



**NOTICE OF PREPARATION OF AN EIR
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING**

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Calleguas Municipal Water District (“Calleguas”) is preparing a Draft Environmental Impact Report (Draft EIR) for the Smith Road Tank (herein referred to as the “Proposed Project”). The public and other interested parties are invited to attend an in-person public scoping meeting on **Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, and a virtual public scoping meeting on **Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.**, to comment on environmental issues that should be addressed in the Draft EIR.

Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines (14 Calif. Code of Regs., §15000 et seq.), this notice contains a brief description of the Proposed Project and its location, the anticipated environmental effects of the Proposed Project, the period during which scoping comments will be received, the time and location of the public scoping meeting, and details on the availability of an Initial Study prepared for the Proposed Project.

Project Title: Smith Road Tank

Project Location: The project site is located on an approximately 4-acre undeveloped, unoccupied parcel (Assessor’s Parcel Number 657-0-020-230) at the northeast corner of the intersection of Kuehner Drive and Smith Road, in the eastern portion of the City of Simi Valley in Ventura County.

Figure 1 shows the location of the project site.

Project Background: Calleguas’s 2017 Potable Water Master Plan identified a need for additional water storage capacity to meet peak hourly demands in the Simi Valley Region during imported water supply outage conditions and to provide operational benefits during normal and high demand conditions. To identify potential locations for the Proposed Project, a site selection study was conducted in 2018 that assessed six potential sites. Calleguas concluded that the project site, on the northeast corner of the intersection of Kuehner Drive and Smith Road, was the most suitable project location due to its close proximity to the Calleguas Conduit North Branch (CCNB) and Calleguas Conduit South Branch (CCSB) pipelines, relatively shorter construction period, and absence of known environmental sensitivities.

Brief Project Description: The Proposed Project includes the construction and operation of a 43-foot-tall by approximately 125-foot-diameter above-ground steel water storage tank with a total storage capacity of approximately 3.5 million gallons. The tank would connect to the CCSB and CCNB pipelines located beneath Smith Road, directly south of the project site.

The Proposed Project's objectives are to provide additional water storage capacity to meet the peak hourly demands in the Simi Valley Region during imported water supply outage conditions; provide operational benefits during normal and high demand conditions; provide a reserve of water that can be used during supply interruptions, such as maintenance work, power outages, or natural disasters; help maintain consistent water pressure throughout the distribution system; and in case of emergencies, such as fires, provide an immediate source of water for firefighting and other critical needs.



The tank would be constructed on top of an elevated pad, which would be created with imported fill material to reach a ground elevation of approximately 1,096 feet above mean sea level (AMSL), allowing the tank to operate by gravity without pumping. The Proposed Project would also include the construction and maintenance of inlet and outlet pipelines, pipeline connections, overflow and drain pipes, above-ground isolation valves, a paved access road with a driveway off of Smith Road, retaining walls, and cabinet(s) housing instrumentation and control components. An approximately 300-foot-long Southern California Edison (SCE) service line would be required from the SCE connection location to the tank.

Initial Study: An Initial Study was prepared for the Proposed Project and is available for public review at: <https://www.calleguas.com/transparency/environmental-documents/>. If a hard copy or electronic review copy is required, please contact Jennifer Lancaster at the email address provided below.

Based on the conclusions of the Initial Study, the following areas of potentially significant environmental impact are anticipated to require analysis in the Draft EIR:

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Hazards & Hazardous Materials
- Noise
- Tribal Cultural Resources

The Draft EIR will also analyze alternatives, cumulative impacts, growth-inducing impacts, and other issues required by CEQA.

Public Scoping Meetings: The purpose of the scoping meetings is to present the Proposed Project in a public setting and provide an opportunity for a full airing of the environmental issues that are important to the community. The meetings will include a presentation of the Proposed Project and a description of the environmental issues to be analyzed in the Draft EIR. Oral and written comments made during the scoping meeting and scoping period will provide an inventory of potential environmental effects of the Proposed Project to be addressed by the Draft EIR. Two scoping meetings will be held as follows:

- **In-Person Scoping Meeting.** A scoping meeting will be held in person on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. at the Rancho Simi Activity Center, 4201 Guardian Street, Activity Center Room 3, Simi Valley, CA 93063.
- **Virtual Scoping Meeting.** A virtual scoping meeting will be held on Thursday, May 8, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83964558128?pwd=1LA26MQaMNMOfSM7ytoRP1PpLX89l.1> and enter Passcode 681487; or call (669) 444-9171, then enter Webinar ID 839 6455 8128 and Passcode 681487.

30-Day Scoping Comment Period: This NOP is available for a 30-day public comment period from Wednesday, April 30, 2025 to Friday, May 30, 2025. Written comments must be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 30, 2025.

Contact Person: Written comments may be submitted to Jennifer Lancaster, Manager of Water Resources, via email: jlancaster@calleguas.com.



Figure 1. Project Site Location – Smith Road Tank

