



Scoping Meeting New Fort Ord Courthouse Environmental Impact Report

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Meeting Objectives

- ❖ Provide overview of the project
- ❖ Summarize the California Environmental Quality Act 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 environmental document



Project description



Probable environmental effects



Environmental review process



How to provide input

Types of CEQA Document

- ❖ Environmental Impact Report (EIR)
- ❖ Focus on potentially significant adverse physical effects
- ❖ Building on existing cultural and biological resources studies



Project Location

- ❖ Monterey County
- ❖ City of Seaside
- ❖ 5-acre portion of a 58-acre parcel
- ❖ Projects at Main Gate Specific Plan Area



Project Description

- ❖ Approximately 5-acre site
- ❖ 3-story, 83,000 gross-square-foot Courthouse
- ❖ Seven multi-purpose courtrooms, chambers, holding, jury assembly, self-help, and administrative support areas
- ❖ Approximately 280 parking spaces
- ❖ Secure judicial officer parking
- ❖ Photovoltaic solar panels in parking area
- ❖ Handles family law, probate, civil case types
- ❖ Criminal case load not planned for this courthouse.



Project Purpose

- ❖ Consolidate most family law, probate, and civil operations into one location and increase access to justice
- ❖ Replace inadequate and obsolete facilities in Monterey County
- ❖ Relieve current space shortfall
- ❖ Optimize courthouse operations and improve security



Project Objectives

- ❖ Improve access to justice, enhance public service and court operational efficiency.
- ❖ Relieve the current court space shortfall, improve security, and replace inadequate and obsolete buildings in Monterey County.
- ❖ Provide a new, modern and secure courthouse, replacing operations at three antiquated non-state owned facilities.
- ❖ Avoid over \$7 million of future deferred maintenance expenditures.
- ❖ Consolidate case load types and optimize the use of other court facilities within Monterey County.



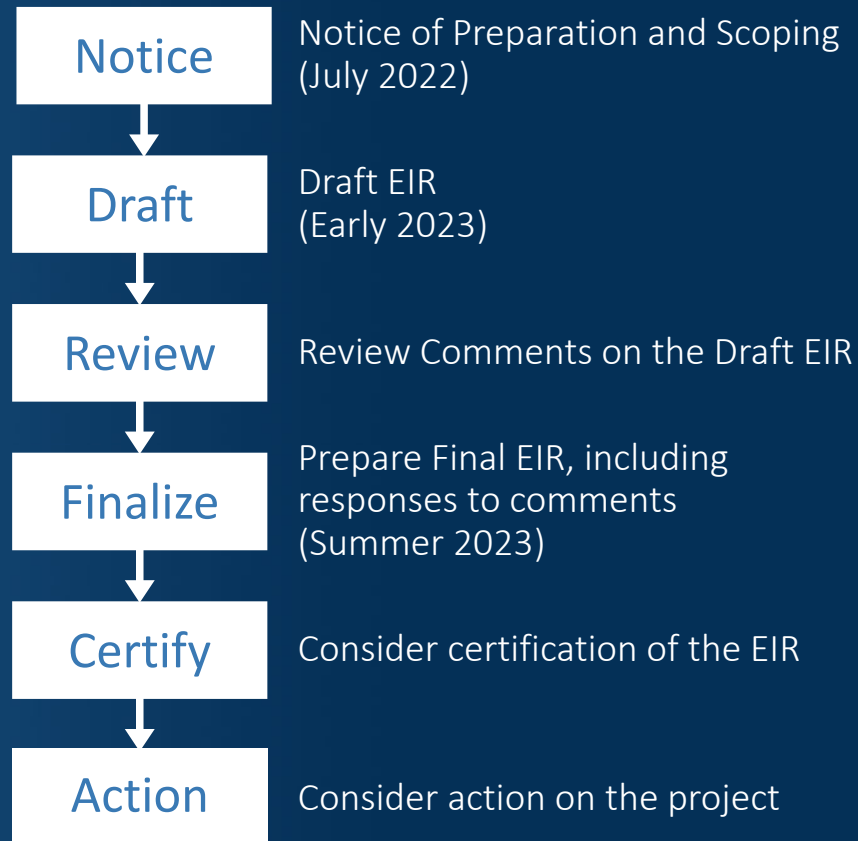
Probable Environmental Effects

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

Yellow text indicates resource topics anticipated to have potential effects

White text indicates resource topics anticipated to have no impact, or where the impacts of the proposed project would be considered less than significant.

Environmental Review Process





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 September 16, 2022

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Thank You