

- How is the project maintained
- When is maintenance performed
- Maintenance personnel required



# CEQA: Resource Areas

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- ❑ Aesthetics
- ❑ Agriculture and Forestry Resources
- ❑ 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
- ❑ Population and Housing
- ❑ Public Services
- ❑ Recreation
- ❑ Transportation and Traffic
- ❑ Utilities and Service Systems



# For Each Resource Area . . .

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- Define and Describe Existing Setting
  - Environmental setting
  - Regulatory setting
- Establish Thresholds of Significance
  - What defines a “significant” impact
- Identify Impacts and Mitigation Measures
  - Applicant Proposed Measures
  - CPUC Mitigations
  - Significance after mitigation



# CEQA: Project Alternatives

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- ❑ Must identify a range of reasonable alternatives
- ❑ Must be feasible
  - Legal, regulatory, technical
- ❑ Must meet most basic project objectives
- ❑ Must avoid or substantially lessen significant effects of the project
- ❑ May be more costly



# Alternatives may include . . .

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- ❑ Considered by the Applicant, developed by CEQA team, suggested by public/agencies
- ❑ Alternative locations
- ❑ “Non-wires” alternatives
  - Energy conservation / demand management
  - Renewable energy resources
- ❑ “No Project” alternative



# CEQA: Cumulative Impacts

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- ❑ Consider past, present, reasonably foreseeable projects
- ❑ Projections in adopted General Plan
- ❑ Within same geographic scope
- ❑ Incremental effect of Proposed Project
  - Individually small
  - May be cumulatively significant



# To Get Involved in the CEQA Process

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- ❑ You're on the right track!
  - Please stay for the Scoping Meeting
- ❑ Scoping Process
  - Notice of Preparation sent on January 29, 2016
  - Comment Period closes on February 29, 2016 at 5:00 p.m.
  - How to comment:
    - ❑ At this Scoping Meeting, via Email, and/or Comment Letter
- ❑ Draft EIR
  - Anticipated August 2016
  - How to comment:
    - ❑ At the Comment Meeting, via Email, and/or Comment Letter



# Project Information

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# California Public Utilities Commission CEQA Scoping Meeting

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# Participants and their Roles

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- ❑ SCE: Project Applicant
- ❑ Public Agencies, Organizations, and Members of the Public



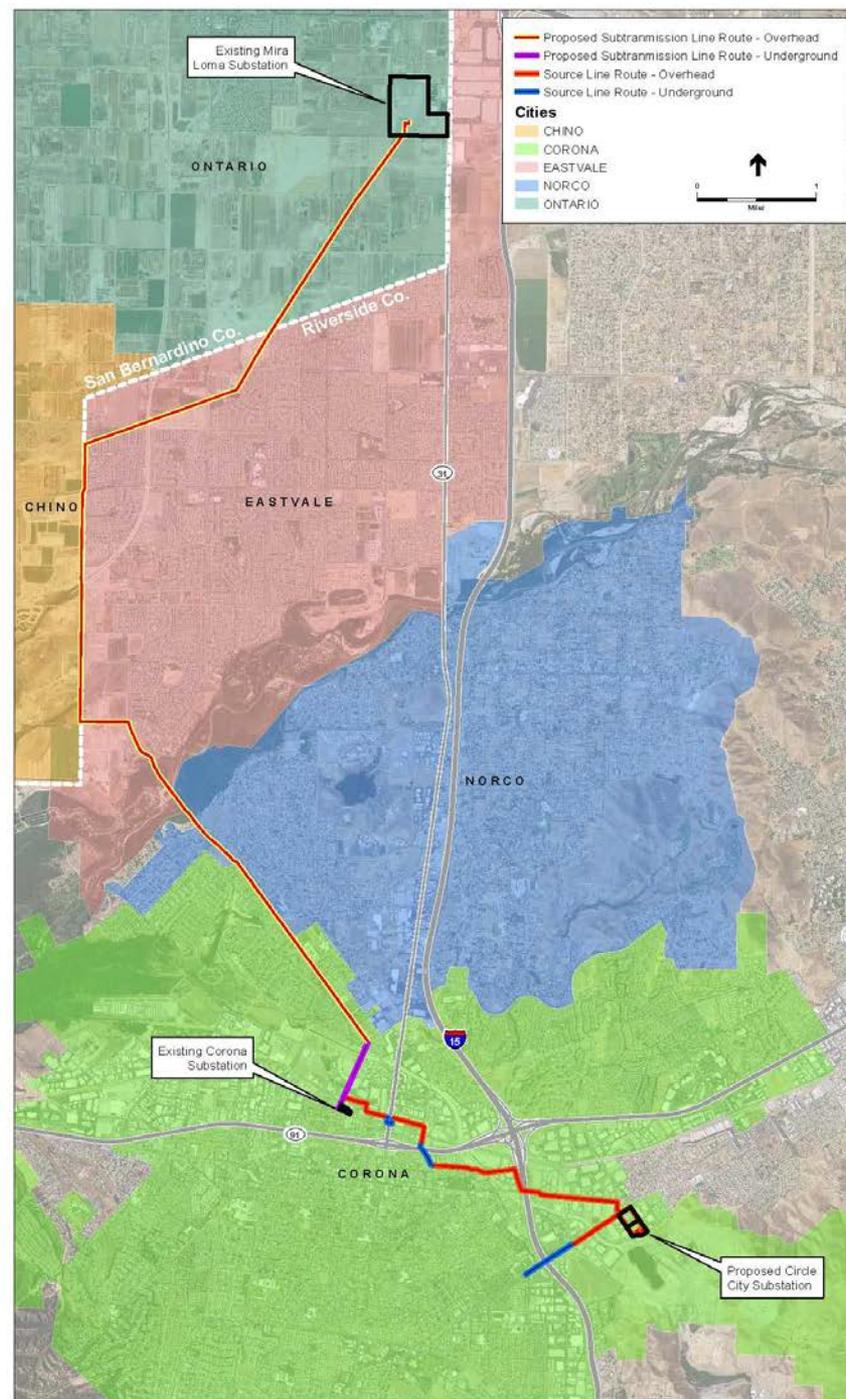
# Circle City Project Draft EIR

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- Executive Summary
- Project Description
- Impacts and Mitigation Measures
- Cumulative Effects
- Project Alternatives
- Mitigation Monitoring, Reporting, and Compliance Plan



# Proposed Project Location



# Project Description

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## □ Project Objectives

- Ensure the availability of safe and reliable electrical service
- Provide additional capacity to serve long-term forecasted electrical demand requirements in the Electrical Needs Area (ENA)
- Maintain or improve system reliability and provide greater operational flexibility



# Project Description

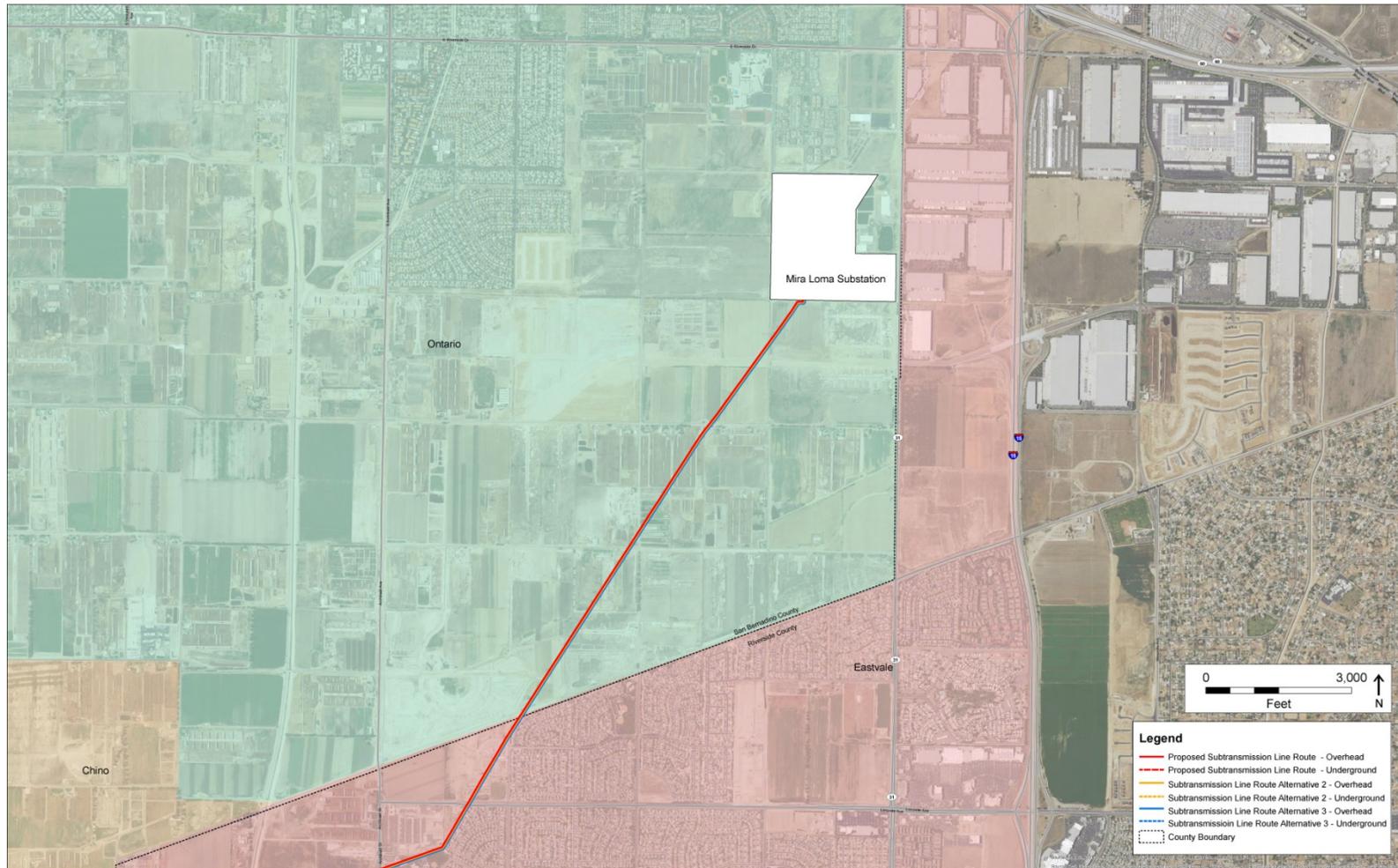
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## □ Components

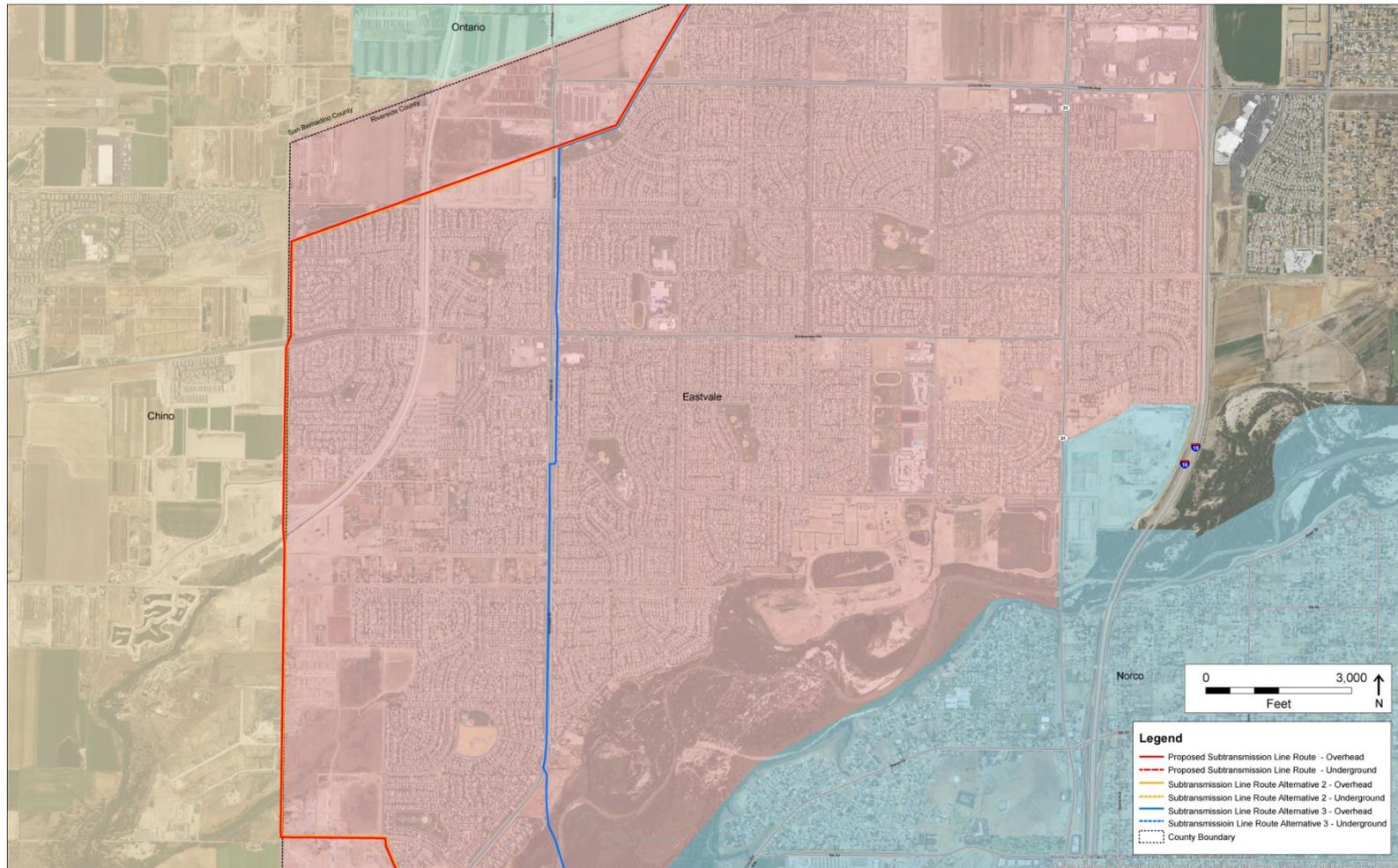
- New 66/12 kV substation (Circle City Substation)
- Four new 66 kV subtransmission source lines
- New 66 kV subtransmission line
- Upgrade to Mira Loma Substation
- Six new underground 12 kV distribution getaways
- Undergrounding 1.9 miles of an existing overhead 33 kV distribution line
- Installation of telecommunication facilities



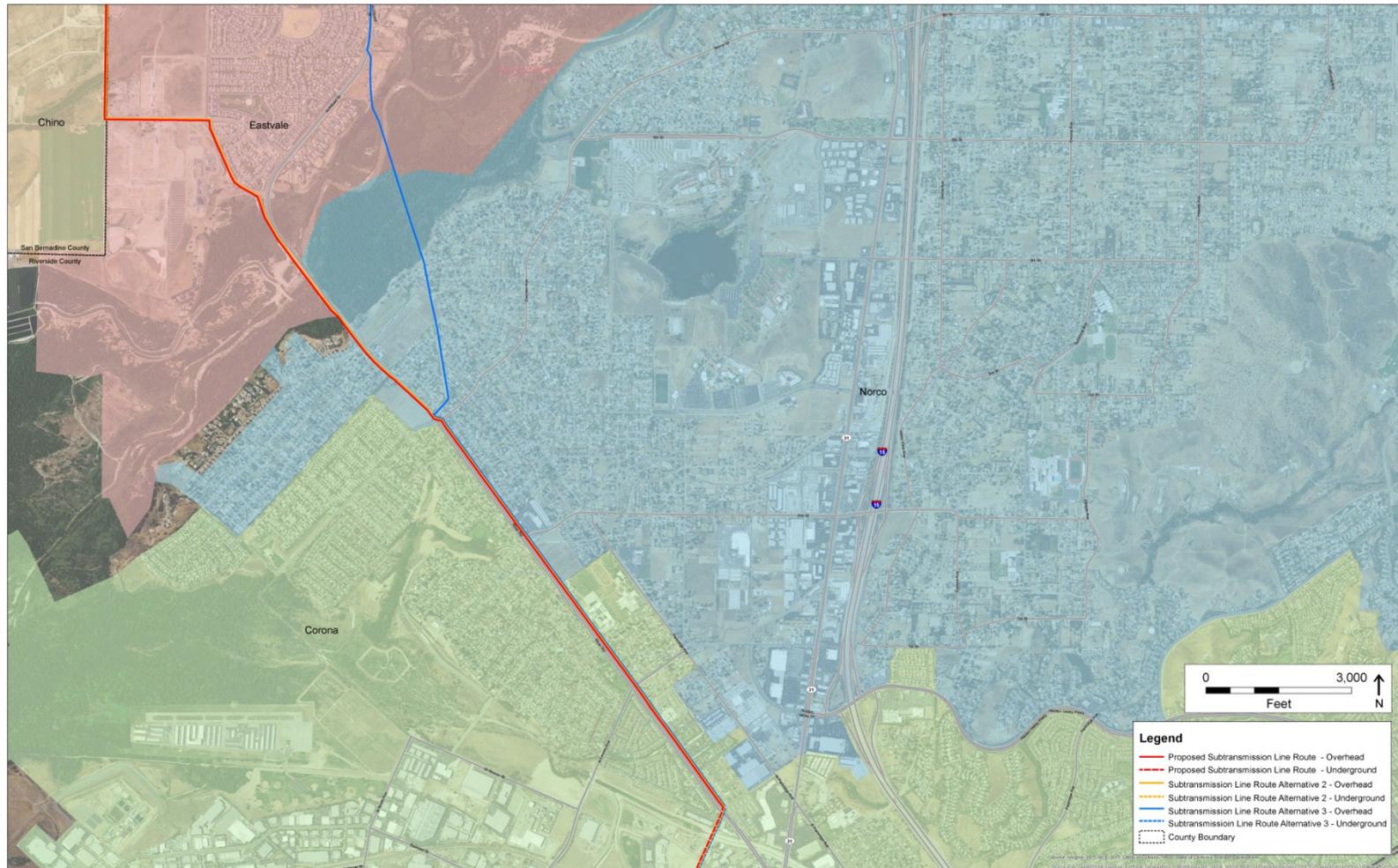
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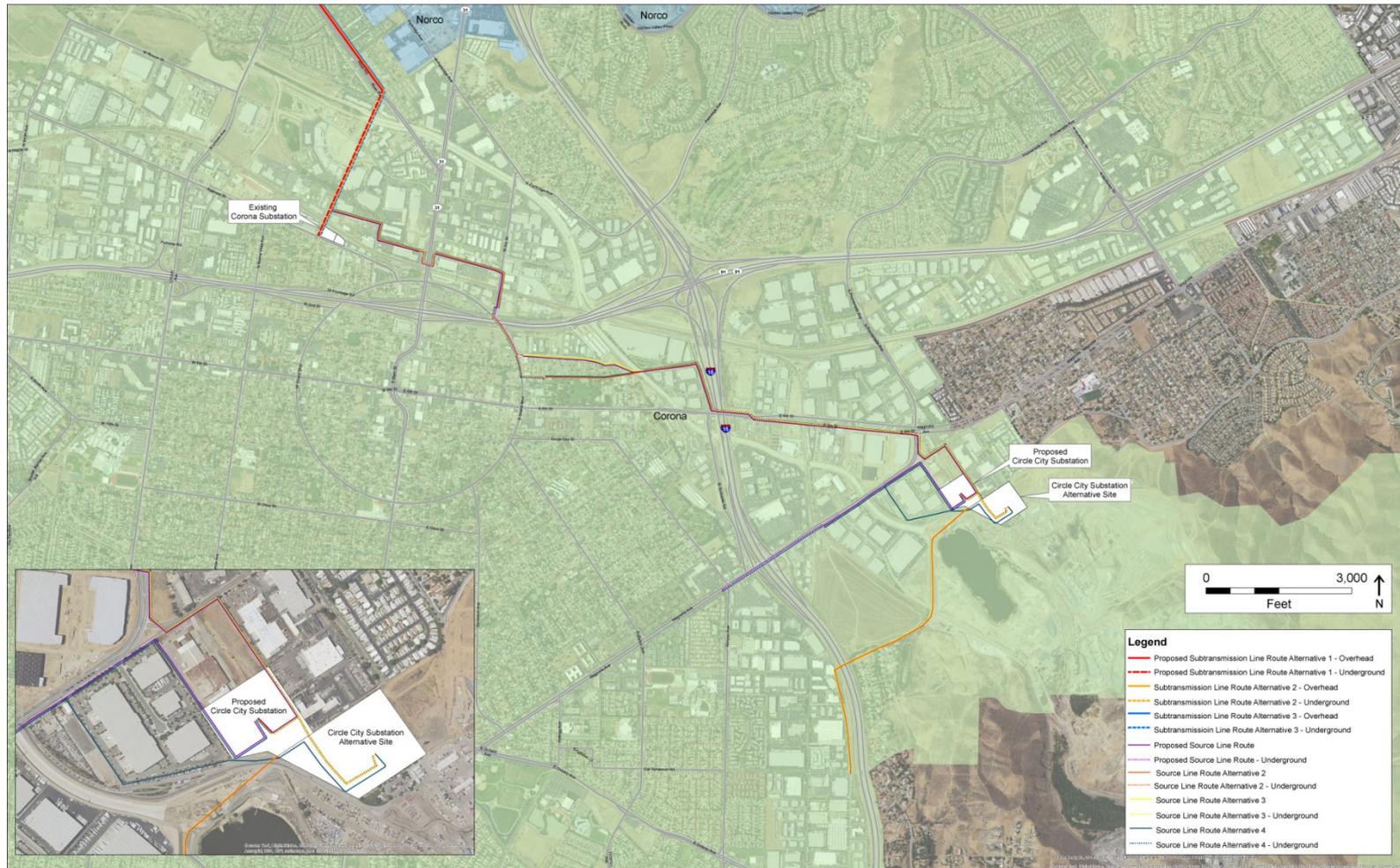
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# Draft EIR Environmental Topics

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# Other Key Agencies and Tribes

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- ❑ Cities in Riverside County:
  - Corona, Eastvale, Norco
- ❑ Cities in San Bernardino County:
  - Ontario and Chino
- ❑ Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians, San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians, Soboba Band of Luiseno Indians, and other interested tribes
- ❑ CA Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ❑ CA Department of Transportation
- ❑ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ❑ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



# CEQA Environmental Review Schedule

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|---|---------------------------------------|
| SCE filed PTC Application and PEA         | December 4, 2015                      |
| Notice of Preparation for EIR             | January 29, 2016                      |
| <b>CEQA Public Scoping for EIR</b>        | <b>January 29 – February 29, 2016</b> |
| 45-day Public Review Period for Draft EIR | Estimated for Fall 2016               |
| Final EIR                                 | Early 2017                            |
| EIR Certified by CPUC                     | Spring 2017                           |



# How to Provide Scoping Comments

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Deadline: February 29, 2016



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# Public Comments



# Discussion Guidelines

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- ❑ One person to speak at a time
- ❑ Be concise
- ❑ Stay on topic
- ❑ Support everyone's participation
- ❑ Respect others' opinions
- ❑ Comments will be recorded
- ❑ Written comments are encouraged

