

Environmental Analysis Process Scoping Meeting

Tudor Flood Risk Reduction Project

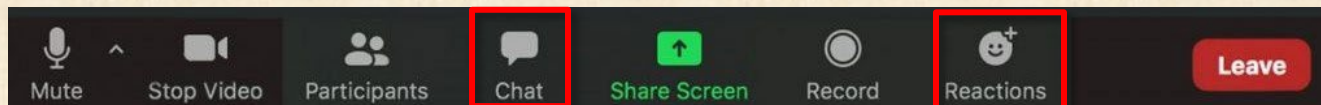
Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency

January 23, 2023



Meeting Participation via Zoom

- **Note: This meeting is being recorded.**
- All attendees will be muted during the presentation.
- **Oral Questions:** If you'd like to ask a question, click on the **REACTIONS** icon to use the **RAISE HAND** feature. You will be unmuted and called on to speak at the end of the presentation.
- **Chat Questions:** Click on the **CHAT** icon if you want to type a question during the presentation. We will try to answer all questions during the presentation, but those not addressing the CEQA process may be answered at a later date.
- **Formal Scoping Comments:** Instructions for submitting formal scoping comments are included on the last slide of the presentation.



Introductions and Project Team

- **Sutter Butte Flood Control Agency (SBFCA)**
 - Michael Bessette, Executive Director
 - Chris Fritz, Director of Engineering
- **ECORP Consulting, Inc. (ECORP)**
 - Environmental Consultant to SBFCA
 - Emily Mecke, Project Manager
 - Matt Trask, Senior Environmental Planner



Presentation Overview

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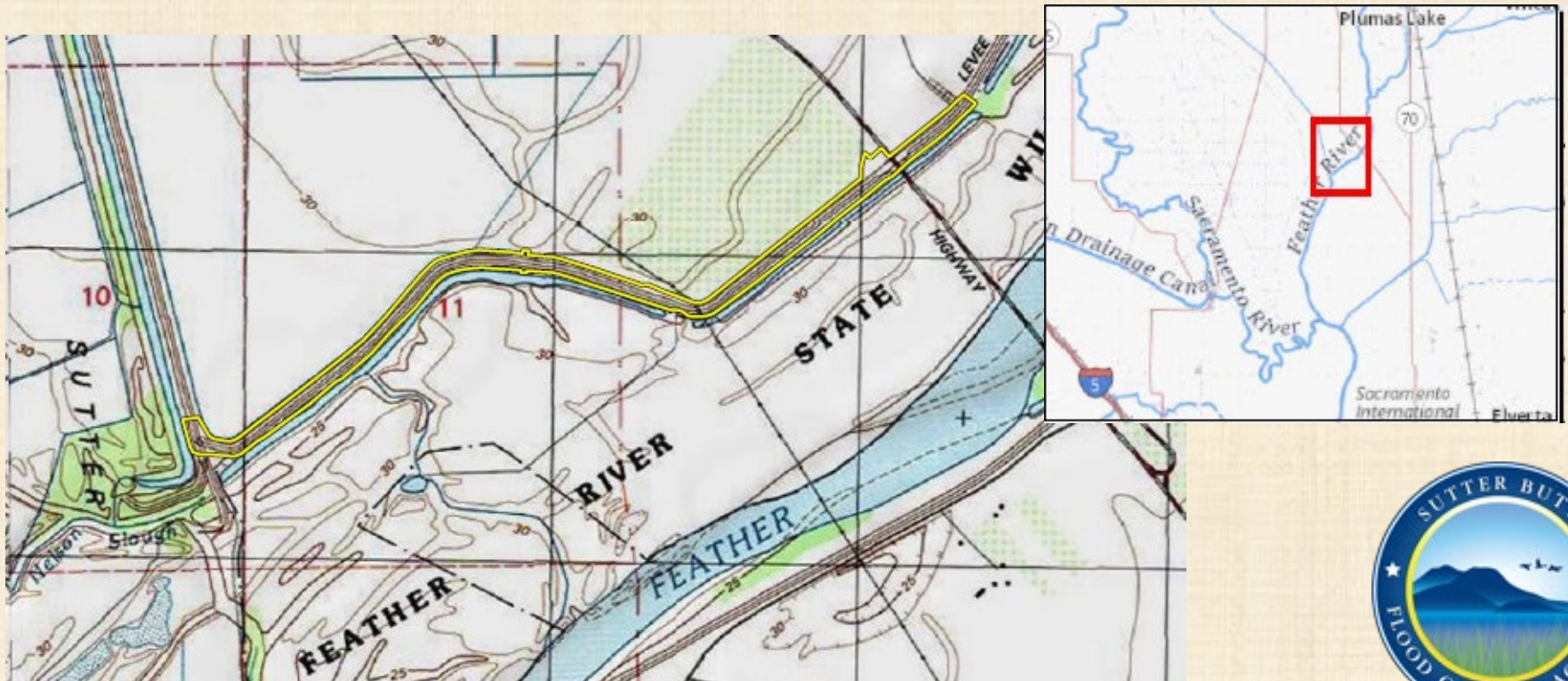
About SBFCA

SBFCA is a joint powers agency formed in 2007 by the Counties of Butte and Sutter, the Cities of Biggs, Gridley, Live Oak and Yuba City, and Levee Districts 1 and 9. The agency has the authority to finance and construct regional levee improvements. It is governed by a 13-member Board comprised of elected officials from the cities, counties and levee districts. The Agency's Boundaries encompass 34,200 properties in Butte and Sutter Counties.



Project Overview and Location

The Project is located in Sutter County, west of Garden Highway (HWY 99), north of the Feather River, east of the Sutter Bypass, and northwest of the town of Nicolaus. The Project Area is approximately 8,700 linear feet (1.65 miles) in length and comprises 40.4 acres.



Purpose of Scoping Process

- To inform the public and responsible agencies about an upcoming project, for which an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) will be prepared
- To inform the public about the environmental review process
- To solicit input regarding potential alternatives to the proposed project and the appropriate scope of issues to be studied in the EIR
- To identify issues of concern and areas of potential controversy

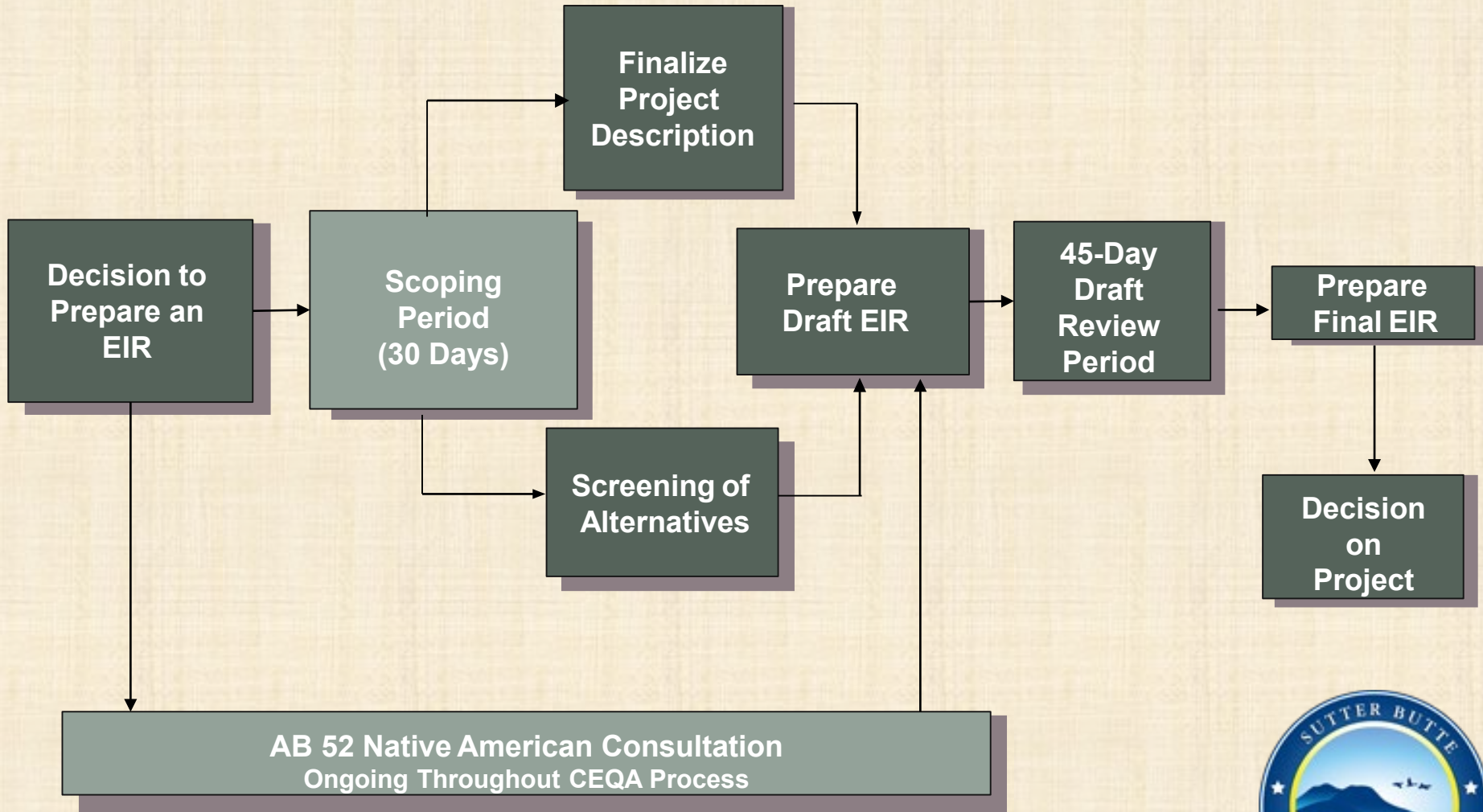


Environmental Process Overview

1. **Purpose:** to inform and gather input from decision-makers (SBFCA) and the general public regarding the potential impacts and benefits of a project.
2. **Process:** Analyze effects the project would have on human health and the environment and document findings in a Draft EIR, address comments on the Draft EIR from agencies and the public, conduct further analysis if needed, and publish a Final EIR.
3. **Relevant Laws**
 - California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
 - Compliance required for all state/local agency decisions
4. **Project Website Documents**
 - Noticing (NOP/NOA), Draft and Final EIR, Appendices
 - <http://sutterbutteflood.org/resources/notices>



EIR Process



Contents and Purpose of EIR

Contents:

- Describe the purpose, need, and objectives of the project.
- Describe the environmental setting of the project area (baseline conditions).
- Disclose the potential environmental impacts of project and project alternatives construction and operation.
- Propose measures to reduce or avoid significant environmental impacts (mitigation measures).

Purpose:

- Provide technically sound information for decision-makers to consider in evaluating the proposed project.



Environmental Factors to be Evaluated in the EIR

- Aesthetics
- Agriculture and Forestry
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Energy
- Geology and Soils, Paleontology
- 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



Responsible and Trustee Agencies

The following federal and state agencies are anticipated to be involved in permitting the Project:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- California Department of Water Resources
- Central Valley Flood Protection Board
- Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board
- California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- State Historic Preservation Office



Tentative Environmental Schedule

Milestone	Date
Scoping Period	January 6 – February 6, 2023
Scoping Meeting	January 23, 2023
Native American Consultation	Initiated July 2022
Public Review of Draft EIR <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 45-day Comment Period• Public Meetings	Spring/Summer 2023
Final EIR	Summer 2023
SBFCA certification of Final EIR and Project decision	Summer/Fall 2023

Effective Scoping Comments

- Effective/Useful scoping comments identify:
 - Location and extent of probable environmental impacts of the proposed project
 - Specific topics that should be discussed in the EIR
 - Mitigation measures that could reduce impacts
 - Alternatives that could reduce impacts of the proposed project
- Ineffective scoping comments include:
 - Suggest a general topic of discussion for the EIR
 - Speak to the merit or cost of the project
 - State that you don't like the project



How to Comment

- Verbal/chat box comments via Zoom tonight will not be included in the environmental record.
- **Submit formal comments via email or mail (email preferred).**

Mail	Email
Michael Bessette, Executive Director P.O. Box M Yuba City, CA 95992	comments@sutterbutteflood.org

- Comments are due via email/mail by **Monday, February 6.**
- Read Project notices at:
<http://sutterbutteflood.org/resources/notices>



Thank you for attending!

