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Cactus Basins Recharge Project

Environmental Impact Report Scoping Meeting

July 21, 2022

Welcome to the Meeting

- ▶ First, we ask that you sign our virtual sign-in sheet by entering your name, email address, and affiliation in the chat. Everyone that signs in will be included in the project mailing list.
- ▶ We have a short presentation to introduce the project and review the environmental review process to date.
- ▶ After the presentation, please raise your virtual hand, for questions or comments.

Thank You!

SBVMWD

- ▶ Formed in 1954 as a regional agency for long-range water supply planning in the San Bernardino Valley
- ▶ Water importer through State Water Project
- ▶ Participates in the management of groundwater storage
- ▶ Water wholesaler that provides nearly 25 percent of the region's water needs through deliveries to:
 - ▶ Bloomington
 - ▶ Colton
 - ▶ Fontana
 - ▶ Grand Terrace
 - ▶ Highland
 - ▶ Loma Linda
 - ▶ Mentone
 - ▶ Redlands
 - ▶ Rialto
 - ▶ San Bernardino
 - ▶ Yucaipa

Key Project Staff

Chris Jones, Project Manager

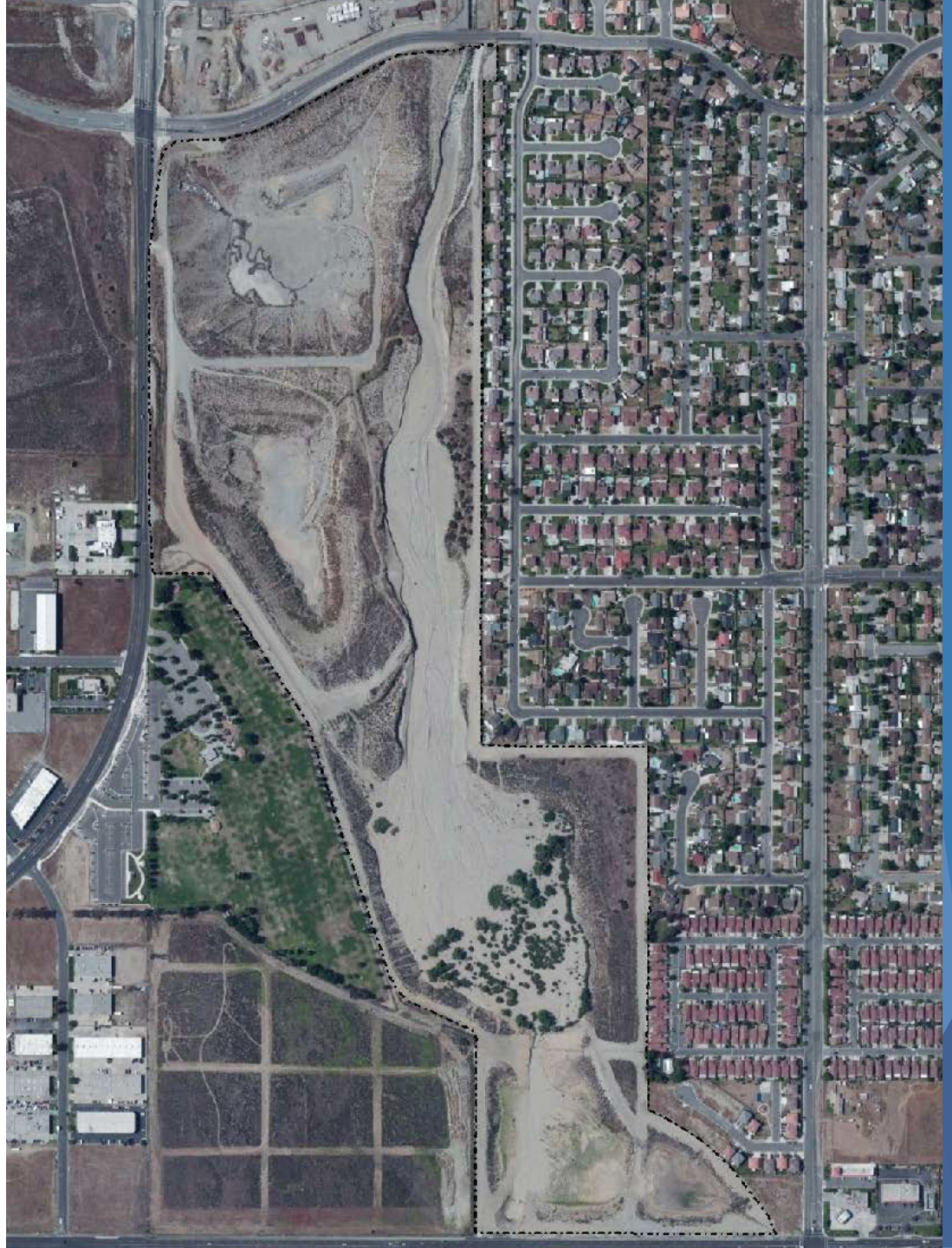
Joanna Gibson, Environmental
Program Manager

Wen Huang, Chief Engineer

Sarah Garber, Stantec

Project Objectives

- ▶ Facilitate recharge of the Rialto-Colton groundwater subbasin
- ▶ Augment local water resources and enhance water supply reliability for this region

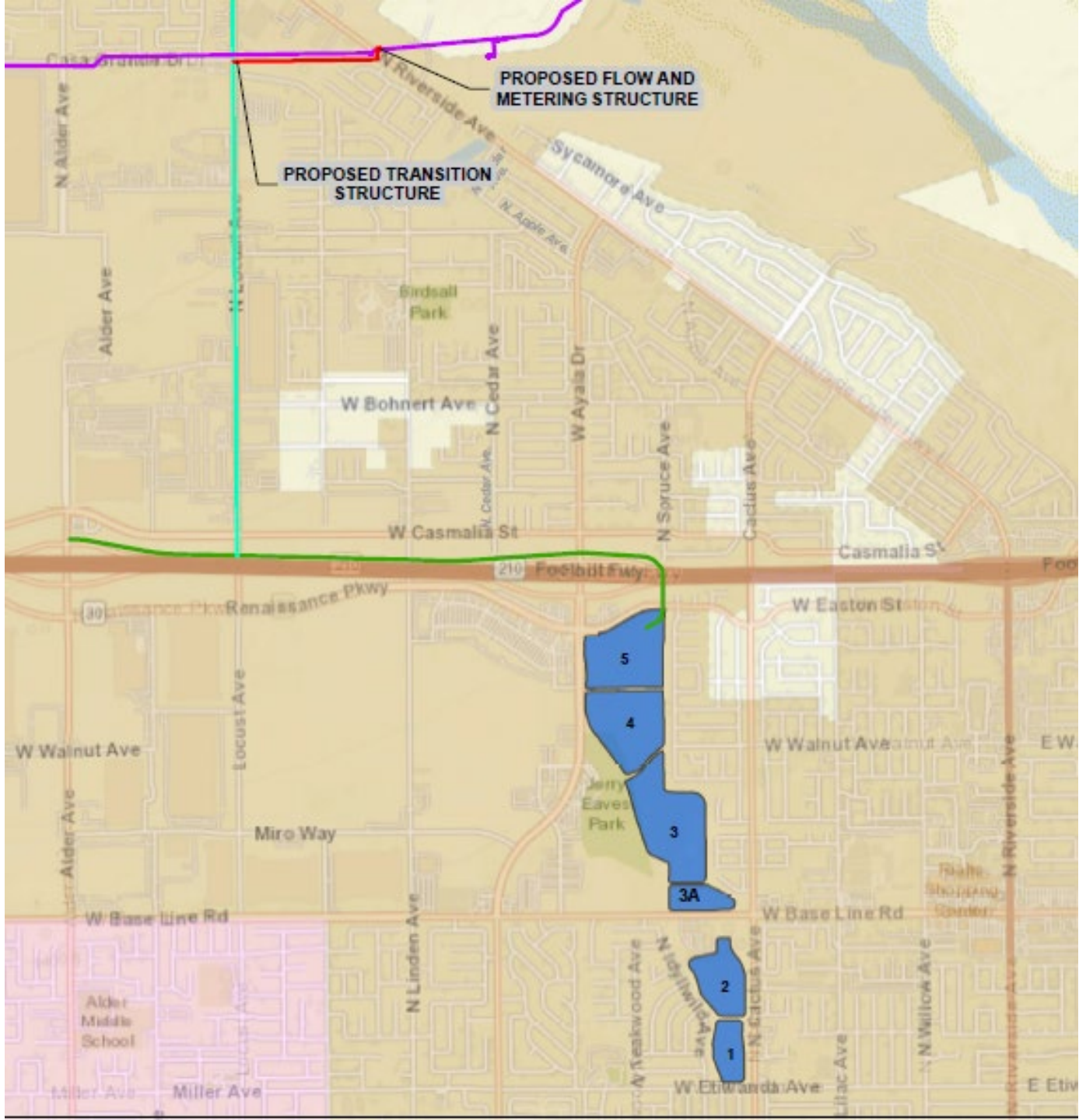


The Cactus
Basins are in
the City of
Rialto and
operated by
the San
Bernardino
County Flood
Control
District

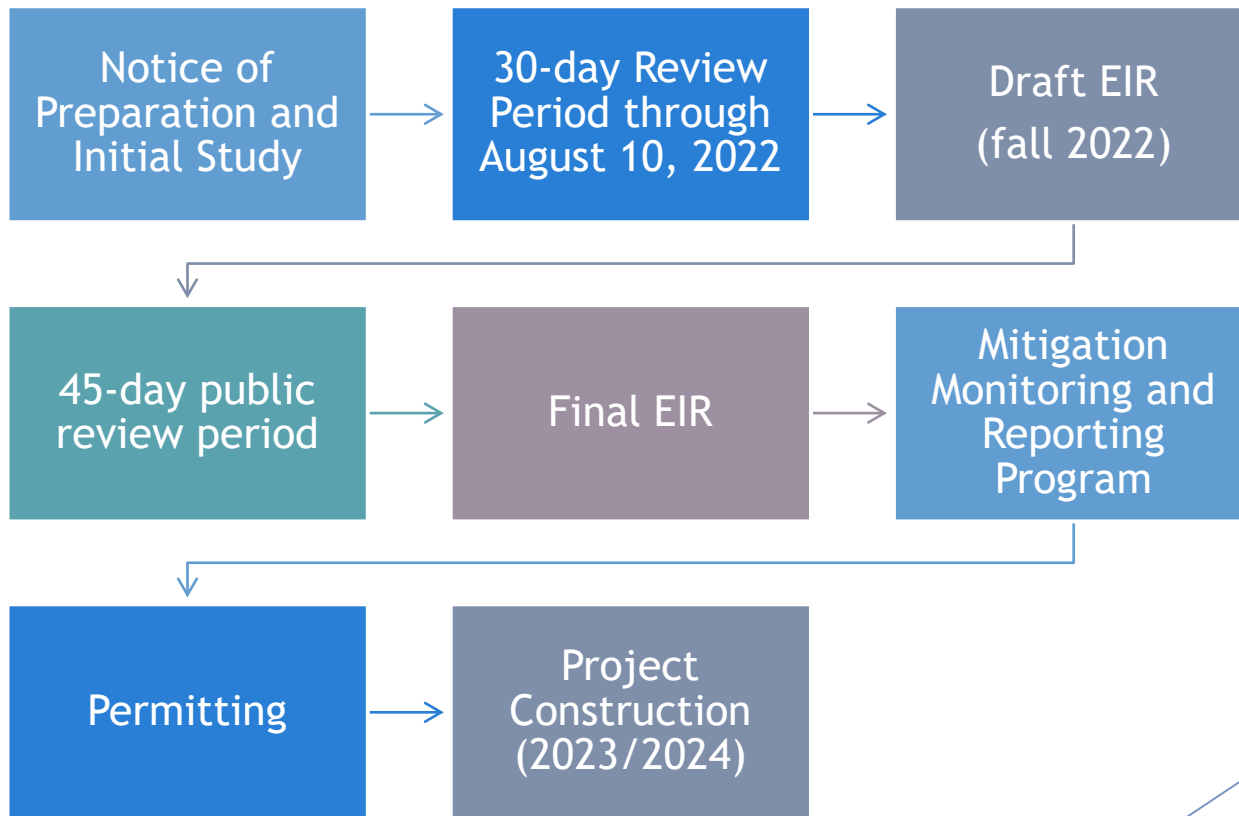


Project Description

- ▶ Facilitate recharge of the Rialto-Colton groundwater subbasin (up to approximately 7,000 acre-feet per year in Basins 3/3A and 5)
- ▶ Recharge in non-storm periods
- ▶ Construction of the Cactus Basins Connector
- ▶ Maintenance at Cactus Basins 3/3A and 5



Environmental Review Process



Initial Study Findings

Less than Significant Impacts:

- ▶ Aesthetics
- ▶ Agriculture and forestry
- ▶ Energy
- ▶ Land use and planning
- ▶ Mineral resources
- ▶ Noise
- ▶ Population and housing
- ▶ Public services
- ▶ Recreation
- ▶ Transportation
- ▶ Wildfire

Initial Study Findings

Less than Significant
with Mitigation
Incorporated:

- ▶ Cultural resources
- ▶ Geology and soils
- ▶ Tribal cultural resources

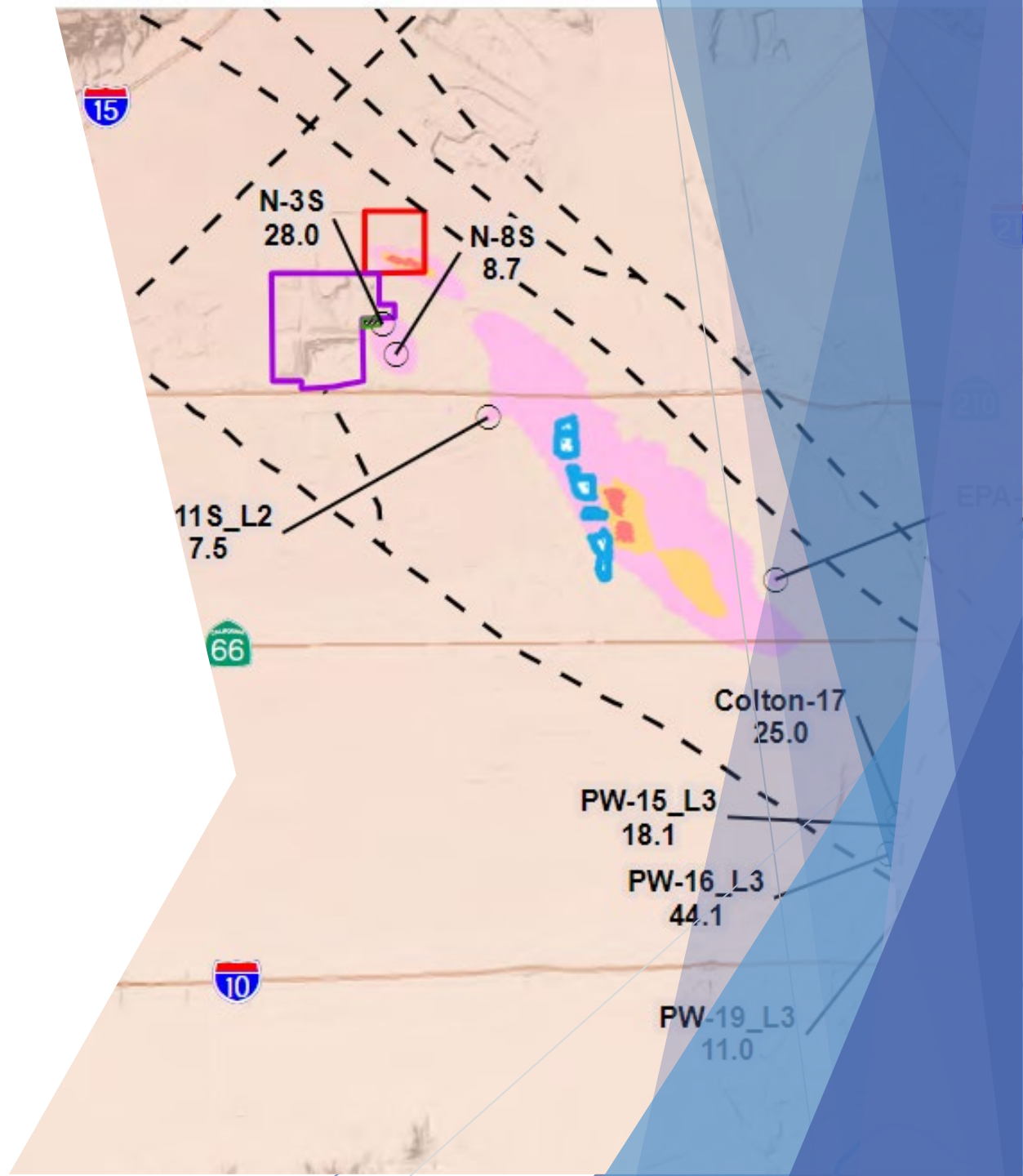
Initial Study Findings

Topics to be reviewed in the EIR:

- Air Quality and GHGs
- Biological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Utilities and Service Systems

Hydrology and Water Quality

The impact of the proposed project on the existing perchlorate plume in the Rialto-Colton Groundwater Subbasin is the key issue to be addressed in the EIR.



Next Steps

- ▶ Groundwater modeling on-going
- ▶ Complete design of Cactus Basins Connector
- ▶ EIR in preparation

Opportunities for Comment

- ❑ www.sbvmwd.com/CactusBasinsRecharge
- ❑ Today's Public Meeting for comments on the scope of the Draft EIR
- ❑ Written comments on the scope of the EIR, submit by August 10, 2022, to:

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Questions
or
Comments?

