

SCOPING MEETING

Tejon Indian Tribe Trust Acquisition and Gaming Project

September 1, 2015

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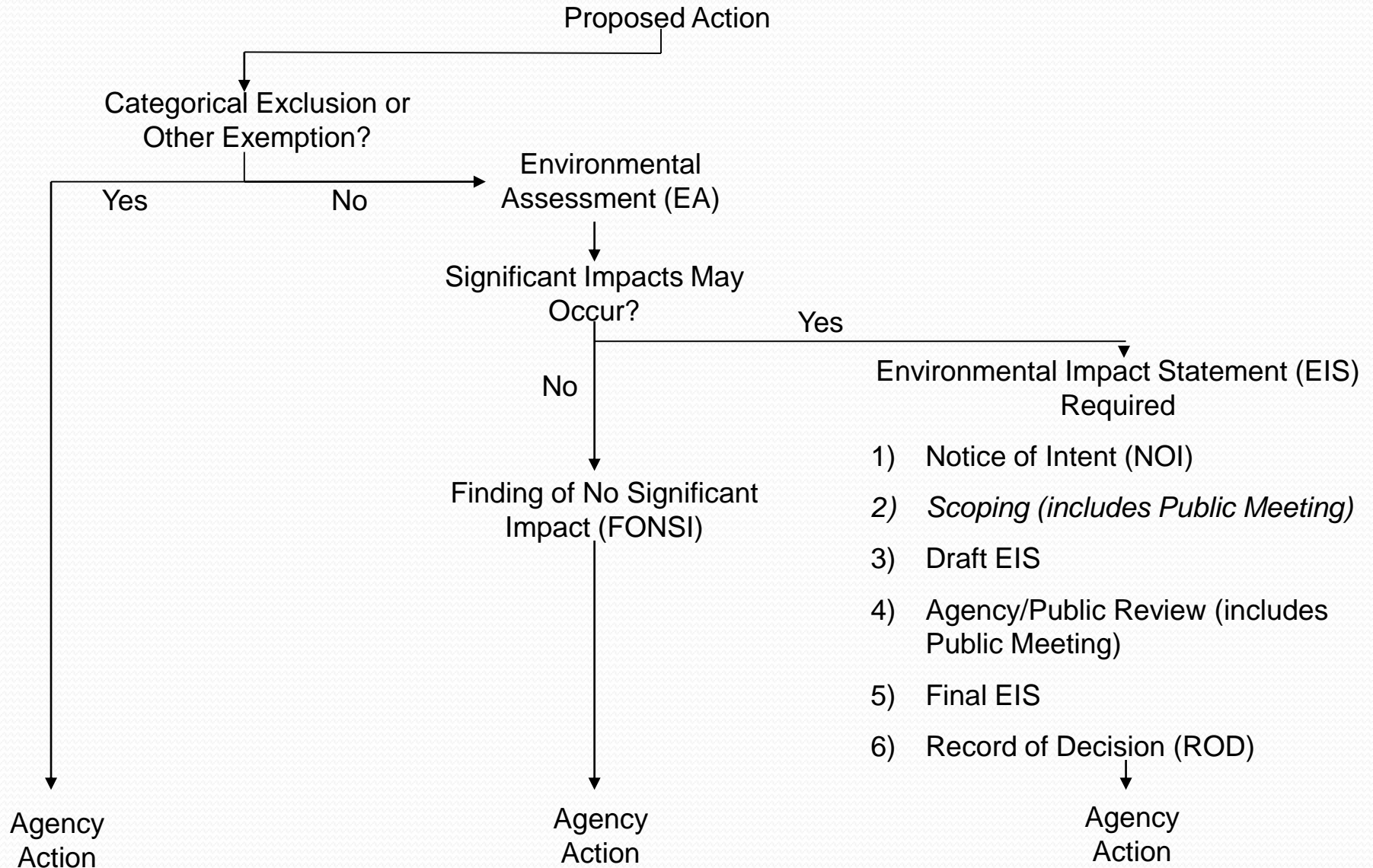


LEAD AGENCY: U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs

WHEN IS NEPA REVIEW REQUIRED?

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review is required prior to taking a major federal action
- In this case, the proposed major federal action requested by the Tejon Indian Tribe is the trust acquisition of approximately 306 acres in Kern County.

NEPA PROCESS OVERVIEW



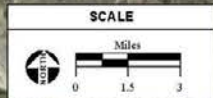
PROPOSED ACTION

- Trust acquisition of approximately 306-acres within Kern County
- The Tejon Indian Tribe proposed to develop the new trust lands with a gaming facility, hotel, parking, and other supporting facilities
 - Gaming Facility
 - Hotel
 - Restaurants
 - Parking



PROJECT SITE
BOUNDARY

Project Site and Vicinity



Aerial Photograph

PROJECT SITE
BOUNDARY

APN 238-204-02

APN 238-204-04

APN 238-204-07

APN 238-204-14

Valpredo Ave

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Pavina Rd

Metter Fontage Rd E
Metter Fontage Rd W

Highway 99

Lupine St

Benjie Wy

Wildflower St

Sabodan St

Stevens Dr

SCALE

Feet



EIS PROCESS - Scoping

- Notice of Intent (NOI) published in the federal register on **August 13th, 2015** beginning the scoping process
- The NOI and all future NEPA documents will be posted online at **<http://www.tejoneis.com>**
- “Scoping” refers to the process by which lead agencies solicit input from the public and interested agencies on the nature and extent of issues and impacts to be addressed in the EIS and the methods by which they will be evaluated
- The scope of a document includes the extent of the action, the range of alternatives, and the types of impacts to be evaluated

ISSUES TO BE ANALYZED IN THE EIS

- Land Resources
- Water Resources
- Air Quality
- Noise
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Resource Use Patterns
- Traffic and Transportation
- Public Health and Safety
- Hazardous Materials
- Public Services and Utilities
- Socioeconomics
- Environmental Justice
- Visual Resources/Aesthetics
- Cumulative, Indirect, and Growth Inducing Effects

EIS PROCESS – Scoping Comments

- The scoping comment period ends **September 14, 2015**
- The scoping comment period, including this scoping meeting, provides the public with an opportunity to comment on the scope of the upcoming EIS
- All scoping comments, whether written or spoken at this meeting, will be considered equally by the BIA

EIS PROCESS – Scoping Report

- After the close of the scoping comment period, the BIA will prepare a Scoping Report that summarizes the comments received during the scoping period
- Each comment letter received and a transcript of this scoping meeting will be included in the Scoping Report
- The BIA will utilize the Scoping Report in preparing a Draft EIS

EIS PROCESS – Draft EIS

- The BIA will prepare a Draft EIS that analyzes the environmental impacts of the proposed action along with a reasonable range of alternatives
- The Draft EIS will be made available to the public for at least a 45 day review and comment period
- Another public meeting will be held during the Draft EIS review and comment period

EIS PROCESS – Final EIS and ROD

- After the public review/comment period on the Draft EIS has closed, the BIA will prepare a Final EIS
- The Final EIS will include responses to all substantive comments received on the Draft EIS
- When completed, the Final EIS will be made available to the public for review
- At least 30 days after the publication of the Final EIS, the BIA will issue a Record of Decision (ROD) that includes its decision on whether or not to approve the proposed action
- The ROD marks the end of the NEPA process

BIA CONTACT INFORMATION

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