

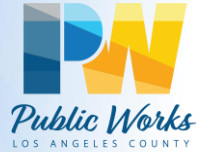
North County Solid Waste Collection Services Project Presentation

Draft Environmental Impact
Report Public Meeting

August 2024



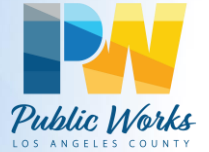
Record of Meeting



This meeting is being recorded and will be transcribed. The transcription will be provided as part of the Final EIR, which will be available online at CleanLA.com or directly at lacounty.pw/ceqa



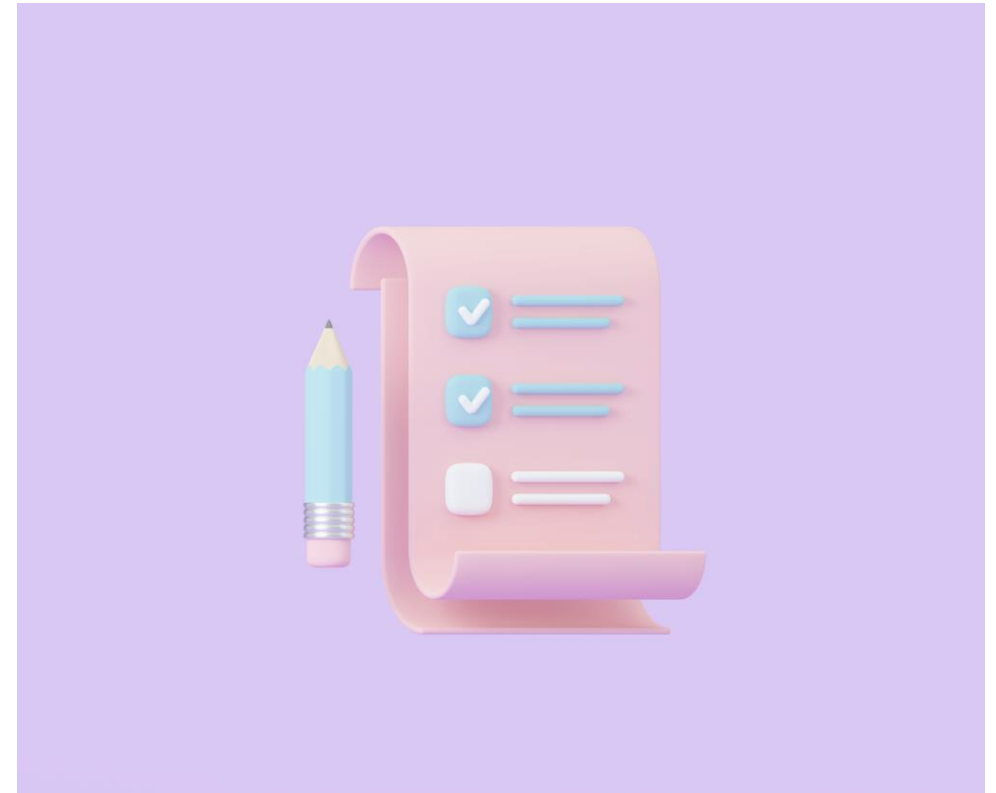
How to Participate in Today's Meeting



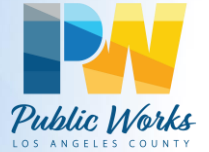
- After a brief presentation on the Project and Draft EIR, participants will have an opportunity to provide verbal comments
- All those wishing to provide a verbal comment are asked to fill out a speaker card and submit it to Public Works staff. You will be provided a number, and you will be called in order

Agenda

1. Purpose of Draft EIR Public Meeting
2. Proposed Project
3. Summary of Draft EIR
4. Comments

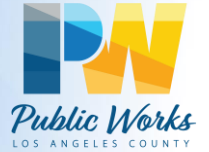


Purpose of Draft EIR Public Meeting



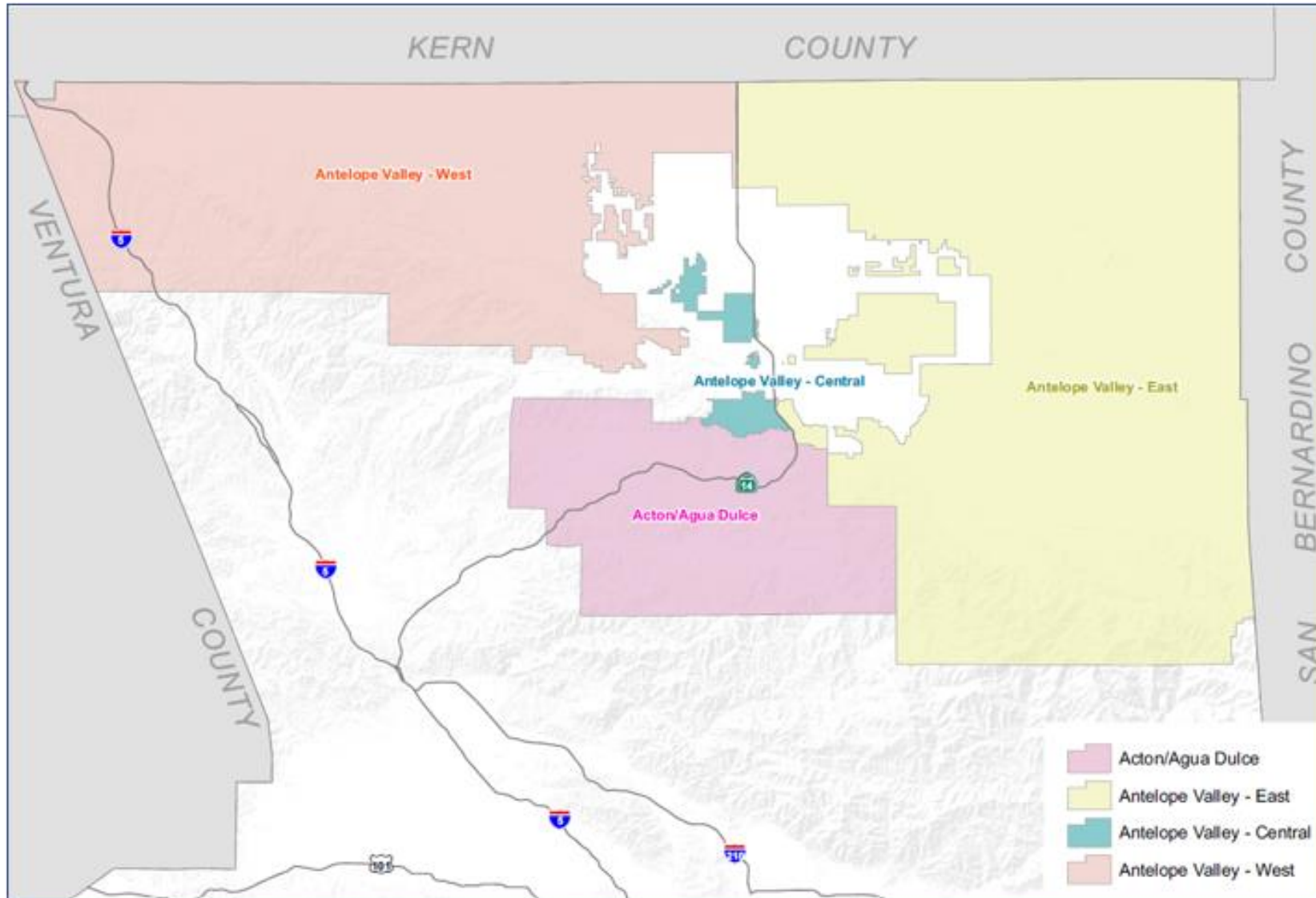
- Provide an overview of the proposed Project
- Outline the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process
- Solicit comments regarding the Project's Draft EIR

Project Background

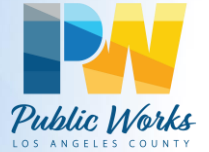


- California Senate Bill 1383 (SB 1383) went into effect on January 1, 2022
- Public works is proposing to implement a solid waste collection system in the north County to comply with SB 1383
- The north County will be broken down into four service areas

Proposed Service Areas

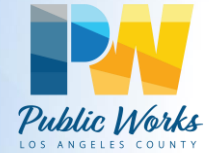


Baseline Conditions



- Businesses and multi-family with more than 5 units have a choice of County-approved waste haulers
- Residents and multi-family with less than 5 units contract with any waste hauler that services their area
- Most customers combine different types of waste in the same container(s) for a waste hauler to collect and transport to a landfill

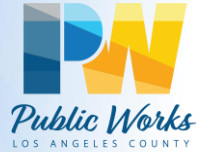
Baseline Conditions – Truck Trips



Daily truck trips under current conditions

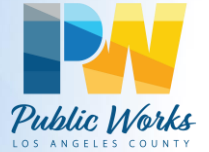
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekly Total
Cart Service	5	14	6	7	7	39
Dumpster Service	10	11	10	9	10	50
Bulky Item Pickup	3	3	3	3	3	15
Totals	18	28	19	19	20	<u>104</u>

Proposed Project



- Establish solid waste-hauling franchise contracts for each service area
 - Competitive bid process
- Selected haulers to provide:
 - Source-separated collection of refuse, recyclables, and organic waste including manure for all residential and commercial customers
 - Bulky item pickup upon request
 - Illegal dumping removal from public right-of-way

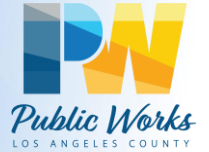
Proposed Project – Truck Trips



Projected daily truck trips under the new contracts

Year	Average Daily Regular Collection Trucks	Daily Bulky Item Pickup Trucks	Daily Illegal Dumping Removal Trucks	Total Daily Collection Trucks	Total Weekly Collection Trucks
2025	20	4	4	28	140
2045	26	4	4	34	170

California Environmental Quality Act

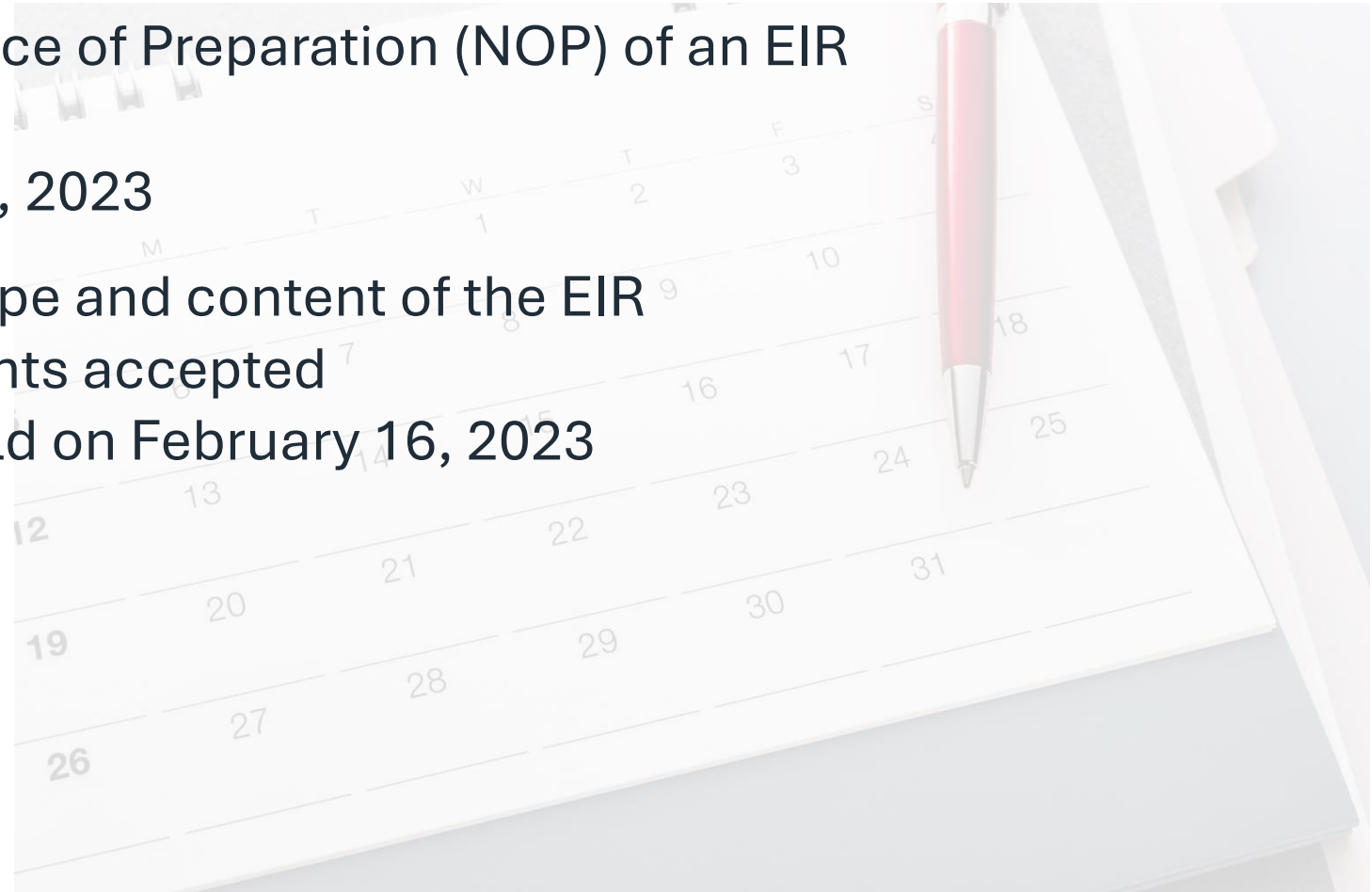


- Purpose of CEQA: Inform decision-makers and public of proposed project's potential environmental effects
- Identifies ways to avoid/reduce potential impacts through mitigation measures or alternatives, if feasible
- Increase public understanding/participation in the environmental review process

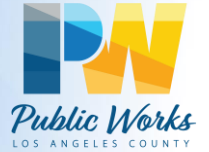


Scoping Process

- Public Works circulated a Notice of Preparation (NOP) of an EIR for a 30-day period:
 - February 2, 2023 – March 3, 2023
- Solicited guidance on the scope and content of the EIR
 - Written and verbal comments accepted
 - Virtual scoping meeting held on February 16, 2023



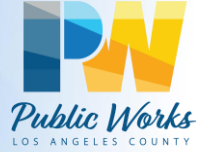
Initial Study Checklist



- NOP included an Initial Study (IS) that identified potentially significant environmental impacts to be analyzed in detail in the EIR
- Impacts in the below environmental topics were determined to be less-than-significant and therefore would not require discussion in the EIR:
 - Aesthetics
 - Agriculture and Forestry Resources
 - Biological Resources
 - Cultural Resources
 - Energy
 - Geology and Soils
 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions
 - Hazards and Hazardous Materials
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Land Use and Planning
 - Mineral Resources
 - Noise
 - Population and Housing
 - Public Services
 - Recreation
 - Transportation
 - Tribal Cultural Resources
 - ***Utilities and Service Systems**
 - Wildfire

*** Since release of the IS/NOP, Public Works determined that the topic of solid waste should be addressed in detail in the EIR.**

Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)



- The Draft EIR analyzes the Project's impact on the following environmental resource topics:
 - Air Quality
 - Utilities and Service Systems (Solid Waste)

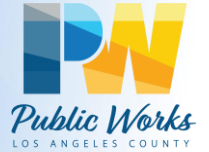


Air Quality

- Thresholds for particulate matter (PM10 and PM2.5) would be exceeded due to fugitive dust caused by project vehicles driving on unpaved roads
- This was determined through detailed air emissions modeling software (California Emissions Estimator Model, or CalEEMod)
- Mitigation strategies were explored to address this impact and deemed infeasible

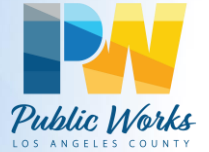


Utilities and Service Systems



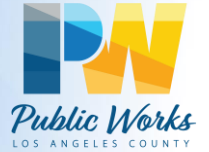
- There is sufficient regional organic waste processing capacity
- Public Works Regional Organic Waste Capacity Assessment (2022) and review of CalRecycle data for facilities in the vicinity of the Project area
- In conjunction with SB 1383 implementation in other jurisdictions, it is possible that **statewide** organic waste processing capacity would be exceeded
- No feasible mitigation because Public Works does not have control over the actions of other jurisdictions

Project Alternatives



1. No Project Alternative
2. Alternating Residential Recycling Week Alternative
3. Commingling Alternative
4. Cart Rollout Alternative
5. Split-Body Alternative

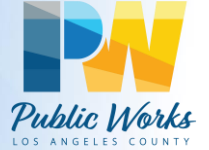
Alternative 1: No Project Alternative



- Would result in the fewest environmental impacts
- Would reduce local air quality emissions
- Would have larger-scale environmental consequences and, therefore, is not the environmentally superior alternative
- Would fail to meet project objectives



Alternative 2: Alternating Residential Recycling Week Alternative



- Weekly collection
 - Refuse and organics
- Biweekly collection (every other week)
 - Recyclables
 - Trucks would only circulate the project area on a biweekly basis
- Commercial services, bulky items, and illegal dumping pickup within public right-of-way would be identical to the proposed Project

Alternative 3: Commingling Alternative

Has two potential options:

- Single-Truck Commingling:
 - Commercial customers would receive one dumpster
 - Residential customers would receive one cart
- Two-Truck Commingling:
 - All customers would have two waste containers
 - One container for wet materials
 - One container for dry materials
- Would require that all debris be sent to a Material Recovery Facility (MRF)

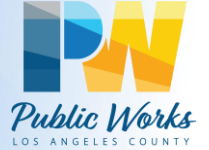


Alternative 4: Cart Rollout Alternative

- Would require customers on private roads to bring their carts and dumpster to the nearest County-maintained road for collection
- Waste hauler would only pickup at designated locations on County-maintained roads
- The number of collection trucks circulating the Project would remain the same between the Project and Alternative 4



Alternative 5: Split-Body Truck Alternative



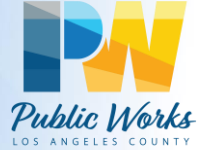
Cart customers

- Two collection trucks
 - One collection truck would collect refuse
 - One split-body truck would collect recyclables and organics
- Would increase the number of collection trucks
- May reduce truck routes for residential areas

Dumpster customers

- Unable to service
 - Waste collection would be established in the same manner as the proposed Project

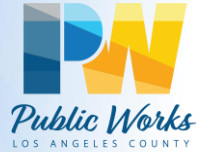
Alternative 5: Split-Body Truck Alternative (con't.)



Split-body trucks

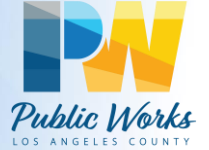
- Vary in design
- Have a heavier tare weight than single commodity trucks
- Have reduced payload capacity due to their heavier tare weights, resulting in a higher number of collection trucks needed
- Fills faster due to differences in the volume and compaction rates of different types of waste
- Have a reduced ability to accommodate any increase in a single waste stream
- Cannot collect oversized commodities
- Additional trucks may be required to cover additional demands
- Would not be the environmentally superior alternative

Environmental Impact Report (EIR) Process



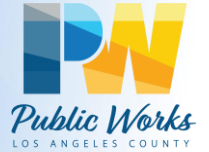
1. Prepare Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (Jan 2023)
2. Public Comment Period for Initial Study/Notice of Preparation (Feb–Mar 2023)
3. Public Scoping Meeting (Feb 2023)
4. Prepare Draft EIR (2023–2024)
5. *Public Comment Period for Draft EIR (July–Sept 2024)*
6. *Public Meetings on the Draft EIR (Aug 2024)*
7. Prepare Final EIR (schedule TBD)
8. Board of Supervisors Hearing(s) (TBD)
9. Notice of Determination is filed (if approved)

Public Review of the Draft EIR



- The Draft EIR can be viewed online: lacounty.pw/ceqa
- Physical copies are available for review at:
 - **Public Works Environmental Programs Division, Antelope Valley Service Center**, 335A East Avenue K-6, Lancaster, CA 93535
 - **Public Works Environmental Programs Division, Annex 3rd Floor**, 900 S. Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, CA 91803
 - **Quartz Hill Library**, 5040 West Avenue M-2, Quartz Hill, CA 93536
 - **Acton/Agua Dulce Library**, 33792 Crown Valley Road, Acton, CA 93510
 - **Lake Los Angeles Library**, 16921 East Avenue O, Suite A, Palmdale, CA 93591
 - **Lancaster Library**, 601 West Lancaster Boulevard, Lancaster, CA 93534
 - **Little Rock Library**, 35119 80th Street East, Littlerock, CA 93543

Public Engagement – Written Comments



Written comments may be submitted:

By email:

NoCoSolidWasteEIR@pw.lacounty.gov

By mail:

Los Angeles County Public Works

Attention: Krystle K. Jafari, P.E.

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Alhambra, CA 91802-1460



Written comments on the Draft EIR must be received by September 5, 2024, at 5 PM.

Public Engagement

1st In-Person Public Meeting

August 13, 2024, 5 PM

Lancaster Library
601 West Lancaster Blvd.
Lancaster, CA 93534



Lancaster Library



Acton Agua Dulce Library

2nd In-Person Public Meeting

August 21, 2024, 5 PM

Acton Agua Dulce Library
33792 Crown Valley Rd.
Acton, CA 93510



Public Engagement (cont.)

Virtual Public Meeting

August 17, 2024, at 10 a.m. via Zoom

Registration: <https://lacounty.pw/3M1V1MF>

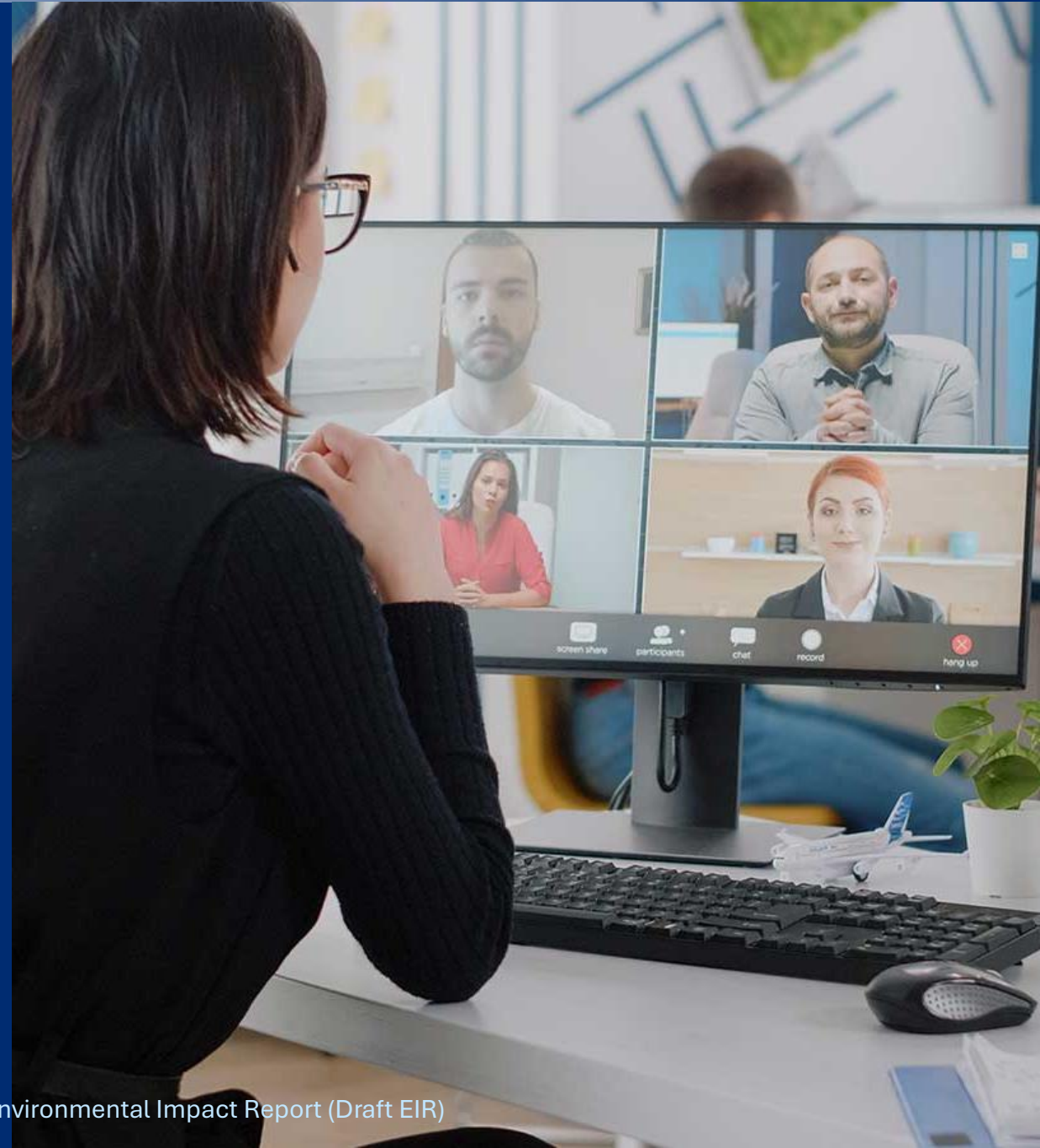
Telephone Meeting access:

Dial: (669) 900-6833

Webinar ID: 883 0594 3693



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Public Comments

Public Works will be calling on members of the public who have previously submitted comment cards in the order received.

Each speaker has two minutes to deliver comments.

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2:00

Thank You



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