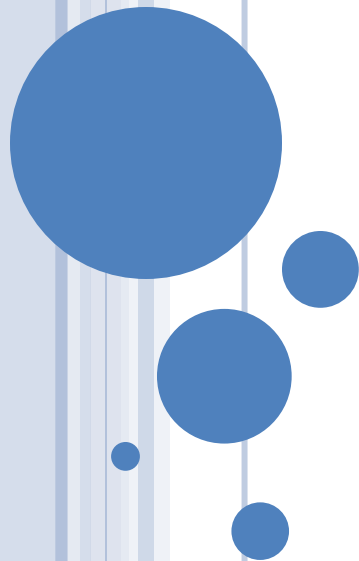


KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT

**State Water Resources Control Board Staff Presentation –
Soliciting Comments on the Notice of Preparation**

January, 2016



SCOPING MEETING OVERVIEW

1. Review Meeting Logistics and Ground Rules
2. Presentation by State Water Board Staff
3. Comments by Attendees
4. Adjourn Meeting



MEETING LOGISTICS

- Please sign-in on the attendance sheet
- If you wish to speak, please fill out a speaker card and provide it to a State Water Board staff person
- So that your comments may be correctly transcribed, please speak into microphone and provide your first and last name with spelling
- A handout is provided with information on submitting written comments or you can indicate “no oral comments” on the speaker card



GROUND RULES

- Please silence electronic devices
- Please respect all speakers and points of view
- One person speaks at a time – all speakers must use a microphone
- Please hold questions/comments until end of presentation
- Recognize short time frame to receive oral comments, please respect time limits so we can hear from everybody
- Written comments are an alternative for those that would like to provide additional comments beyond the allotted time or those that do not wish to speak today



WHY WE ARE HERE

- PacifiCorp submitted a water quality certification application to relicense the Klamath Hydroelectric Project
- State Water Board conditions hydroelectric projects via water quality certifications to ensure protection of the state's waters (section 401 of Clean Water Act)
- California Environmental Quality Act requires an Environmental Impact Report to inform the State Water Board and the public about the project's significant environmental effects and ways to reduce them



KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT (KHP)

- Overview of KHP facilities
- Background on KHP Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) relicensing process
- Overview of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) process
- Discussion of Notice of Preparation (NOP)



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FACILITY OVERVIEW

- East Side (O)
- West Side (O)
- Keno (O)
- JC Boyle (O)
- Copco No. 1 (CA)
- Copco No. 2 (CA)
- Iron Gate (CA)
- Fall Creek (CA)



BACKGROUND

- In 1956 FERC license the KHP
- In February 2004, PacifiCorp applied for a new license from FERC
- In March 2006 PacifiCorp filed a water quality certification (certification) application with the State Water Board
- In January 2007, the United States Departments of Interior and National Marine Fisheries Service provided FERC with the mandatory conditions
- In November 2007 FERC issued its final Environmental Impact Statement for National Environmental Policy Act compliance



BACKGROUND CONTINUED...

- In 2008, the State Water Board issued a Notice of Preparation for the KHP and held scoping meetings
- From May 2010 – June 2013, at the request of settlement parties, the State Water Board held PacifiCorp's certification application in abeyance (on hold)
- During abeyance, State Water Board staff continued to participate in KHP related forums such as the Klamath Hydroelectric Settlement Agreement's (KHSA) Interim Measures Implementation Committee

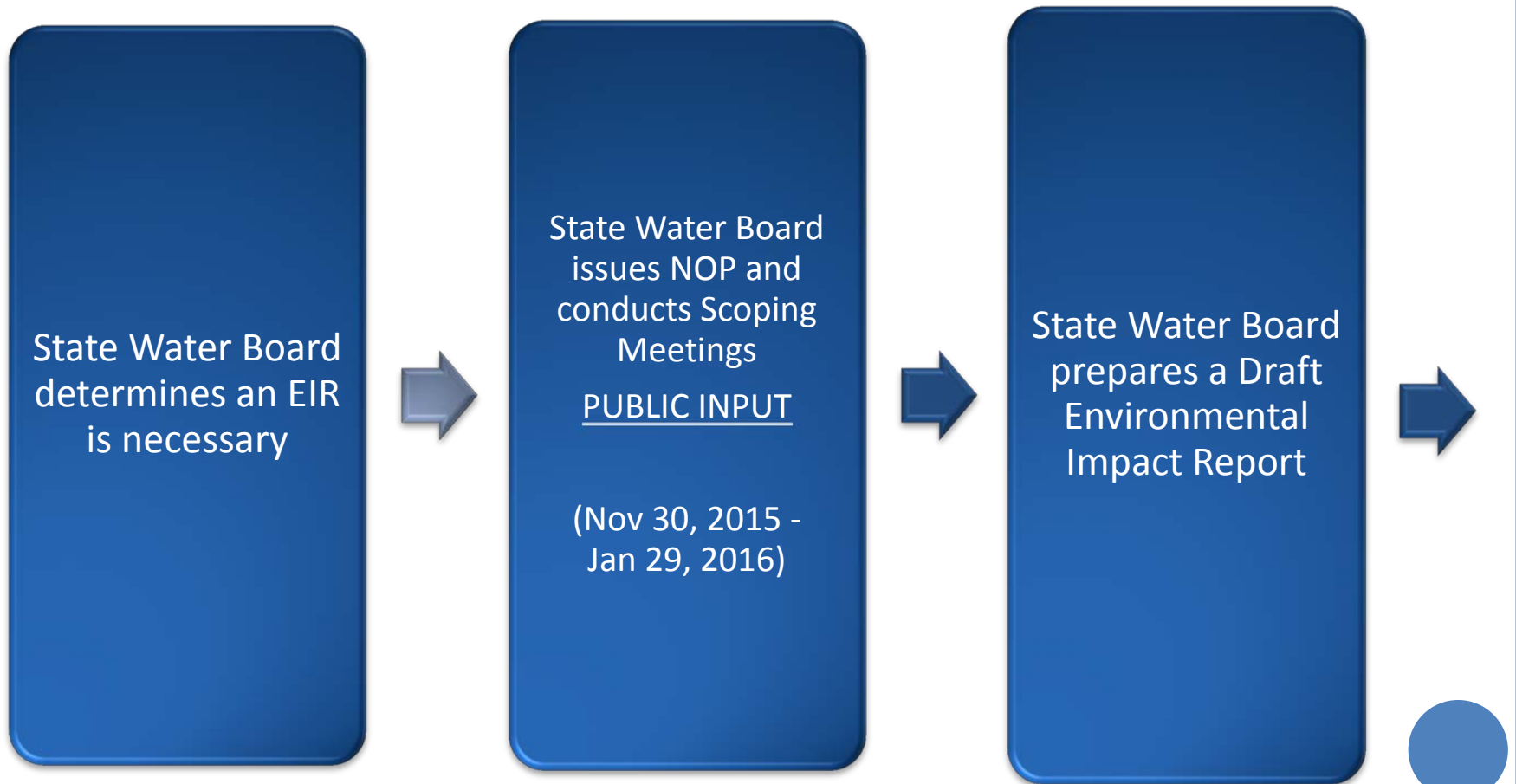


BACKGROUND CONTINUED...

- In May 2013, Department of Interior and National Marine Fisheries Service issued a joint Biological Opinion to Bureau of Reclamation for the Klamath Project
- In July 2013, the abeyance lifted, and the KHP resumed the State Water Board's certification process
- On November 30, 2015, the State Water Board issued a new Notice of Preparation for an Environmental Impact Report for the KHP



CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW

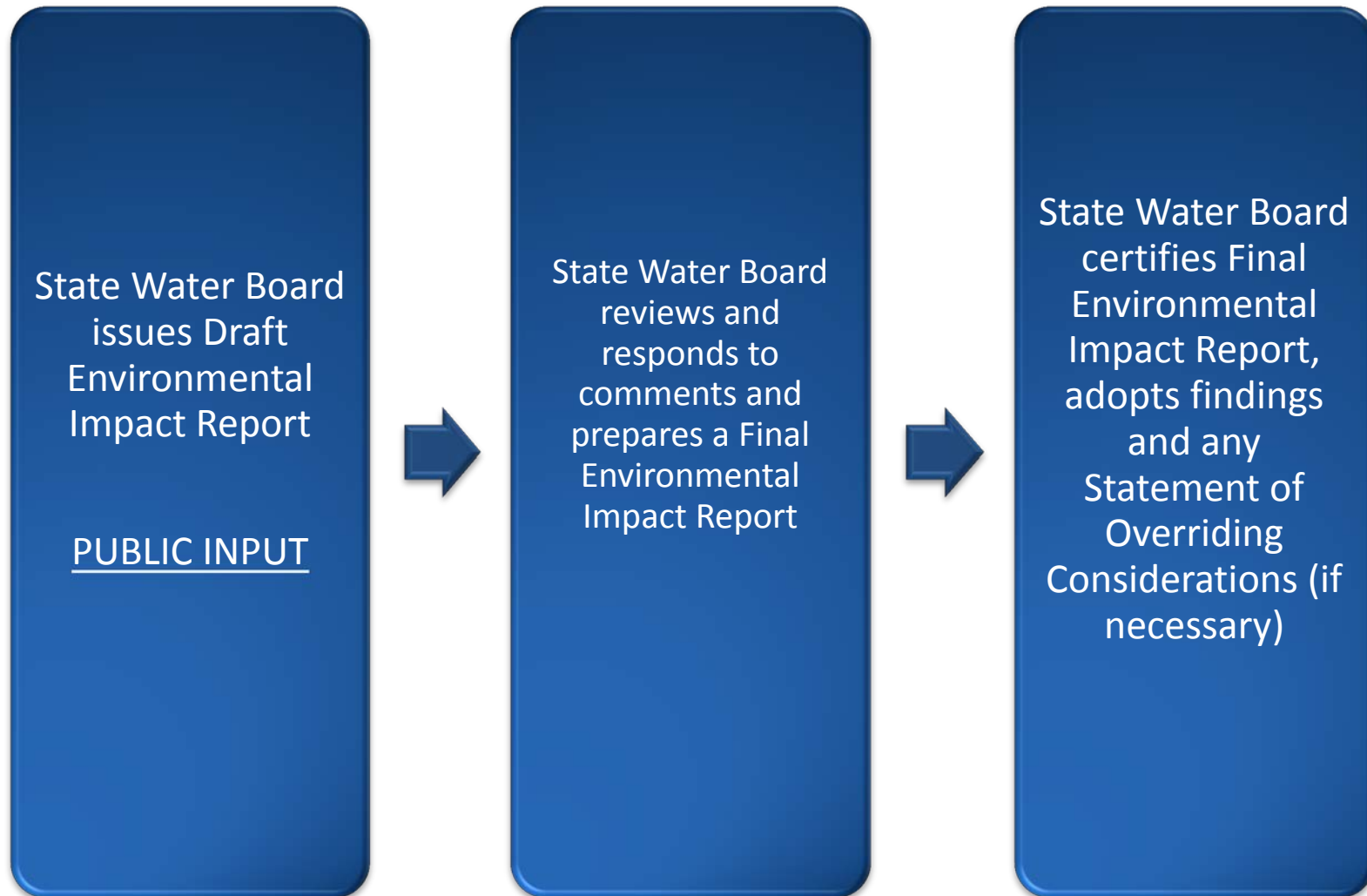


CEQA RESOURCE AREAS

• Land Use and Mineral Resources	• Public Services and Utilities
• Geology, Geomorphology, and Soils	• Hazards and Hazardous Materials
• Water Resources	• Air Quality
• Water Quality	• Noise
• Fisheries	• Climate Change
• Vegetation, Wildlife, and Sensitive Biological Resources	• Transportation and Traffic
• Recreation	• Cultural and Tribal Cultural Resources
• Aesthetics	



CEQA PROCESS OVERVIEW CONT.



KLAMATH HYDROELECTRIC PROJECT RELICENSING

CEQA Proposed Project Objectives:

- Modify the KHP, as needed, to comply with California water quality standards, and in conformance with mandatory conditions established as part of the FERC relicensing process
- Continue to generate power from a renewable resource to serve KHP customers to the extent compatible with water quality standards and mandatory conditions established as part of the FERC licensing process



APPROACH TO CEQA ANALYSIS

- Focus on California portion of KHP
- Use FERC EIS and KHSA EIR/EIS in development of EIR
- Use information gathered by the scientific community, Settlement Agreements, Tribes, PacifiCorp, CEQA commenters, and other sources



PROJECT ALTERNATIVES

Project alternatives being considered for analysis in EIR include:

- PacifiCorp's Proposed Project of continued operations (with the addition of mandatory conditions)
- FERC staff alternatives (analyzed in FERC EIS) with mandatory conditions
- Partial KHP facility removal
- Implementation of Settlement Agreement measures
- Full removal of the three mainstream KHP facilities in California



KEY INFORMATION SOUGHT IN SCOPING COMMENTS

- Adequacy of FERC EIS and KHSA EIR/EIS. Do these documents address your comments/concerns?
- Range of alternatives, or specific alternatives
- Potential Impacts to evaluate
- Potential mitigation measures
- Other items



Submit Comments by 5:00 pm On January 29, 2016

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KHP Website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/waterrights/water_issues/programs/water_quality_cert/klamath_ferc2082.shtml

