

DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

Residential Cleanup: Preliminary Investigation Area,
Former Exide Vernon Facility

SCOPING MEETING

for the

DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

June 25, 2016



Purpose of Scoping Meeting

To provide an opportunity for stakeholders to comment and to provide input on the scope of the Draft EIR

- Inform the public of the proposed cleanup
- Provide an overview of the environmental review process
- Provide an opportunity for public to comment on environmental topics, issues of concern, and alternatives to be evaluated in the EIR
- Outline “next steps” in the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process



What is Exide?

Exide Technologies operated a secondary lead smelter in its lead-acid battery recycling facility in the City of Vernon, CA.

1922	Operations began at the facility
2000	Exide acquired the facility
March 2014	Exide stopped operations
Feb 2015	DTSC informed Exide that permit application would be denied
March 2015	DTSC ordered Exide to close the facility



IMPORTANT TO NOTE: Community members and other stakeholders played a critical role in closing the Exide facility and continue to shape the path forward.



What is the Exide Clean Up?

- August 2015: DTSC estimated that Exide's operations may have impacted properties within an approximate 1.7 mile radius around the Facility based on a preliminary analysis of soil samples collected out to 4.5 miles from Exide
- December 2015: DTSC began collecting soil from residential properties within 1.7 miles of the facility and testing the soil for lead
- Residential properties where lead levels in soil are the highest and the potential for exposure is greatest will be identified for clean up



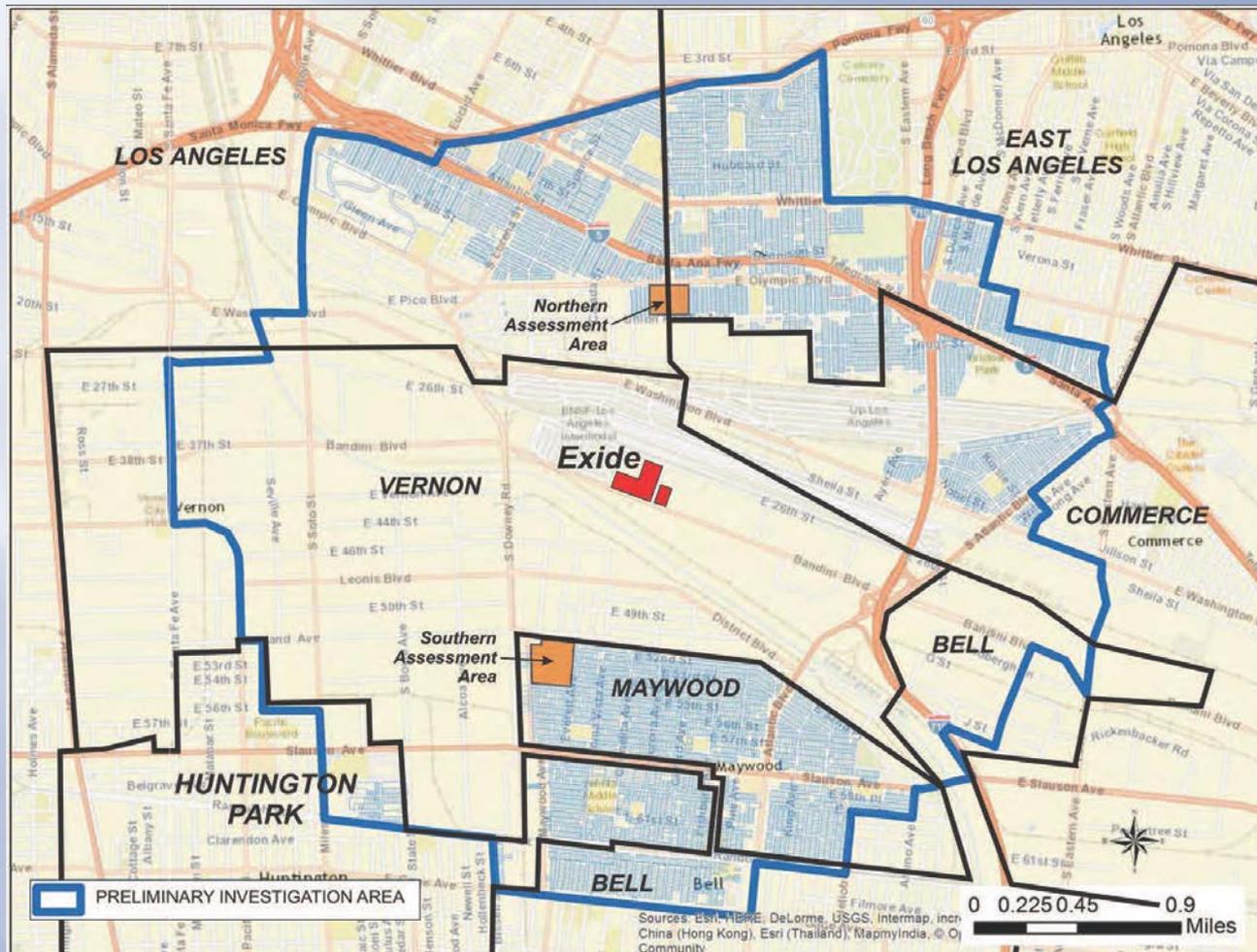
Where is the Cleanup Taking Place?

- Boyle Heights
- East Los Angeles
- Commerce
- Huntington Park
- Bell
- Vernon
- Maywood

Based on an analysis of soil data conducted by DTSC, Exide's contamination may reach up to 1.7 miles away from the facility, which includes about 10,000 residential properties and other sensitive uses, such as schools, day cares, and parks



1.7 Mile Radius - Preliminary Investigation Area (PIA)





Project Definition

DTSC will develop a draft cleanup plan for the PIA that will:

- Describe and define the PIA
- Select DTSC's preferred alternative for remediation inside the defined PIA
- Be available for public review and comment alongside the Draft EIR



Project Definition, continued

- DTSC intends to explore ways to expedite the cleanup:
 - Clustering the remediation
 - Multiple remediation crews operating simultaneously
- DTSC's goals:
 - Safely remediate approximately 2,500 properties within a year
 - Equates to 50 properties/week



California Environmental Quality Act

- Purpose: To inform decisionmakers and the public of a project's potential environmental effects
 - Disclose potential impacts on the environment
 - Increase public understanding of and participation in environmental review process
 - Identify ways to avoid or reduce potential impacts through mitigation measures or alternatives



Probable Environmental Effects

- Probable environmental effects/detailed analyses to be provided:
 - Air Quality
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Hazards/Hazardous Materials
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Noise
 - Traffic
- Short- and long-term environmental impacts to be analyzed



Mitigation and Alternatives

- Analyses are conducted and if significant impacts are identified:
 - Mitigation measures identified
 - Minimize significant adverse effects
 - Fully enforceable

- Alternatives Analysis
 - Reasonable range of alternatives will be described
 - To attain most of the basic objectives of the project, if feasible
 - To avoid or substantially lessen any of the significant environmental effects

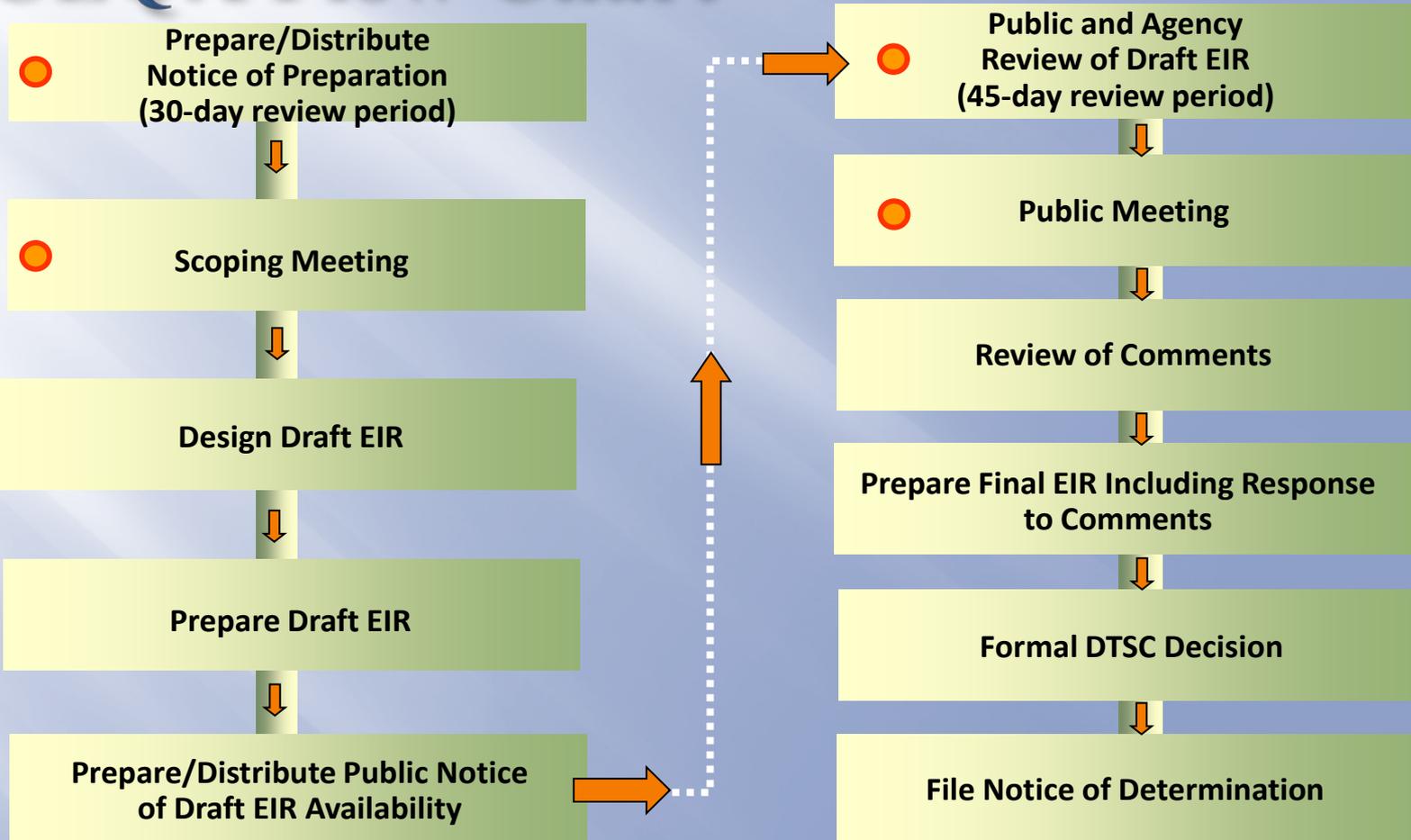


Overview of Environmental Review Process

- Notice of Preparation (NOP)
 - 30-day public review (public input): June 16, 2016 to July 18, 2016
 - Scoping Meetings (public and agency input on scope of analysis):
 - Saturday, June 25, 2016 and Thursday, June 30, 2016
- Prepare & Publish Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) and Draft Cleanup Plan
 - Minimum 45-day public review (public input)
 - Public Meeting (public and agency input on content of Draft EIR)
- Prepare & Publish Final EIR and Final Cleanup Plan
 - Response to Comments on Draft EIR
- DTSC decision regarding certification of Final EIR and approval of Cleanup Plan



CEQA Flow Chart



● = opportunities for Public Input

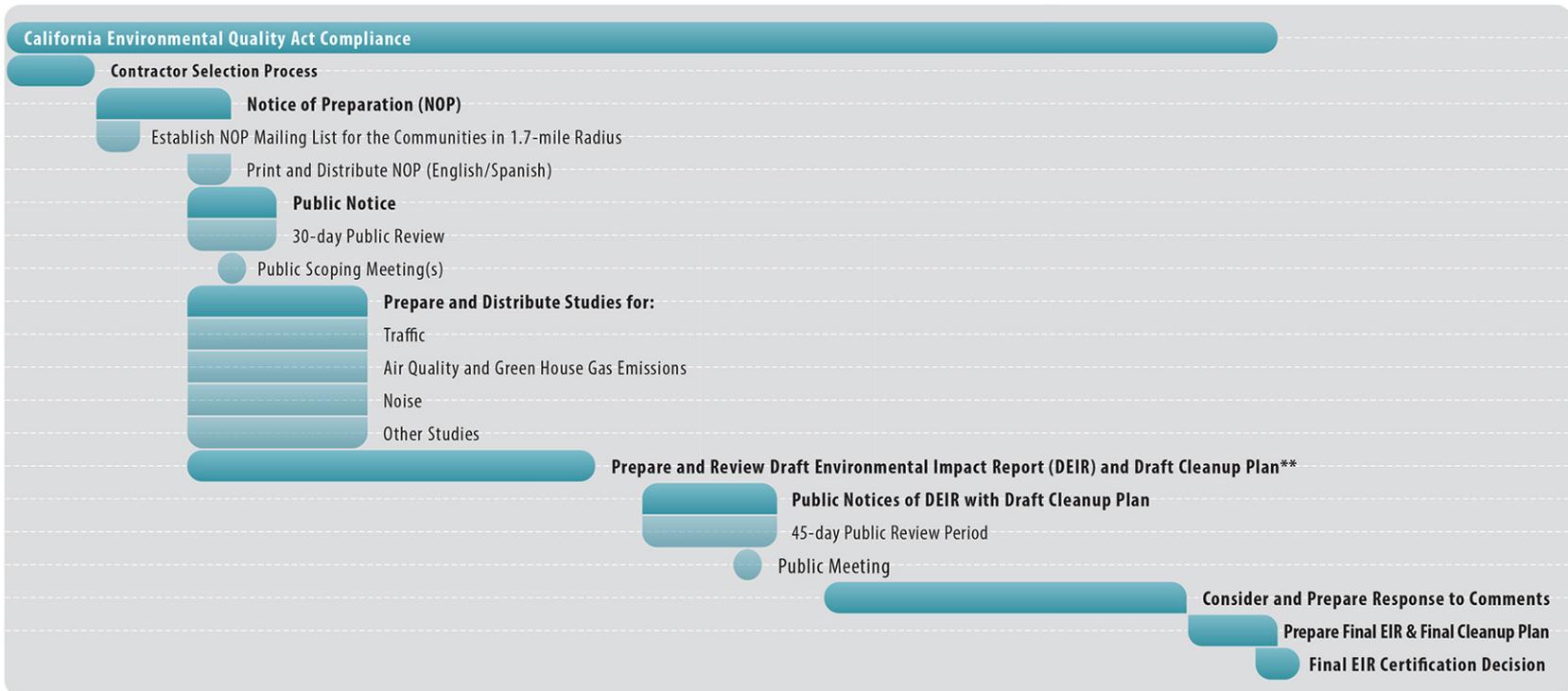


Schedule

California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Compliance Projected Timeline for Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report* Exide Residential Cleanup



APR. '16 | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG. | SEPT | OCT. | NOV. | DEC. | JAN. '17 | FEB. | MAR. | APR. | MAY | JUNE | JULY | AUG.



* These dates are approximate and may change as the project develops. This timeline does not take into consideration any delays due to external factors.

** Includes Plan that is National Contingency Plan (NCP) Compliant



Scoping Meetings

- Comments accepted at the scoping meetings
 - Verbal comments today and at June 30th Scoping Meeting
 - Written comments accepted June 16, 2016 until July 18, 2016
- Written comments using pre-addressed form provided tonight
 - Leave in basket or turn in to DTSC staff
 - Add postage and mail to DTSC:
 - Steven Ross, 8800 Cal Center Drive, Sacramento, CA 95826
- Written comments may also be submitted via email
 - ExidePIACleanup@dtsc.ca.gov



After Scoping Meetings

- Prepare Draft EIR
- Public Notice Draft EIR and Draft Cleanup Plan
 - Minimum 45-day public review period
 - DTSC will hold a public meeting during Draft EIR comment period
- Respond to comments (Prepare Final EIR and Final Cleanup Plan)
- DTSC decisions following Final EIR
 - Certification of EIR
 - Approval of Cleanup Plan



Repositories

Commerce Public Library
5655 Jillson Street
Commerce, CA 90040
(323) 722-6660

Huntington Park Public Library
6518 Miles Avenue
Huntington Park, CA 90255
(323) 583-1461

**Robert Louis Stevenson
Public Library**
803 Spence Street
Los Angeles, CA 90023
(323) 268-1141

City Terrace Public Library
4025 E. City Terrace Drive
Los Angeles, CA 90063
(323) 261-0295

Anthony Quinn Public Library
3965 Cesar E. Chavez Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90063
(323) 264-7715

Resurrection Catholic Church
3324 E. Opal Street
Los Angeles, CA 90270
(323) 268-1141



Repositories

Maywood Cesar Chavez Public Library
4323 Slauson Avenue
Los Angeles, CA 90270
(323) 771-8600

Bell Public Library
4411 E. Gage Avenue
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NOP and Community Notice can be downloaded from

http://www.envirostor.dtsc.ca.gov/public/profile_report.asp?global_id=60002267

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