

**PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR
NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)
FOR COTTONWOOD SAND MINE
(PDS2018-MUP-18-023, PDS2018-RP-18-001)
NOVEMBER 4, 2019 6:00 P.M.
HILLSDALE MIDDLE SCHOOL, EL CAJON, CA**

AGENDA

- **Overview**
- **Purpose of Meeting**
- **Sign-In**
- **Project Description**
- **How to Provide Comments**

Overview

An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required to be prepared for the project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Prior to beginning the preparation of the EIR, CEQA requires that the Lead Agency (in this case, the County of San Diego) consider public input on environmental issues that should be analyzed within the EIR. This is referred to as the Notice of Preparation (NOP) scoping period. During this 30-day scoping period, written comments can be provided to the County on:

- Effects of the project that may damage the physical environment;
- Alternatives to the project that may be less damaging to the environment; and
- Modifications to the project that may lessen the project's environmental effects.

Purpose of Meeting

The County has decided to hold a public NOP scoping meeting to:

- Provide preliminary project information
- Educate on how the CEQA process works and when you can be involved, and
- Explain how the County process works and how CEQA fits into it

It should be noted that environmental analysis has not been conducted at this point; however, staff is here to answer your questions related to the points outlined above.

Sign-In

Please provide your name, address, or your email address. By doing this, we will be able to inform you of information related to review of the project's Draft EIR and public hearings. If you received a notification of this meeting via US Mail or email, you will continue to receive all future notifications.

Project Description

Please refer to the Project Fact Sheet (Page 3 of this packet).

How to Provide Comments

In order to ensure that we adequately capture your comments, we request that all NOP comments be submitted in writing. **Comments must be received by 4:00 p.m., November 22, 2019.** Written comments can be submitted by any of these methods:

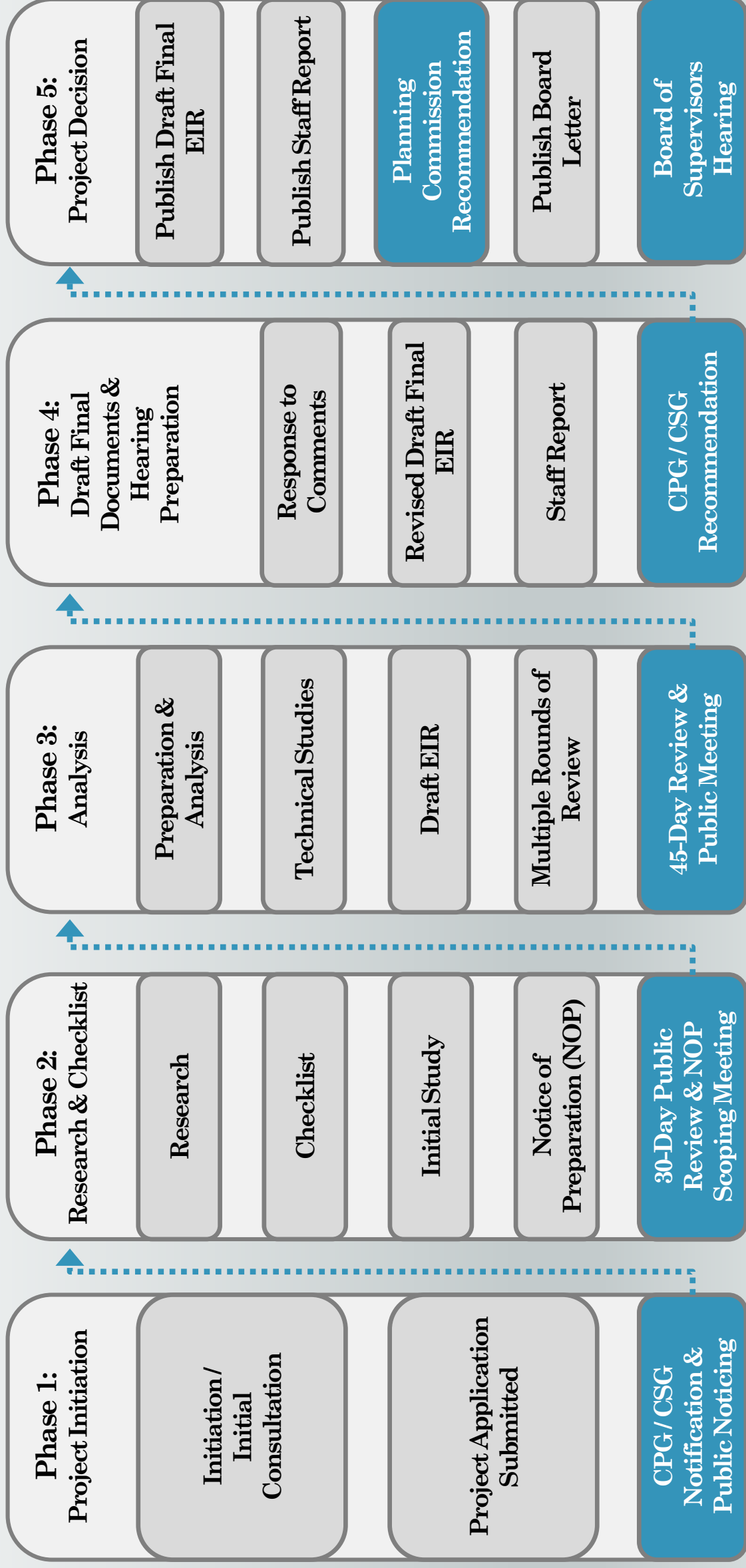
- Submit a Comment Form in writing at the November 4, 2019 Public Scoping Meeting
- Send via US mail to: Robert Hingtgen, County Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Ave, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123
- Send an email to robert.hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov

For additional information, please contact:

Robert Hingtgen, Environmental Coordinator, at (858) 694-3712 or email at robert.hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov or Heather Steven, Project Manager, at (858) 495-5802 or email at heather.steven@sdcounty.ca.gov.

Valle De Oro Community Planning Group Meeting: Tuesday, November 5, 2019, at 7:00 pm;
Otay Water District Headquarters, 2554 Sweetwater Springs Blvd, Spring Valley, CA 91978.

When and How to Work Within the CEQA Process



COTTONWOOD SAND MINING PROJECT
PDS2018-MUP-18-023; PDS2018-RP-18-001
ENVIRONMENTAL LOG NO. PDS2018-ER-18-19-007
NOTICE OF PREPARATION PUBLIC REVIEW PERIOD
October 24, 2019 through November 22, 2019

FACT SHEET

- **County Permit Applications:** Major Use Permit (MUP) and Reclamation Plan (RP)
- **Area of Ownership and MUP area:** Approximately 280 acres/ MUP boundary 251 acres
- **Area of Mining Footprint:** 214 acres
- **Location:** See Location Map (attached).
- **Mining Site Access:** Project site and processing area entrance is proposed at 3121 Willow Glen Drive. An additional access to the Phase 1 excavation area is proposed on Willow Glen Drive across from Muirfield Drive. A temporary entrance may be provided at the far northwest corner of the site on Willow Glen Drive.
- **Zoning:** Open Space (S80 (4 acres)), Specific Planning Area (S88 (32 acres)) and Holding Area (S90 (244 acres)).
- **Golf Course Operation:** Lakes course has been closed; Ivanhoe course operation would cease upon approval of the MUP for the mining operation.
- **Project Duration:** The overall project would be completed in 12 years; this includes 10 years for mining processes and two additional years to complete restoration and revegetation.
- **Days/hours of mining operation:** Excavation and processing, Monday through Friday, between 7:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.
Trucking operations for material sales, Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. (to avoid peak traffic periods in the surrounding area).
- **Truck trips:** Approximately 88 one-way trips daily (176 round trips).
- **Volume/Depth:** Approximately 4.8 million cubic yards (CY) (7.05 million tons) of material would be extracted, with approximately 3.8 million CY (5.7 million tons) produced for market use. Extraction operations would be limited to a maximum production of 380,000 CY (570,000 tons) of construction grade aggregate per calendar year. Maximum excavation depth is proposed to be 40 feet below the existing land surface outside the Sweetwater River channel in limited areas. The average depth of excavation is expected to be approximately 20 feet.
- **Phasing:** See Mine Phasing Map (attached). Three main phases as follows:
Phase 1 (approx. 78.98 acres): excavation = 3 years, reclamation = 2 years
Phase 2 (approx. 48.18 acres): excavation = 3 years, reclamation = 2 years
Phase 3 (approx. 78.57 acres): excavation = 4 years, reclamation = 2 years
Phase 4 (approx. 8.65 acres) (plant area): removal and reclamation = 2 years (concurrent with Phase 3 reclamation)
- **Sub-Phases:** Phases 1 through 3 divided into three to four sub-phases of 20 to 30-acre areas. Reclamation of the excavated areas would begin shortly after mining operations are completed in each sub-phase area.
- **Processing Plant Site Features:** Aggregate processing and washing facilities; three settling ponds, loadout area; and support structures and buildings (e.g., modular scale house and weigh scales, two tool storage containers, office kiosk, and office trailer).

A mobile conveyor line would transport excavated materials to the plant from the Phase 1 area by extending under Steel Canyon Road. The conveyor line would be relocated as mining activity is concluded in preceding phases.

- **Stockpiling:** Topsoil would be stockpiled outside the mining area in windrows, to a maximum of 8 feet in height. Topsoil would be placed back on excavated areas during reclamation.
- **Reclamation/Restoration:** Reclamation would commence following completion of extraction activities in each sub-phase area. Reclamation of the site will include: (1) removal of all manmade structures; (2) grading to achieve final landforms; and (3) revegetation and monitoring.

For additional information, please see the County's Cottonwood NOP website
https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa_public_review.html

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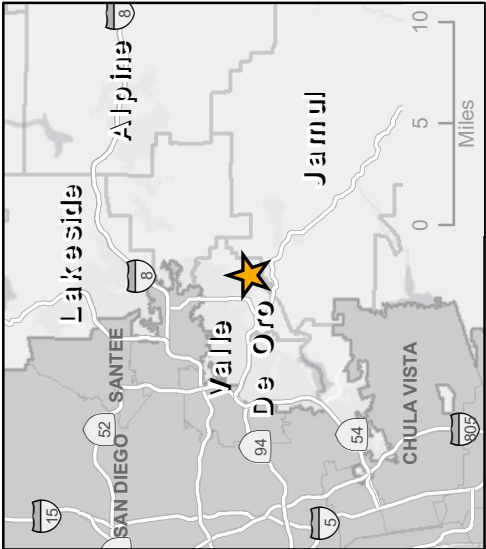
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MUP Boundary

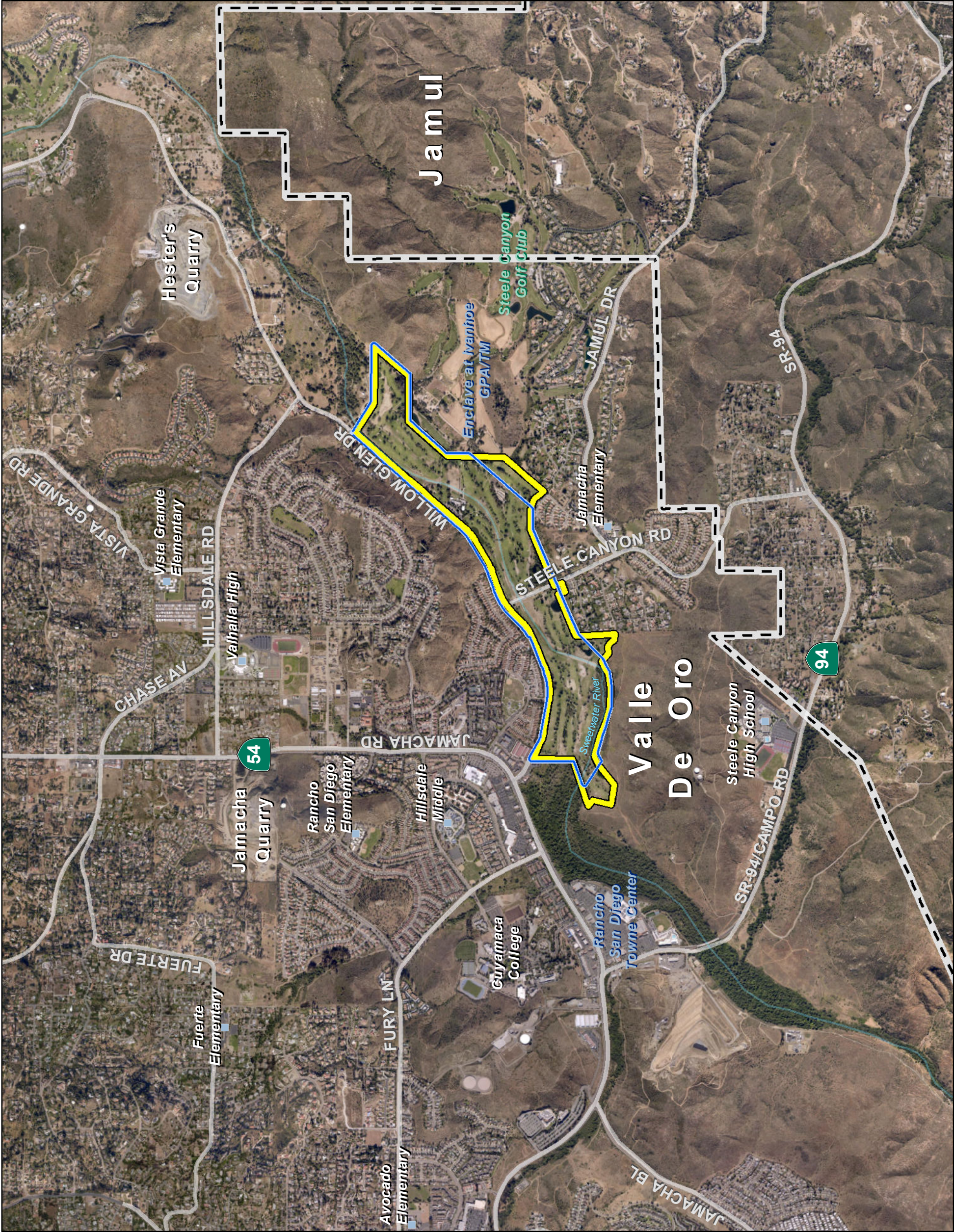
Property Boundary



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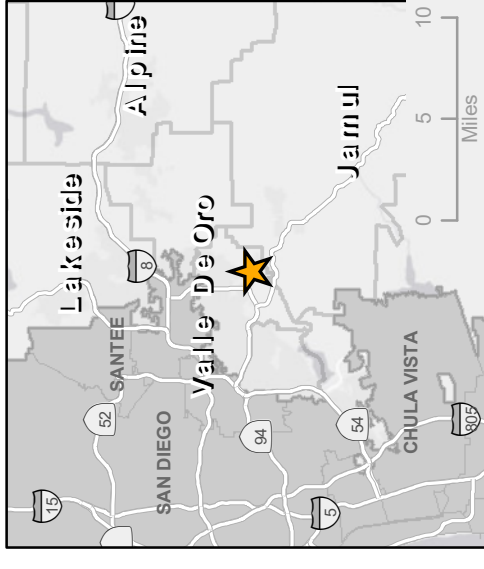
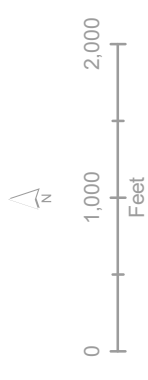
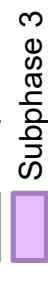
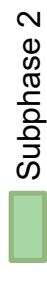
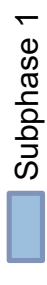
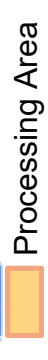


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Mine Phasing Map

Legend



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