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Scoping Meeting New Santa Clarita Courthouse Environmental Impact Report SCH #2025101327

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Meeting Objectives

- ❖ Provide overview of the project
- ❖ Summarize the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process
- ❖ Inform participants how to access project documents
- ❖ Invite input on the scope of analysis for this EIR

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Meeting Agenda



Type of CEQA document



Project description



Potential environmental effects



Environmental review process



How to provide input

Type of CEQA Document

- ❖ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ❖ Focus on potentially significant adverse physical effects
- ❖ Building on prior studies at the site for cultural and biological resources and a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment



Project Location

- ❖ Los Angeles County
- ❖ City of Santa Clarita
- ❖ 3.75-acre vacant lot
- ❖ McBean Parkway and Valencia Boulevard
- ❖ Approximately 0.75-mile from the existing Santa Clarita Courthouse



Source: ESRI and California State Geoportal; Judicial Council of California and AECOM (2025)

-  Project Site
-  Santa Clara River Floodplain



Exhibit 1
Vicinity Map

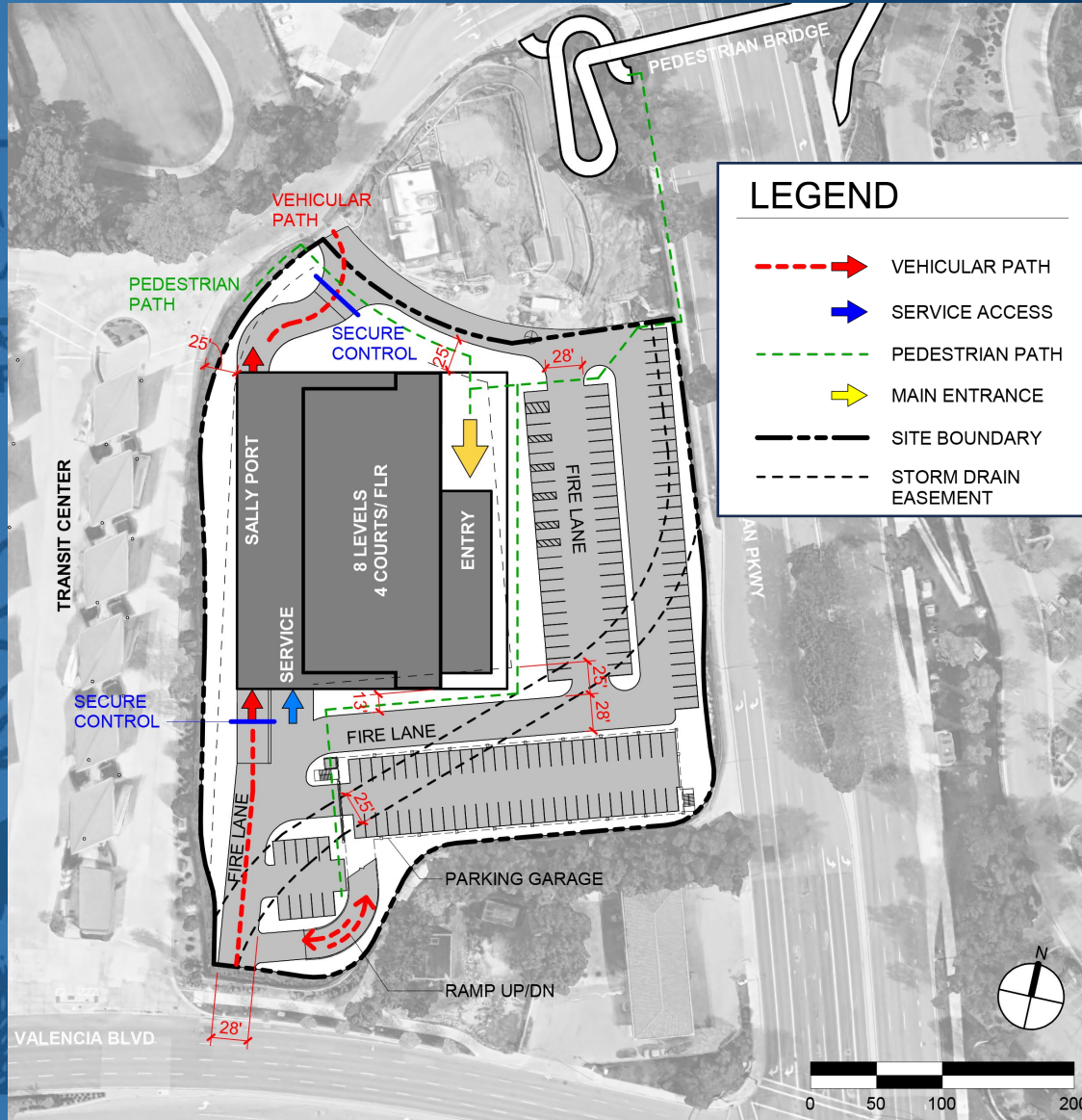
New Santa Clarita
Courthouse Project

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Project Description

- ❖ 8-story (plus basement), 278,000 gross-square-foot Courthouse
- ❖ 24 courtrooms (8 large courtrooms, 15 multipurpose courtrooms, and 1 arraignment courtroom)
- ❖ Approximately 298 public and staff parking spaces (surface parking and up to a 4-level parking garage)
- ❖ 32 secure parking spaces (basement level)
- ❖ A full-service justice hub for the North Valley District:
 - unlimited civil; family law; juvenile justice (delinquency); juvenile dependency; probate; small claims and unlawful detainers; traffic; criminal felony; criminal misdemeanors; and felony arraignments and preliminary hearings

Conceptual Site Plan



- ❖ Building situated in northwest of parcel
- ❖ Site access from McBean Parkway/Mall Entrance intersection
- ❖ Site access from westbound Valencia Boulevard

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Project Purpose

- ❖ Increase access to justice for the Santa Clarita community
- ❖ Consolidate court operations from existing Santa Clarita Courthouse and Sylmar Juvenile Court
- ❖ Redeploy case filings sent to other courthouses back to their jurisdiction in Santa Clarita
- ❖ Relieve current space shortfall; replace inadequate and obsolete facilities
- ❖ Optimize courthouse operations and improve security

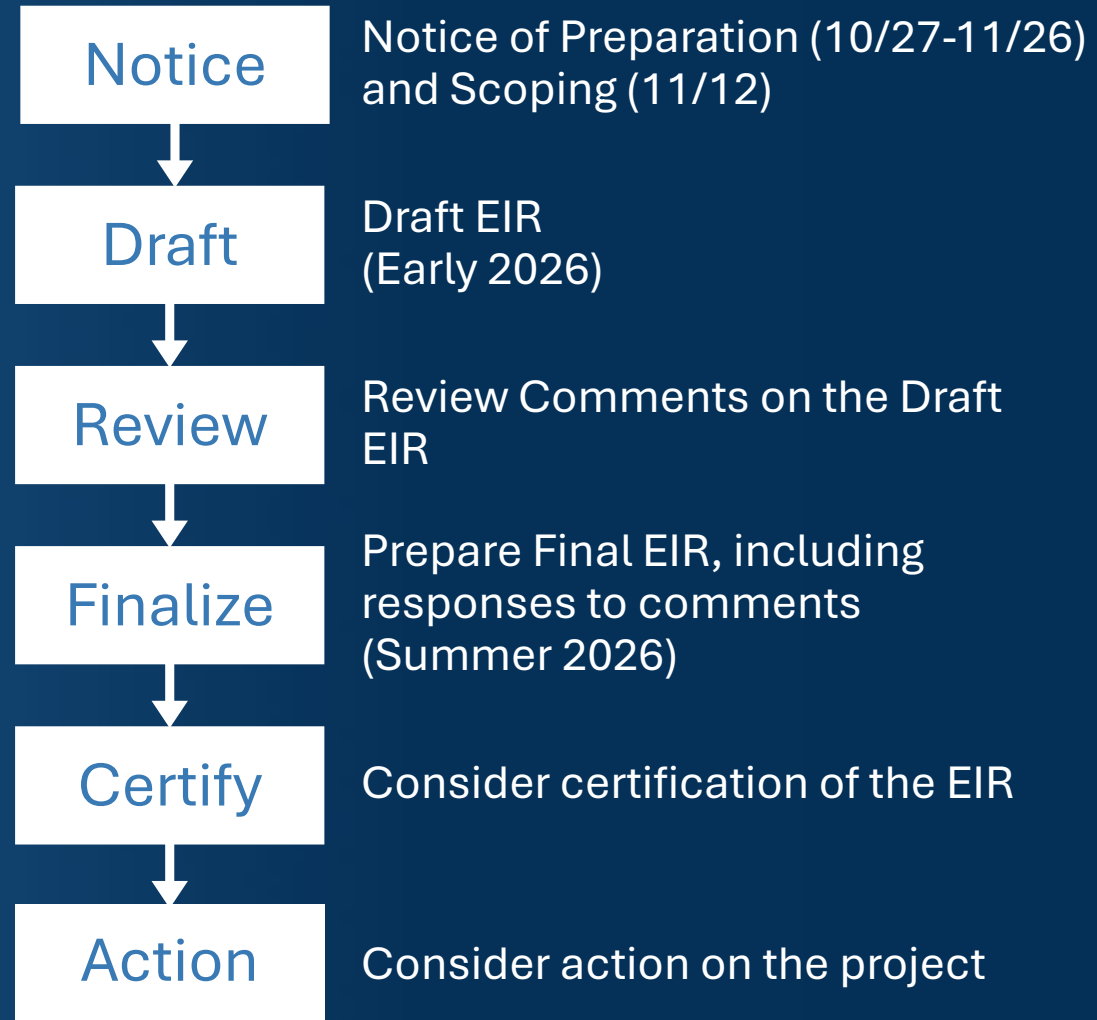


Potential Environmental Impacts

- ❖ **Aesthetics**
- ❖ Agriculture/Forestry Resources
- ❖ **Air Quality**
- ❖ **Biological Resources**
- ❖ **Cultural Resources**
- ❖ Energy
- ❖ **Geology/Soils**
- ❖ **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- ❖ **Hazards & Hazardous Materials**
- ❖ Hydrology/Water Quality
- ❖ Land Use/Planning
- ❖ Mineral Resources
- ❖ **Noise**
- ❖ Population/Housing
- ❖ Public Services
- ❖ Recreation
- ❖ **Transportation**
- ❖ **Tribal Cultural Resources**
- ❖ Utilities/Service Systems
- ❖ Wildfire

Resource topics in yellow text indicate those anticipated to warrant more detailed focus in the EIR

Environmental Review Process



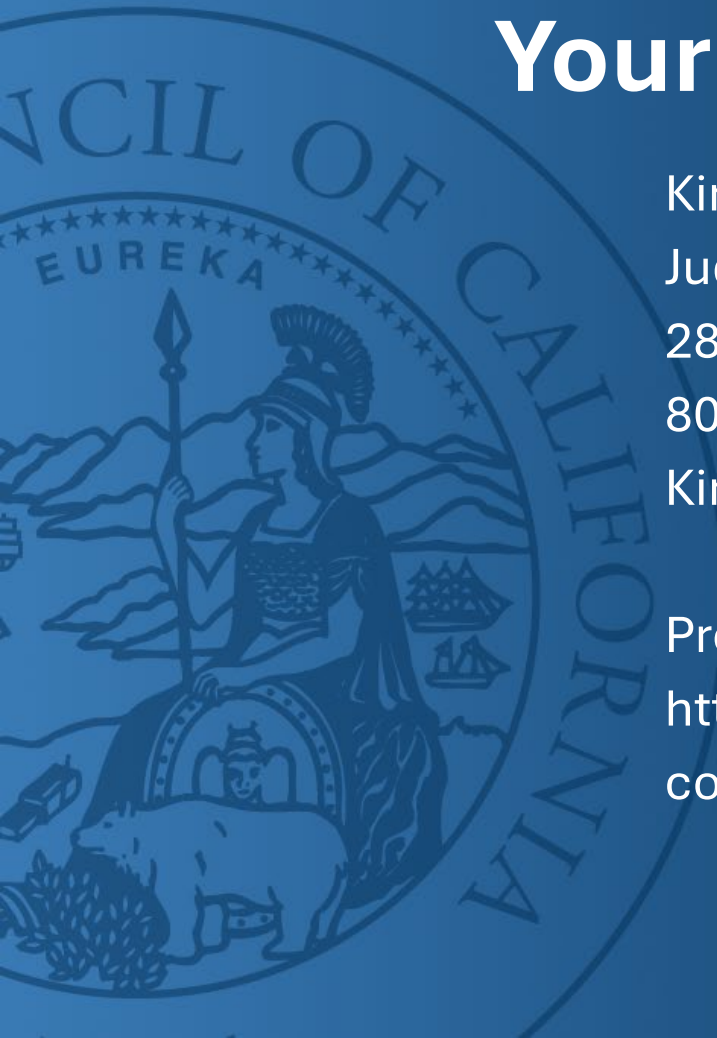
Potential Alternatives

- ❖ CEQA-mandatory No Project Alternative
- ❖ Reduced Intensity Alternative
 - (e.g., reduced courthouse size, and/or reduced number of courtrooms)
- ❖ Alternative Site Location



Your Input

- ❖ **Scope of Environmental Analysis.** What should we study?
- ❖ **Mitigation Measures.** What mitigation should be used?
- ❖ **Alternatives.** What alternatives should we study?
- ❖ **Interested Parties.** Who should we reach out to for input?

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Your input by November 26, 2025

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Project documents:

<https://courts.ca.gov/facilities/los-angeles-county-new-santa-clarita-courthouse>

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