

Apple Valley Ranchos Water System Acquisition Project

Environmental Impact Report
(EIR) Scoping Meeting

Town of Apple Valley

August 4, 2015

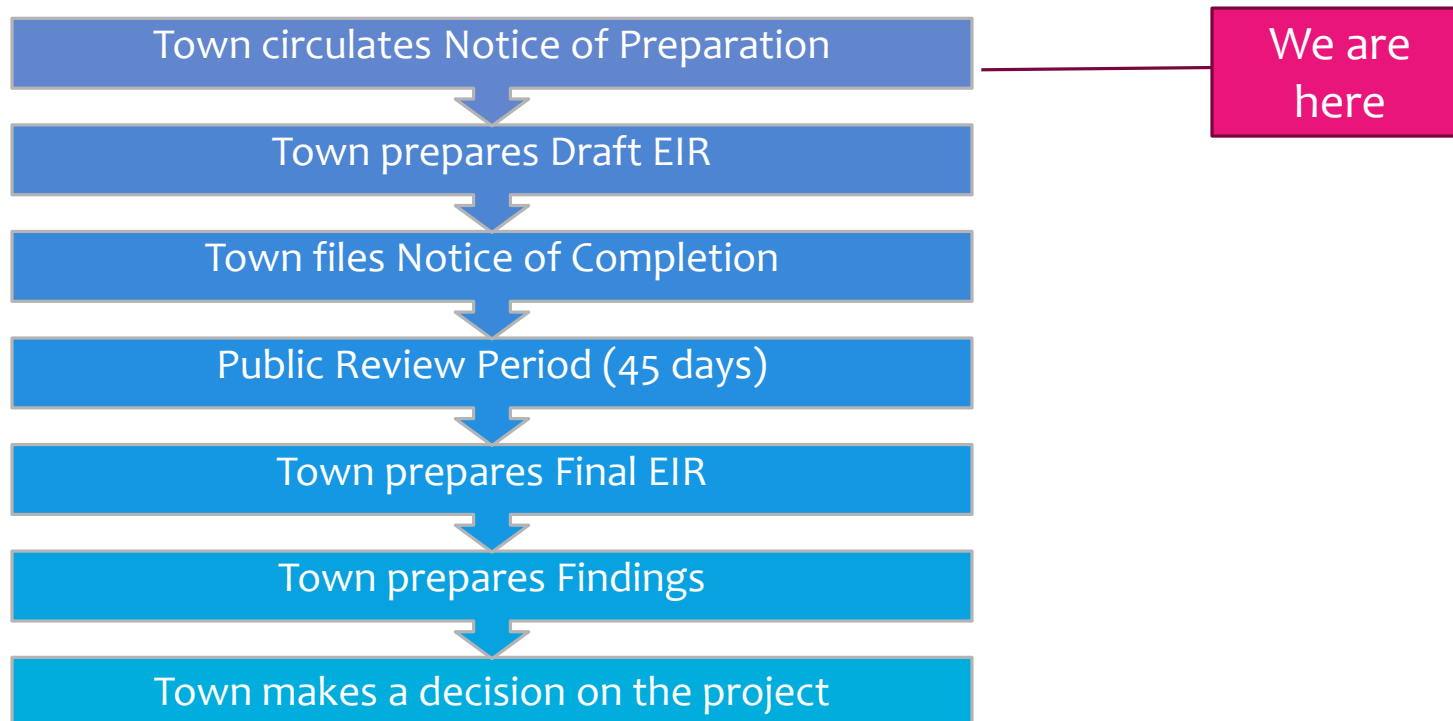
Scoping Meeting Purposes

- * Inform the community and concerned agencies about the proposed project
- * Solicit input regarding the EIR Scope
- * Inform the community about future opportunities for input
- * Gather ideas for alternatives to the proposed project

CEQA Purposes

- * Disclose the potentially significant environmental effects of the proposed project
- * Identify ways to avoid or reduce potential environmental impacts
- * Consider feasible alternatives to the proposed project
- * Enhance public participation in the planning process

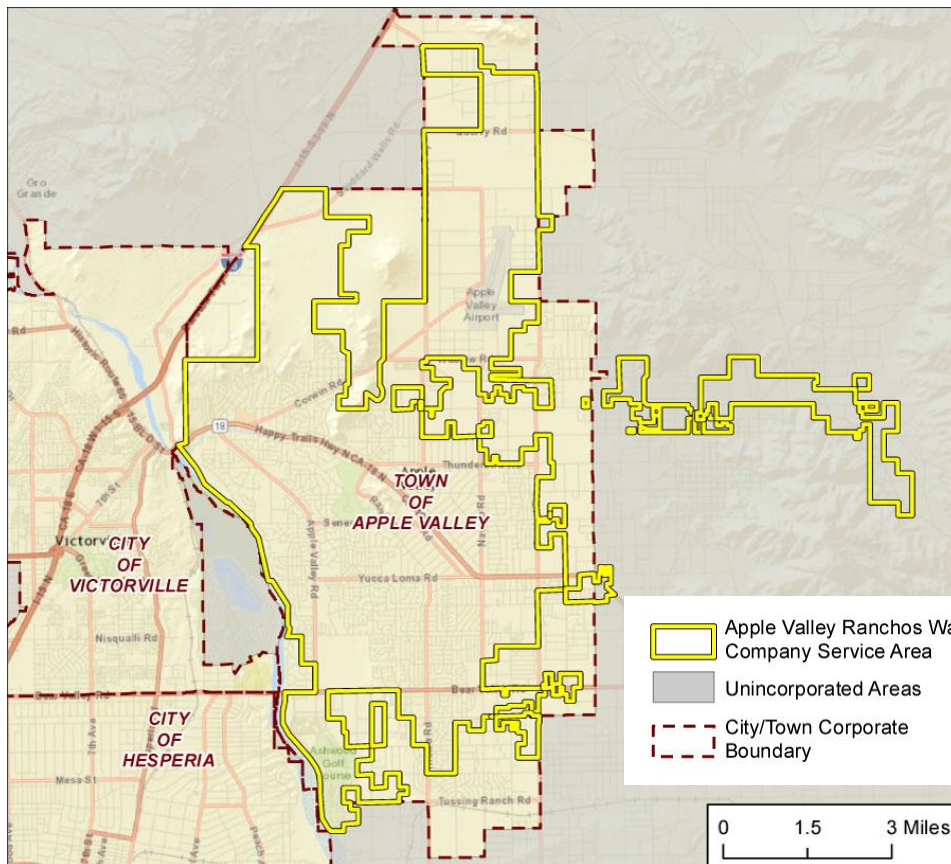
CEQA Environmental Review Process



What has already occurred?

- * NOP published
- * Initial Scoping Meeting held July 7, 2015
- * Following comments received at Initial Scoping Meeting
 - Initial Study revised to clarify project description
 - NOP revised and redistributed with Initial Study
 - NOP period end date extended from July 27 to August 19, 2015

Proposed Project



- * Potential Acquisition of the Apple Valley Ranchos Water System
- * Currently owned by Park Water Company/Apple Valley Ranchos Water Company
- * Project includes the Town's operation of AVR System
- * Yermo Water System is not included in acquisition

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Project Objectives

- *Allow the Town to independently own and operate a water production and distribution system;*
- *Provide for greater transparency and accountability, as well as increased customer service and reliability;*
- *Enhance customer service and responsiveness to Apple Valley customers;*
- *Provide greater local control over the rate setting process and rate increases;*

Project Objectives

- *Provide direct access to locally elected policy makers for the water operations;*
- *Allow the Town to pursue grant funding and other types of financing for any future infrastructure needs, including grants and financing options which the CPUC does not allow private company to include in their rate base (such that private companies do not pursue advanced planning and investment for infrastructure);*

Project Objectives

- *Ensure better coordination amongst Town decisions involving land use, policy, and planning in the water context; and*
- *Enable the Town to use reclaimed water for public facilities without invoking potential duplication of service issues with AVR.*

EIR Issues to be Analyzed

❖ Initial study published

- Available at:
 - Town Hall (14955 Dale Evans Parkway)
 - Victor Valley Museum (11873 Apple Valley Road)
 - Link on Website: <http://www.applevalley.org/>

❖ Issues identified so far that will be analyzed further in the EIR:

- *Air Quality*
- *Greenhouse Gases*
- *Hydrology/Water Quality*
- *Noise*
- *Land Use*
- *Transportation/Traffic*
- *Utilities/Service Systems*

Projected EIR Schedule

- * Comments on EIR scope must be submitted by
August 19, 2015 at 5:00 PM
(30 days from publication of Revised NOP)
- * September 2015 estimated release of Draft EIR
- * November 2015 estimated close of public comment period on Draft EIR
- * December 2015 hearings on Final EIR

We welcome your comments

Please provide comments and tell us what potential environmental issues or impacts the EIR should examine.

Thank you for participating!

