



Maricopa Stanfield Irrigation and Drainage District Pub. Law 83-566 Project

Scoping Meeting: June 10, 2025



Meeting Agenda

Part 1

PL 83-566 Process &
Potential Projects
Overview

Part 2

Comment
Breakout Session



MSIDD Overview

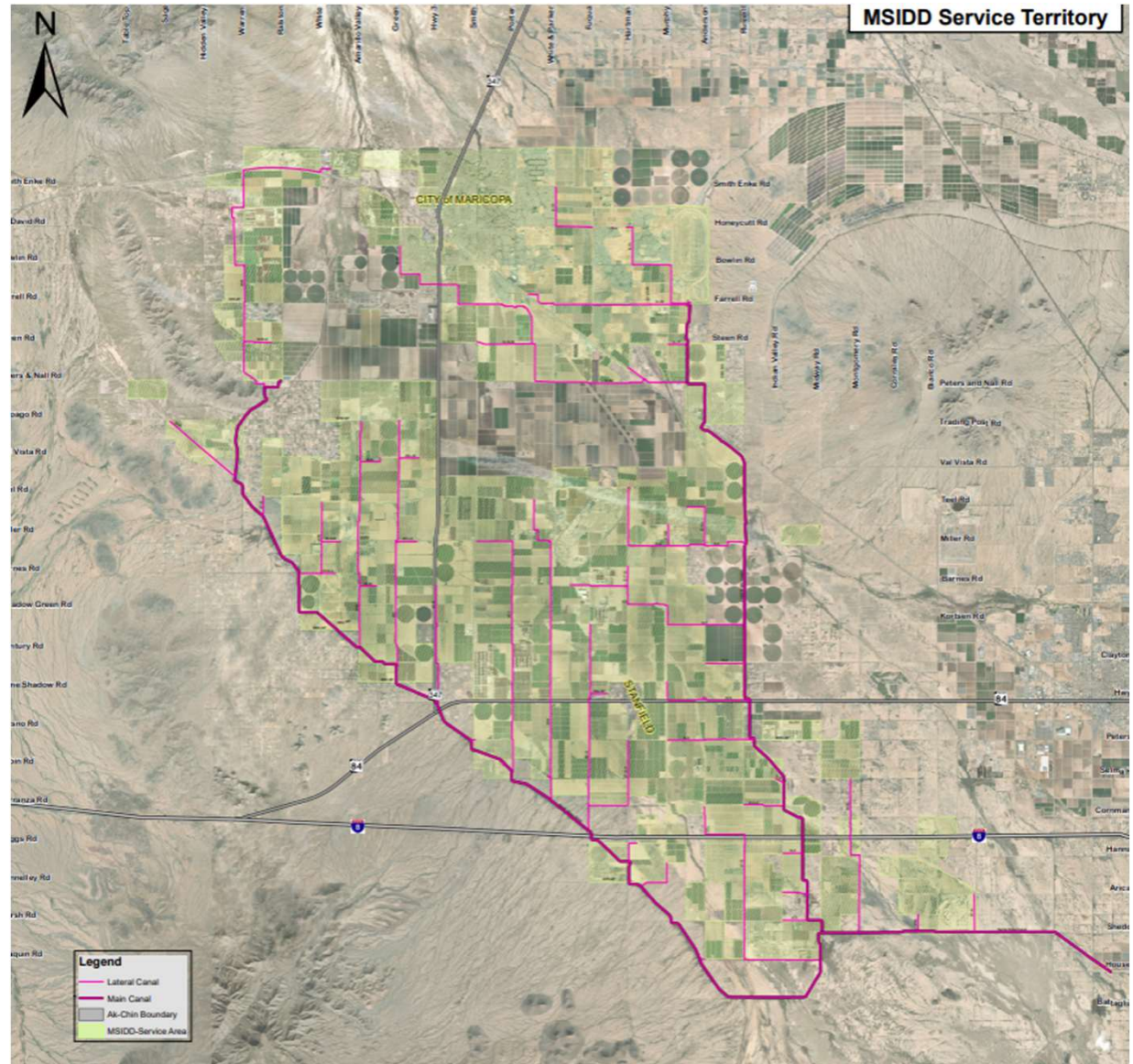
66,000 acres irrigated
farmland

85 irrigators served

Irrigation season **year-
round**

295-mile canal system

200+ groundwater wells



Why PL-566?



Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL-566)

- Administered and funded by NRCS
- Provides planning, design, and construction funding
- Covers a wide range of watershed issues, which landowners can't solve on their own



General PL-566 Requirements

- Must have a project **sponsor**
- Project must fit an **authorized purpose**
- Must have agricultural or rural community **benefits**

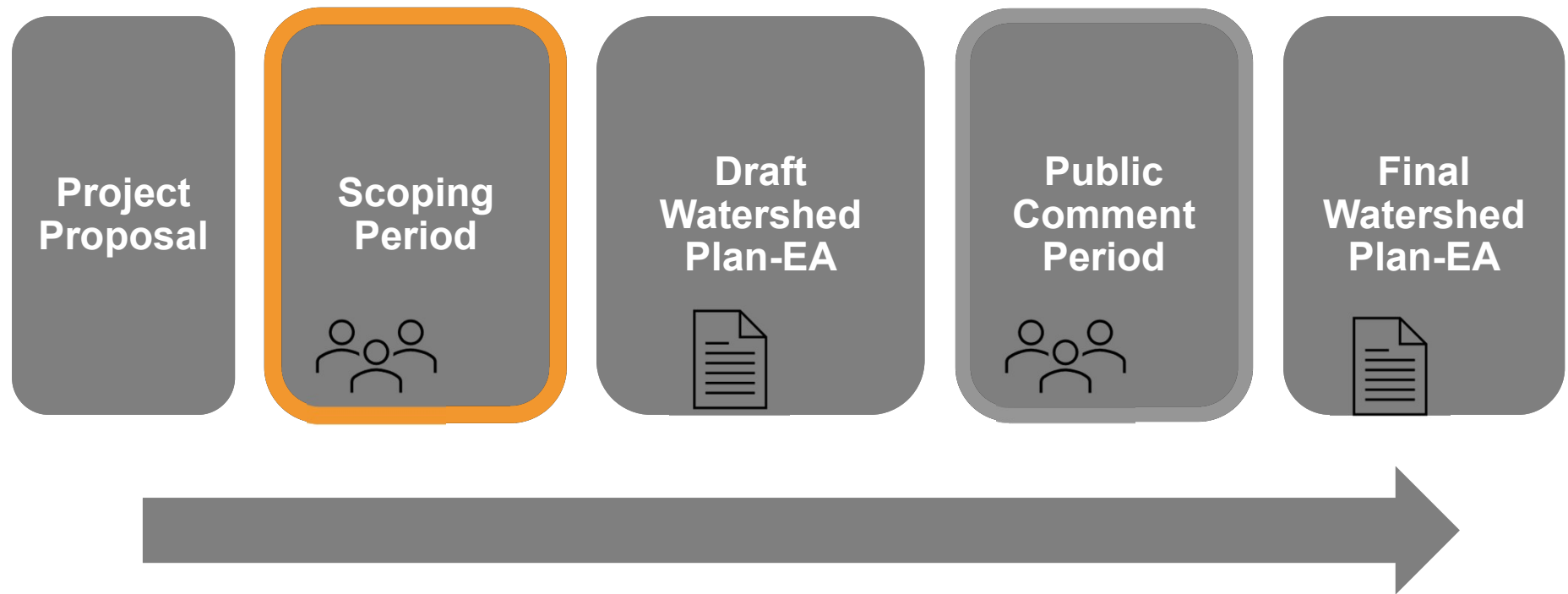


Additional Requirements

- Watershed Plans must comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (**NEPA**) and
- Principles, Requirements and Guidelines (**PR&Gs**), including an economic analysis
- NRCS Nine-Step Planning Process



Watershed Planning Process



What a Plan-EA Includes

- Purpose & Need
- Proposed Action
- Affected Resources: Examples - Cultural, Fish and Aquatic, Vegetation, Water, Wildlife
- Environmental Consequences
- Economic Analysis
- Preferred Alternative



Project Purpose and Need

- Increase irrigation water supply for farms located in the MSIDD service area
- Reduce irrigation water shortages and crop damages



Alternatives

No Action Alternative

Future without Federal Investment

- Construction activities associated with the project would not occur.
- MSIDD would continue to operate and maintain its existing system in its current condition.

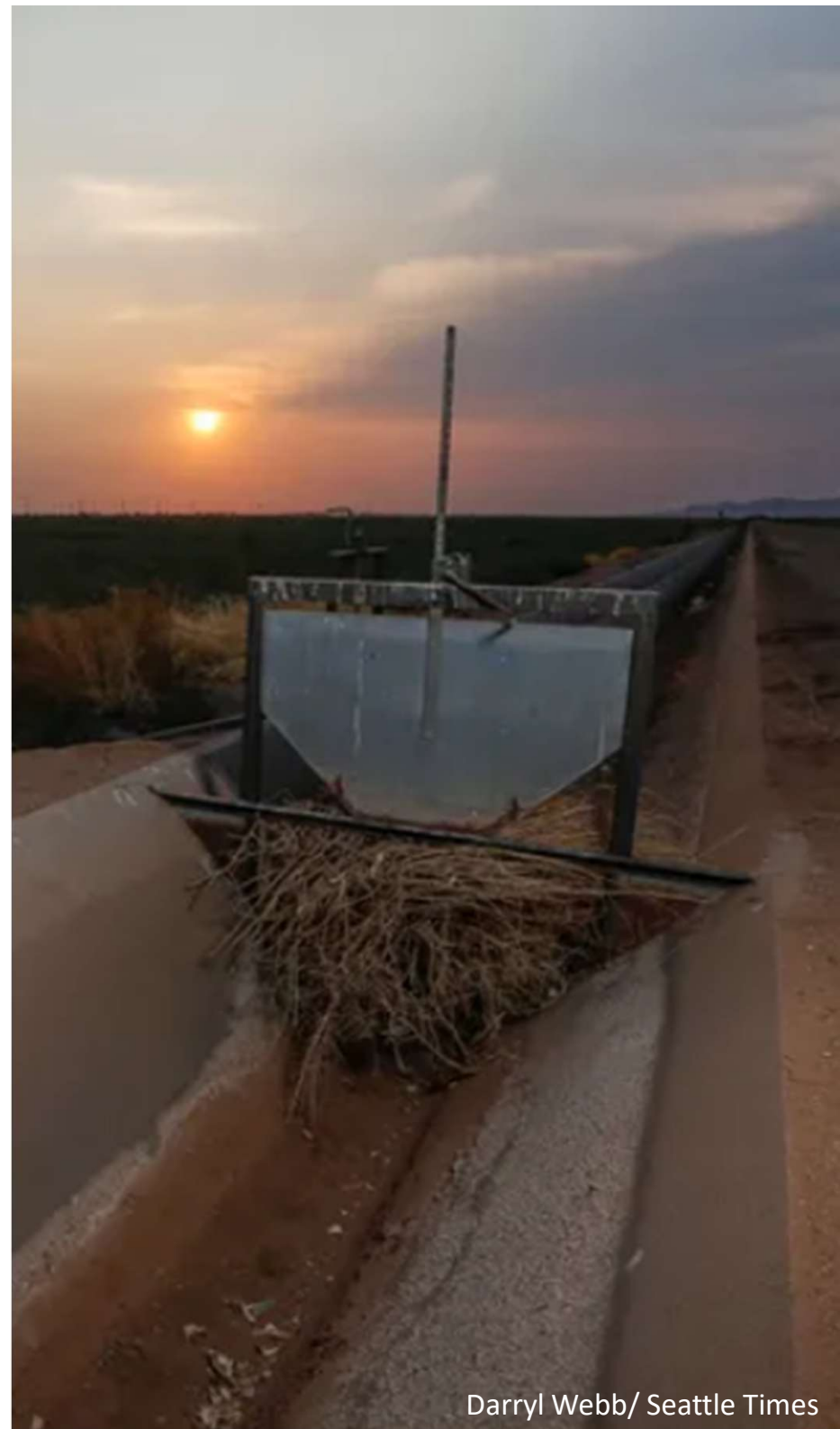
Proposed Actions

Future with Federal Investment

- Federal funds would be used for a variety of projects that could include:
 - Installing groundwater wells
 - Installing pipelines
 - Upgrading headgates
 - Upgrading canal capacity
 - Other irrigation efficiency upgrades

Plan-EA Resource Analysis

- Cultural Resources
- Air Quality
- Land Use
- Socioeconomic Resources
- Soils
- Vegetation
- Groundwater
- Wetlands and Riparian Areas
- Wildlife Resources



We Would Like Your Comments

- Your input helps NRCS make informed decisions
- Your feedback will be included in the Draft Plan-EA



Commenting Suggestions

- Comments must be specific to MSIDD's project
- Resources that should be considered
- Range of alternatives to be included
- NEPA and NRCS requirements



Comment Period Ends June 25, 2025

Opportunities to Submit Formal Comment

- Online: watershedplans.org/maricopa-stanfield-idd
- Email: msidd.comments@fcasolutions.org
- Phone: (541) 716-6085
- Mail:
Natural Resources Conservation Service
Attn: M. Mick Lane, 2000 E Allen Rd Suite #320
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