

# WesPac Pittsburg Energy Infrastructure Project

## Second Recirculated Draft Environmental Impact Report

## Scoping Meeting

July 22, 2015



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# Purpose of Today's Presentation

- Explain the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) process under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)
- Provide an overview of the project and the anticipated environmental analysis
- Obtain input on issues the Draft EIR should address



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# What is CEQA?

CEQA is the California Environmental Quality Act (per a statute passed in 1970)

- The basis of California's Environmental Law
- A system of checks & balances for land use development & management actions throughout California
- Specifies the analysis of potential effects on the environment
- Required for projects needing discretionary approvals



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# CEQA Purpose and Objectives

- Identify and disclose significant environmental effects of proposed activities
- Identify ways to avoid or reduce those effects
- Prevent/minimize environmental damage by requiring implementation of mitigation measures and/or project alternatives
- Foster inter-agency coordination during review of projects
- Enhance public participation in the planning process



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# What CEQA Does Not Do

- Advocate for or oppose a project under consideration
- Require project denial because of adverse effects on the environment
- Address economic or social concerns

**However, the merits of the project may be discussed at future public hearings with the Planning Commission and the City Council**



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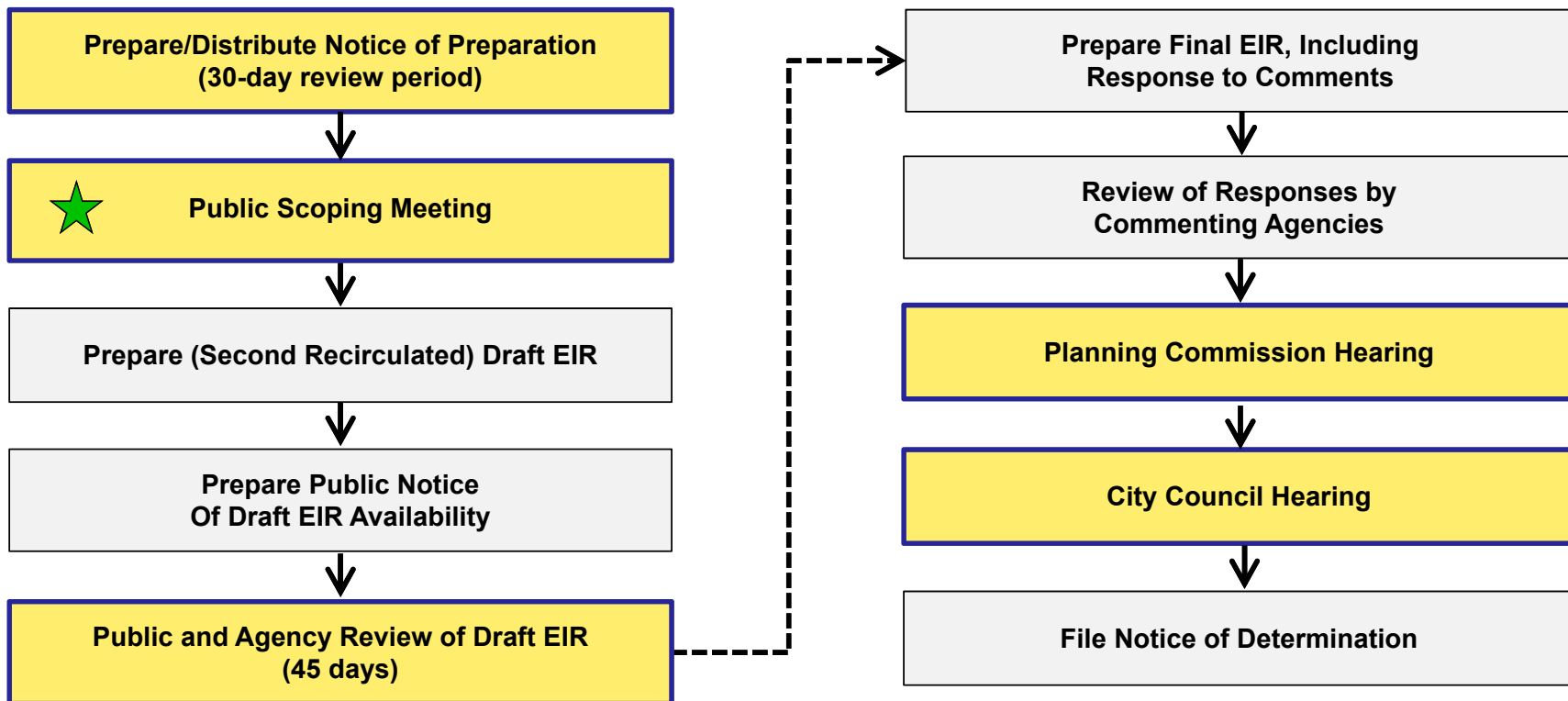
# What is an EIR?

- Highest level of environmental review under CEQA
- Informational document disclosing the anticipated physical environmental effects of a project as required under CEQA
- Identifies mitigation measures and alternatives to minimize significant impacts
- Has an extensive public review and input process
- Will be used by the City of Pittsburg in their review of this (conditional use) permit application



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# CEQA Process Overview (EIR)



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# Purpose of a Scoping Meeting

**To receive input from the public and interested agencies on the environmental issues to be addressed in the Draft EIR, including:**

- ✓ Specific environmental issues of concern
- ✓ Alternatives to the project to be considered
- ✓ Potential mitigation measures
- ✓ Potential significant environmental effects to be analyzed in depth
- ✓ Issues that are not important and should not be studied in detail



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# What is the Project

The modernization and reactivation of the existing oil storage and transfer facilities at NRG Pittsburg Generating Station



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# Project Proponent

WesPac Energy-Pittsburg LLC, a joint venture between:

- WesPac Energy LLC ([www.wespac.com](http://www.wespac.com))
- Oiltanking Holding Americas, LLC ([www.oiltanking.com](http://www.oiltanking.com))



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# Recent Background

- Original Draft EIR, 2012
- Recirculated Draft EIR, 2013
  - ✓ Rail Component Added
- **Second Recirculated Draft EIR, 2015**
  - ✓ Rail Removed
  - ✓ Focused Topics Added Based on Public Comments on the 2013 Recirculated Draft EIR



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# Project Components

- Modernize and reactivate existing marine terminal, and oil storage and transfer facilities at NRG Pittsburg Generating Station located at 696 W. 10th Street
- Transport and store crude oil, partially refined crude oil, and diesel oil
- Transfer of products by ship, barge, and pipeline; storage in existing tanks (No trucks or rail to be used to transport oil)
- Connect to three third-party, common carrier pipelines for receipt and delivery of product to and from other oil sources, terminals, and refineries



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# Project Objectives

## Relieve shortage of regional capacity in San Francisco Bay Area:

- California Energy Commission identified lack of regional storage capacity as major concern (CEC, 2009)
- Existing high regional demand coupled with decreasing regional supply and decreased production in California → Increased reliance on foreign sources and ship traffic
- Congestion in shipping lanes and increased local air pollution from ships/barges “parked” at existing marine terminals
  - ✓ Proposed modernization of existing tanks would increase regional storage capacity
  - ✓ Proposed activation of existing marine terminal would relieve ship congestion in local waterways



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# Issues for Evaluation in the EIR

## Areas of potential impacts to be evaluated in EIR:

- ✓ Aesthetics
- ✓ Air Quality
- ✓ Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- ✓ Biological Resources
- ✓ Cultural Resources
- ✓ Geology, Seismicity & Soils
- ✓ Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- ✓ Public Services and Utilities
- ✓ Land Use and Recreation
- ✓ Noise & Vibration
- ✓ Population & Housing
- ✓ Transportation/Traffic
- ✓ Water Resources & Hydrology
- ✓ Cumulative Impacts
- ✓ Growth-Inducing Effects
- ✓ Comparison of Alternatives
- ✓ Mandatory Findings of Significance





# Focused Topics to be Added

## Topics to be included/revised based on public comments:

- ✓ Purpose and Need
- ✓ Crude Oil Characteristics
- ✓ Development Agreements
- ✓ Waterfront Recreational Access
- ✓ Odor Impacts
- ✓ Non-local Emissions Reduction Credits
- ✓ Vulnerable Populations and Asthma
- ✓ Liquefaction
- ✓ Fire Response



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# Responsible Agency Review

## The following agencies are also responsible for project review:

- ✓ Association of Bay Area Governments
- ✓ Bay Area Air Quality Management District
- ✓ California Department of Fish and Wildlife
- ✓ California Department of Transportation
- ✓ California State Lands Commission
- ✓ Contra Costa Community Development Dept.
- ✓ Contra Costa Environmental Health
- ✓ Contra Costa Fire Protection District
- ✓ Contra Costa Flood Control District
- ✓ Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Program
- ✓ Contra Costa Health Services Dept.
- ✓ Contra Costa Water District
- ✓ Delta Diablo Sanitation District
- ✓ Delta Protection Commission
- ✓ Department of Toxic Substances Control
- ✓ East Bay Regional Park District
- ✓ National Marine Fisheries Service
- ✓ Office of Planning & Research, State Clearinghouse
- ✓ Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce
- ✓ Regional Water Quality Control Board
- ✓ State Historic Preservation Office
- ✓ U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- ✓ U.S. Coast Guard
- ✓ U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
- ✓ U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



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# Estimated Schedule

- Estimated Second Recirculated Draft EIR Schedule:
  - ✓ Estimated Public Circulation Draft EIR– Fall 2015
  - ✓ Estimated Final EIR Available – Early 2016
- Estimated Construction Schedule:
  - ✓ 2016 to 2019 – Construction and Modernization



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# Comments on the Scope of the EIR?

Please provide your comments and input for consideration in the EIR

- Comments will be considered in the preparation of the Draft EIR.

Please remember:

- The purpose of this meeting is to receive input on the scope of the EIR.
- It is not to collect input on the proposed project itself.
- It is not to respond to or debate issues that may be raised during the process.

Comments Due: Comments will be accepted until July 31, 2015

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