

Media District Specific Plan Update EIR Scoping Meeting November 16, 2023



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BURBANK MEDIA DISTRICT

What is the Media District?

- A compact and highly-developed 0.85-square mile district on the southwestern edge of the city.
- Home to several media and entertainment companies, as well as residential areas, a high school, a hospital, and several recreational areas.
- Located in the heart of LA County, close to Burbank Airport, Universal City, Hollywood, and Downtown LA.
- The Media District accounts for 9% of Burbank's total population.



Jobs-Housing Ratio and Current Commute Patterns

69,202 people
work in the
Media District,
but live
elsewhere



364 people
work and live in
the Media District

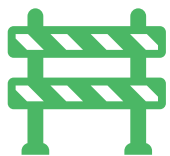
2,152 people
live in the Media
District and work
elsewhere



THE SPECIFIC PLAN

Why Update the Burbank Media District Specific Plan Now?

The Burbank Media District Specific Plan is being updated by the City, in partnership with the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), to develop and implement policies and programs to:



Remove barriers to housing production



Streamline the permitting process



Better coordinate with transportation resources and policies



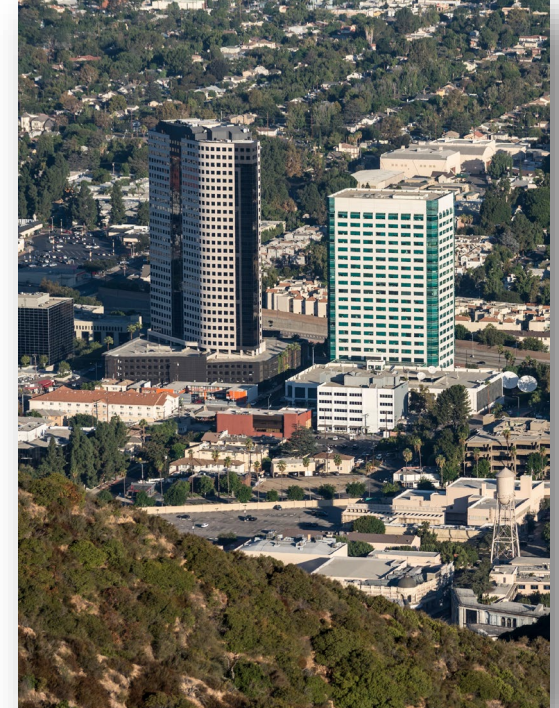
Why Update the Burbank Media District Specific Plan Now (Continued)?



The Specific Plan Update is an opportunity to institute Objective Development Standards that better represent the City's development and neighborhood design goals.



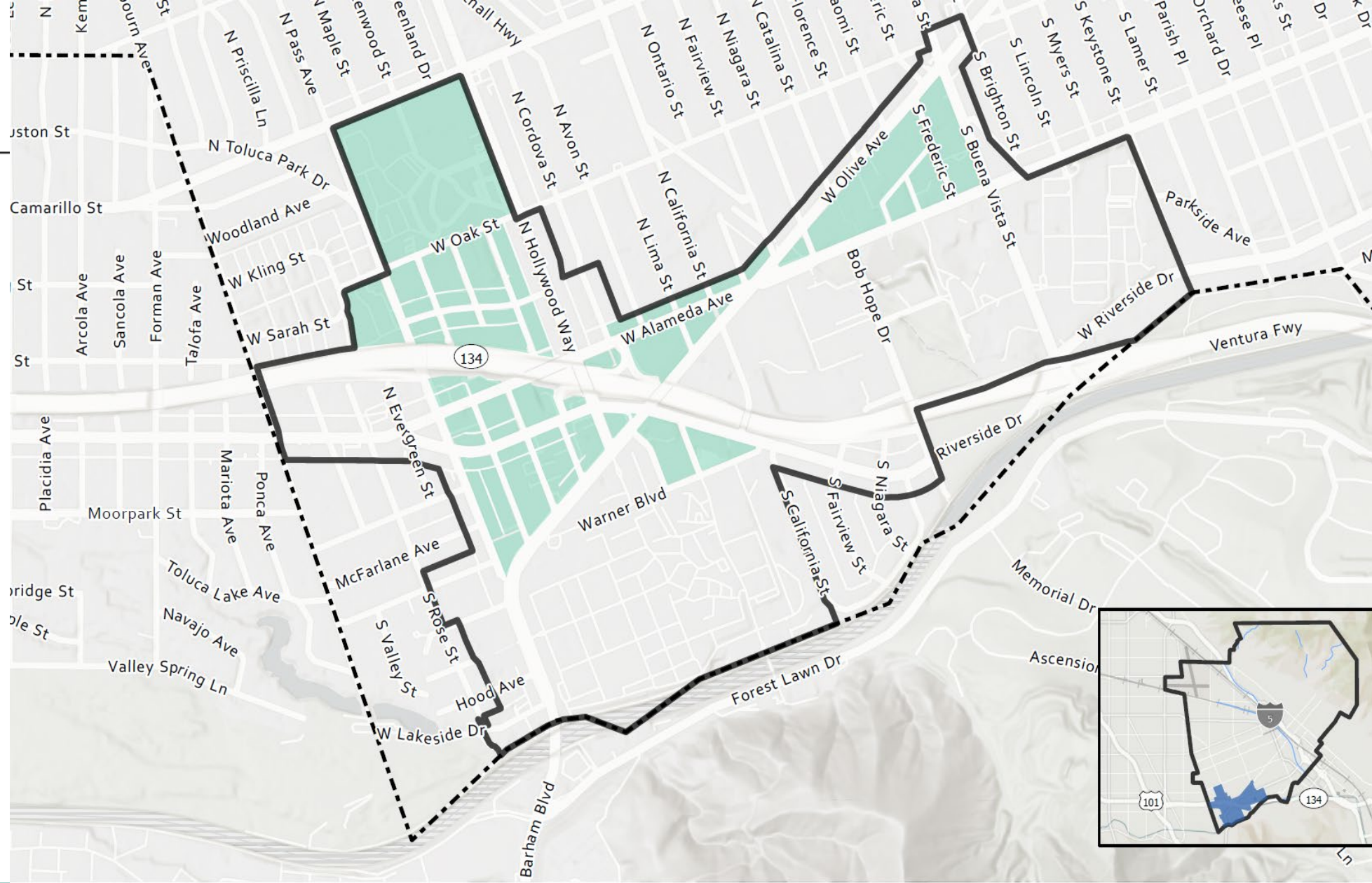
Objective Development standards will ensure that the City's vision and neighborhood compatibility are maintained even if developments are processed through state mandated streamlining programs, such as AB 2011 or SB 35.





BUILD OUT ANALYSIS (DEVELOPMENT POTENTIAL)

Opportunity Sites



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 MDSP Opportunity Site
  Burbank Media District
 City Boundary



PROPOSED DENSITY



MDSPU Density

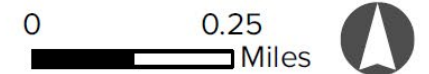
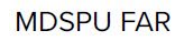


City Boundary
MDSP Opportunity Sites

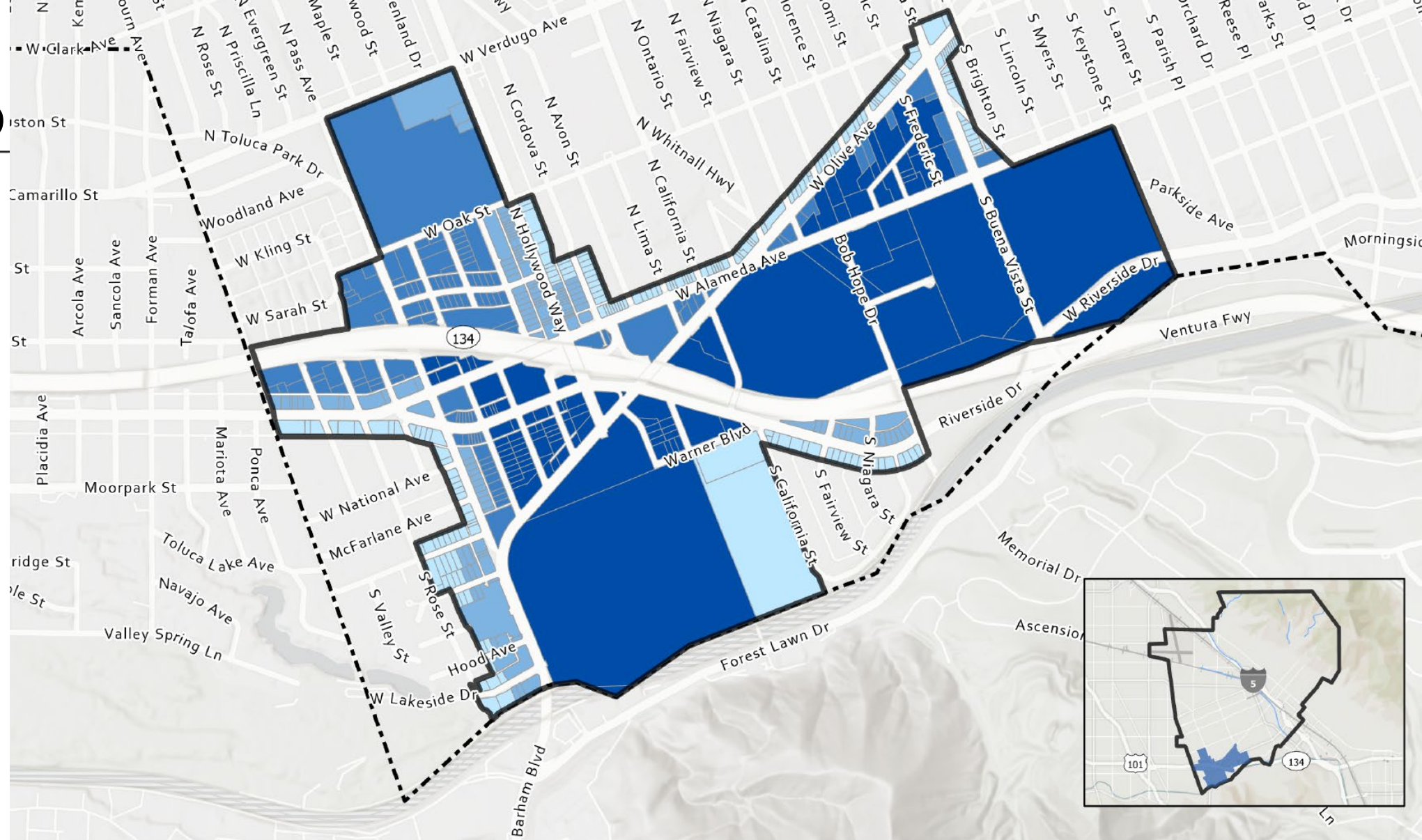
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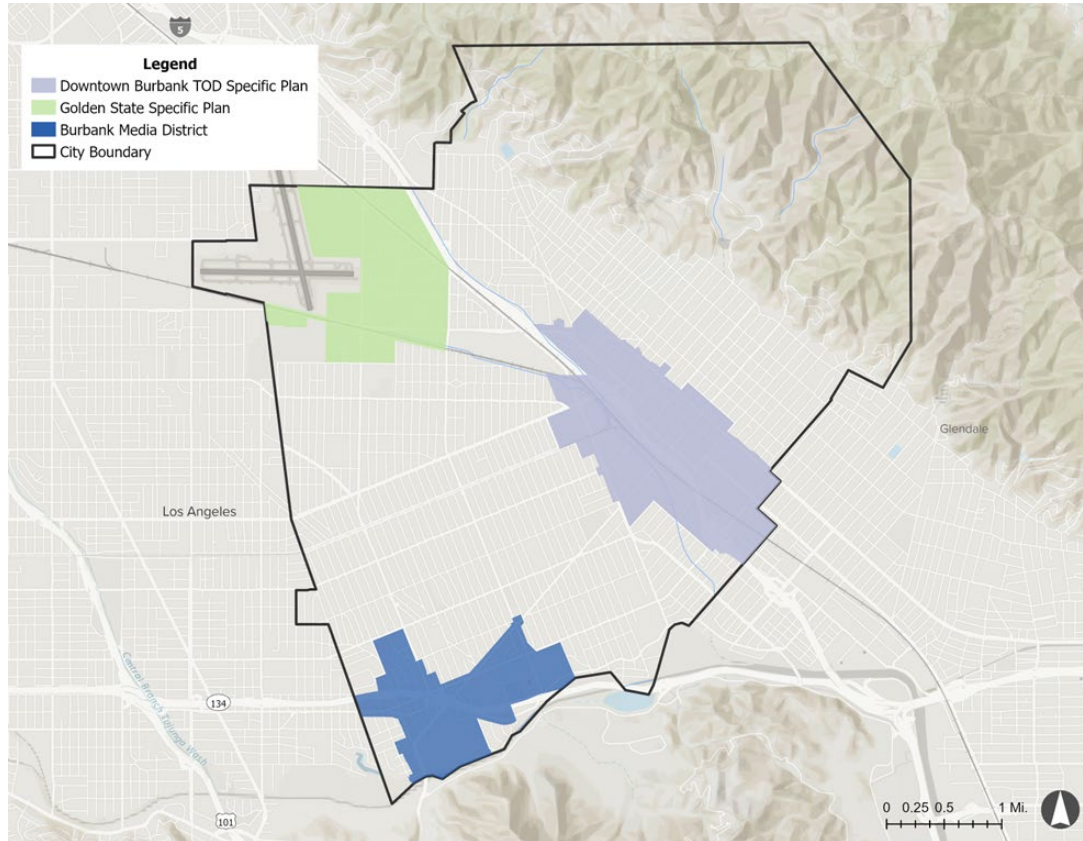
PROPOSED HEIGHT





BY THE NUMBERS COMPARISON OF ALTERNATIVES

Specific Plan Updates



- Golden State Specific Plan
 - 7,201 additional new units
- Downtown TOD Specific Plan
 - 9,944 additional new units (for opportunity sites alone)
- Media District Specific Plan
 - 4,627 additional new units

“Preferred Project”

Currently Permitted

MDSP Update “No Project Alternative” (No Change to Existing Regulations)	
Land Use	Quantity
Residential Units (All Sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	6,633
Residential Units for Media District Opportunity Sites Only	5,321
Non-Residential Square Footage (All sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	2,615,372

Increase over Current

MDSP Update “Preferred Project” Net Development Potential above “No Project Alternative”	
Land Use	Quantity (Net)
Residential Units (All Sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	4,627
Residential Units for Media District Opportunity Sites Only	3,865
Non-Residential Square Footage (All sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	2,466,081

“Higher Increased Growth Alternative”

Currently Permitted

MDSP Update “No Project Alternative” (No Change to Existing Regulations)	
Land Use	Quantity
Residential Units (All Sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	6,633
Residential Units for Media District Opportunity Sites Only	5,321
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Increase over Current

MDSP Update “Increased Growth Alternative” Net Development Potential above “No Project Alternative”	
Land Use	Quantity
Residential Units (All Sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	9,397
Residential Units for Media District Opportunity Sites Only	7,928
Non-Residential Square Footage (All sites – PD/DA and Pipeline)	6,932,324

Study of Alternatives During Environmental Review

Alternative 1

Existing Conditions



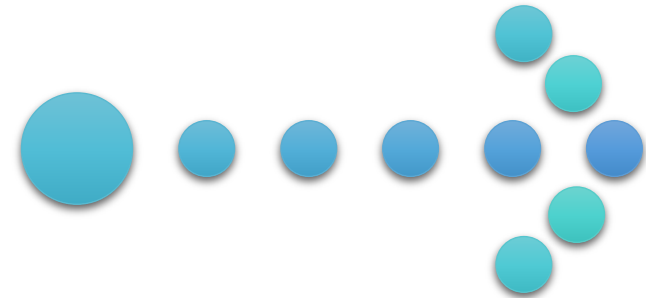
Alternative 2

Preferred Project



Alternative 3

Increased Growth



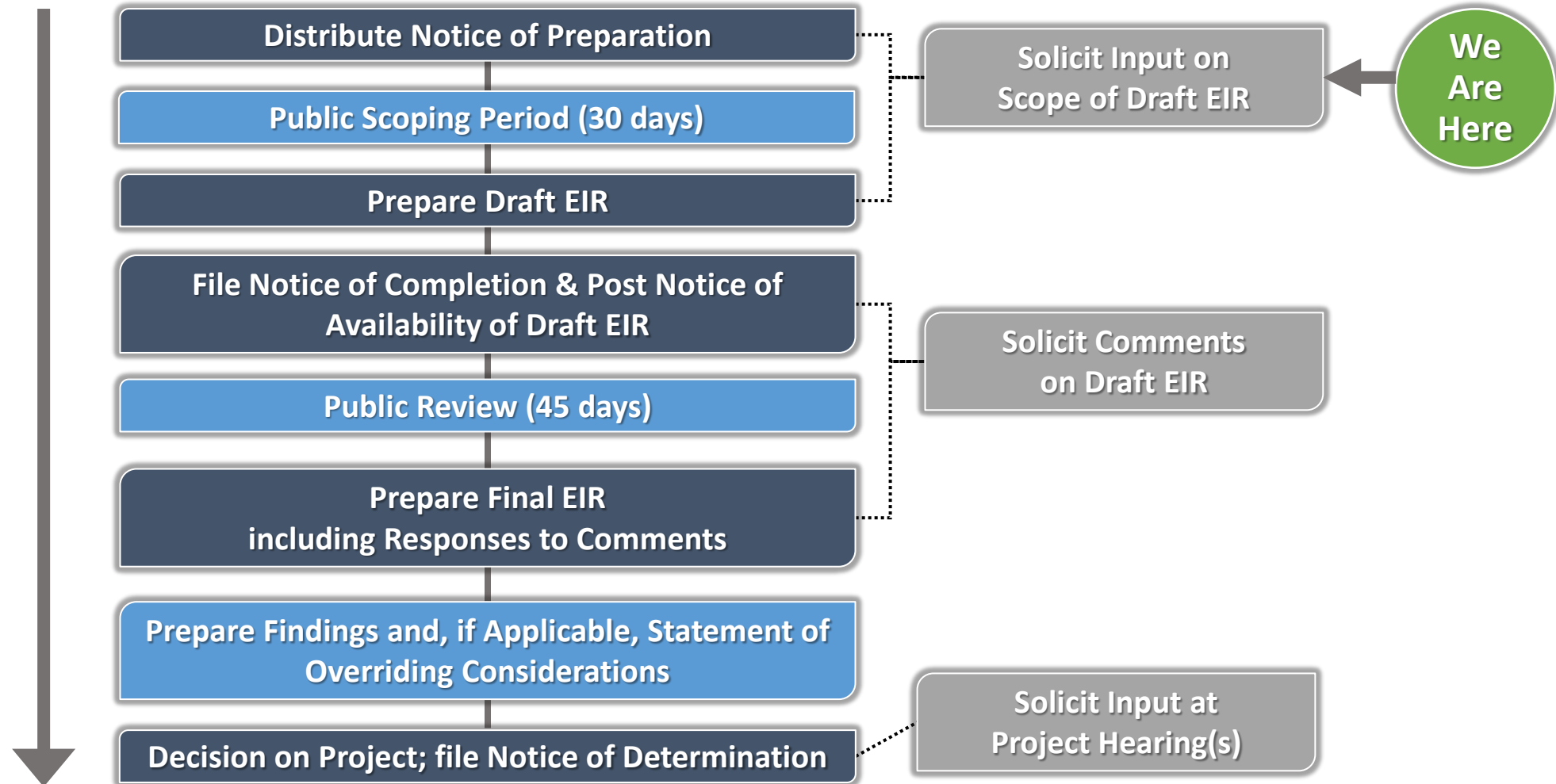


ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT PROCESS

CEQA Purpose

- California Environmental Quality Act – Process for an EIR
- Disclose the significant environmental effects of proposed actions to the public and decision-makers
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce environmental effects through mitigation measures or alternatives
- Enhance public participation in the planning and environmental review process

CEQA Process



Environmental Issue Areas

■ 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 ■

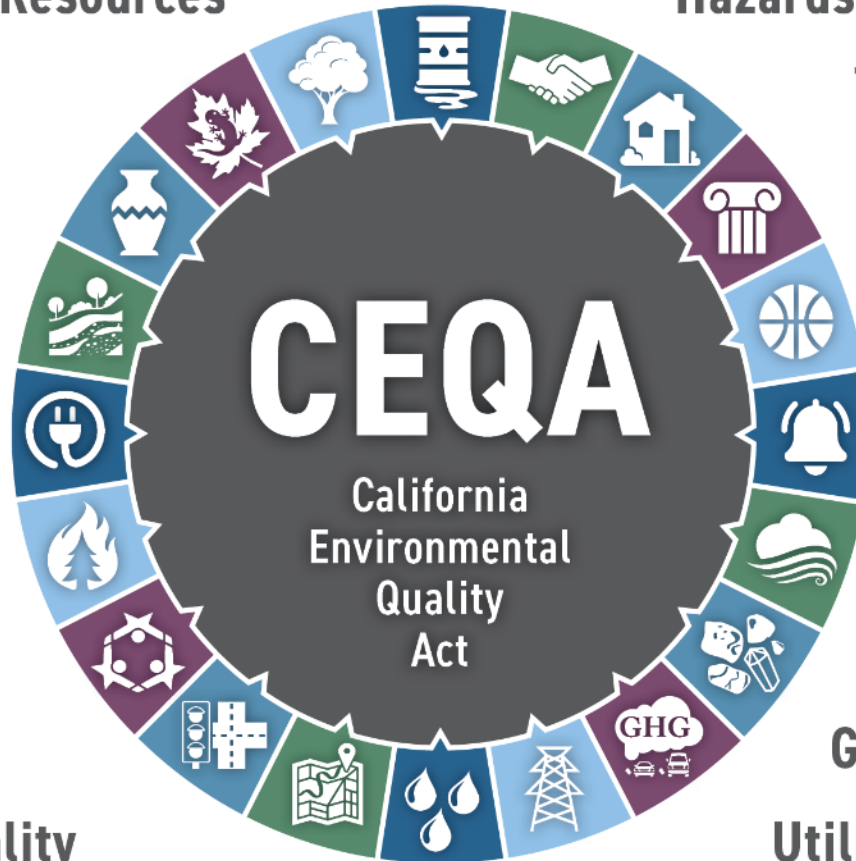
Noise ■

Air Quality ■

Mineral Resources ■

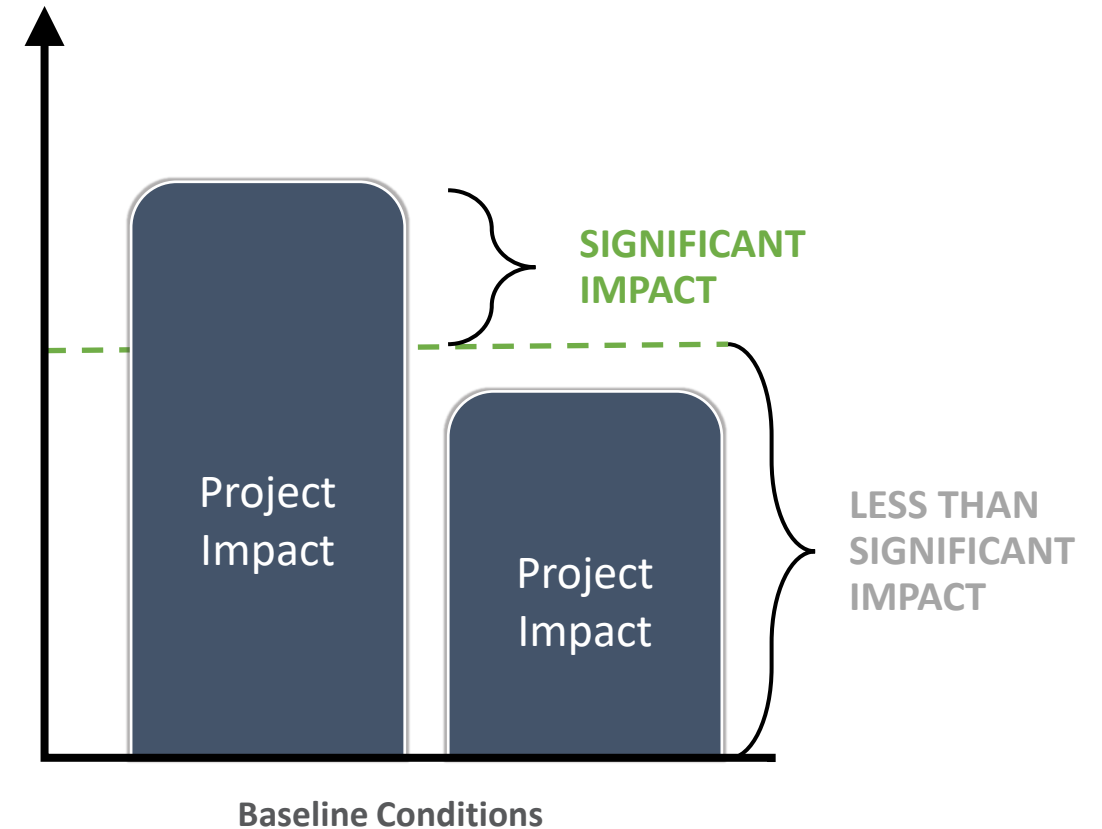
Greenhouse Gas Emissions ■

Utilities and Service Systems ■



Environmental Impact Analysis

- Impacts identified per CEQA Guidelines and regulations
- Mitigation measure(s) avoid or reduce impacts to below thresholds
- Impact determinations
 - Less than significant
 - Less than significant with mitigation
 - Significant and unavoidable



Other Issues to be Addressed

- Cumulative impacts
- Growth inducing impacts
- Alternatives:
 - EIR requires an analysis of a “reasonable range” of alternatives
 - Up to three alternatives will be analyzed, including the required "No Project" alternative
 - Project alternatives to be determined based on Draft EIR analysis

Preliminary EIR Schedule

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| • Notice of Preparation | November 2023 |
| • Scoping Period | Ends December 1, 2023 |
| • Draft EIR Preparation | Winter 2024 |
| • 45-Day Public Review Period | Spring 2024 |
| • Response to Comments | Summer 2024 |
| • Final EIR | Summer/Fall 2024 |
| • Public Hearings | Fall 2024 |
| • Filing of Notice of Determination | Fall 2024 |



NEXT STEPS

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Round Six of Public Outreach

- Time and date are to be determined
- Will focus on transportation

Environmental Analysis

- Rincon will continue with the general EIR schedule

Additional Available Resources (www.burbankmediadistrictsp.com)

- Project Fact Sheet
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Glossary of Technical Terms
- Project webpage includes a translation widget
- All materials available in Spanish and Armenian

We Welcome Your Comments

To ensure comments are accurately captured, please submit a written comment for the record.

Direct Written Comments to:

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Comments Due:

December 1, 2024 @ 5:00 PM