

CDFA Turlock North Valley Laboratory Replacement Project

CEQA Scoping Meeting
March 16, 2021

Today's Presenters

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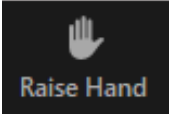
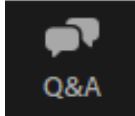
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- Chat – This feature is disabled.
- Raise Hand – Click this to indicate that you would like to speak at the end of the presentation.
- Q&A – Click this to ask a question to the panelists. Time permitting, the host will read the question aloud at the end of the presentation and provide a response.



Meeting Format

- **This Zoom call is being recorded**
- Presentation slides are available on the project website
- Attendees are muted during the presentation:
 -  If an attendee would like to speak at the end of the presentation, the attendee should raise its hand
 -  To ask a question, please use the Q&A button. We will read the question aloud at the end of the presentation and response
- At the end of the presentation, attendees with raised hands will be called upon individually and unmuted so that they can speak for up to 2 minutes, time permitting.

Meeting Agenda

1. Meeting purpose and protocol
2. Project overview
3. Overview of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
4. Receipt of public comment

Meeting Purpose

CEQA Scoping: To allow the public and agencies to provide input on the scope and content of the project's environmental impact analysis.

Scoping comments inform the scope and nature of the CEQA environmental analysis.

Meeting Protocol

- Make clear and succinct comments so that we can effectively capture the comment in notes.
- Be respectful of others and differing points of view.

Project Background & Purpose

- Relocate the California Animal Health and Food Safety (CAHFS) Turlock Laboratory to a new site and facility with adequate space for necropsy, laboratory, and office functions to provide full services to the livestock and poultry farmers in the region.
- Consolidate two Animal Health and Food Safety Services (AHFSS) field offices to a central location.



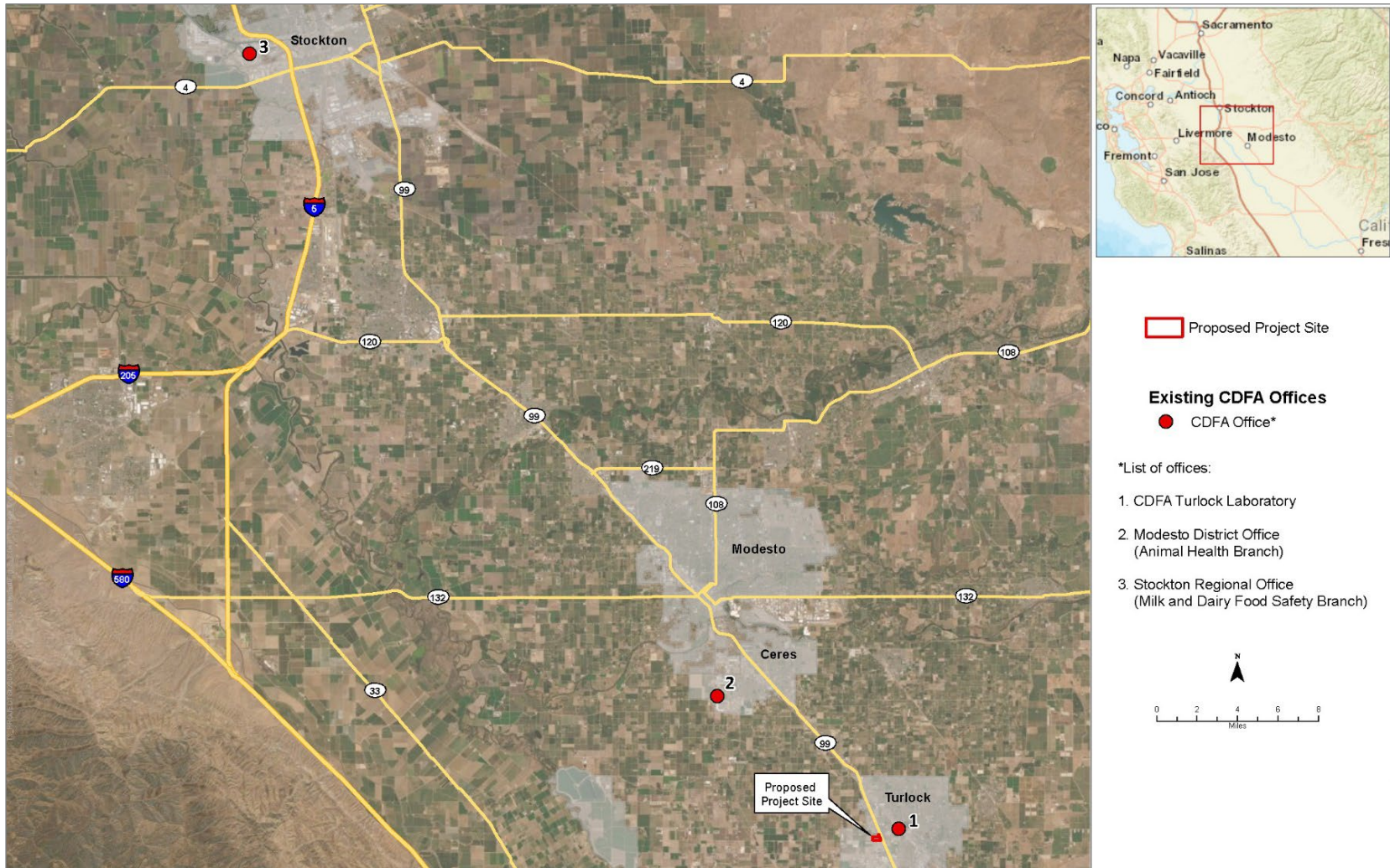
Project Objectives

- Replace and relocate outdated and fragmented facilities with modern necropsy, laboratory, and office facilities on one campus to maximize efficiencies while maintaining the safety requirements for laboratory facilities;
- Provide improved client access to veterinary diagnostic services in a relatively underserved area;
- Provide enhanced identification of potential diseases occurring in mammalian species;
- Develop sufficient space and appropriate infrastructure to meet the current and evolving threats to public and animal health, such as emerging diseases, bioterrorism and food safety.

Project Location



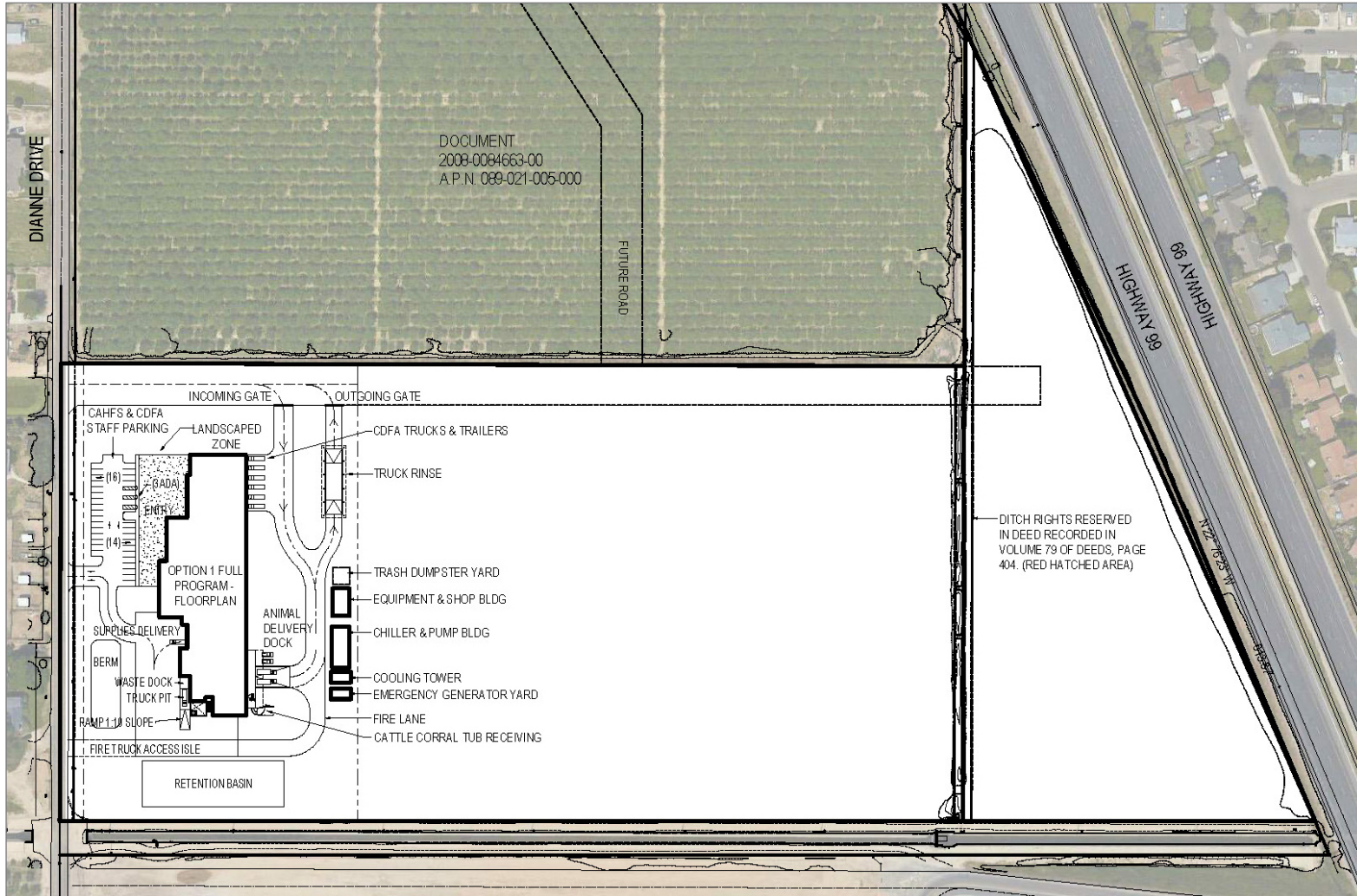
CAHFS Offices



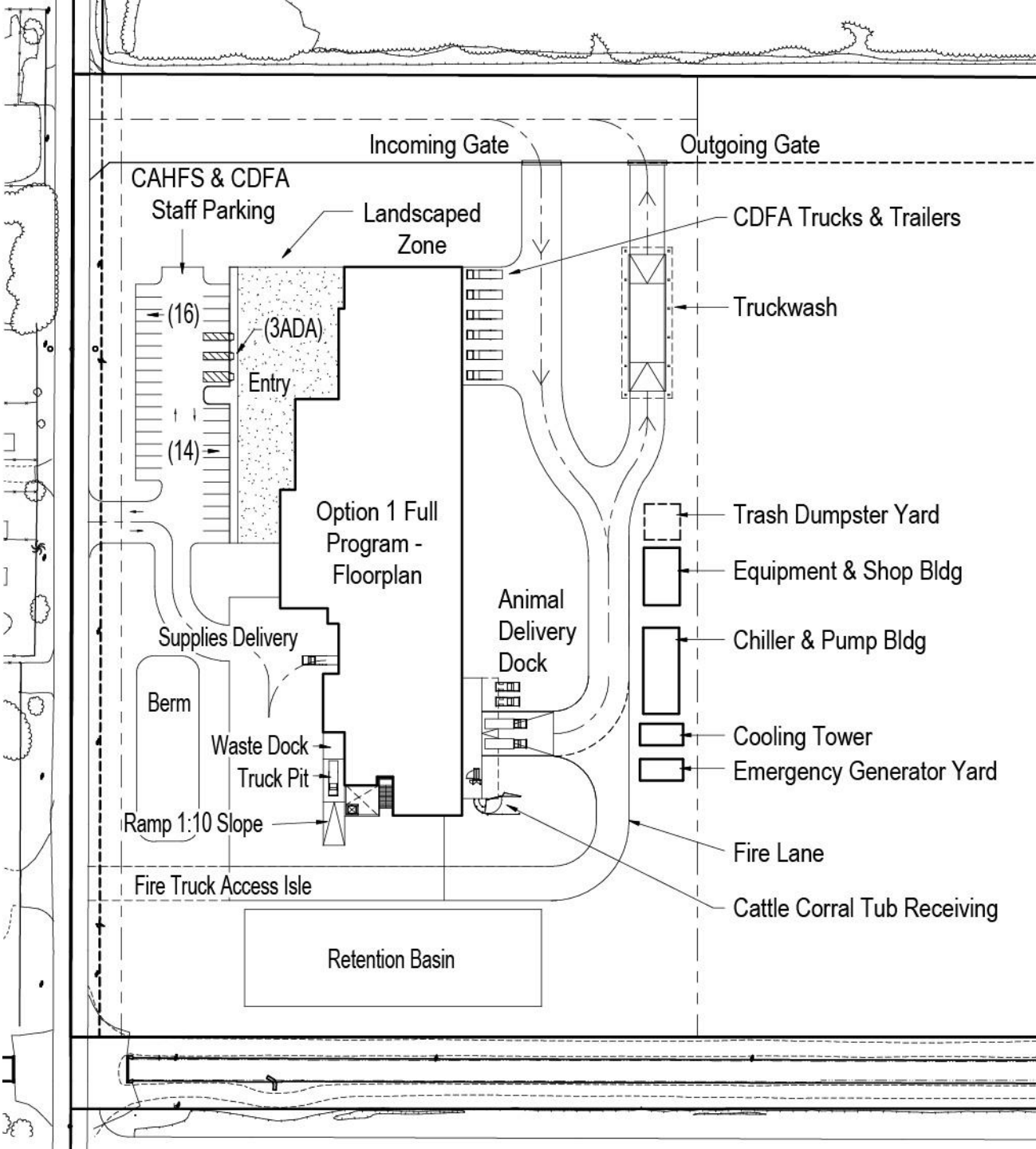
Project Components

- Structures
 - Laboratory & office building
 - Possible cooling tower
 - Chiller and pump building
 - Hazardous waste/chemical storage area
 - Equipment shop building
- Ancillary Improvements
 - Fencing
 - Landscape & irrigation
 - Lighting
- Truck Rinse Area
- Miscellaneous Site Elements
 - Cremator
 - Generator enclosure
 - Parking
 - Access driveway
 - Sidewalk improvements

Conceptual Site Layout



Conceptual Site Layout Details

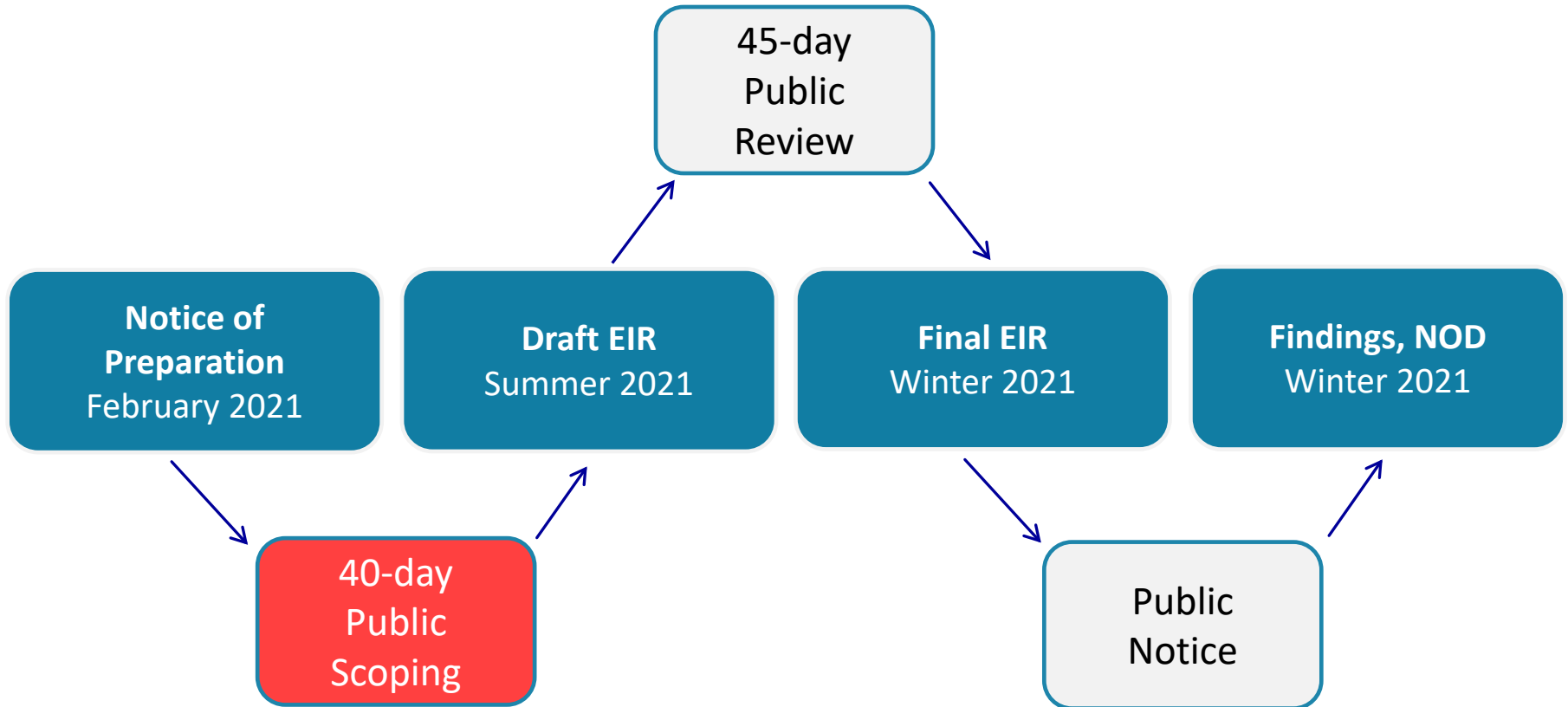


CEQA Overview

Basic purposes of CEQA (State CEQA Guidelines, Section 15002):

- Inform governmental decision makers and public about potential, significant environmental effects of proposed activities.
- Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced.
- Prevent significant, avoidable damage to environment by requiring changes in projects through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures when governmental agency finds changes to be feasible.
- Disclose to public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project in the manner the agency chose if significant environmental effects are involved.

EIR Process



CEQA Resource Topics

- Aesthetics
- Agricultural 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
- Tribal cultural resources
- Utilities and service systems
- Wildfire
- Cumulative impacts

Focused EIR

- The purpose of a Focused EIR is to evaluate resource topics that might have potentially significant impacts.
- These are the resource topics that have been carried forward to the EIR:
 - Agriculture
 - Air quality
 - Biological resources
 - Cultural resources
 - Energy
 - Geology/Soils
 - Greenhouse gas emissions
 - Hazards and hazardous materials
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Mineral Resources
 - Noise
 - Transportation
 - Tribal Cultural Resources
 - Utilities and Service Systems

Purpose of Scoping

To provide the public and agencies the opportunity to provide input on the scope and content of the environmental impact analysis.

Scoping comments can include information on:

- ✓ Potential environmental issues
- ✓ Potential mitigation measures
- ✓ Characteristics of the existing environment
- ✓ Resources that may be cumulatively affected

To Download the Initial Study

The Initial Study for the Turlock Lab Replacement Project can be downloaded at the following website. Click on the Stanislaus County menu bar to see the download link.

<http://bit.ly/DGSCEQA>

How to Comment

Submit oral comments tonight.

We encourage the public to submit written comments via mail or email. Send comments to:

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Comments accepted until **5:00 p.m.** on **Wednesday, April 7, 2021.**