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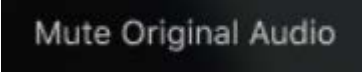


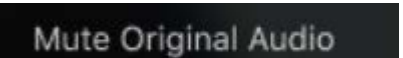
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County of Fresno General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update Scoping Meeting

January 27, 2021

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Agenda

- Describe Regulatory Background
- Provide General Plan and Zoning Ordinance Overview
- Discuss Scope of Environmental Impact Report – Focus of this meeting

Scoping Meeting Purpose

- Inform the community & concerned agencies about the project and environmental review
- Get your input on scope of environmental review
- Inform the community about future opportunities for input

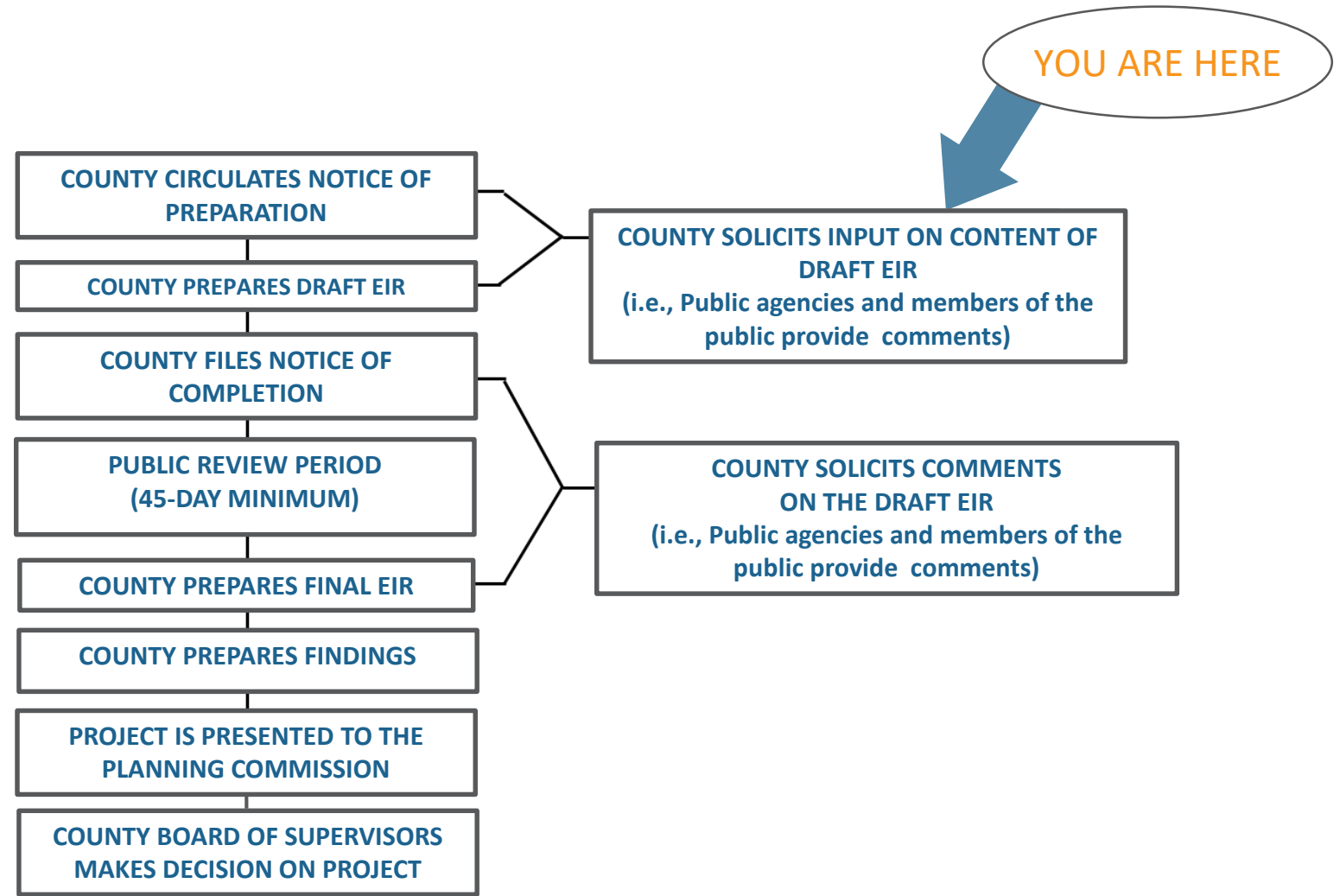
CEQA Purpose

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



CEQA Process for the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update

CEQA PROCESS



Notice of Preparation

- County first circulated a NOP of a Programmatic EIR for the proposed project in 2018
- The project was temporarily paused for additional changes in scope after 2018 NOP was circulated
- County Board of Supervisors authorized a revised project scope in April 2020
- Current NOP was issued to inform agencies and people that the County has resumed preparation of the Programmatic EIR

Projected EIR Schedule

March 1, 2021

- Last day to submit comments on EIR scope in response to the NOP

Summer 2021

- Release of Draft EIR for public comment

Summer/Fall 2021

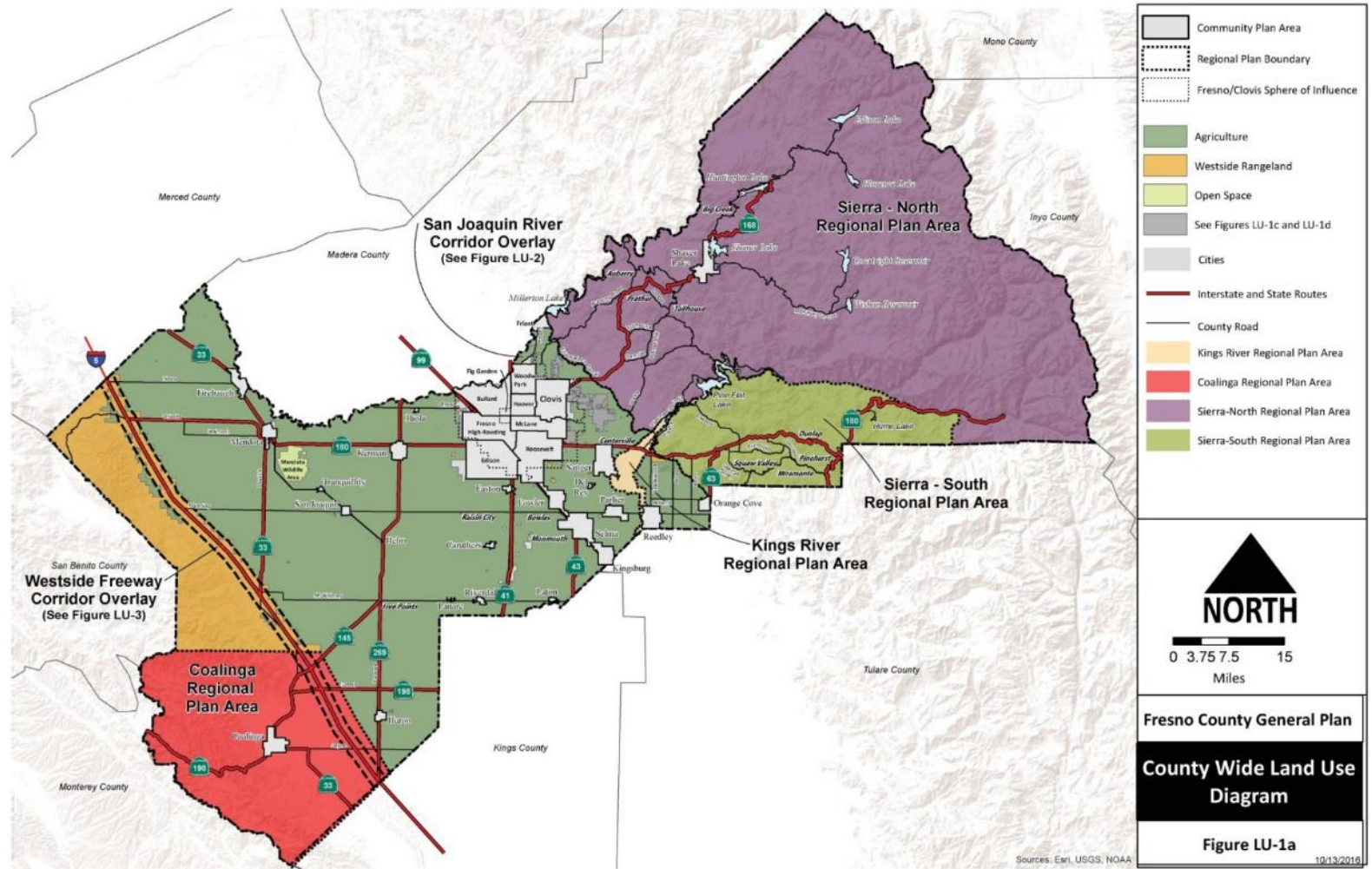
- Public hearings on the Final EIR & General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update

General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update

Purpose

- The updated General Plan provides the long-term framework for the protection of the County's agricultural, natural, and cultural resources, and for development of the County.
- Expands on and strengthens the major policies of the current General Plan to meet the challenges and needs facing the County through 2040
- The update also includes addressing laws affecting the General Plan, including the addition of an Environmental Justice Element
- The update includes only minimal changes to the land use designations and land use maps in the current General Plan
- The Zoning Ordinance update includes provisions, development standards, and guidelines for consistency with the revised General Plan and State law

General Plan Review Land Use Diagram



EIR Approach

- **Program EIR** – broad, comprehensive evaluation to cover many actions, long-range plans
- Many future development projects will require additional environmental review
- Because no specific development projects are proposed, analysis is not parcel specific

EIR Approach (cont.)

- EIR will focus on reasonably foreseeable physical environmental effects that could result from the General Plan Review and Zoning Ordinance Update
- The EIR will screen which land use changes and policies/programs are likely to result in environmental impacts
- Alternatives to the project will be evaluated and considered

Issues to be Analyzed in the EIR

■ Agriculture and Forestry Resources

■ Biological Resources

■ Cultural Resources

■ Geology and Soils

■ Energy

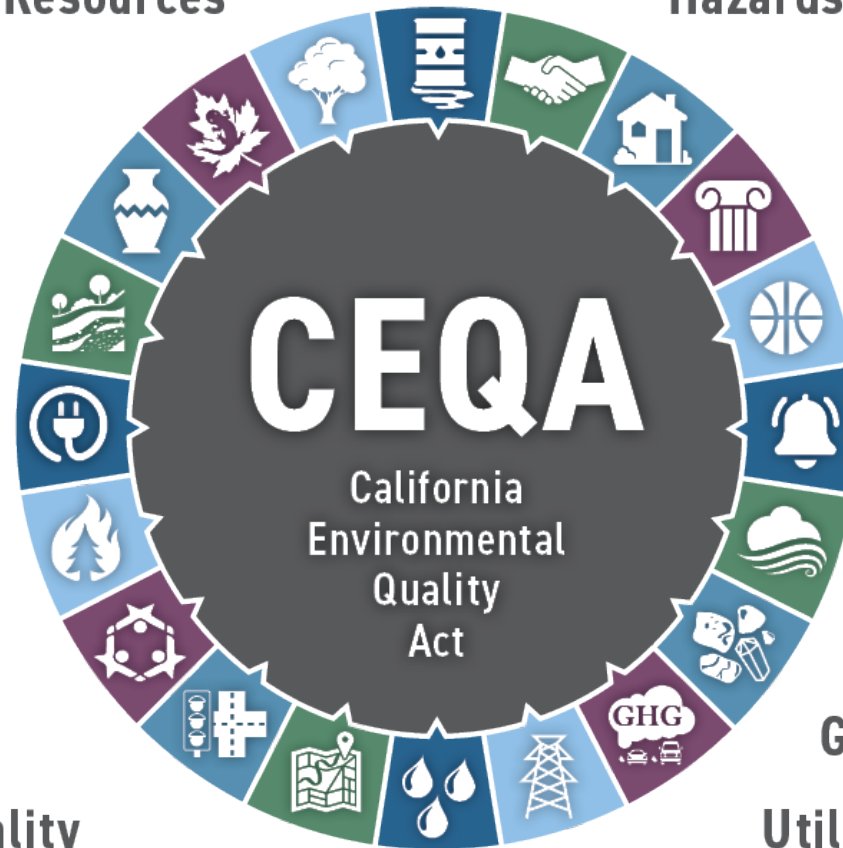
■ Wildfire

■ Public Services

■ Transportation

■ Land Use and Planning

■ Hydrology and Water Quality



Hazards and Hazardous Materials ■

Tribal Cultural Resources ■

Population and Housing ■

Aesthetics/Visual ■

Recreation ■

Noise ■



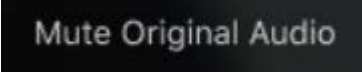


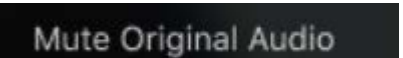
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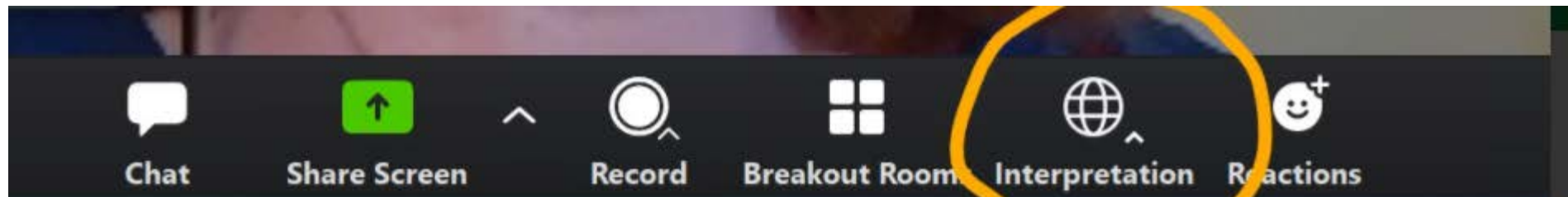
Mineral Resources ■

Greenhouse Gas Emissions ■

Utilities and Service Systems ■

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We Welcome Your Comments

Substantive comments should be on:

- The scope, focus, and content of the EIR
- Mitigation measures to avoid or reduce environmental effects
- Alternatives to avoid or reduce environmental effects

Please direct your comments to:

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Thank you for participating!