



Proposed Nicasio Spillway Modification Project

**June 26, 2025
Nicasio Land Owners Association
Community Meeting**



Agenda

- Overview of Proposed Project
- Status Update
- Current Activities
- Community Engagement



Nicasio Reservoir and Upper Portion of Spillway

Overview of Proposed Project

About the Proposed Project

- Inflatable rubber gate
- 280-ft long, 4.4 ft high gate
- Potentially adds ~3,700-acre feet of water storage
- The project has the ability and confidence to ensure operational control as needed

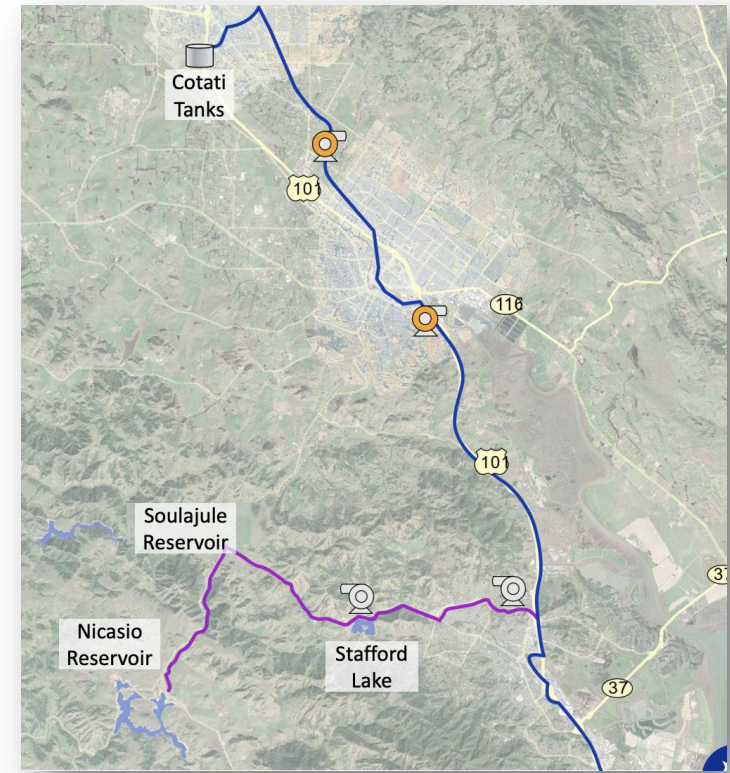


Nicasio Spillway, February 2025

Other District Proposed Projects

- Atmospheric River Capture (ARC) Project
 - New pipeline to convey greater supplemental flows from Russian River to Nicasio
- Water Efficiency (conservation)
 - Implementation of District's Water Efficiency Master Plan
 - Implementation of service-wide AMI (advanced metering infrastructure)

Proposed ARC Pipeline



Advanced Metering Infrastructure



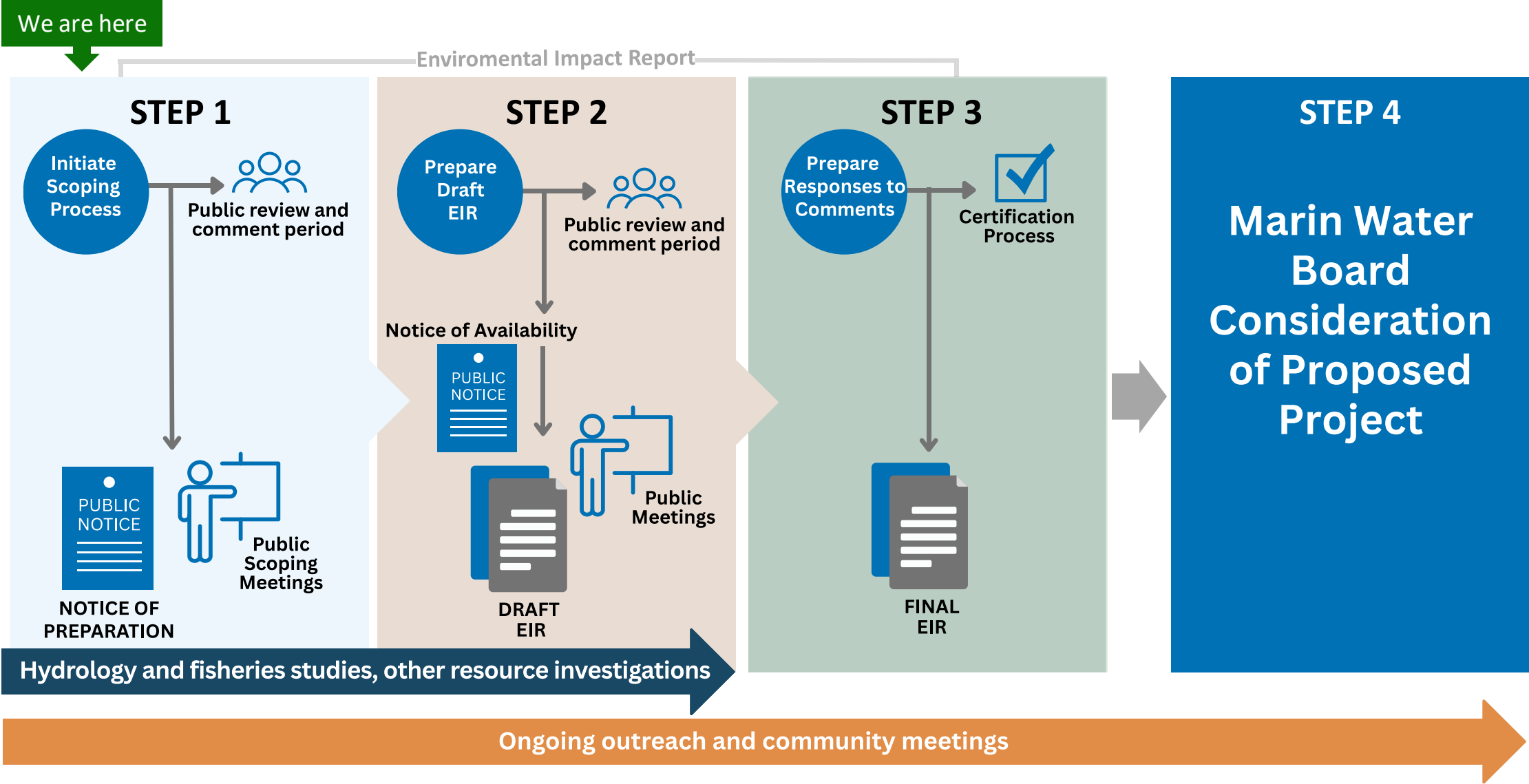
Project Status

Status

- The District has advanced the Nicasio Spillway Project into environmental review to further explore its feasibility.
- The environmental review, a multi-phased process, recently got underway.



Environmental Impact Report Process



A Closer Look at the Process

Step 1: Notice of Preparation/Scoping for EIR

- District publishes proposed formal project description and solicits comments from the community and other public agencies about the scope of the environmental review for the proposed project.
- Scoping period is meant to identify any additional areas of environmental concern that should be investigated as part of the EIR process. Early input during the scoping period has already been helpful in alerting the District to additional hydrological studies that are now getting underway.
- The scoping comment period will close August 4th to allow work on the studies and investigations; ongoing outreach and community meetings will continue.

Step 2: Draft EIR

- District continues studies and investigation work which is ultimately used to prepare a draft EIR.
- The studies and investigations will drive the timing of the draft EIR publication and will be discussed with the community throughout the study period.
- Draft EIR is published and circulated to the community and other agencies for review and comment. A formal public comment period and public meetings will occur during this time.
- Once comment period closes, the District begins work to respond to comments.

A Closer Look at the EIR Process *(continued)*

Step 3: Final EIR

- The District responds to all formal public comments received and, if warranted, may revise the EIR; the responses along with the final EIR are published.
- The Marin Water Board reviews the final EIR and ultimately votes to determine if it meets CEQA requirements, which certifies the CEQA document.

Step 4: Board Considers Project

- The Marin Water Board votes whether to approve the project.
- If approved, the District can move forward with regulatory permit applications for the project.

Current Activities

Upstream Activities

- Ongoing Surveys
 - Environmental
 - Boundary
 - Nicasio and Halleck creeks
- Community outreach & engagement
 - Survey letter
- Creek gages on Nicasio and Halleck
- Roadway analysis
- County Flood Control coordination

PROPERTY ACCESS PROTOCOL

- Letter mailed out to property owners providing overview of surveys and general request for access
- Individual follow up with specific properties via email or phone once more detailed information known on specific survey and requested access dates
- If follow up does not occur and specific access granted, no survey will occur at that time on that property
- Property owners welcome to be present or have representative present

Broader Project Activities

- NOP Scoping Process
 - Third scoping meeting July 15th 1pm
- Multi-pronged effort
 - Roadway analysis
 - Fisheries studies
 - DSOD Coordination
- Outreach with other interested parties
 - Regulatory agencies
 - Environmental groups



Engagement & Outreach

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- Commitment to continuous engagement throughout the process
- Letter to property owners regarding ongoing surveys
- Continued community outreach
 - Standing monthly meetings
 - Project website updates
 - Other project mailings, as needed

MEETINGS TO DATE

Community

April 1, April 23, May 1,
May 20, June 1, June 4

Regulatory Agency

Jan 30, Mar 19, April 14,
April 15, May 23

Lagunitas Creek Technical Advisory

Feb 25, Mar 25, June 6

MMWD Planning Committee

Feb 13, May 27

EIR Scoping Meetings

May 22, May 27