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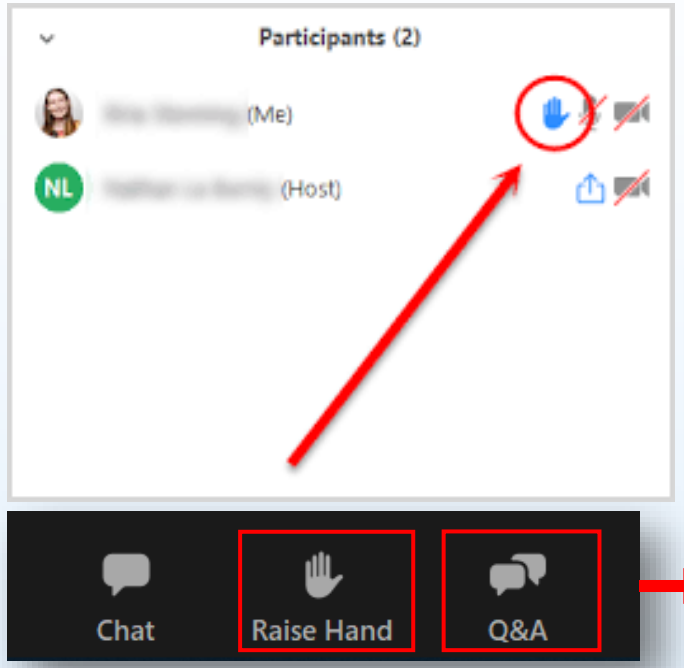

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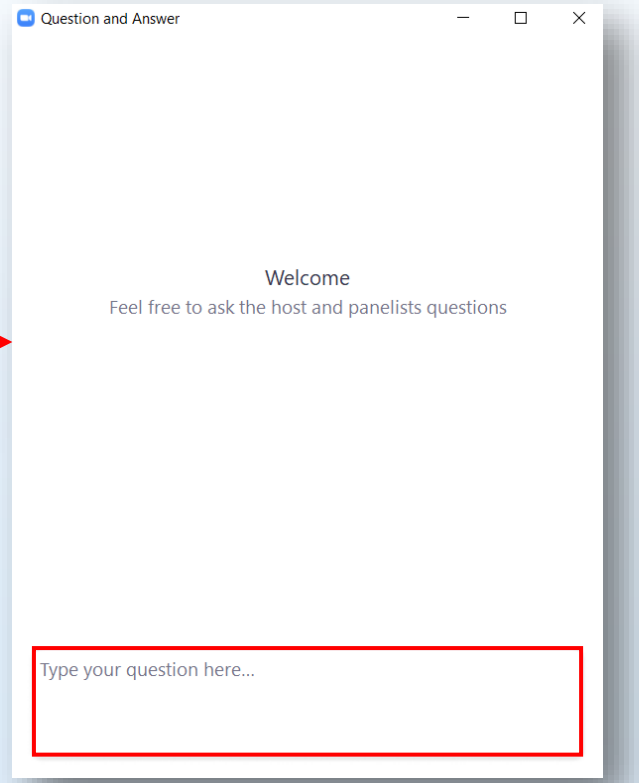

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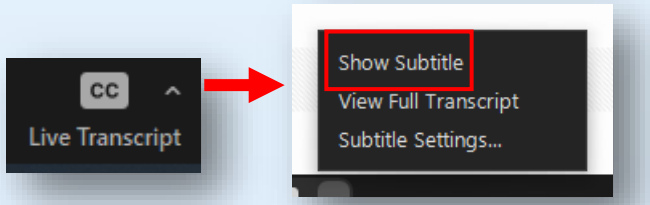

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Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project

Public Scoping Meeting – December 6, 2023

Presented by:
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Presentation Overview

- Meeting Purpose and Objectives
- Project Overview
- Project Location
- Project Elements
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Scoping Process
- EIR Schedule and Next Steps
- How to Submit Comments

Meeting Objectives

- Overview of the Coyote Creek Flood Protection project (CCFPP) and its history
- The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) scoping process and the range of environmental issues that will be considered in the EIR
- Receive public comments on the scope of environmental issues that should be addressed in the EIR

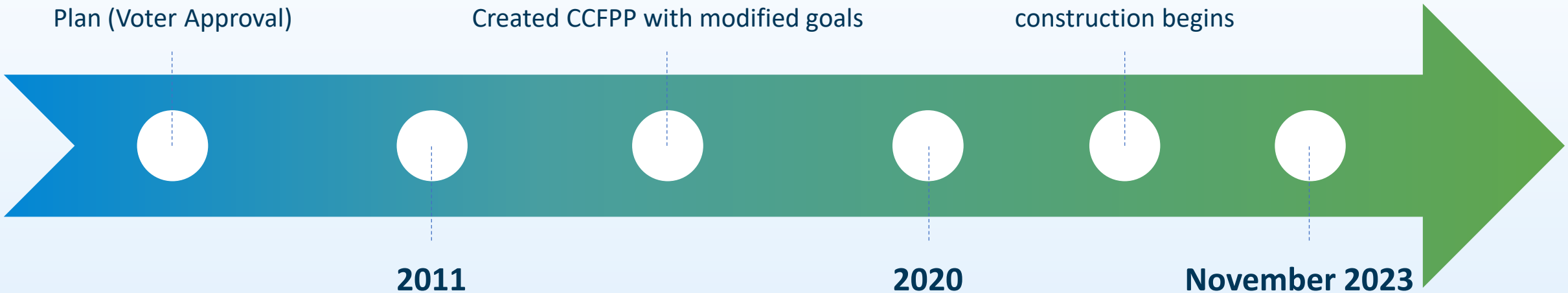
Project Overview

CCFPP Purpose

- Reduce the risk of flooding to homes, schools, businesses, and transportation infrastructure
- Protect from a flood event equivalent to the one that occurred on February 21, 2017
- The project site is located between Montague Expressway to Tully Road in San José

Project Overview

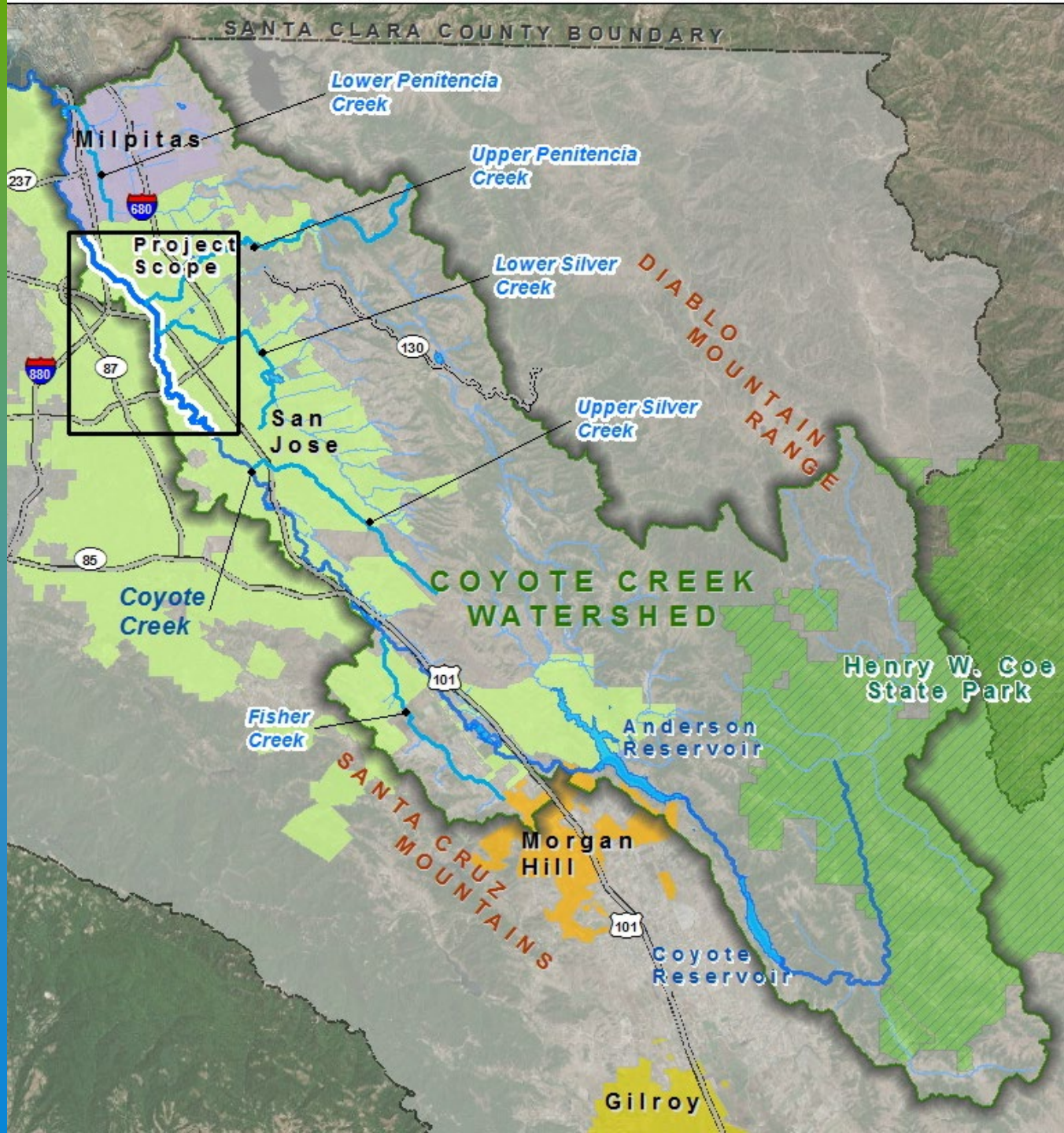
Background



Project Overview

Coyote Creek Reaches 4 – 8

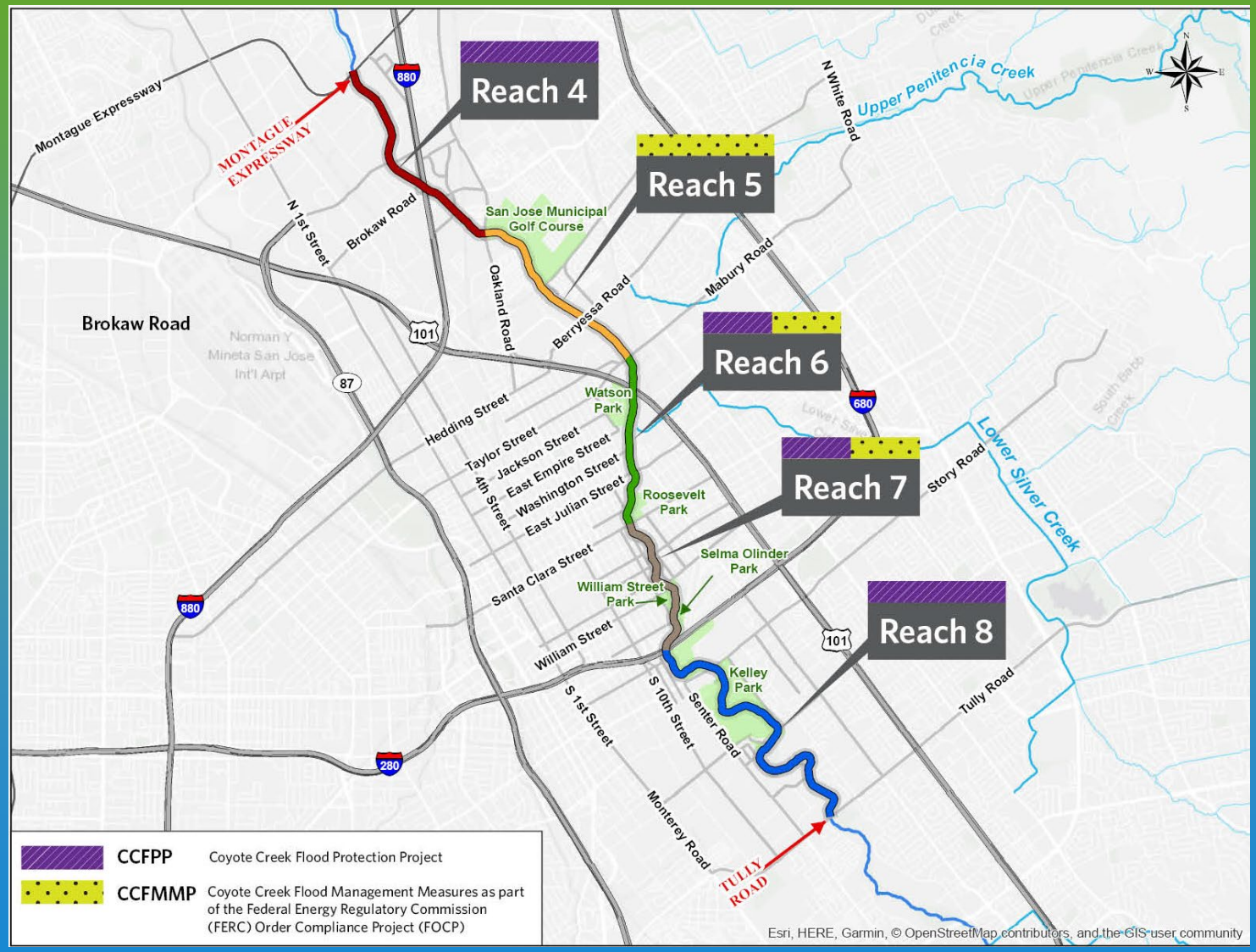
- North End Reach 4:
  Montague Expressway
- South End Reach 8:
  Tully Road



Project Location

CCFPP and CCFMMP

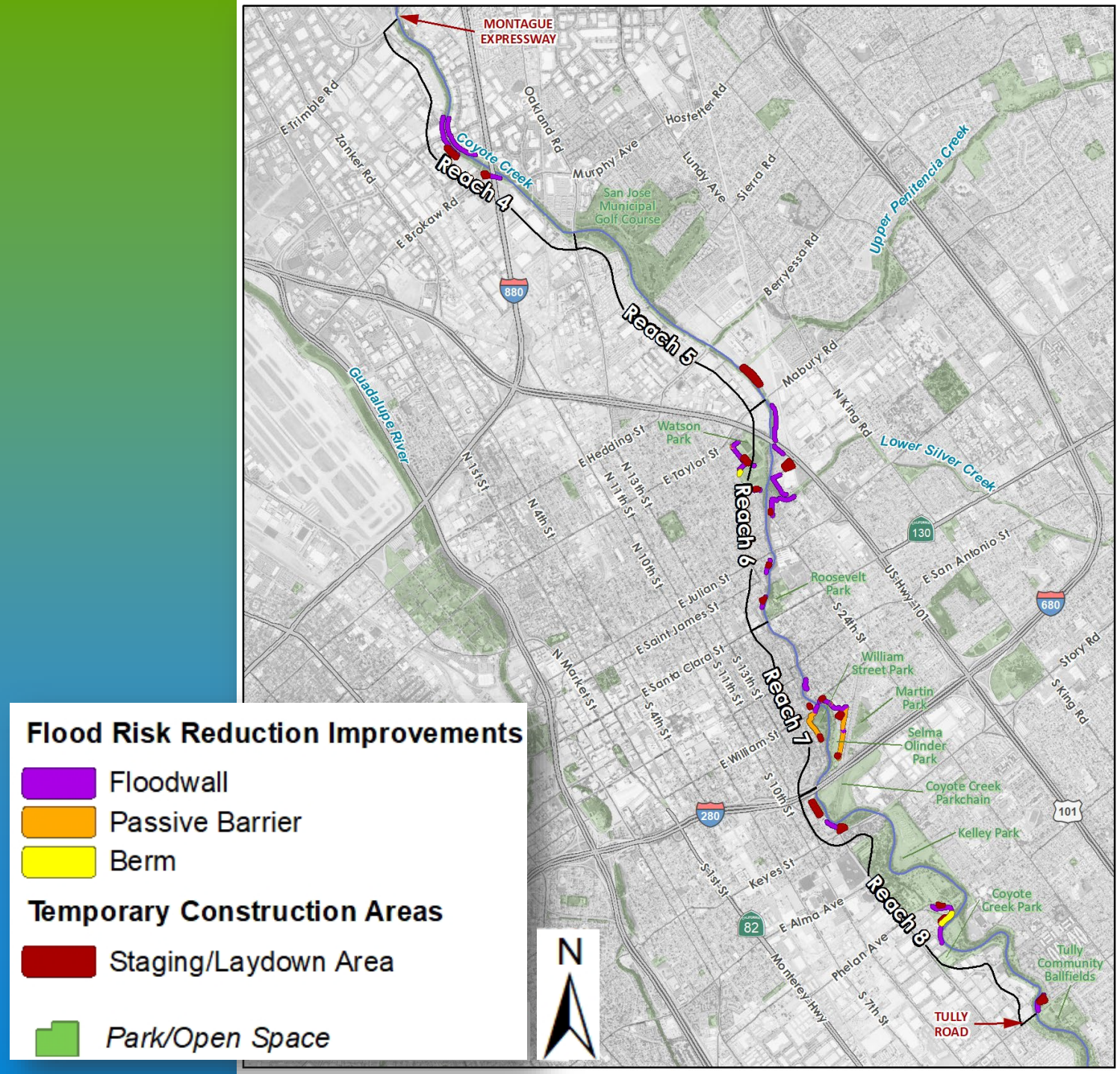
- Coyote Creek Flood Protection Project – Reaches 4, 6, 7, and 8
- Coyote Creek Flood Management Measures Project– Reaches 5, 6, and 7



Proposed Flood Risk Reduction Measures and Locations

Coyote Creek Reaches 4 – 8

- North End Reach 4: Montague Expressway
- South End Reach 8: Tully Road



Project Elements

Flood Risk Reduction Improvements

- Floodwalls
  - Vertical walls that contain and redirect flood flows
  - Sheet pile floodwalls with cut off walls below ground
  - Or reinforced concrete floodwalls
- Passive Barriers
  - Hidden below the ground until flood conditions trigger deployment
- Berms
  - Ridges or embankments that contain and redirect flood flows

Project Elements

Passive Barriers

- Watson Park and other locations
- Automatically rise from the ground during flood events
- Embedded in the ground when not deployed, providing a level surface for other uses (e.g., roadways, sidewalks)
- Heights range from 5 to 8 feet above the ground surface when deployed

Project Elements

Construction and Maintenance

- Construction
  - Constructed over 2 years
  - Prioritize protecting utilities in place
  - Tree removal and trimming required
- Maintenance
  - Conducted under Valley Water's Stream Maintenance Program

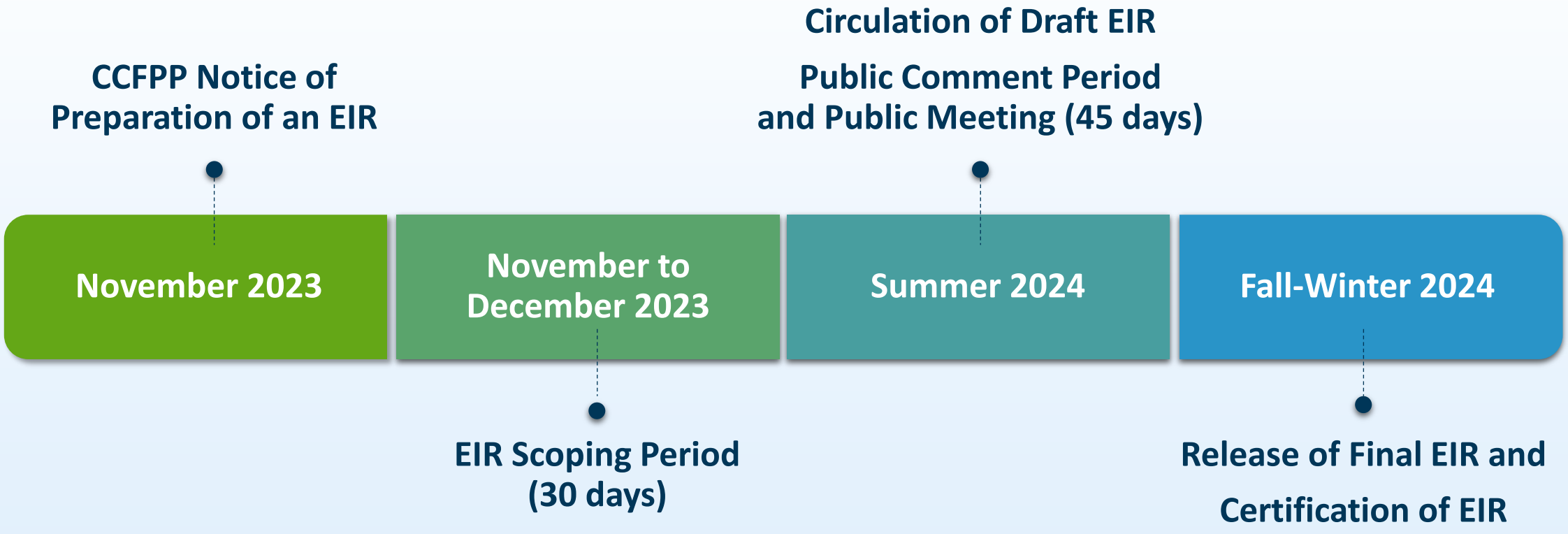
EIR and Scoping Process

Overview

- CEQA Triggered By Discretionary Action of Lead Agency
- CEQA Purpose
  - Provide information to public and decision makers of potential impacts of a project and how they can be avoided or reduced
- Public Outreach Process
  - Integrate public review into key milestones of the process

EIR and Scoping Process

Overview



EIR and Scoping Process

Purpose

- Obtain input on environmental concerns to ensure the EIR addresses those impacts
  - Public
  - Agencies
  - Interest groups (non-profits, tribes, etc.)
- Identify resource topics and issues that will be analyzed in the EIR

EIR and Scoping Process

Key Topics to be Addressed in EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontology
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Land Use and Planning
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Utilities and Service Systems

EIR and Scoping Process

Short-Term or Construction-Related Impacts

Key Issues

- Noise
  - Temporary noise generation and vibrations from equipment
- Air Quality and Greenhouse Gases
  - Temporary emissions from equipment and dust from ground disturbance
- Biological Resources
  - Temporary effects on habitats and special-status species from equipment and ground disturbance
- Hazardous Materials
  - Disturbance of hazardous materials during ground-disturbing activities
- Recreation
  - Temporary disruption of access and recreational opportunities
  - Temporary increase in the use of other neighboring recreation facilities

EIR and Scoping Process

Long-Term or Permanent Impacts

Key Issues

- Aesthetics
  - Changes in scenic resources from public viewing areas of Coyote Creek
  - Potential conflicts with local policies on scenic quality
- Biological Resources
  - Tree removal and effects adjacent to Coyote Creek
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontology
  - Changes to erosion/scour within Coyote Creek
- Hydrology and Water quality
  - Transport of sediment and/or pollutants into water courses
  - Effects on flood flows and conveyance

How To Comment

Recommendations for Effective Commenting

- Comment on the scope of the EIR
  - Identify environmental resources of concern
  - Specify potential impacts from the project that you are concerned about
  - Suggest mitigation measures that could reduce potential impacts

How to Comment

By mail:

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By email:

CCFPPcomments@valleywater.org
Subject Line: "**CCFPP Scoping Comments**"

Scoping comments are due by December 22, 2023

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Questions & Answers

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