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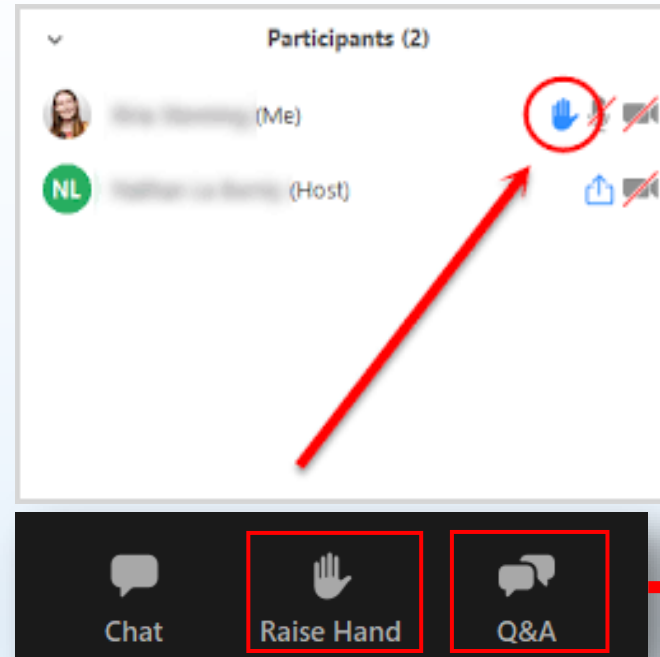


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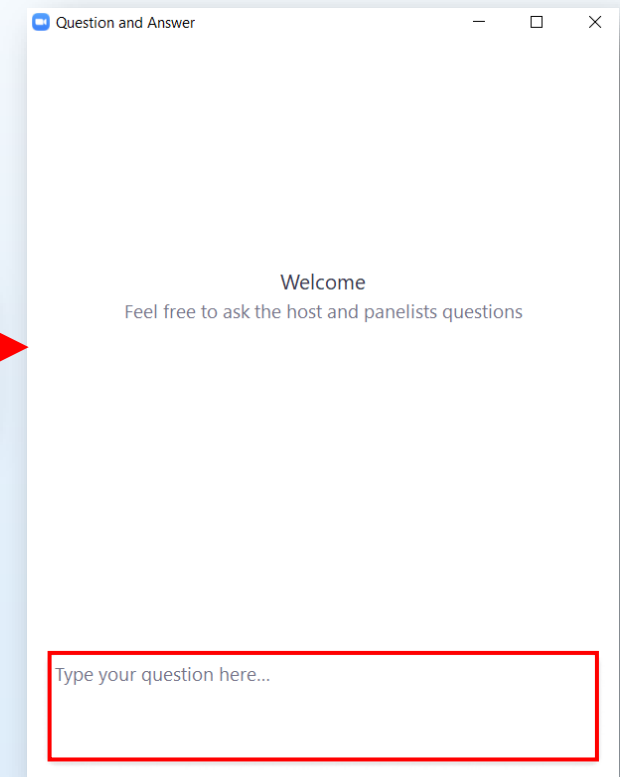
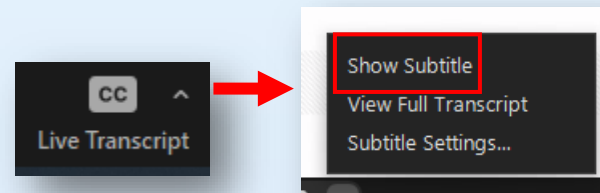
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Valley Water

Clean Water • Healthy Environment • Flood Protection



Canal Maintenance Program

Public Scoping Meeting – January 25, 2024

Presented by:

Kelly White - Environmental Planner



Agenda

- Meeting Purpose
- Project Overview
- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Process
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Schedule and Next Steps
- How to Submit Comments



Purpose of Scoping Meeting

- Provide an overview of the Canal Maintenance Program
- Provide an overview of the CEQA process
- Solicit comments on the scope of environmental issues and concerns that should be addressed in the EIR, as well as feasible mitigation measures
- Comments received will be considered in preparing the Draft EIR



Project Objectives

- Facilitate timely completion of routine, preventative, and corrective canal maintenance
- Preserve the structural and functional integrity of operable canals and adjoining facilities
- Reduce the risk of canal failure and inadvertent damage to private and public property
- Conduct canal maintenance as a coordinated and comprehensive program that minimizes impacts to the environment, sensitive species, and habitat



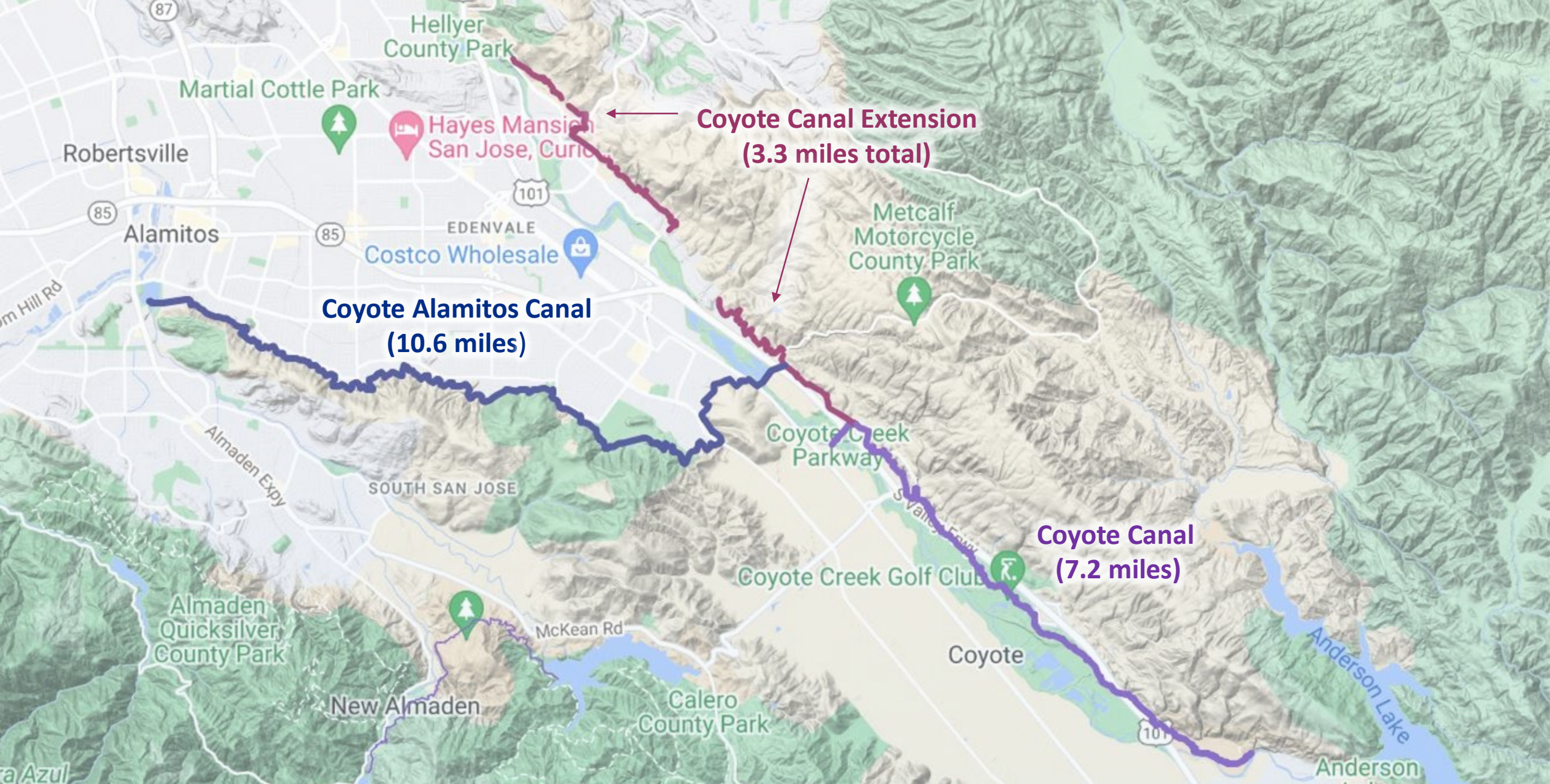


Canal Locations

Canal Maintenance Activities

- Vegetation management
- Sediment removal
- Bank stabilization
- Minor repairs to canal lining and walls
- Clean, repair, and replace culverts
- Maintain canal access road
- Manage animal conflicts





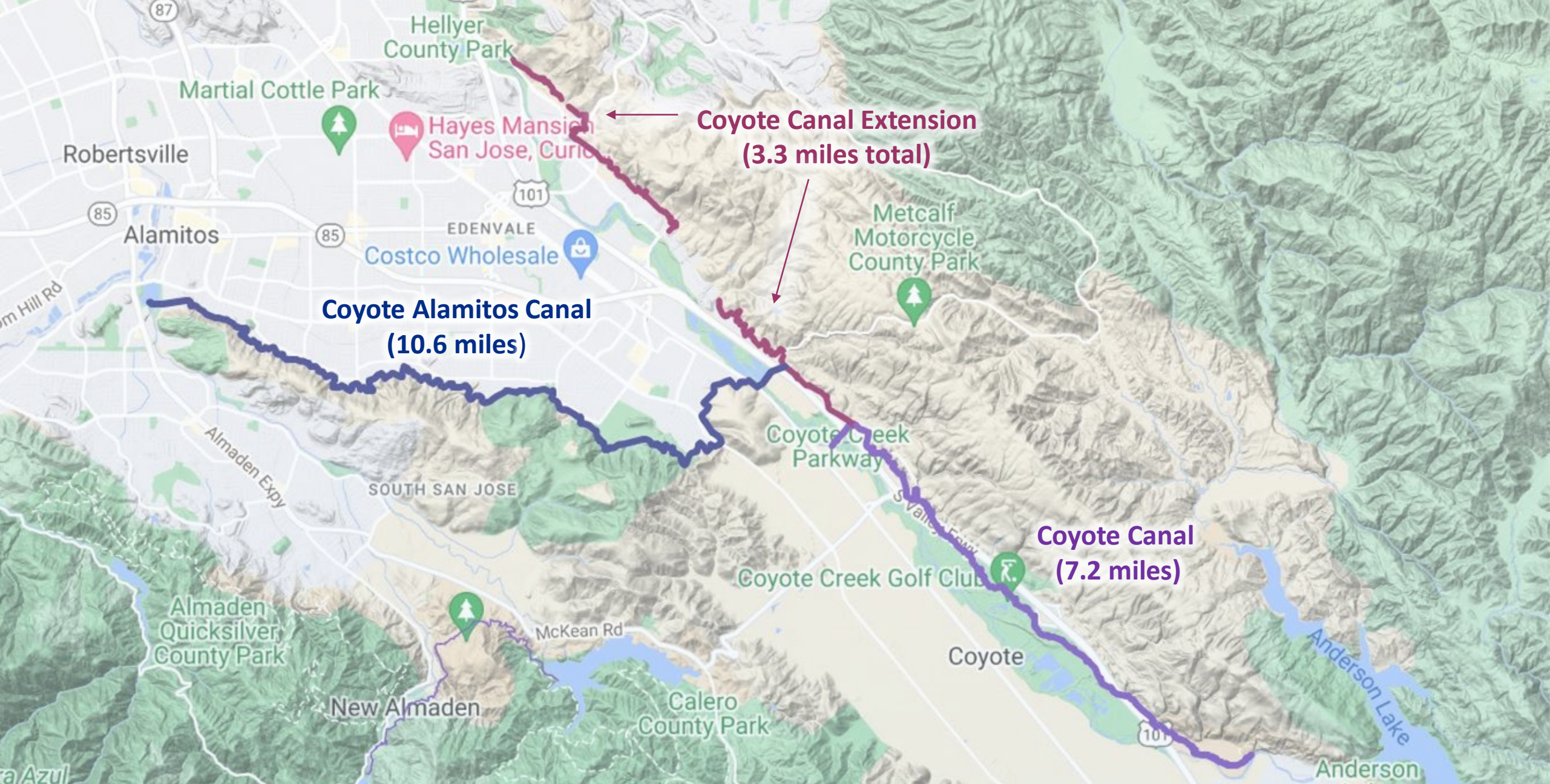
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Coyote Alamitos Canal



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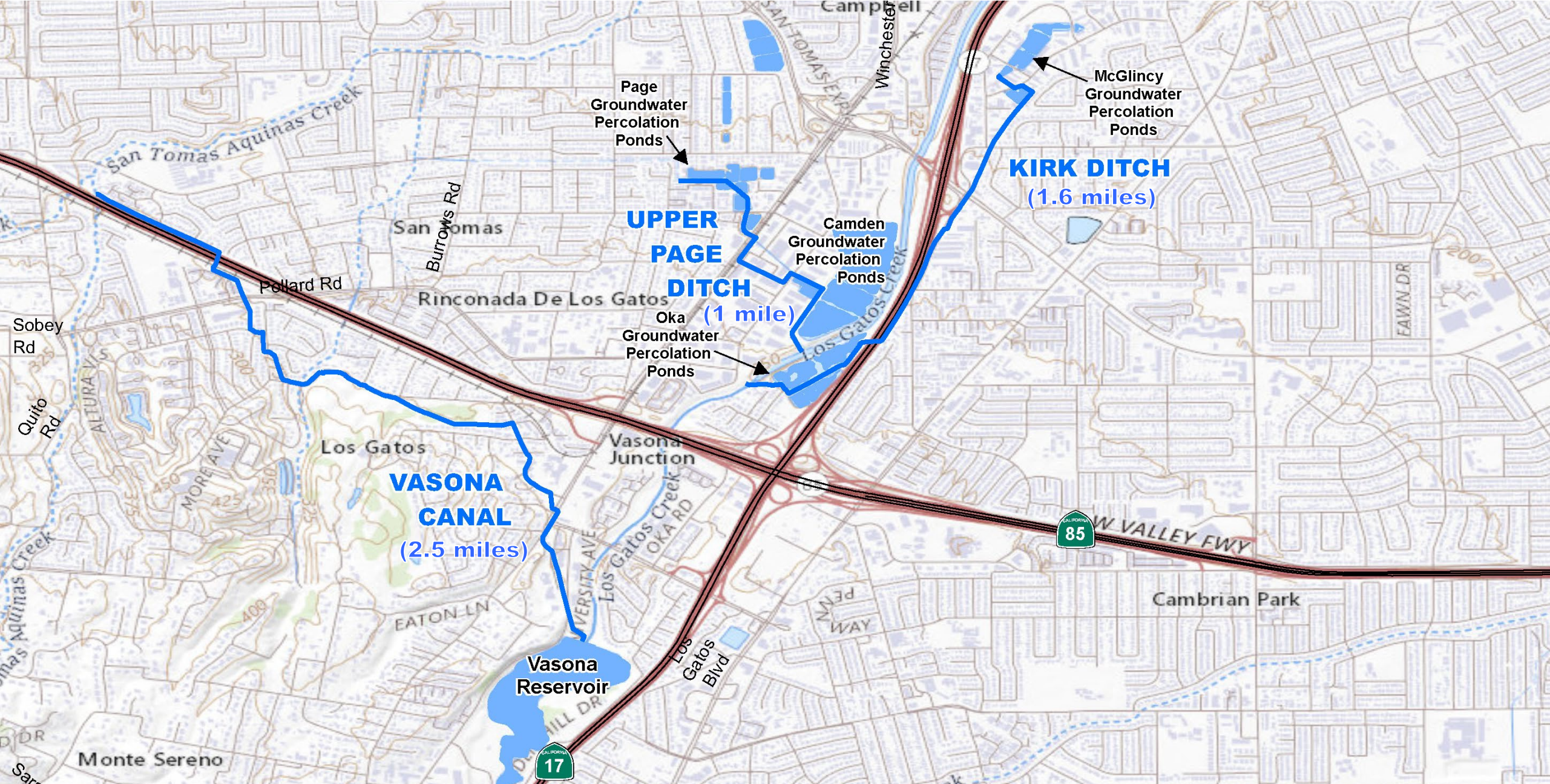
Coyote Canal



Coyote Extension



2017 Coyote Canal levee breach at US-101





Upper Page Ditch



Kirk Ditch



Vasona Canal

The Canal Maintenance Program would not...

- Construct new facilities
- Change the future use or operation of the canals
- Change or increase existing facility footprints
- Disturb previously undisturbed areas

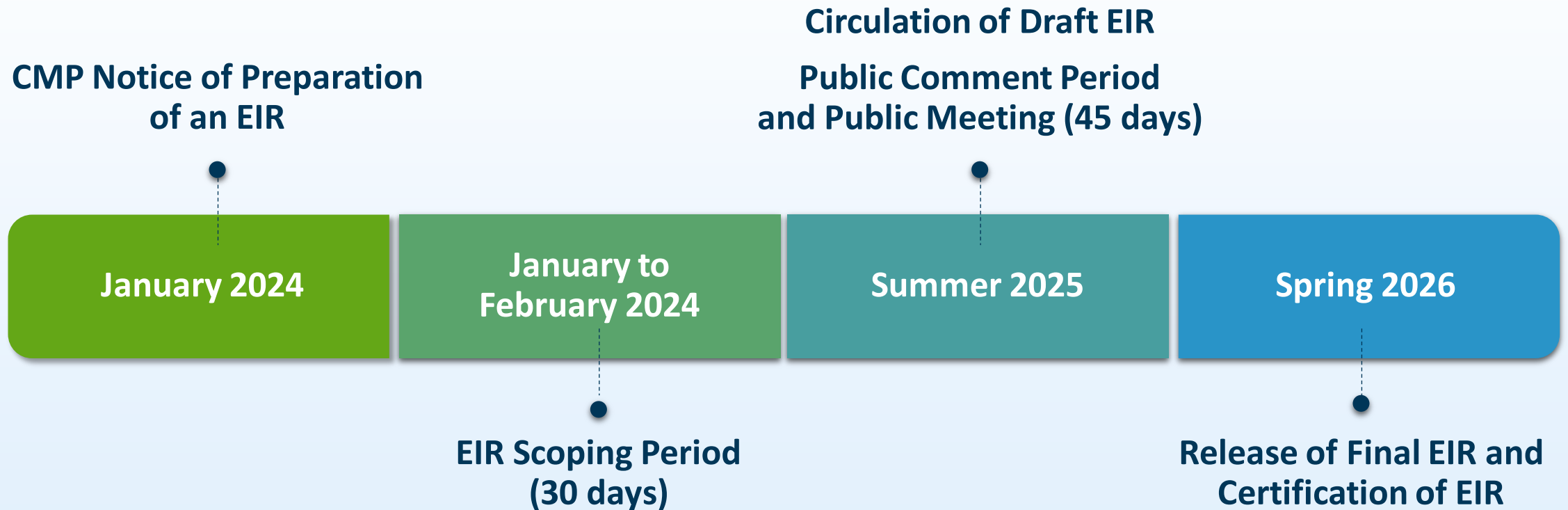


CEQA Purpose and Process

- CEQA is triggered by discretionary actions of public agencies.
- Requires that agencies consider the environmental consequences of their actions.
- Requires implementation of feasible mitigation measures or project alternatives that lessen or avoid significant adverse environmental effects.
- Requires public disclosure of the environmental effects of projects.
- Provides opportunities for public participation in the decision-making process.



CEQA Timeline



Key Topics to be Addressed in the CMP EIR

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Tribal Cultural Resources
- Wildfires

EIR Topics

Potential Maintenance-Related Impacts

Key Issues

- Biological Resources
 - Effects on sensitive habitats and special-status plants and wildlife.
- Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Temporary increases in soil erosion and degradation of water quality. Temporarily impede flow, alter drainage patterns, and adversely affect runoff conditions.
- Hazardous Materials
 - Disturbance of Naturally Occurring Asbestos. Improper use, storage, transport, or disposal of hazardous materials or waste.
- Air Quality and GHG Emissions
 - Temporary increases in dust, criteria pollutants, and GHG emissions.
- Noise
 - Temporary noise increases.

EIR Topics

Potential Maintenance-Related Impacts

Key Issues

- Aesthetics
 - Potential for vegetation management activities to impact aesthetic resources.
- Tribal Cultural Resources
 - Potential impacts to known and unknown Tribal Cultural Resources.
- Cultural Resources
 - Potential impacts to known and unknown historical resources and archaeological resources, and human remains.
- Wildfire
 - Potential increase in wildfire hazards from operation of maintenance equipment.

How To Comment

Recommendations for Effective Commenting

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





How to Submit Comments

By Mail:

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San José, CA 95118

By Email:

CanalMaintenanceProgram@valleywater.org
Subject Line: “**CMP Scoping Comments**”

Scoping comments are due by

Monday, February 12, 2024

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END OF PRESENTATION

Questions & Answers



More information on the
Water Supply Master Plan
can be found at

<https://delivr.com/2st85>.



For any questions please
contact Jing Wu at
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WATER SUPPLY MASTER PLAN 2050



The Water Supply Master Plan is Valley Water's guiding document for long-term water supply investments to ensure water supply reliability for Santa Clara County. Updated about every five years, this long-range plan assesses future countywide demands and evaluates and recommends water supply and infrastructure projects to meet those demands to achieve Valley Water's level of service goal through the planning horizon. The Water Supply Master Plan 2050 extends the planning horizon to 2050. Once developed, the plan will detail Valley Water's investment strategies to provide a safe, clean, and reliable water supply for Santa Clara County.

More information on the
Capital Improvement Program
can be found at
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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The Capital Improvement Program (CIP) contains Valley Water's capital projects, which includes flood protection, water quality and infrastructure maintenance efforts. Valley Water's annual review of projects for potential placement or removal from our 5-year CIP is underway.

You're encouraged to participate in our process and share your feedback regarding which projects should be prioritized by Valley Water.





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