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# **New Elementary School in Foster City CEQA/EIR Project**

**For**

**San Mateo-Foster City School District**

*Draft EIR Public Hearing, August 10, 2017*

# New Elementary School in Foster City



# CEQA Overview

- » The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the State's primary environmental protection law.
- » CEQA requires that public agencies disclose environmental impacts of projects that have a physical effect on the environment.

# What is an EIR?

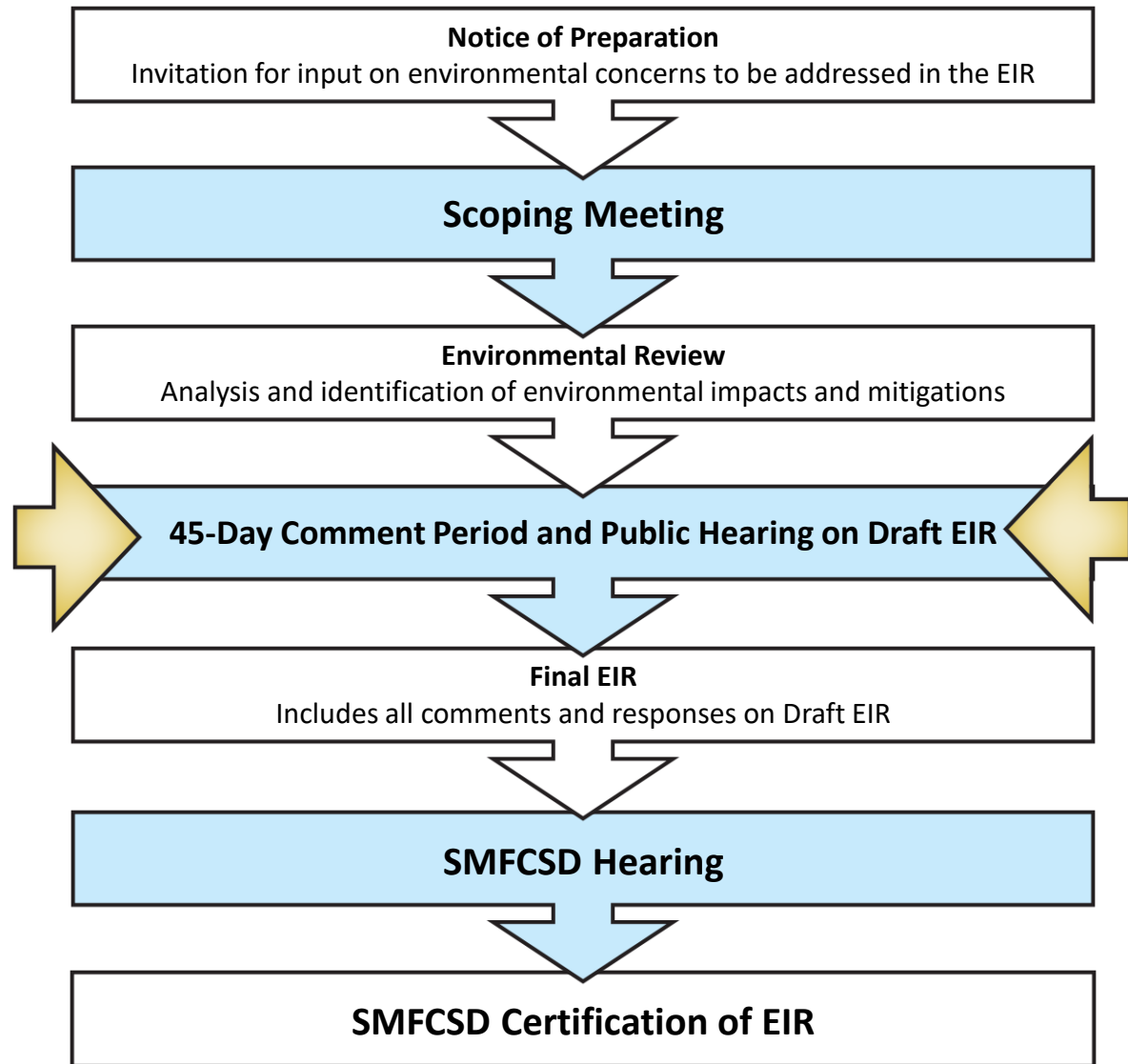
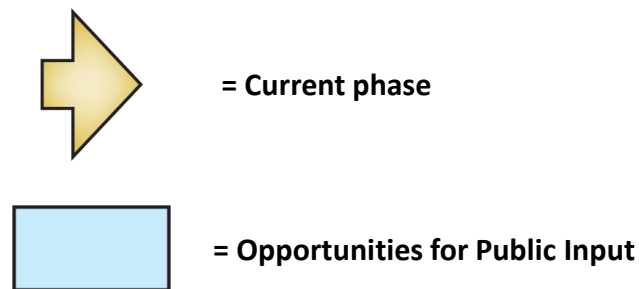
## » An informational document.

- Discloses information about the effects a proposed project could have on the environment.
- Identifies mitigation measures.
- Describes feasible alternatives to the proposed project.

## » Must be certified by the lead agency (District) prior to project approval.

## » An EIR does not approve or deny a project.

# EIR Process



# 14 Topic Areas Analyzed in Draft EIR

- » **Aesthetics**
- » **Air Quality**
  - Mitigation Recommended
- » **Biological Resources**
  - Mitigation Recommended
- » **Cultural/Tribal Resources**
  - Mitigation Recommended
- » **Geology and Soils**
  - Mitigation Recommended
- » **Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- » **Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
  - Mitigation Recommended
- » **Hydrology and Water Quality**
- » **Land Use and Planning**
- » **Noise**
  - Unavoidable Operational Impact
  - Unavoidable Construction Impact
- » **Population and Housing**
- » **Public Services & Recreation**
- » **Transportation and Traffic**
- » **Utilities and Services systems**

# Summary of Draft EIR Conclusions

## » 91 CEQA thresholds in 14 topic areas:

- 75 thresholds (83%): *No impact or less than significant*
- 14 thresholds (15%): Mitigated to *less than significant*
- 2 thresholds (2%): Impact deemed *significant and unavoidable*

# Submit DEIR Comments

- » Oral comments accepted this evening
- » Written comments accepted until 4:30 PM, September 18:

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# Upcoming CEQA Timeline

- » **September 18, 2017: End of Draft EIR public review period**
- » **September 18 – end of October:**
  - Response to comments on Draft EIR
  - Release of Final EIR
  - Second public hearing prior to Board certification EIR



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