

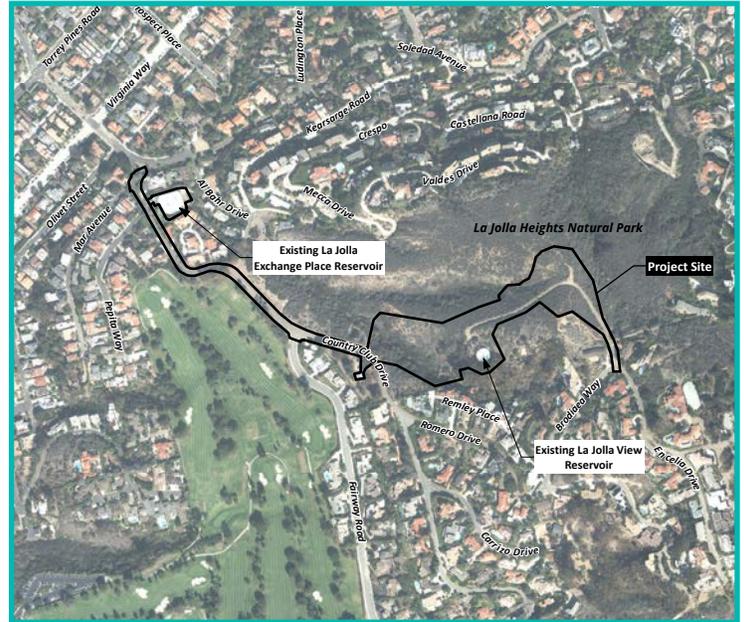
The Exchange Place Reservoir and Pump Station and the La Jolla View Reservoir, located in La Jolla, were constructed in 1909 and 1949. Due to their age and condition, they have reached the ends of their service lives and need to be replaced to meet current City of San Diego (City) standards, help reduce maintenance and energy costs, improve water quality and water supply reliability, and meet the increased water demands for the La Jolla community.

The City is proposing to replace the existing reservoirs and pump station with a new reservoir, access road and pipeline within the La Jolla Heights Natural Park.

The proposed La Jolla View Reservoir Project consists of a new 3.1-million-gallon reservoir and associated pipelines, including:

- » 2,790 feet of 30-inch pipeline to connect the reservoir to the City's water distribution system
- » 780 feet of 8-inch pipeline to serve existing customers
- » 200 feet of 18-inch overflow pipe
- » 480 feet of 8-inch water line to supply the reservoir

The new reservoir would be buried underground, except for access hatches and control equipment, and the existing reservoirs and pump station would be demolished. Those sites would be restored back to their original topography and condition with backfilling and landscaping to blend in with their surroundings.



Source: SanGIS 2017, annotations by HELIX 2018

Figure 1: Project Area Map

The new reservoir tank would be located in the knoll off of the corner of Encelia Drive. The new 30-inch pipeline would run from the tank, through the park and along Country Club Drive.

## Proposed Project Location

Numerous factors were considered when determining the best location for the proposed new reservoir tank. The new tank must be increased from its current capacity of 720,000 gallons to 3.1 million gallons, and must be located at a higher elevation than the existing tank to operate properly. The proposed project would utilize a buried tank to reduce the visual impacts of the structure, and the knoll off of Encelia Drive provides the ground elevation needed to bury the proposed tank.

## Environmental Impact Report

The City is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of the proposed La Jolla View Reservoir Replacement Project, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The purpose of an EIR is to provide government agencies and the public with detailed information about the effects a proposed project is likely to have on the environment. Beyond identifying environmental effects, an EIR also identifies ways to avoid, minimize or mitigate those effects.



Source: IEC 2017

Figure 2: Proposed Location

The proposed new reservoir tank location would be buried in the knoll off of Encelia Drive.

## The La Jolla Heights Natural Park

The La Jolla Heights Natural Park is a 42-acre open space preserve in La Jolla, set aside to preserve sensitive biological resources and habitat, and managed by the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department. It provides a panoramic view of the La Jolla area and Pacific Ocean.

## Environmental Resources Analyzed in the EIR

The EIR includes an analysis of potential impacts on the environmental resource areas listed below. The public is encouraged to provide input on these resource areas.

- » Air Quality
- » Biological Resources
- » Cultural Resources
- » Energy
- » Geology and Soils
- » Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- » Health and Safety
- » Hydrology/Water Quality
- » Land Use
- » Noise
- » Paleontological Resources
- » Transportation/Circulation
- » Utilities and Service Systems
- » Visual Quality and Neighborhood Character

## Draft EIR Contents

The EIR provides:

- » A detailed description of the proposed project
- » Analysis of the potential environmental effects from the proposed project on a variety of resource areas
- » Mitigation measures to reduce the effects of potential environmental impacts that could be significant
- » Alternatives to the proposed project that could reduce potentially significant environmental impacts

## What is an EIR?

An EIR identifies and examines the likely environmental effects of a proposed project on a variety of resource areas and proposes measures to avoid, minimize or mitigate them.

## CEQA Public Involvement

Community involvement is essential to the CEQA process, which provides a number of opportunities for public participation. During the scoping period, the City conducted a public meeting and solicited input on the types of environmental issues, mitigation measures and alternatives to address in the EIR. Comments received during the scoping period were considered in the preparation of the Draft EIR. The City released the Draft EIR and initiated a 45-day public review and comment period, from December 31, 2020 through February 15, 2021, to receive public comments on the adequacy and accuracy of the Draft EIR. The Final EIR will address comments raised during the Draft EIR public comment period. The CEQA process will conclude with a Notice of Determination.

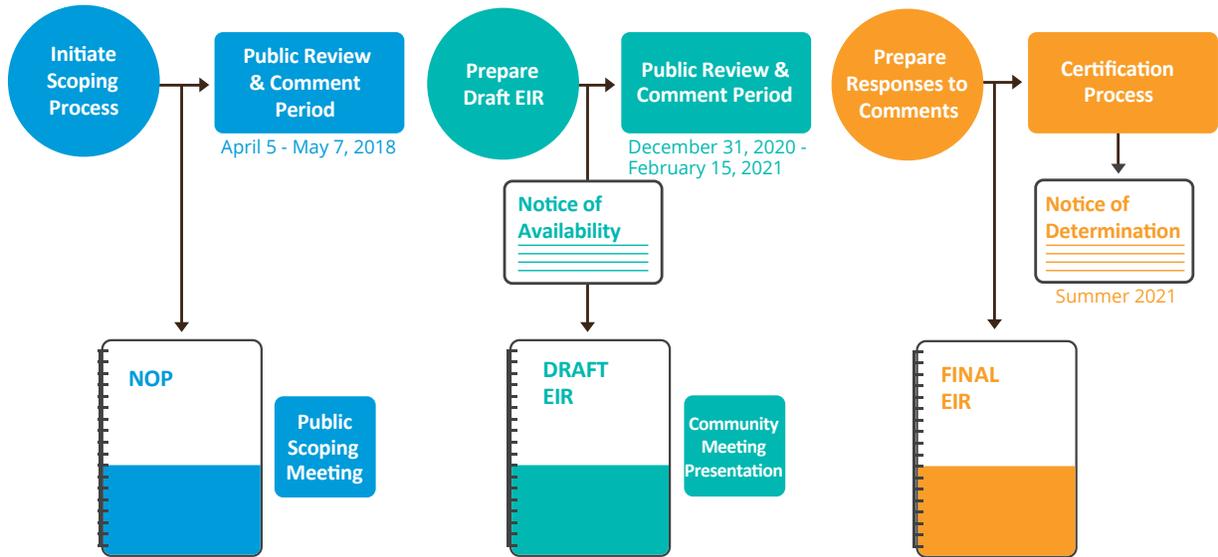


Figure 3: CEQA Process

The CEQA process for an EIR is made up of three stages: 1) Scoping, 2) Draft EIR, and 3) Final EIR.

## The City welcomes your input!

### How to Comment Effectively

Before you comment:

- » **Prepare yourself.** Learn more about CEQA and the proposed La Jolla View Reservoir Project. The Draft EIR and other project documents are posted at [www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/ljreservoir](http://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/ljreservoir).

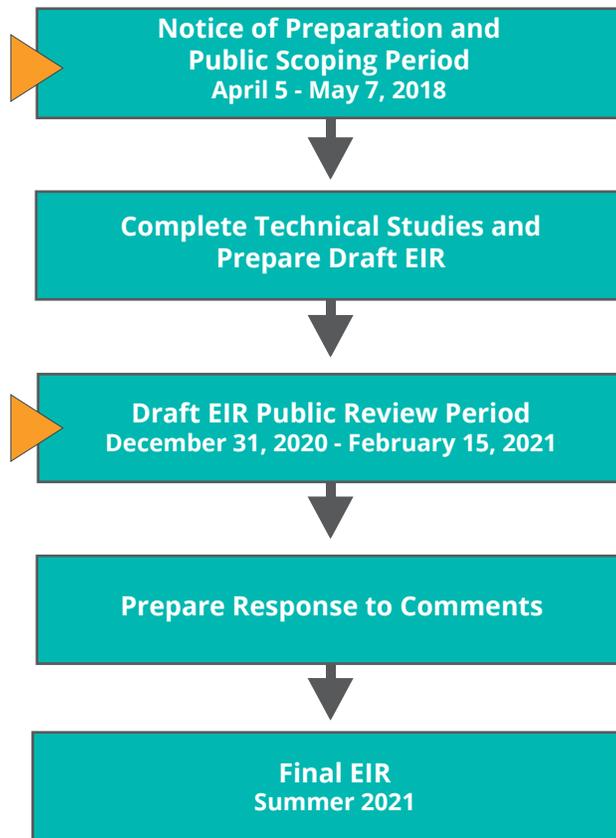
Draft your comment:

- » **Get organized.** Clearly organize and format your language so it is easy to understand and key points are highlighted.
- » **Be specific.** Support your points with examples, information and reasons.
- » **Keep it simple.** Organize your ideas around the topical areas (also known as resource areas) as listed on page 2 of this booklet, such as biological resources, water quality, etc.

Submit your comment:

- » **Submit via mail or email.** Email comments to [DSDEAS@sandiego.gov](mailto:DSDEAS@sandiego.gov) and include the project name in the subject line, or mail comments to:  
Rachael Ferrell  
City of San Diego Development Services Center  
1222 First Ave., MS 501  
San Diego, CA 92101
- » **Meet the deadline.** Comments must be postmarked or received by **February 15, 2021**, for consideration in the Final EIR.

## EIR Process



Boxes with  indicate opportunities for public involvement

## Minimizing Impacts

Minimizing potential impacts to the community is a priority for the City throughout the duration of the proposed project. Efforts such as construction of a temporary access road to the project site, dust control, erosion control and noise limits would be implemented to minimize impacts.

To help keep the community informed about the anticipated construction activities and impacts for the proposed project, updates will be emailed to subscribers as significant events occur. To receive email updates related to the proposed project, submit your email address in the **Join our Email List** box on the project website listed below, and select the Project Updates: La Jolla Reservoir Projects self-subscribe list.



## GET INVOLVED!

Public input helps decision makers to better understand local issues and concerns.

For more information and to sign up to receive project updates, please visit [www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/ljreservoir](http://www.sandiego.gov/cip/projectinfo/featuredprojects/ljreservoir) or contact Bilal Oriqat, Associate Engineer, at [BOriqat@sandiego.gov](mailto:BOriqat@sandiego.gov) or 619-533-7460.