



County of Santa Cruz
Community Development & Infrastructure

Buena Vista Landfill Redevelopment Project Environmental Impact Report SCOPING MEETING

February 28, 2024

Housekeeping Items

- 1. Spanish translation available.**
- 2. Presentation followed by Q&A session.**
- 3. Hybrid meeting**
 - Zoom - Type questions into Chat feature
 - In person - Wait until the Q&A session
- 4. Focus questions on the presentation, project, and EIR scope and process.**
- 5. This is NOT the forum to provide formal written comments on the EIR.**



Meeting Outline

- 1. Introduction of Team**
- 2. Project Overview**
- 3. Environmental Review Process**
- 4. Purpose of Scoping Meeting**



Introductions

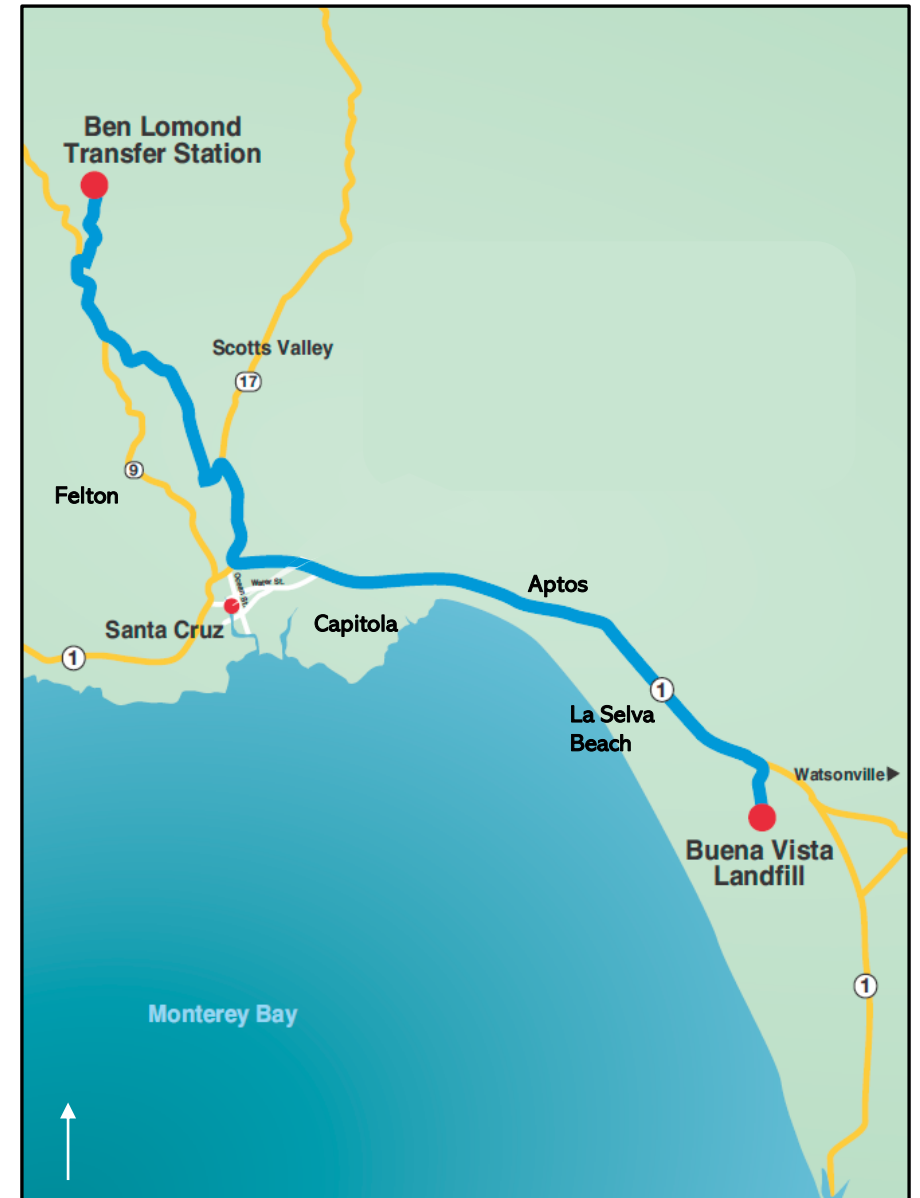
1. **Lead Agency:** County of Santa Cruz
2. **Design Consultant:** SCS Engineers
3. **Environmental Consultant:** Harris & Assoc



Project Overview

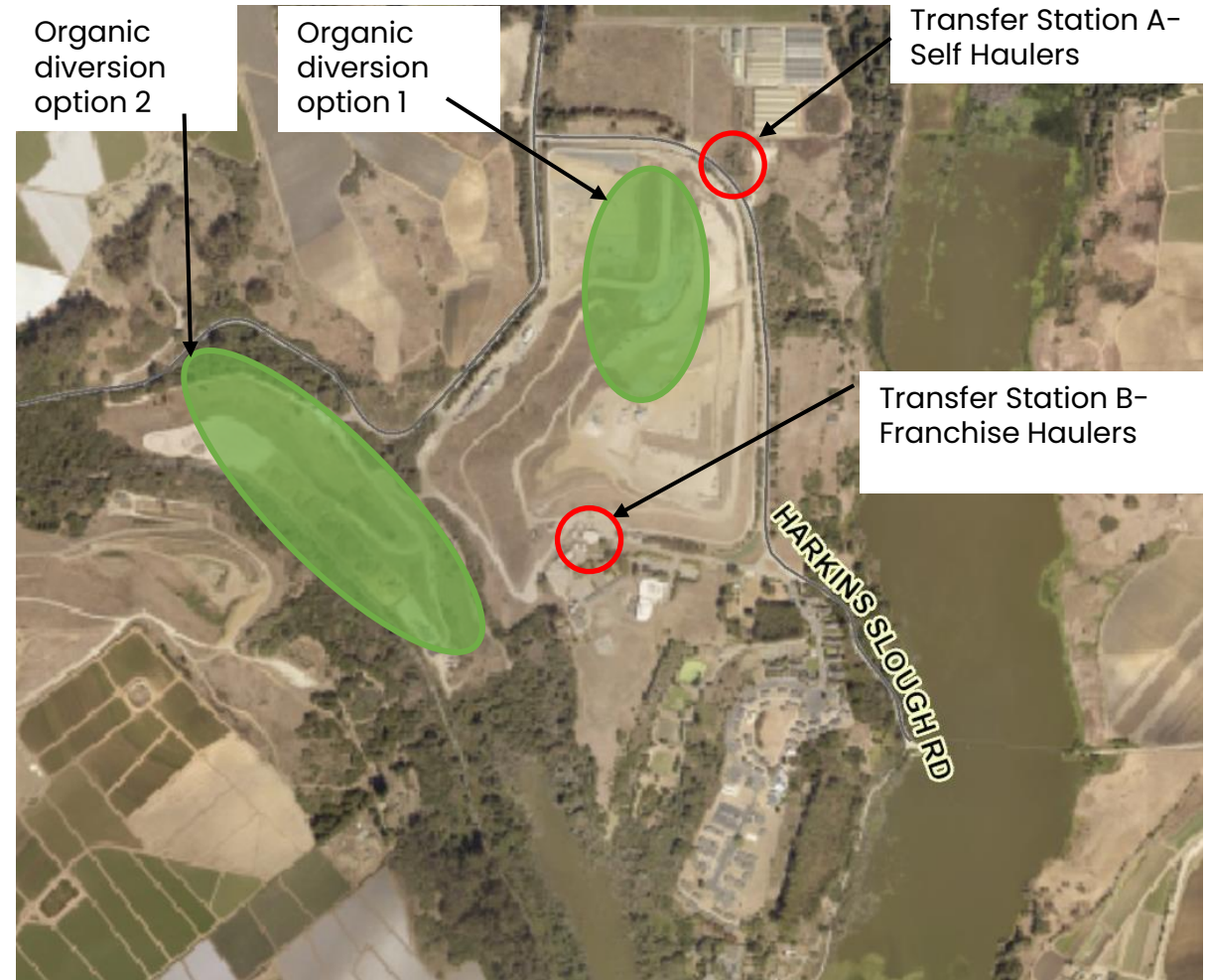
Why is this a proposed project?

1. Existing Santa Cruz County Facilities at capacity
2. Buena Vista Landfill expected to reach capacity 2030–2034
3. Continue to provide solid waste services in Santa Cruz County
4. Meet State and County regulations
5. Reduce illegal dumping
6. Reduce traffic on Highway 1



Proposed Landfill Redevelopment Project

- 1. Develop 2 new waste transfer stations**
- 2. Develop an organics diversion facility**
- 3. Implement the landfill closure plan**



Proposed Redevelopment Project concept, 2024

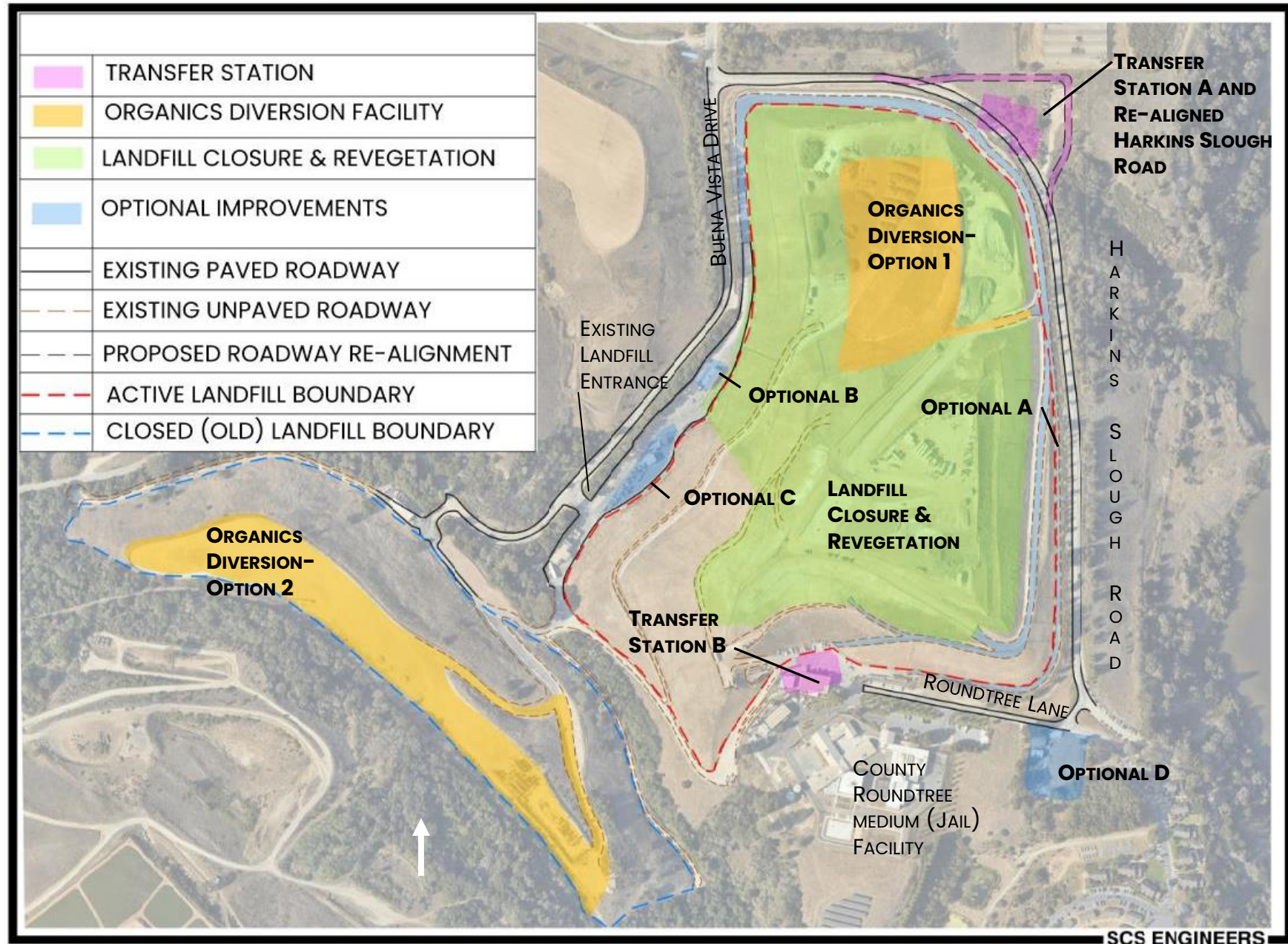
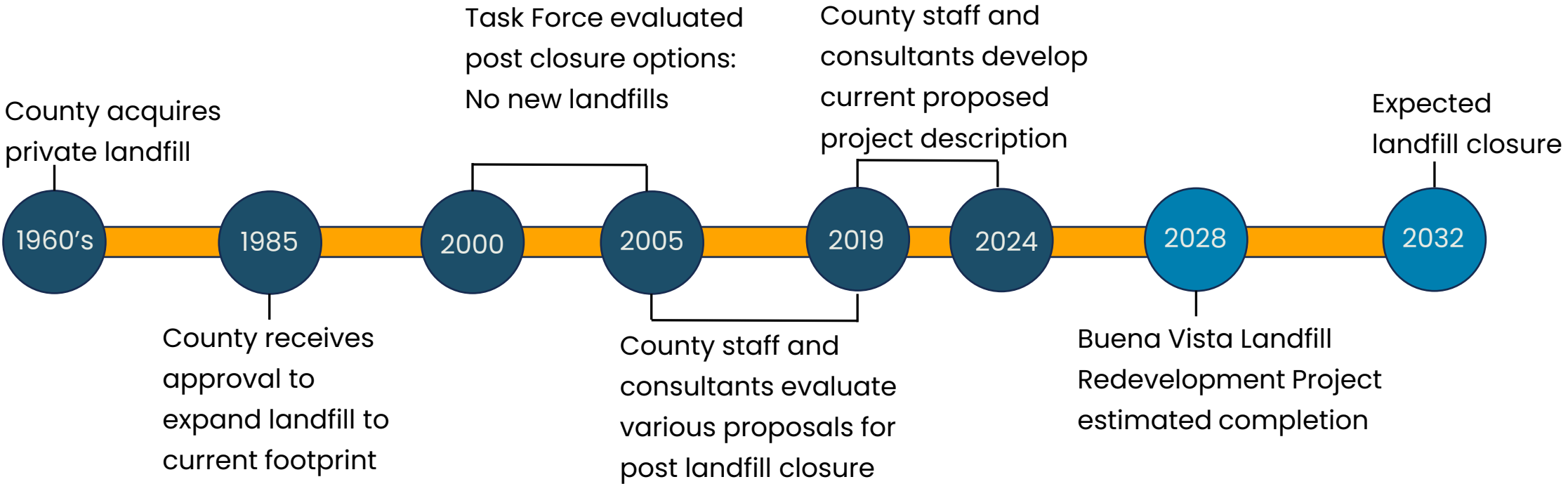


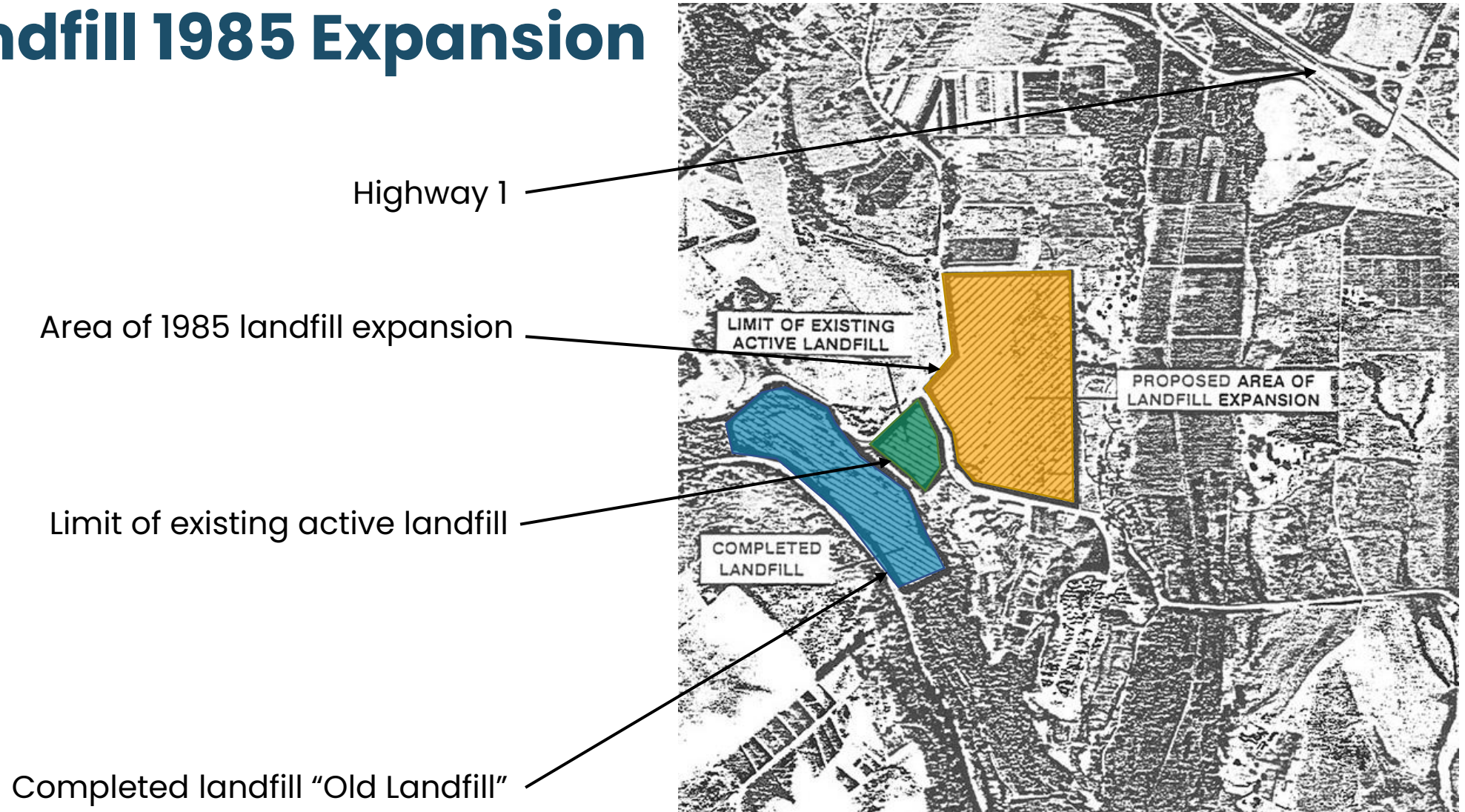
FIGURE 1. BUENA VISTA LANDFILL REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW

History of the Buena Vista Landfill

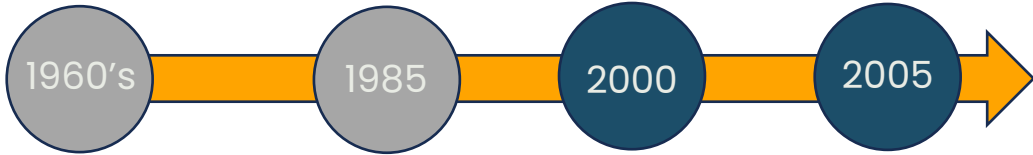




Landfill 1985 Expansion



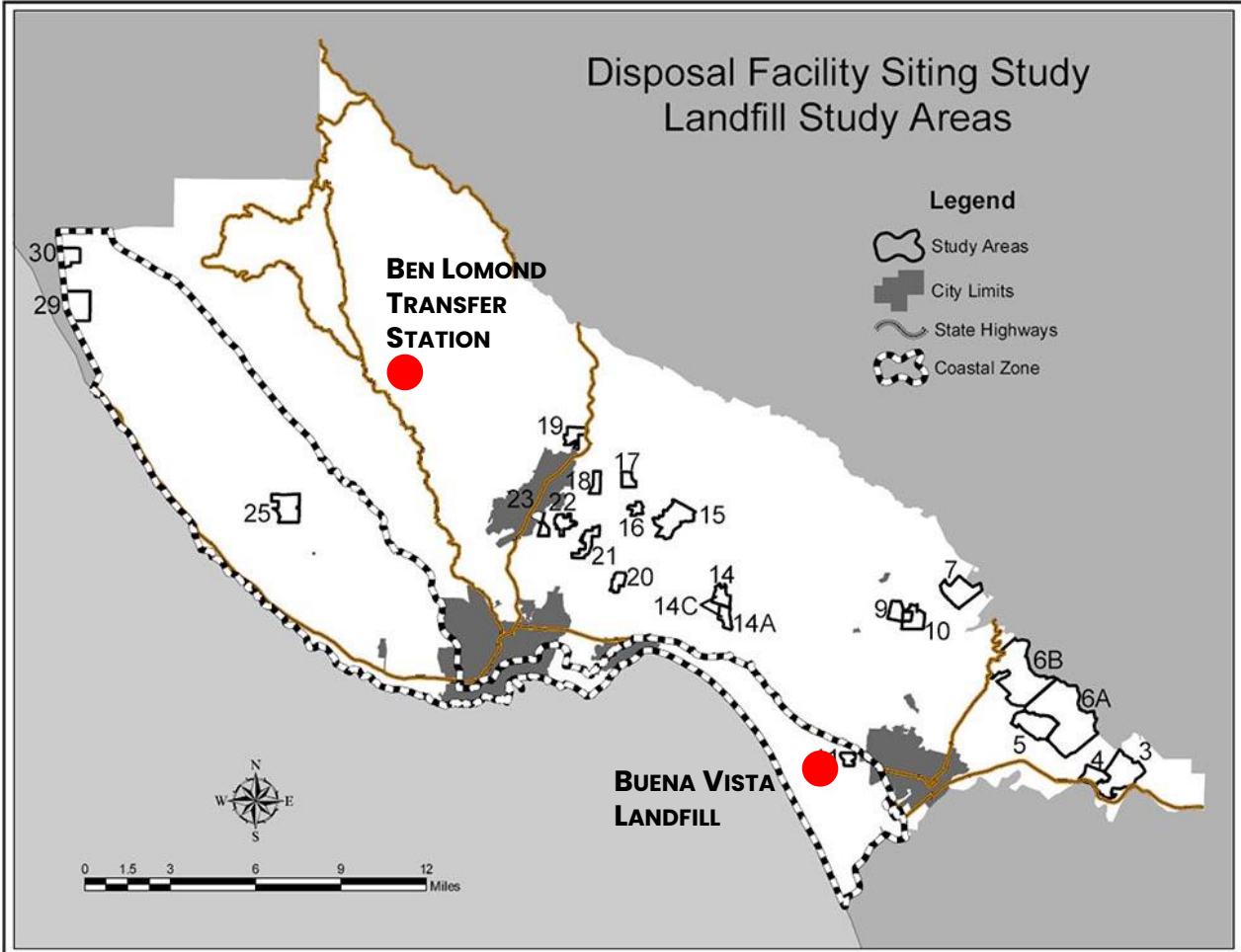
Final EIR Proposed Buena Vista Sanitary Landfill Expansion 1985



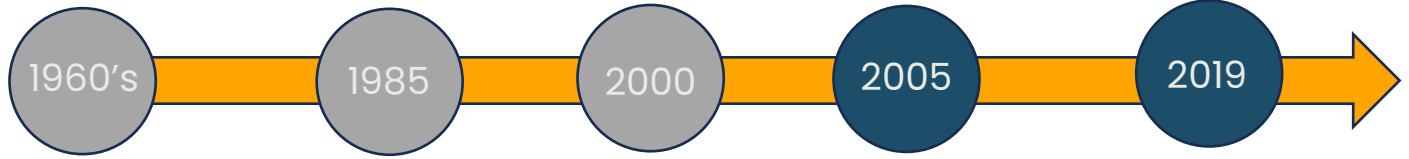
Landfill Task Force Closure Studies

2000: Task Force evaluated post closure options

2004: Citizens Advisory Group (CAG) Siting Study recommendation to County Board of Supervisors = No further consideration of new landfills



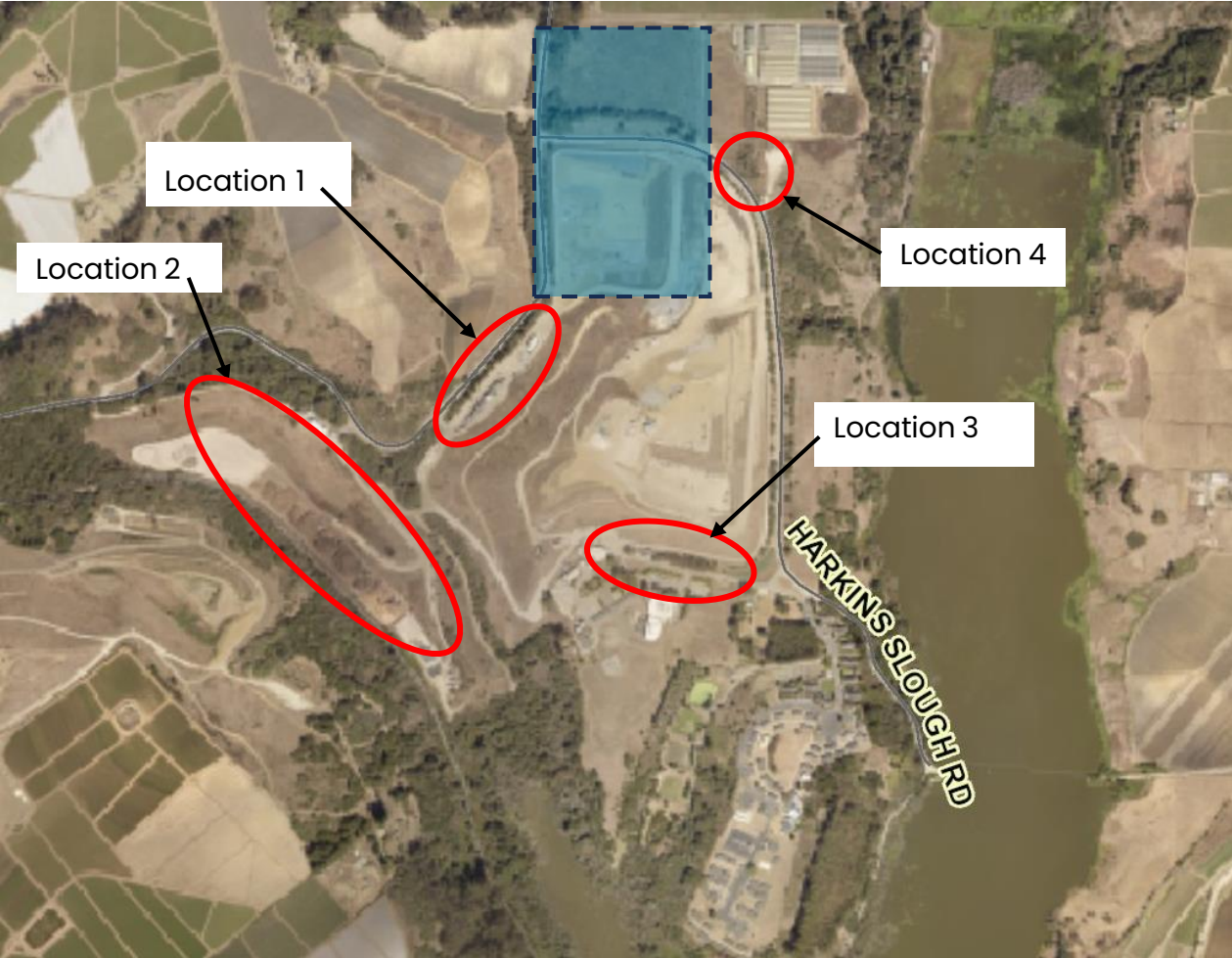
CAG Siting Study, 2004



Buena Vista Landfill Closure Studies

2007-2012: Study various proposals

2019: SCS Engineers evaluates materials, facility capacity, and 4 locations on Buena Vista Landfill site



Opportunity & Constraints Analysis, 2020

Environmental Review Process

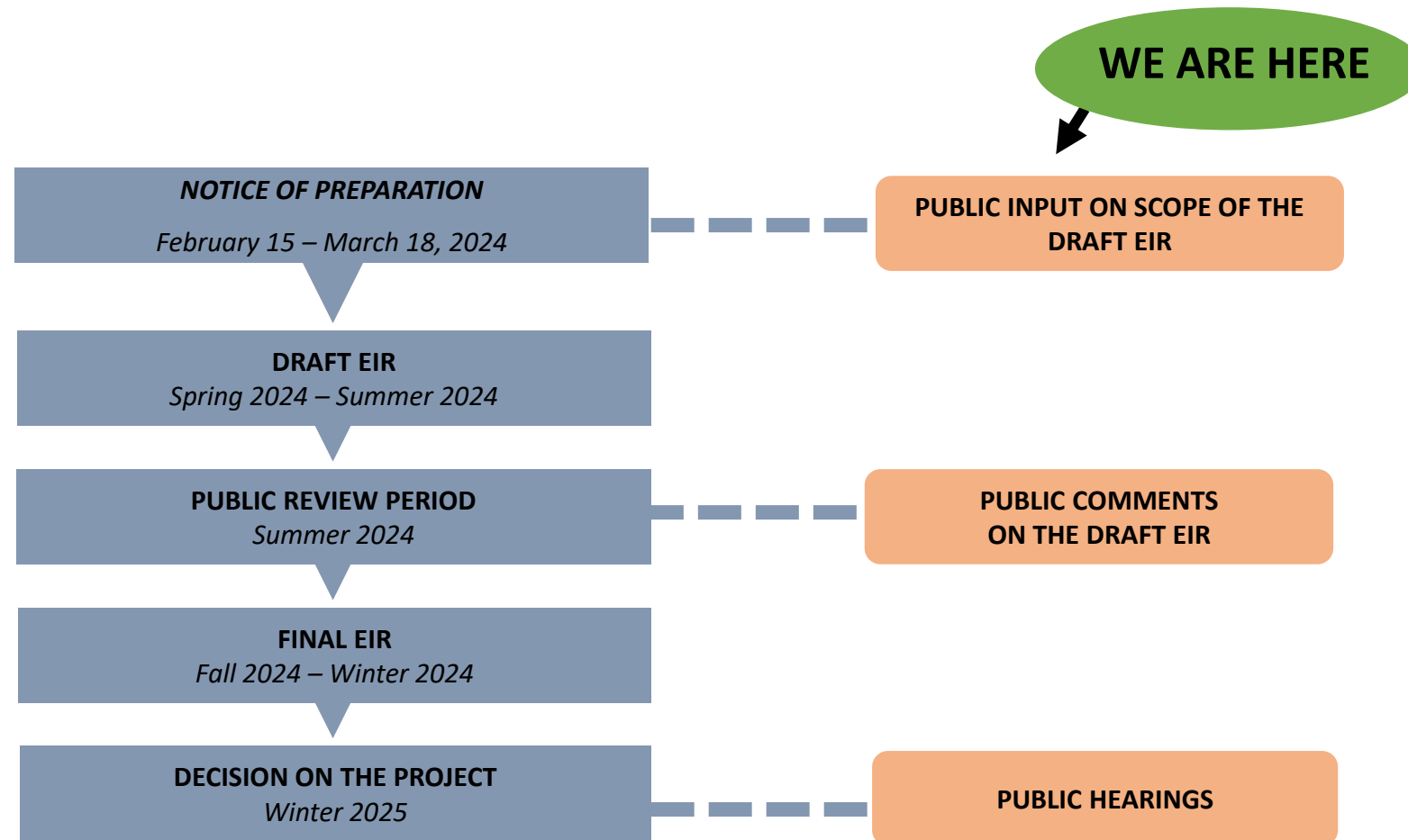
Purpose and Requirements of CEQA

- 1. Inform decision making**
- 2. Disclose potentially significant environmental impacts**
- 3. Identify mitigation measures**
- 4. Foster public participation and interagency coordination**

CEQA = California Environmental Quality Act

The EIR Process

EIR = Environmental Impact Report



Purpose of Today's "Scoping" Meeting

"Scoping" is gathering information regarding the content and focus of the EIR analysis

- **Environmental issues to address**
- **Alternatives to consider**

Input should be provided in writing



Environmental Issue Areas

- 1. Aesthetics**
- 2. Agricultural Resources**
- 3. Air Quality**
- 4. Biological Resources**
- 5. Cultural Resources**
- 6. Energy**
- 7. Geology and Soils**
- 8. Greenhouse Gas Emissions**
- 9. Hazards and Hazardous Materials**
- 10. Hydrology and Water Quality**
- 11. Land Use and Planning**
- 12. Mineral Resources**
- 13. Noise**
- 14. Population and Housing**
- 15. Public Services**
- 16. Recreation**
- 17. Transportation**
- 18. Tribal Cultural Resources**
- 19. Utilities and Service Systems**
- 20. Wildfire**

Project Alternatives to Consider

Alternatives must be:

- **Feasible**
- **Meet most project objectives and**
- **Reduce project impacts**

The “No Project” alternative is required

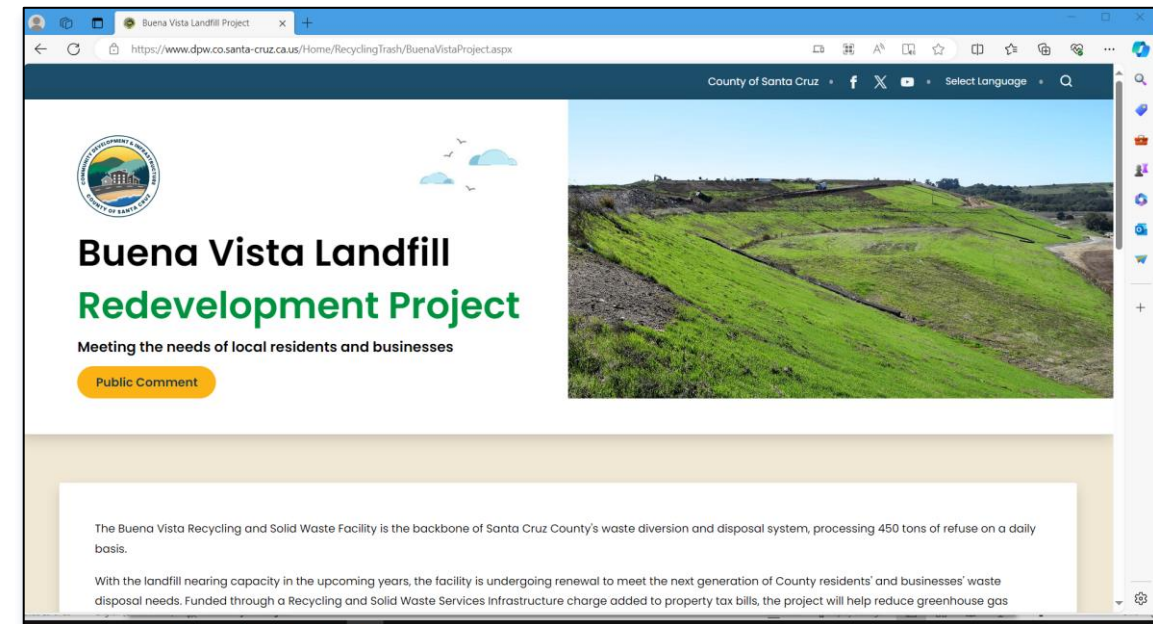


We Welcome Your Input!

Comments should focus on environmental issues and project alternatives

Written comments due 5:00pm on March 18, 2024:

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<https://bit.ly/buena-vista-project>

Thank you!

