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Public Meeting

January 19, 2022, 7:00p.m. to 9:30p.m.

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Welcome

The Cottonwood Sand Mine Public Meeting will begin at 7:00pm.

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COTTONWOOD SAND MINE

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

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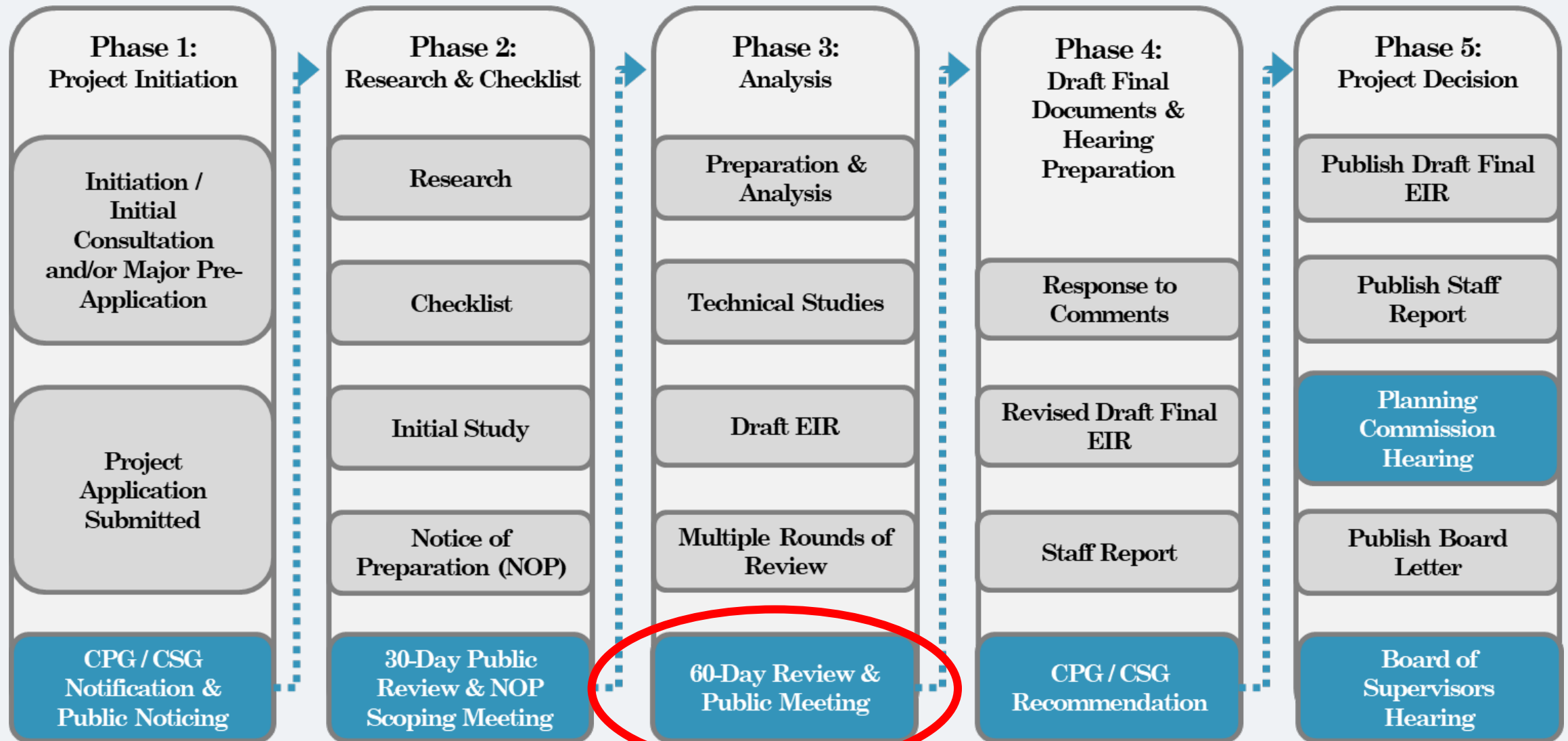
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Role of County Staff

- Project applications filed by project applicant/owner
- Major Use Permit (MUP) and Reclamation Plan (RP) - Zoning Ordinance and State Mining and Reclamation Act
- MUP/RP decision is made by Planning Commission, appealable to Board of Supervisors
- Staff guides applicant through project processing to decision, while conducting necessary review and outreach to other County Departments, Planning Group, Agencies, Native American Tribes, and Public

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Where in the Review Process is this Project?

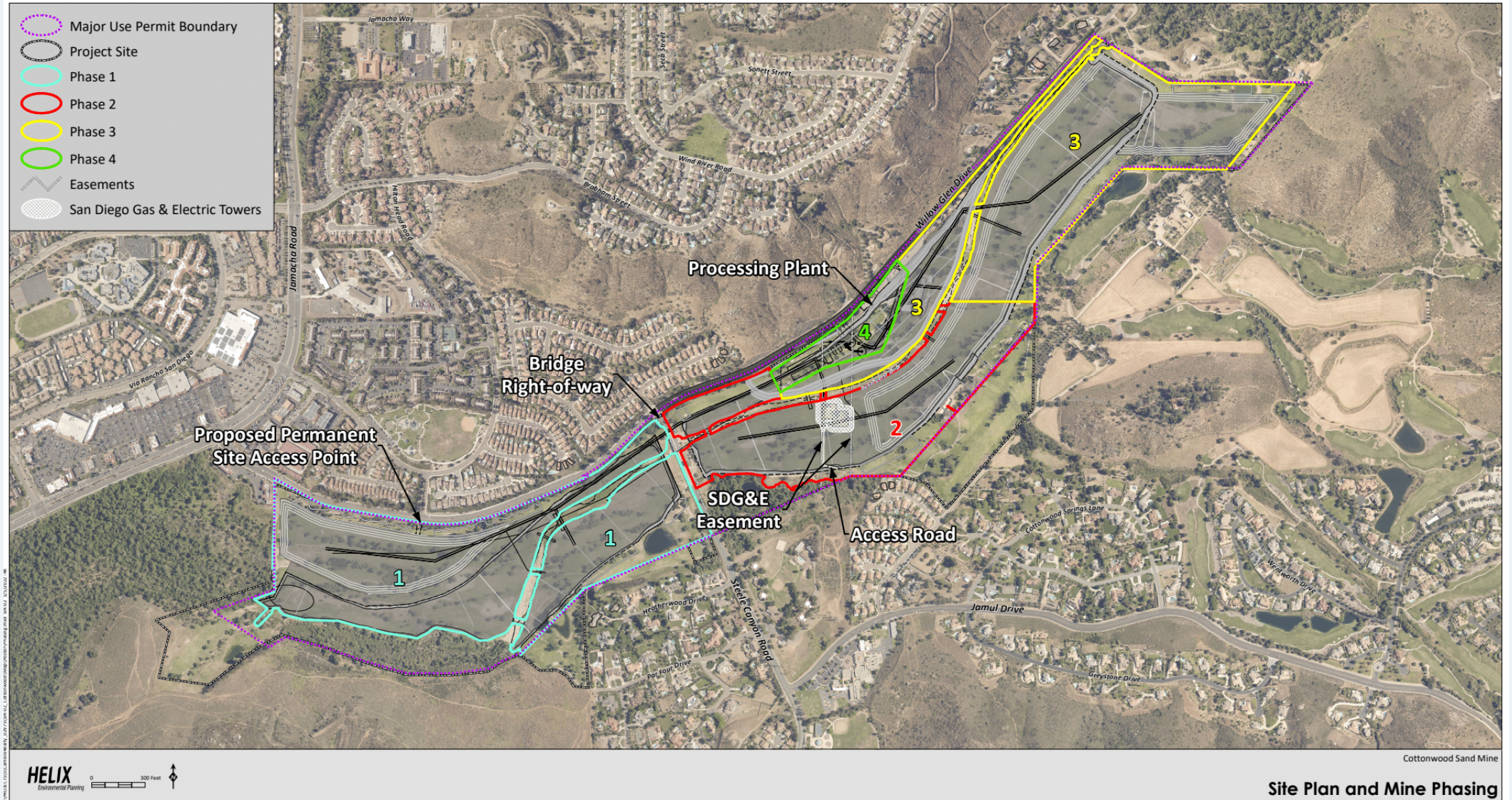


Purpose of this Presentation

- Summary of Draft EIR for Cottonwood Sand Mine
- Overview of Project Description
- Environmental Topics Analyzed
- Significant Environmental Impacts
- Mitigation Measures
- Alternatives

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Proposed Project

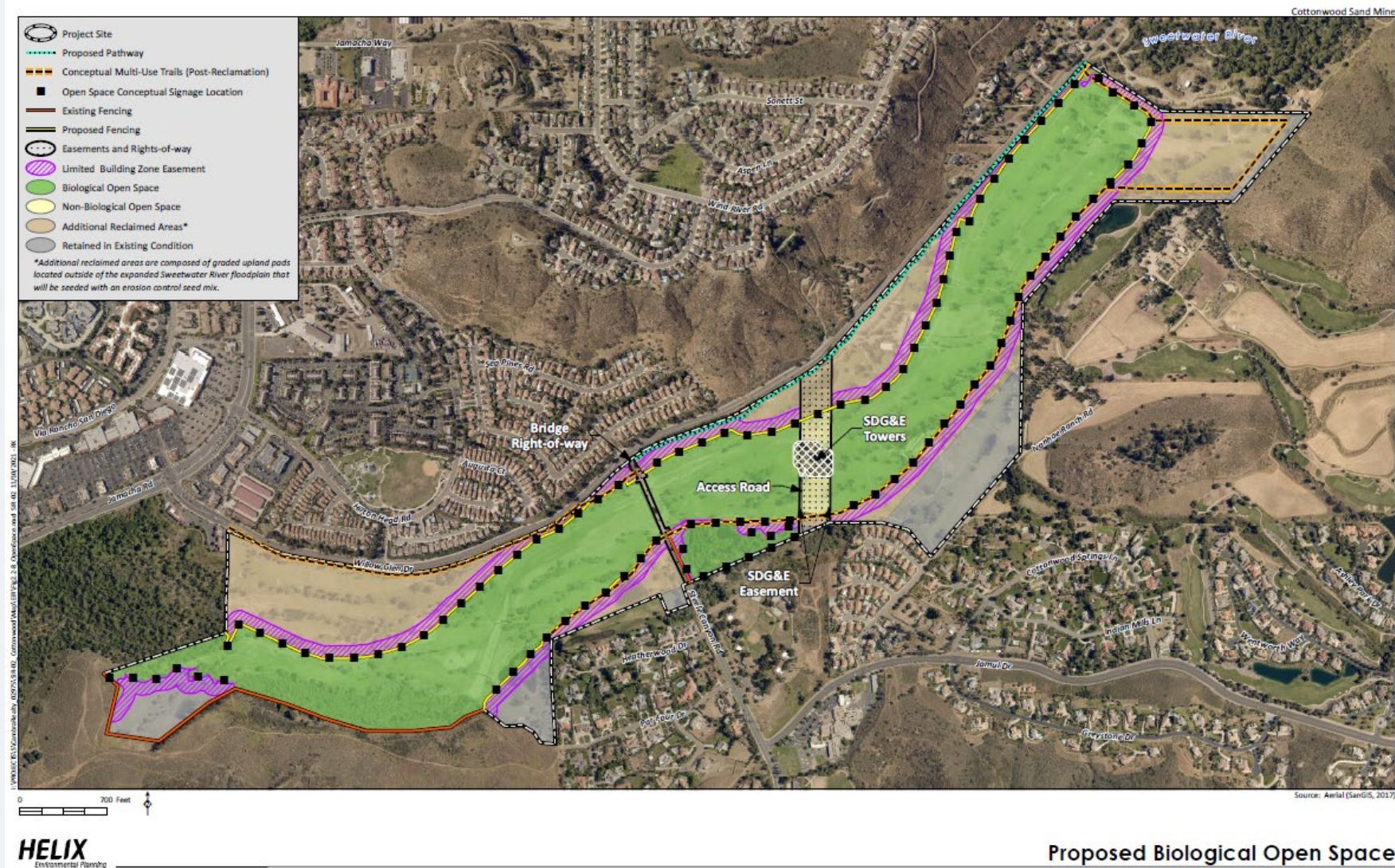


Reclamation Plan

- Reclamation Plan is required in compliance with the Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA) and the County Grading Ordinance.
- Reclamation plans are required to ensure the mined lands are restored for uses allowed by General Plan and zoning.
- Revegetation Plan is required for mitigation and to restore the Sweetwater River riparian corridor.
- Reclaimed areas would be restored to an end use of open space, multi-use trails, and land suitable for uses allowed by the General Plan and existing zoning classifications.

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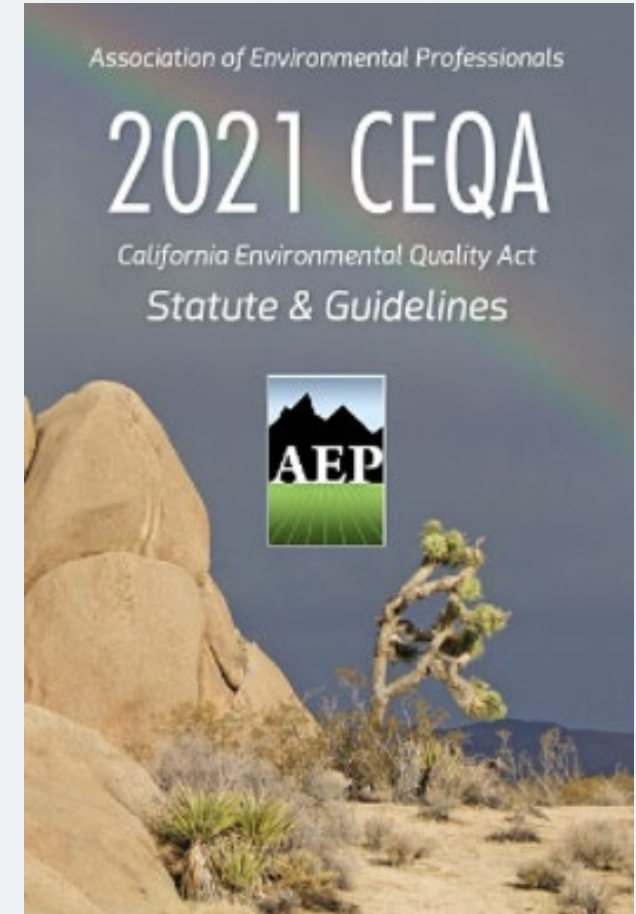
Proposed Biological Open Space



Significant and Unavoidable Impacts

Aesthetics – Appendix H and Chapter 2.1 of DEIR

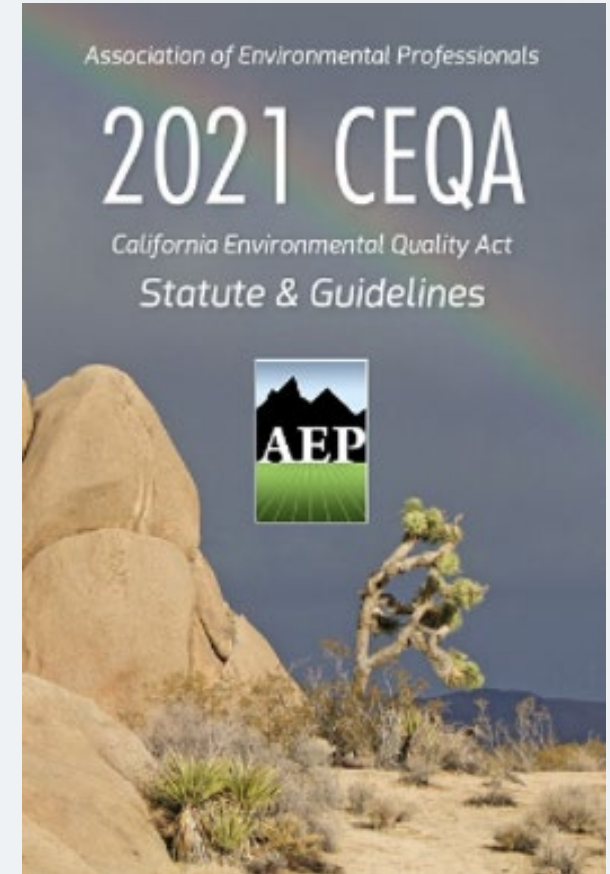
- Several impacts identified:
 - Views from Willow Glen Drive
 - Nearby trails and viewpoints
 - Physical changes to the project site
- Project Design Features will be implemented
 - Landscape Screening
 - Fencing with Screening Mesh
 - Limit Aggregate Stockpiles to 25 feet in height
- Impacts remain significant and unavoidable



Significant Impacts Mitigated to Less Than Significant

Noise – Appendix F and Chapter 2.4 of DEIR

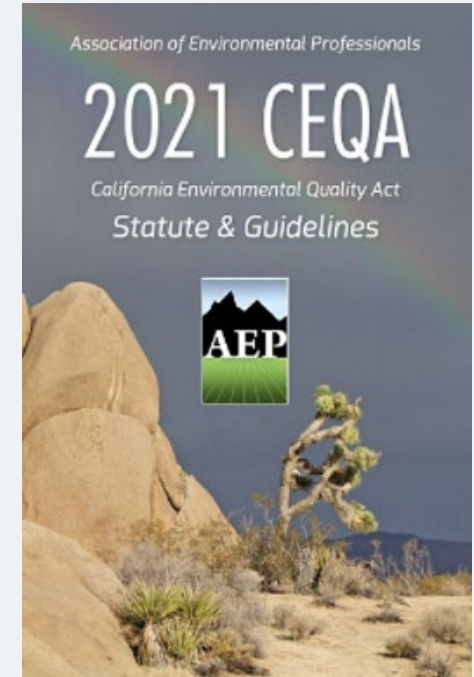
- Several impacts identified (Noise Element):
 - Isolated Residences
 - Adeona Health Care Facility
 - Residential Groupings north and south of site
- Mitigation Measures will be implemented
 - Noise barriers/walls
 - See Figures 2.4-3a-c, Chapter 2.4.5
- Noise Impacts reduced to Less than Significant



Less Than Significant Impact

Air Quality (AQ) – Appendix I and Chapter 3.1.1 of DEIR

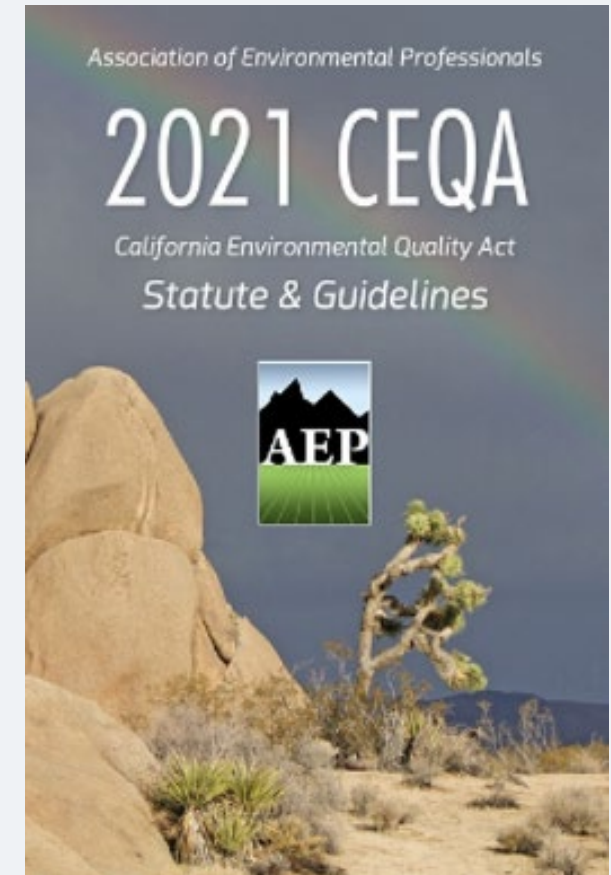
- Less Than Significant Impact
 - Dust emissions (i.e. silica, particulate matter)
 - Combustion/exhaust emissions (i.e. carbon monoxide, nitrogen dioxide, diesel particulate matter)
- Approval of Dust Control Plan required
 - Various methods to reduce emissions of dust (Street Sweeping, Watering, others)
 - Requires approval by Air Pollution Control District (APCD)
 - APCD permits needed for construction and operation
- Project Design Considerations
 - Required use of Best Available Control Technology
 - Other Design Considerations (see Chapter 7.2.4 DEIR)



Less Than Significant Impact

Transportation/Traffic - (Appendices V, W, and Chapter 3.1.7 of DEIR)

- Less Than Significant Impact
 - Vehicle Miles Traveled
 - Conflict with Circulation System
 - Road Hazards Related to Design
 - Inadequate Emergency Access
- Project Design Considerations
 - Willow Glen Drive Improvements
 - Traffic Control Plan during Construction
 - Offsite Trucking 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M.
 - Other Design Considerations (see Chapter 7.2.7 DEIR)



Additional Resource Areas Discussed in DEIR

Potentially Significant but Mitigated (Chapter 2 of DEIR)

- Biological Resources; Cultural Resources; Tribal Cultural Resources; Paleontological Resources

Less Than Significant in DEIR (Chapter 3.1 of DEIR)

- Energy Consumption; Greenhouse Gas Emissions; Hazards and Hazardous Materials; Hydrology and Water Quality; Land Use Planning

Less Than Significant in Initial Study (Chapter 3.2 of DEIR)

- Agricultural and Forestry Resources; Geology; Mineral Resources; Population and Housing; Public Services; Recreation; Utilities and Service Systems; Wildfire

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Mitigation Measures and Project Design Features

Chapter 7 of the DEIR

Mitigation Measures in Chapter 7.1

- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Paleontological Resources

Project Design Features in Chapter 7.2

- 10 Resource Areas including Air Quality and Transportation/Traffic

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Alternatives to the Project

No Project Alternative

- Proposed project does not occur; Existing use continues
- Would not meet any Proposed Project objectives

Biological Resources Avoidance Alternative

- Less Mining than Proposed Project
- Meets all Proposed Project Objectives

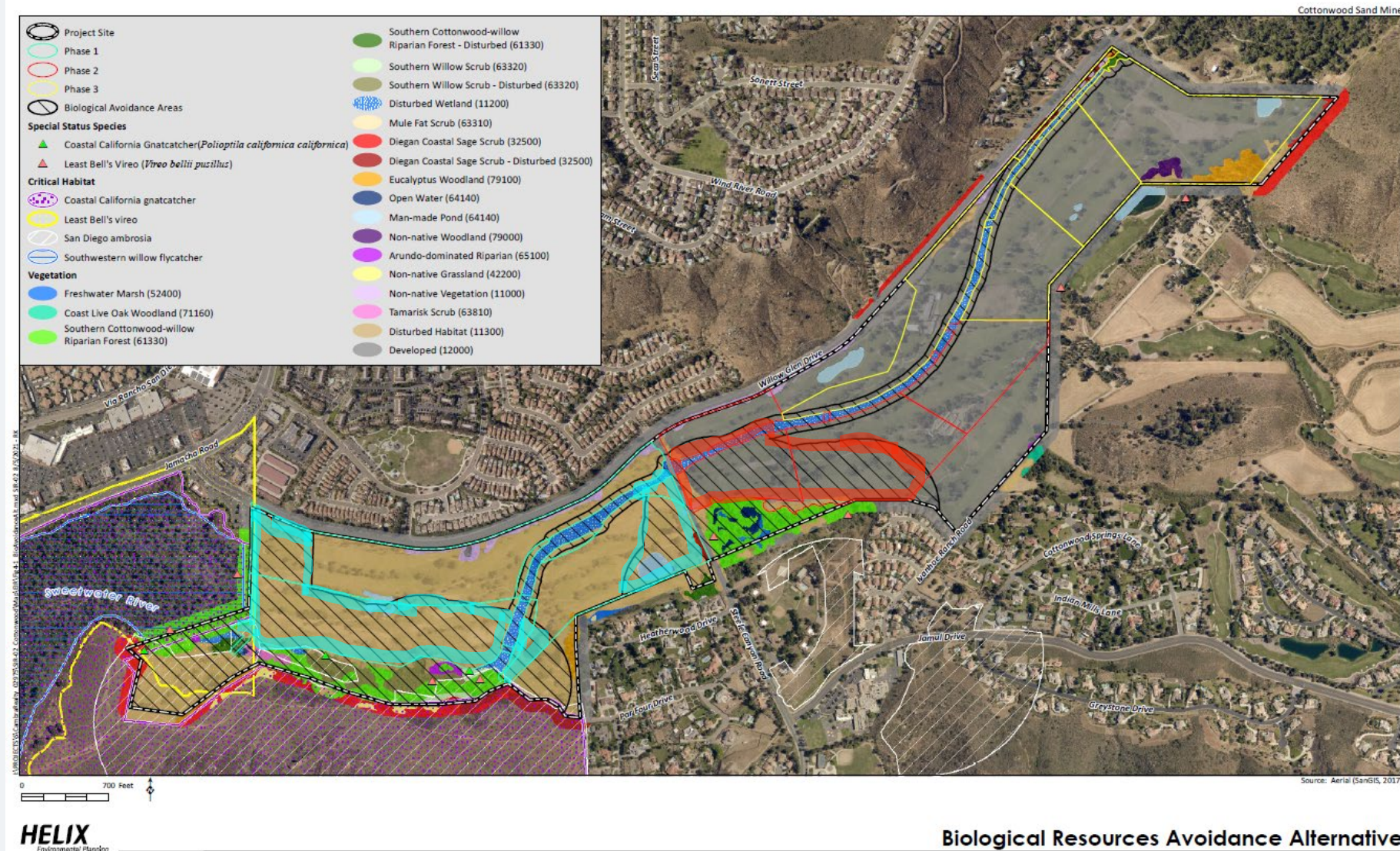
Noise Receptor Setback Alternative

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- Meets all Proposed Project Objectives

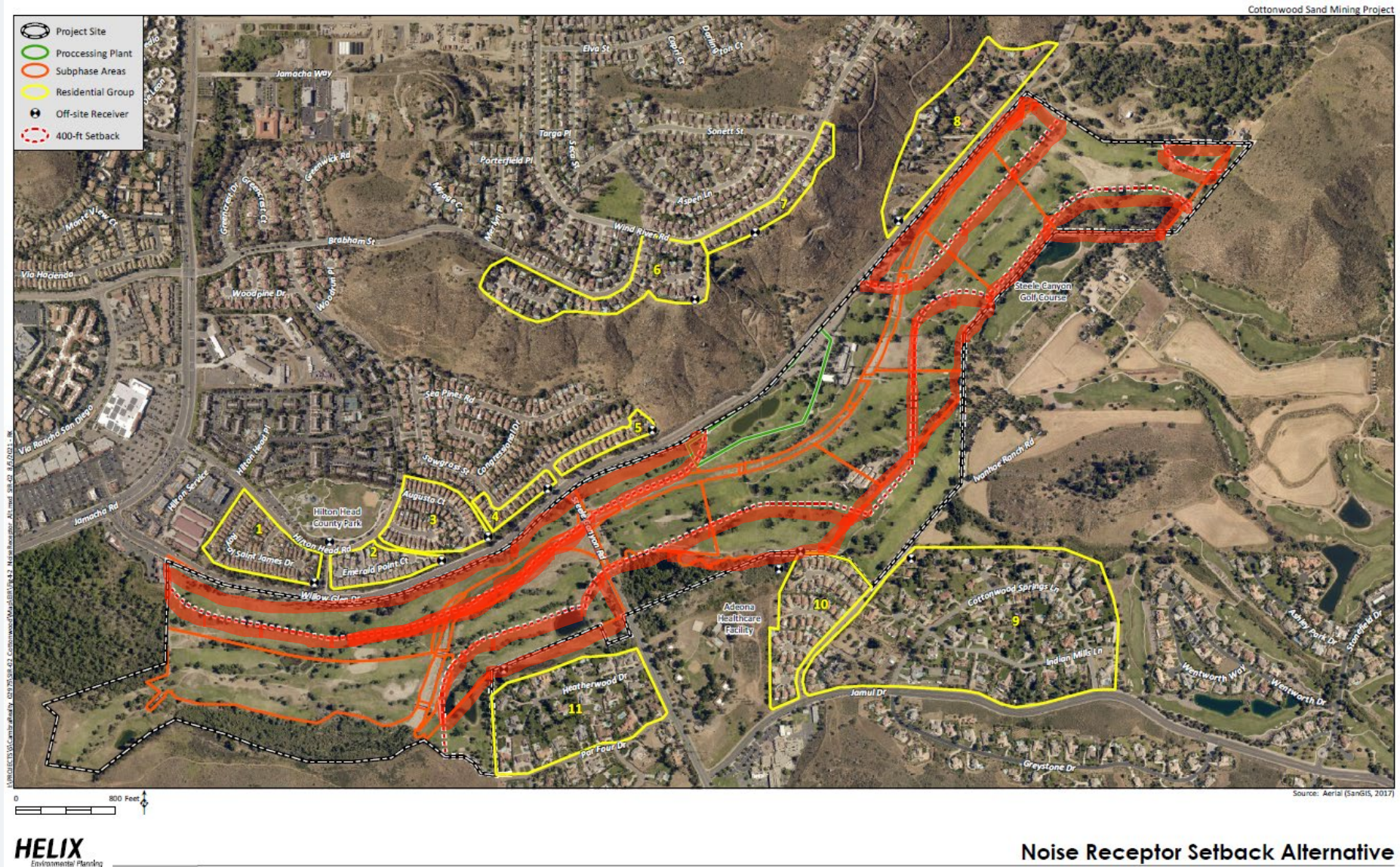
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Biological Resources Avoidance Alternative



Noise Receptor Setback Alternative



Permitting Process – Next Steps

DEIR Public Review

- (December 16, 2021 – February 28, 2022)

Next Steps 2022:

- Valle De Oro Planning Group (Additional Consideration and Recommendation) Their next meeting is Tuesday, February 1st at 7pm
- Response Comments
- Preparation of Final EIR
- Planning Commission
- Appealable to Board of Supervisors

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Submittal of Public Comments

Draft EIR Public Review Period closes

- February 28, 2022 at 4:00pm

Submit Comments to:

Email - Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov

In writing - Robert Hingtgen,
County of San Diego
Planning & Development Services
5510 Overland Ave., Suite 310
San Diego, CA 92123

Thank you

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Draft EIR Comments

A Reminder

- Comments on the Draft EIR must be submitted in writing

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