



# Countywide Siting Element (CSE) Revision Long-Term Solid Waste Management Plan

Public Information Meeting  
August 3, 2021, 6 P.M. – 7 P.M.

# Agenda

Tuesday, August 3, 2021

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## Part I

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Presentation on the Draft Revised Siting Element
3. Public Comment and Question

## Part II

1. Presentation on the Draft Environmental Impact Report
2. Public Comment and Question

## Closing Remarks and Next Steps

# Overview

- Background
- Role of Public Works
- Review and Approval Process
- CEQA Process
- Environmental Analysis



# Purpose and Objective

- Provide information on the Siting Element Revision
- Solicit comments on the *Draft Revised Countywide Siting Element* and its *Draft Environmental Impact Report*
- No actions or decisions will be made at this time

# Role of Public Works

- Advise the Board of Supervisors on waste management issues
- Implement waste reduction programs
- Coordinate trash collection for one million Unincorporated County Area Residents
- Assist in permitting of solid waste facilities in the Unincorporated County Area
- Implement strategies for countywide disposal capacity Planning
- Promote alternatives to landfill disposal such as conversion technologies



# Background

- Siting Element is a long-term planning and policy manual for future solid waste disposal for the County over a 15-year period
- Establishes goals and policies on a variety of solid waste management issues
- Provides analysis on the remaining disposal capacities for the planning period
- Identifies solid waste disposal facilities in the County

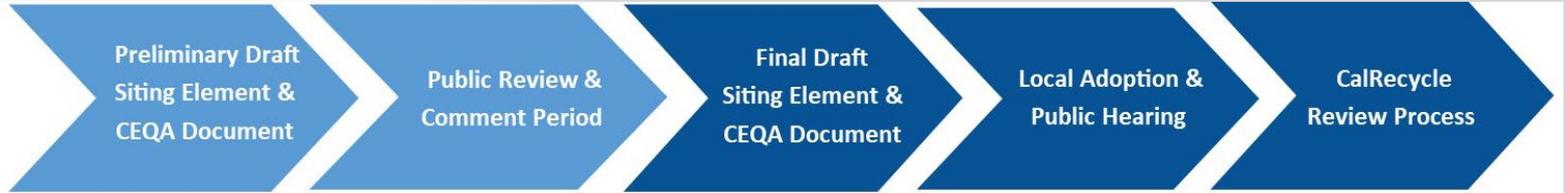


# Background

- Required by Assembly Bill (AB) 939.
- Existing Siting Element was approved in 1998.
- The County of Los Angeles, under the auspices of the Local Task Force, has prepared
  - A Draft Revised Countywide Siting Element
  - A Draft Environmental Impact Report to accompany the document
- An Environmental Justice Outreach Strategy



# Revision and Approval Process



# Countywide Siting Element Revision

## Key changes from the existing Siting Element:

- Removed Elsmere Canyon and Blind Canyon from the list of potential landfill sites
- Closure of Puente Hills Landfill
- No new or expansions of landfills in County
- Potential locations of alternative technology facilities
- Updated disposal capacity planning
- Updated goals and policies



# Solid Waste Generation in Los Angeles County

## Generation



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## Diversion



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## Disposal

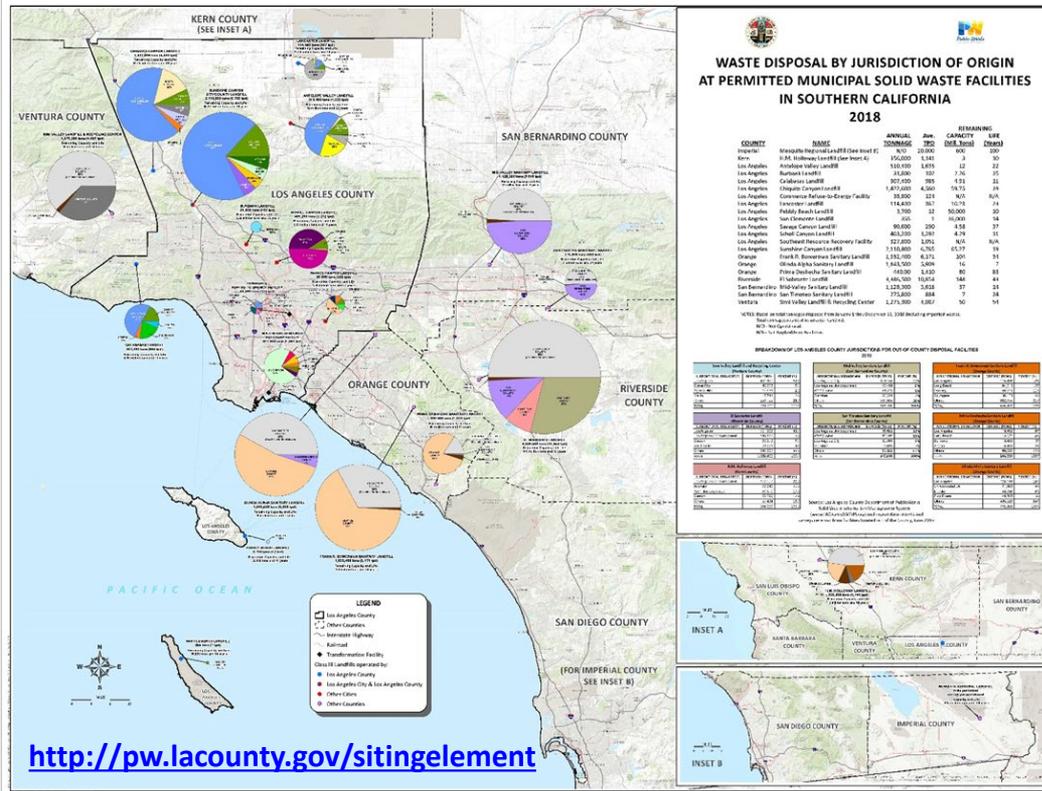


- **30** million tons per year (equivalent to filling the Rose Bowl 120 times)
- **5,798** lbs per person per year

- **19.5** million tons per year
- **3,769** lbs per person per year

- **10.5** million tons per year
- **2,029** lbs per person per year

# Regional Map of Solid Waste Disposal By Jurisdiction of Origin



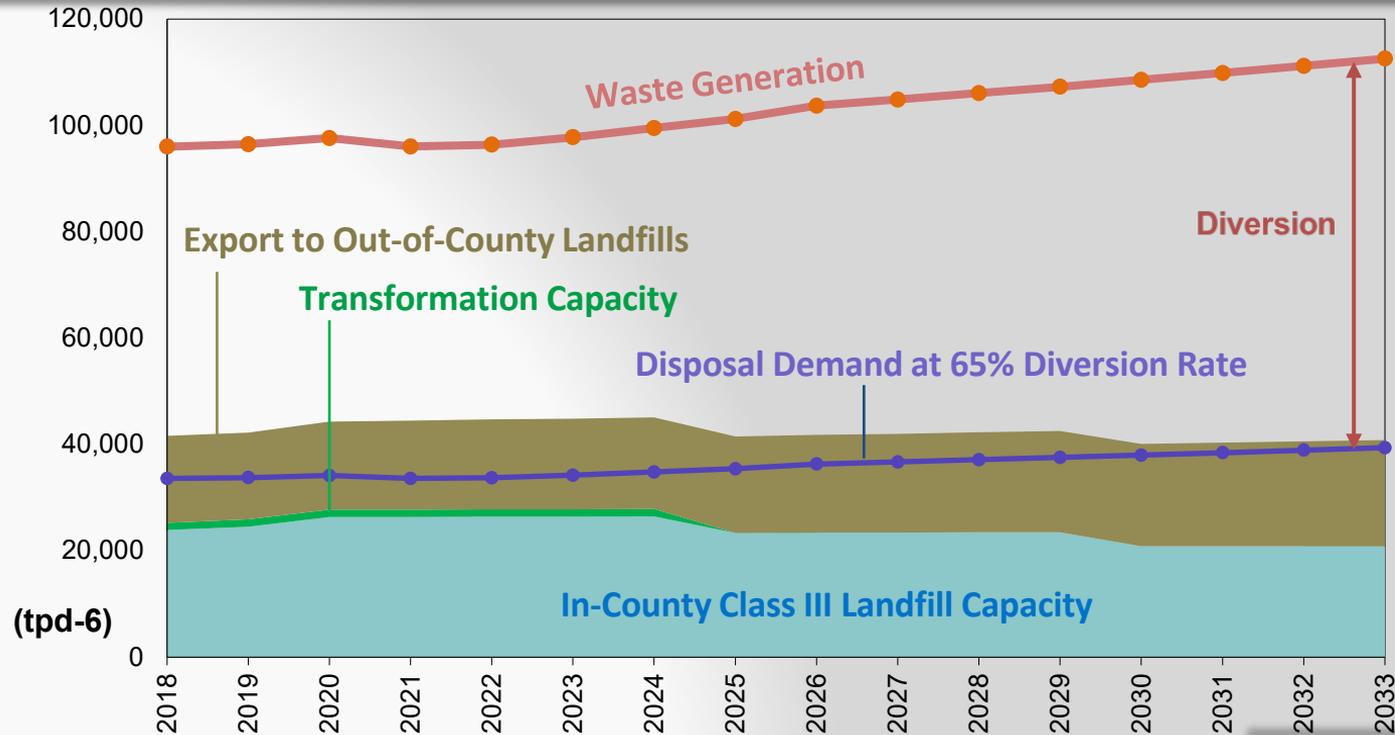


# New Waste Management Paradigm

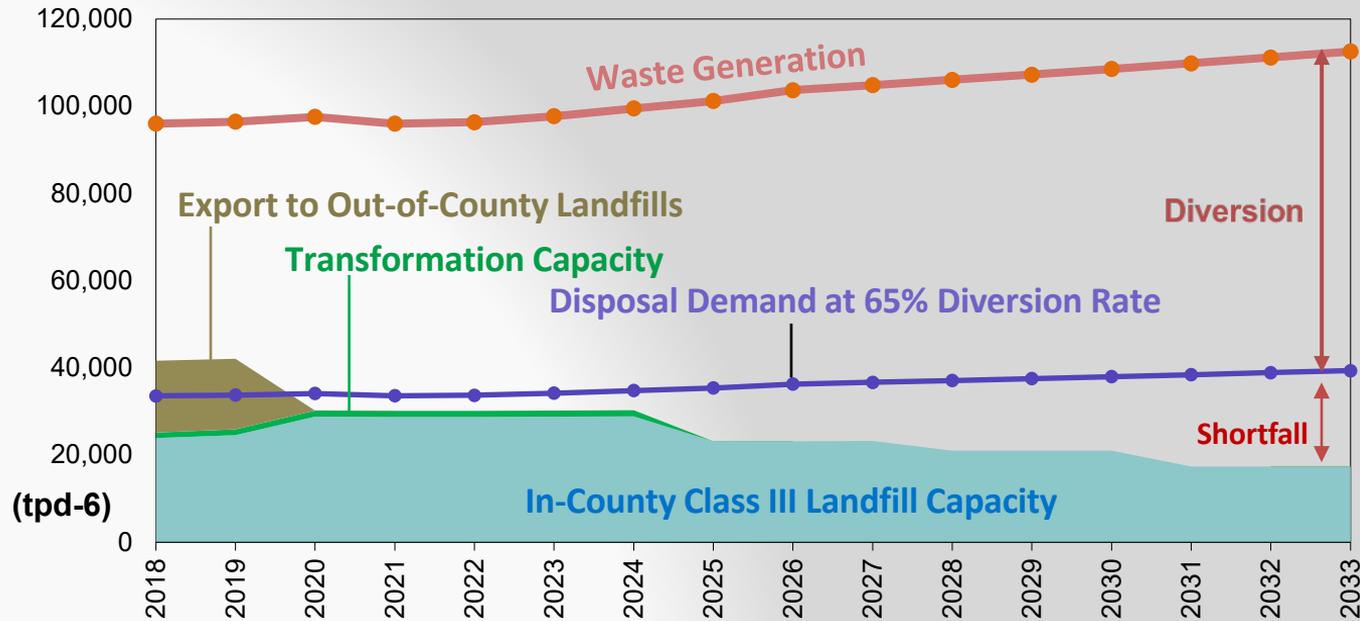
“A model for a sustainable waste management future”



# Status-Quo

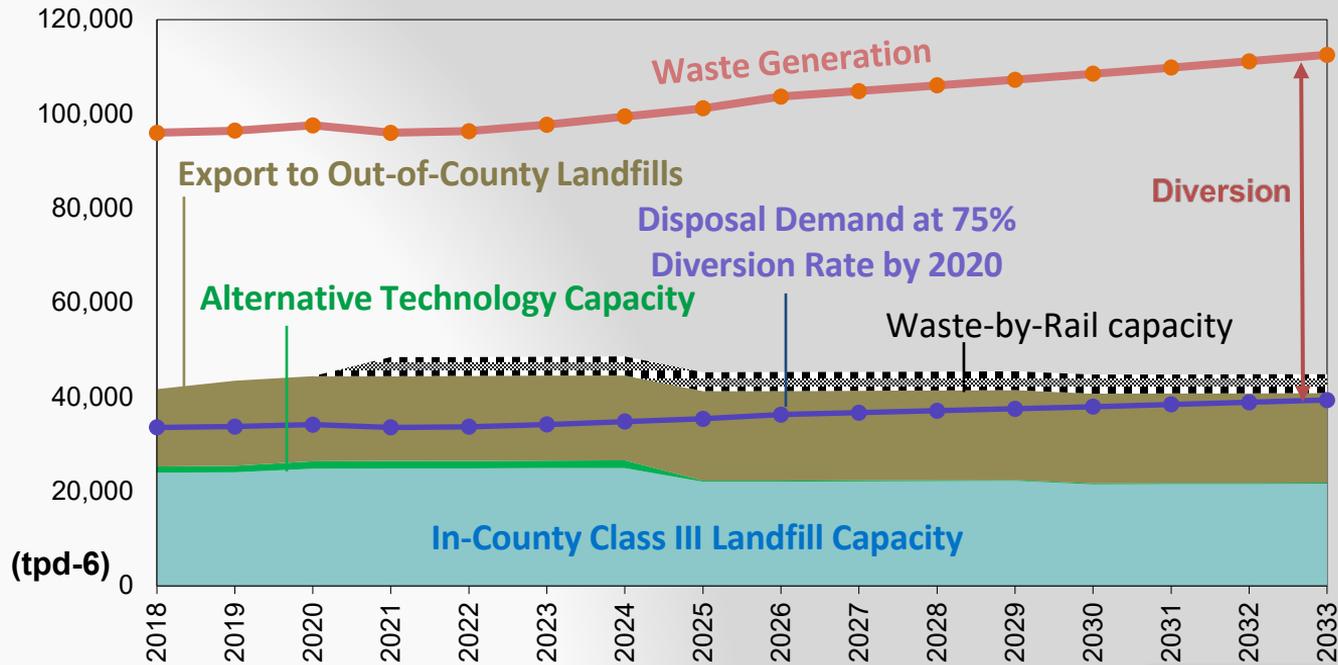


# Existing In-County Capacity Only (Worst-Case Scenario)



**\*Reliance on existing In-County disposal capacity alone is insufficient to meet long-term needs.**

# Sustainable Strategy



**\*Multi-faceted approach will provide for the long-term needs.**

# Strategies for Maintaining Adequate Disposal Capacity

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Maximize Waste Reduction and Diversion



Develop In-County Solid Waste Processing, Transfer, and Recycling Infrastructure



Promote and Develop Alternative to Landfilling



Enhance In-County Capacity

# Siting and Permitting Criteria

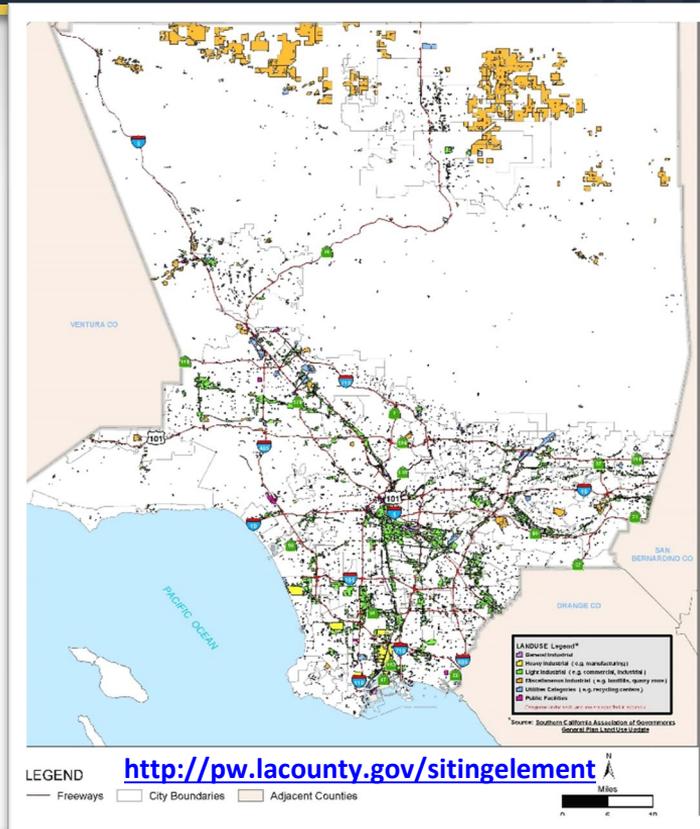
- ✓ Protect residents
- ✓ Ensure structural stability and safety of the facility
- ✓ Protect surface water
- ✓ Protect groundwater
- ✓ Protect air quality
- ✓ Protect environmentally sensitive areas
- ✓ Ensure safe transportation of solid waste
- ✓ Protect the social and economic development goals of the community
- ✓ Ensure compliance with federal, state and local requirements

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# Areas Potentially Suitable for Siting Alternative Technology Facilities in Los Angeles County

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# California Environmental Quality Act

CEQA requires that an Environmental Impact Report (EIR):

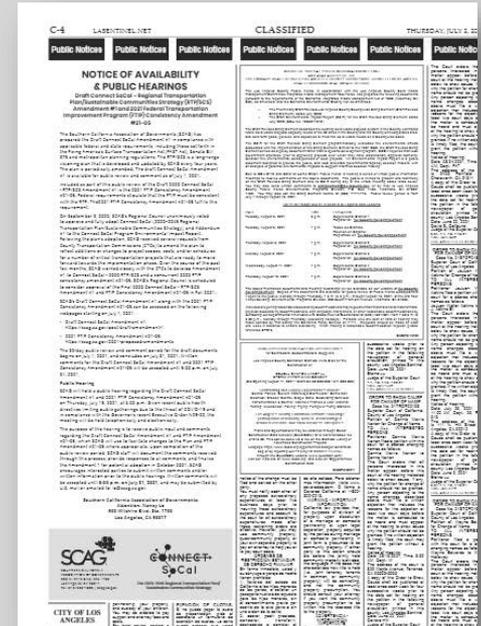
- Inform decision-makers and the public of a project or program's potential environmental impacts on the environment
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce potential impacts through mitigation measures or alternatives
- Increase public participation in the environmental review process through the provision of a 45-day public review and comment period



# Notice of Availability

## Purpose:

- Inform public agencies and the public
- Notice contains a brief description of the program and where documents relating to the program can be found.
  - Comment Period: July 1 to August 16, 2021
- Notify responsible agencies and other interested parties
  - Issuance of the NOA starts a 45-day public comment period (**Comment Period has now been extended an additional 45 days, ending September 30, 2021**)



# Environmental Topics Covered in the Draft EIR

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- Aesthetics
- Air Quality, Greenhouse Gases, and Energy
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology, Soils, and Paleontological Resources
- Hazards and Hazardous Materials
- Hydrology, Flooding, and Water Quality
- Noise and Vibration
- Population and Housing
- Public Services
- Parks and Recreation
- Transportation and Traffic
- Utilities and Service Systems
- Cumulative Impacts
- Growth-Inducing Effects

# Impacts Defined Under CEQA

- According to Section 15358 of the CEQA Guidelines, an environmental “Impact” or “Effect” is defined as either:
  - A direct or primary effect, which is caused by the project and occurs at the same time and place as the project.
  - An indirect or secondary effect, which is caused by the project later in time or farther removed in distance but that is still reasonably foreseeable.
- The Draft EIR provides a programmatic analysis of the potential impacts resulting from the proposed CSE Update.



# Impacts of the Proposed CSE Revision

- The Draft EIR concluded that any development of potential project discussed in the CSE Revision proposed plan could result in significant and unavoidable impacts related to conflicts with an air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation. 24
  - Mitigation Measures AQ-1, Air Emission Reduction Measures during Construction, and AQ-2, Air Emission Reduction Measures during Operations would minimize these impacts but not to a less than significant level.
- Impacts related to odors would be mitigated to a less than significant level through the implementation of Mitigation Measure AQ-3, Minimization of Odors.
- All other impact categories were determined to result in less than significant impacts.

# Subsequent Project-Level CEQA Review

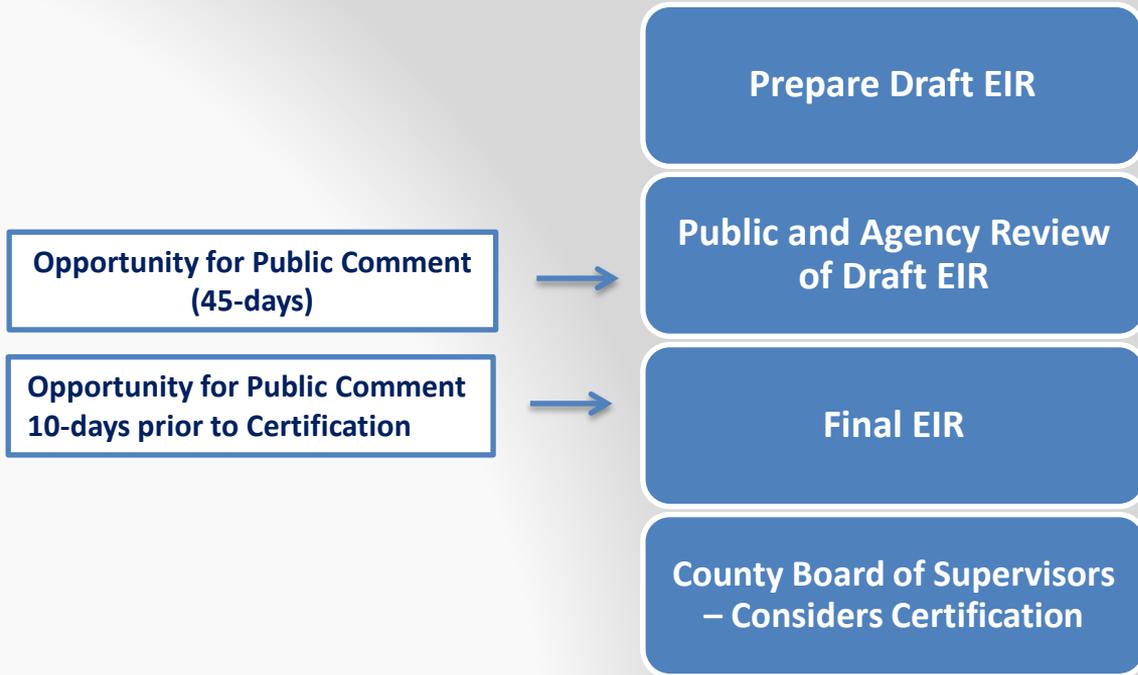
The Draft EIR provides a program level analysis following CEQA guidelines (§15168).

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Prior to implementation of any of the solid waste disposal facilities contemplated under the CSE Revision, the facility proponent (or future owner/operator) would be required to obtain appropriate discretionary approvals and permits. In this context, subsequent project-level CEQA review is contemplated in conjunction with the following:

- Land Use Entitlements (e.g. land permits, zoning updates)
- Technical Operating Permits (e.g. air quality, solid waste permits)
- Finding of Conformance (compliance with the CSE)

# EIR Process



# Environmental Justice Outreach Strategy

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- Provide a framework to inform stakeholders within Los Angeles County, particularly environmentally sensitive communities, of the Siting Element revision.
- Public Resource Code Section 41701 requires a countywide siting element, and any revision to include a description of the actions taken by the city or county to solicit public participation by the affected communities, including minority and low-income populations.

# Public Review and Comment Period

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- Notice of Availability – Released [July 1, 2021]
- Public Information Meeting Notice Distribution
  - Local agencies
  - Website
  - Mass Email to cities, stakeholder groups and other interested parties
- DEIR available at: <http://pw.lacounty.gov/sitingelement>
- **Extended** Comment Period:  
July 1, 2021 to **September 30, 2021**



# How to Submit Comments



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