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Klamath Drainage District Infrastructure Modernization Project

Public Scoping Meeting: January 27, 2022

Meeting Agenda

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Welcome
&
Technology

Part 2

Process
&
Project Overview

Part 3

Question
&
Comment Session



Part 1

Welcome & Technology

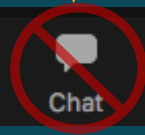


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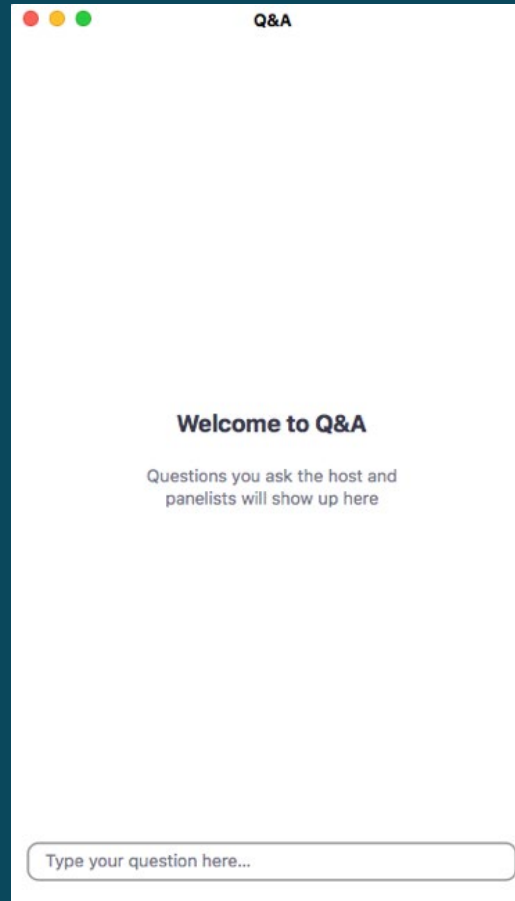
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- Submit questions at any time during the presentation
- Questions will be answered after the presentation by our panelists
- Comments can be submitted tonight or via email, website, mail, or phone – more on that later

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District Welcome



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Part 2

Watershed Planning & Project Overview



Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL-566)

Managed and funded by

US Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

To qualify, irrigation districts must have

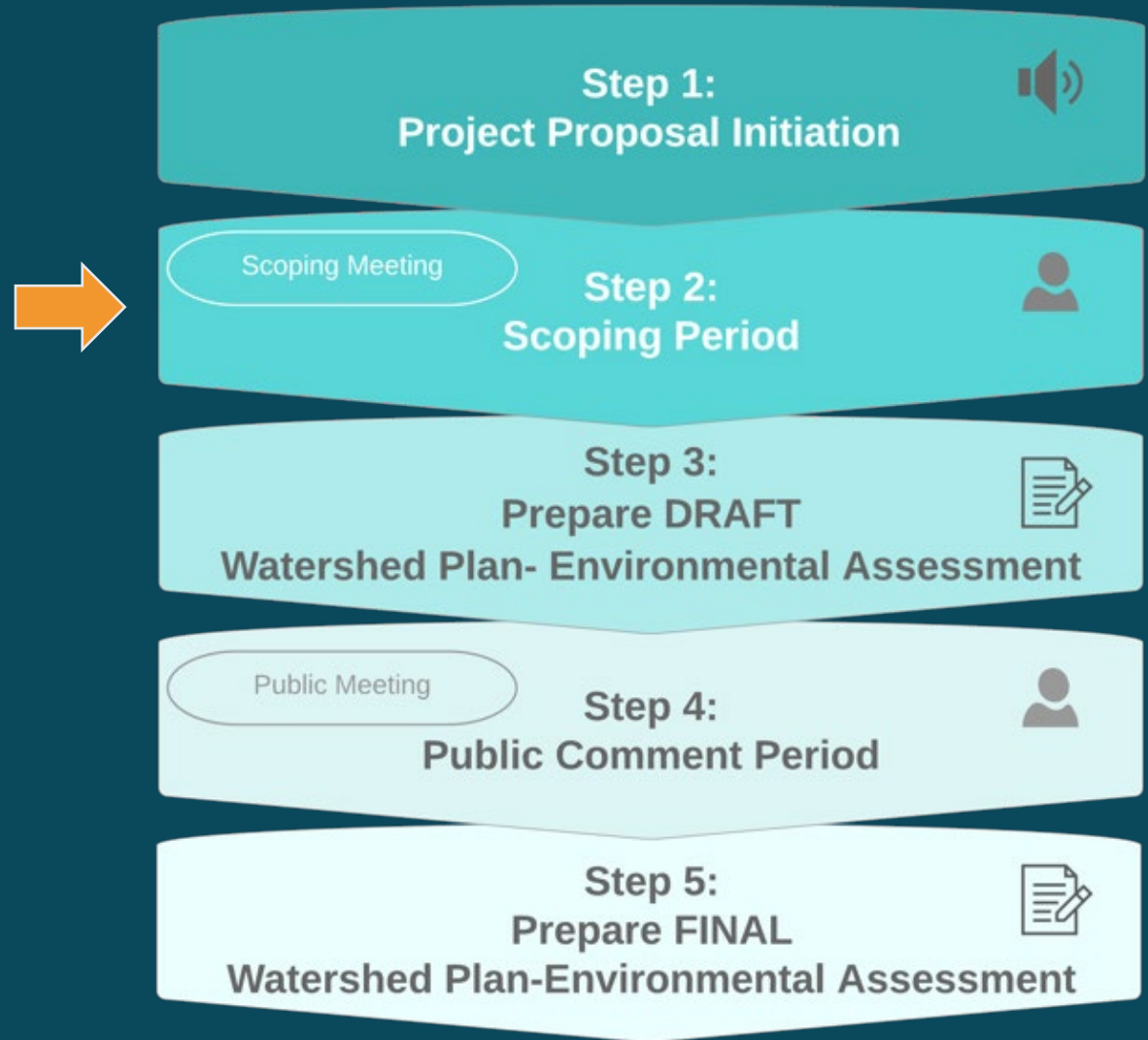
- 1) match funding
- 2) authorized Final Watershed Plan-Environmental Assessment (Plan-EA)



NEPA and PR&Gs

- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)
 - Categorical Exclusions
 - Environmental Assessments
 - Environmental Impact Statements
- Principles, Requirements, and Guidelines for Water and Land Related Resources Implementation Studies (PR&Gs)

Watershed Planning Process



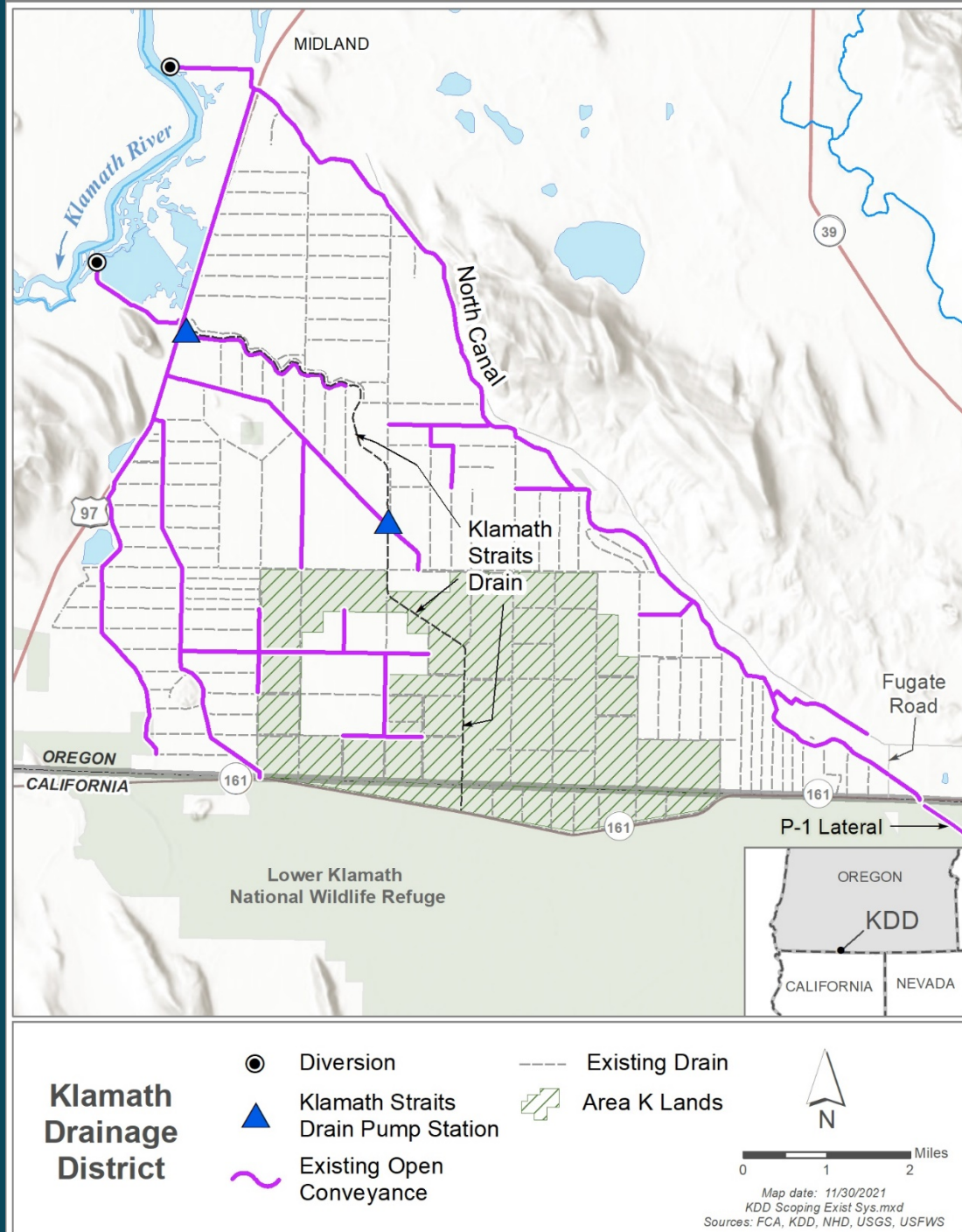
What a Plan-EA Includes

- Purpose & Need
- Proposed Action
- Alternatives
- Affected Resources:
Examples - Cultural, Fish and Aquatic, Vegetation, Water, Wildlife, Ecosystem services
- Economic Analysis



Klamath Drainage District Overview

- Approximately 27,000 acres irrigated
 - 20,000 acres of private farmland
 - 7,000 acres of federally leased lands
 - Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge
- Irrigation season **March-Oct**
- **2** diversions
- **30-mile** irrigation conveyance system
- **220 miles** of drains



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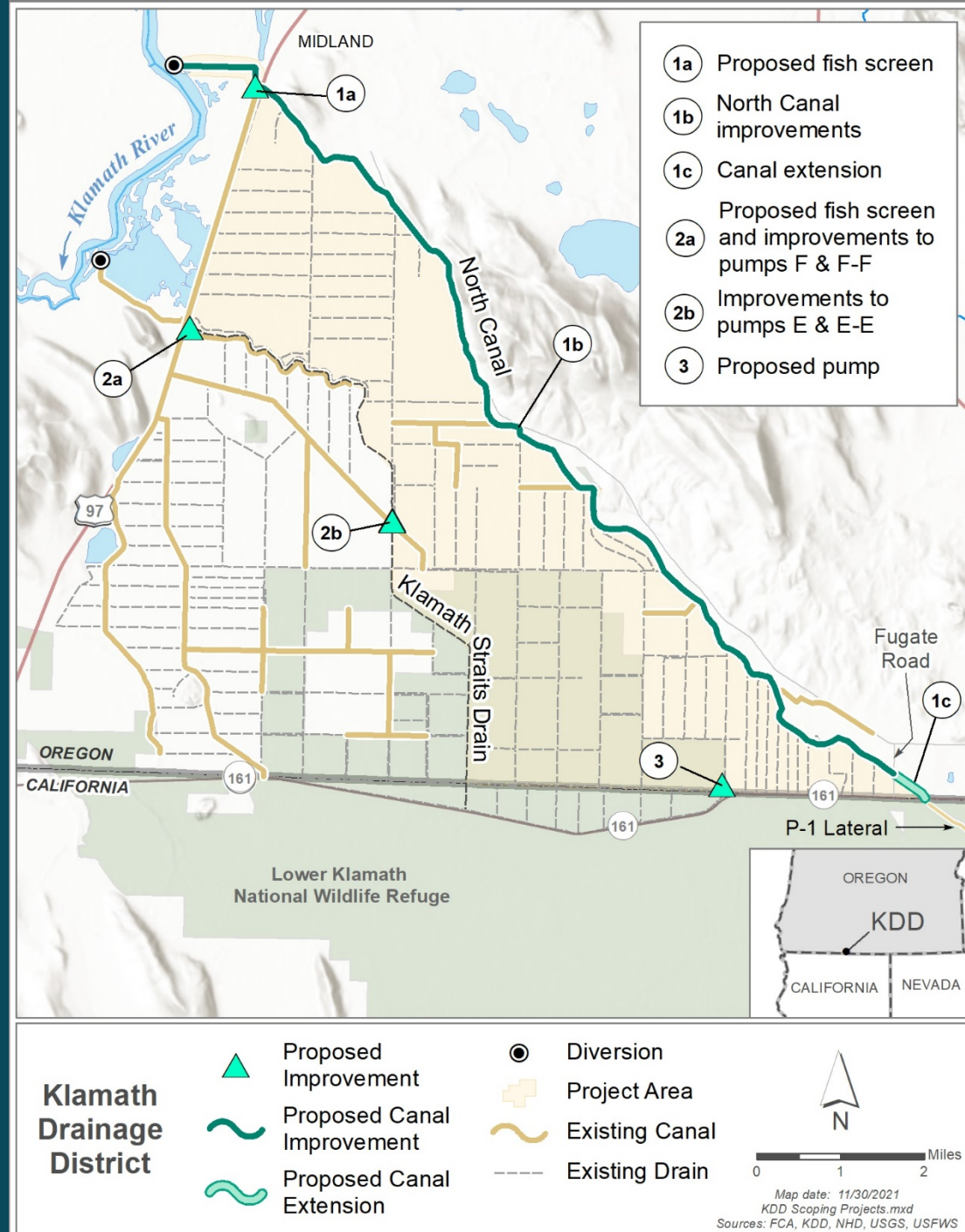
Project Purpose and Need

- Improve District operational efficiency
- Prevent the entrainment of fish in District canals and laterals
- Reduce District operational spills to the Klamath River
- Increase water deliveries to the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge



Potential Proposed Actions

- Install **fish screens**
- **Modify and extend** the North Canal and the P-1 Lateral
- Install a new **District recirculation pump**
- Upgrade the Reclamation **F & FF and E & EE pump stations**
- Install **flow monitoring and control structures**



Project Opportunities

- **Prevent** entrainment of fish and aquatic organisms in District canals and laterals
- **Improve** irrigation water management
- **Increase** water delivery reliability to water users in the District including the Lower Klamath National Wildlife Refuge
- **Reduce** energy use at the E & EE and F & FF pump stations
- **Support** the local economy

Example Questions & Comments

- **Project actions**

Will the construction affect my irrigation deliveries?

- **Alternatives**

What about using groundwater as an alternative to piping?

- **Resources** (cultural, natural, and economic)

I am concerned about wildlife in the area. Will you study the impacts of the project on wildlife?

- **NEPA**

How will my comment be addressed?

- **PR&Gs**

What will the economic analysis include?

Opportunities to Submit Comments

- Submit comments tonight
- Online: oregonwatershedplans.org
- Email: klamathdd.comments@gmail.com
- Phone: (541) 716-6085
- Mail: Attn: Klamath Drainage District Watershed Plan
Farmers Conservation Alliance
102 State St.
Hood River, OR 97031

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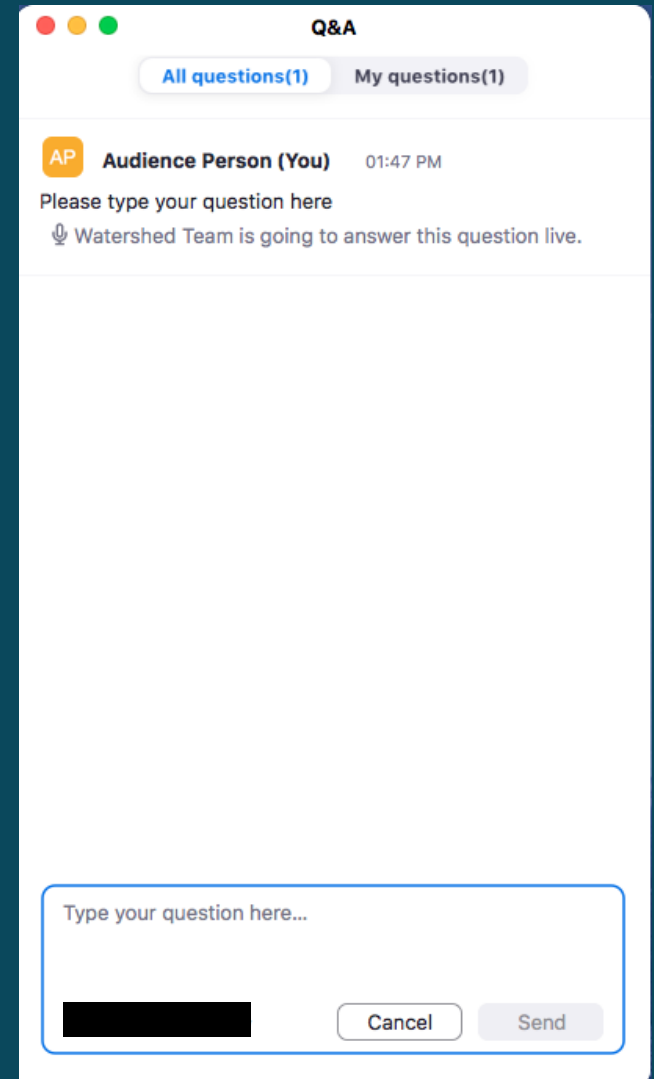
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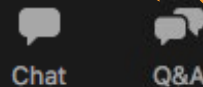


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