



Central Oregon Irrigation District Smith Rock-King Way Infrastructure Modernization Project

Public Comment Meeting: February 3rd, 2020



Meeting Agenda

Part 1:

Watershed Planning
and Project Overview

Part 2:

Public Comment
Breakout Session





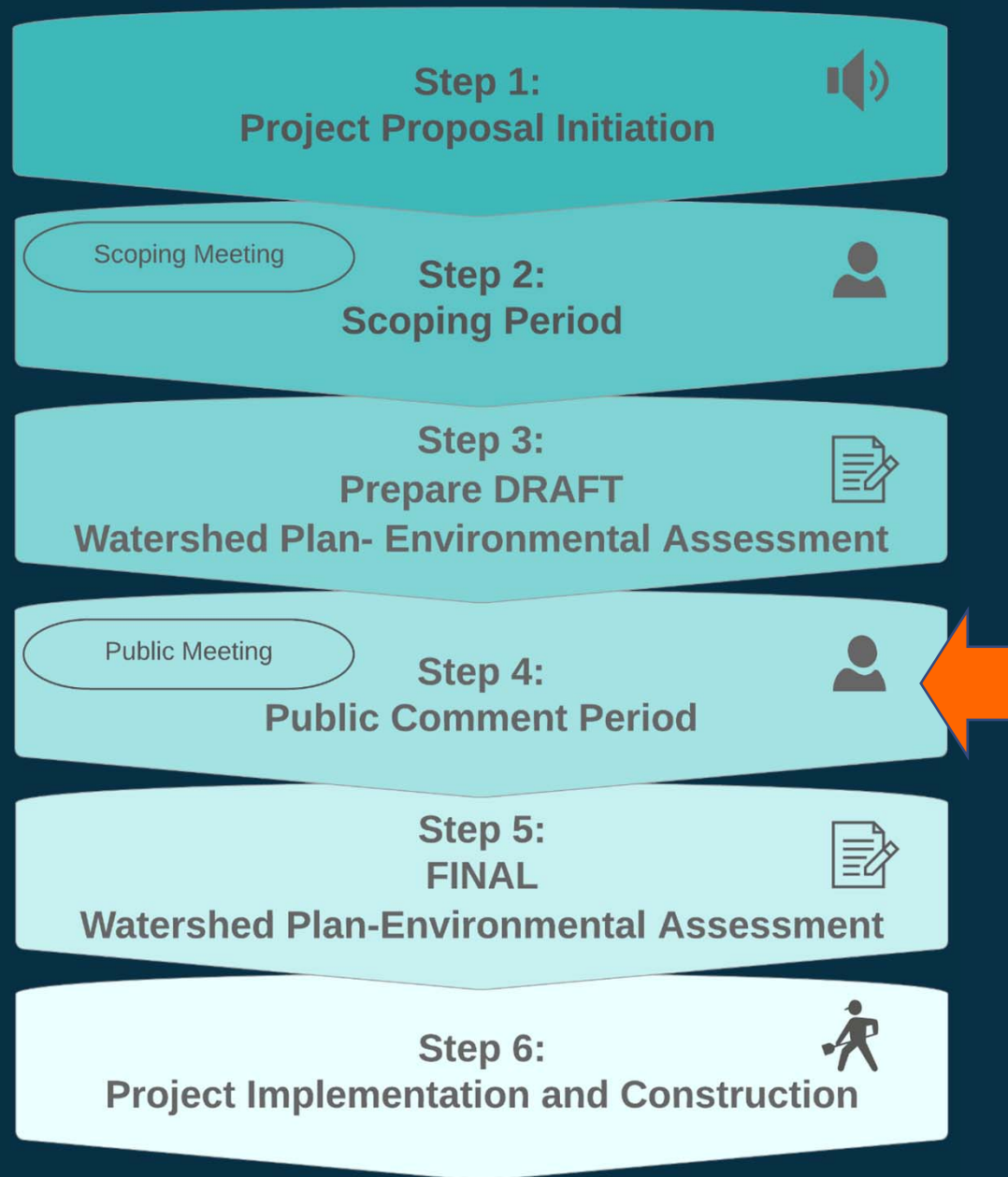
Part 1: Project Overview

Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Program (PL 83-566)

- 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)

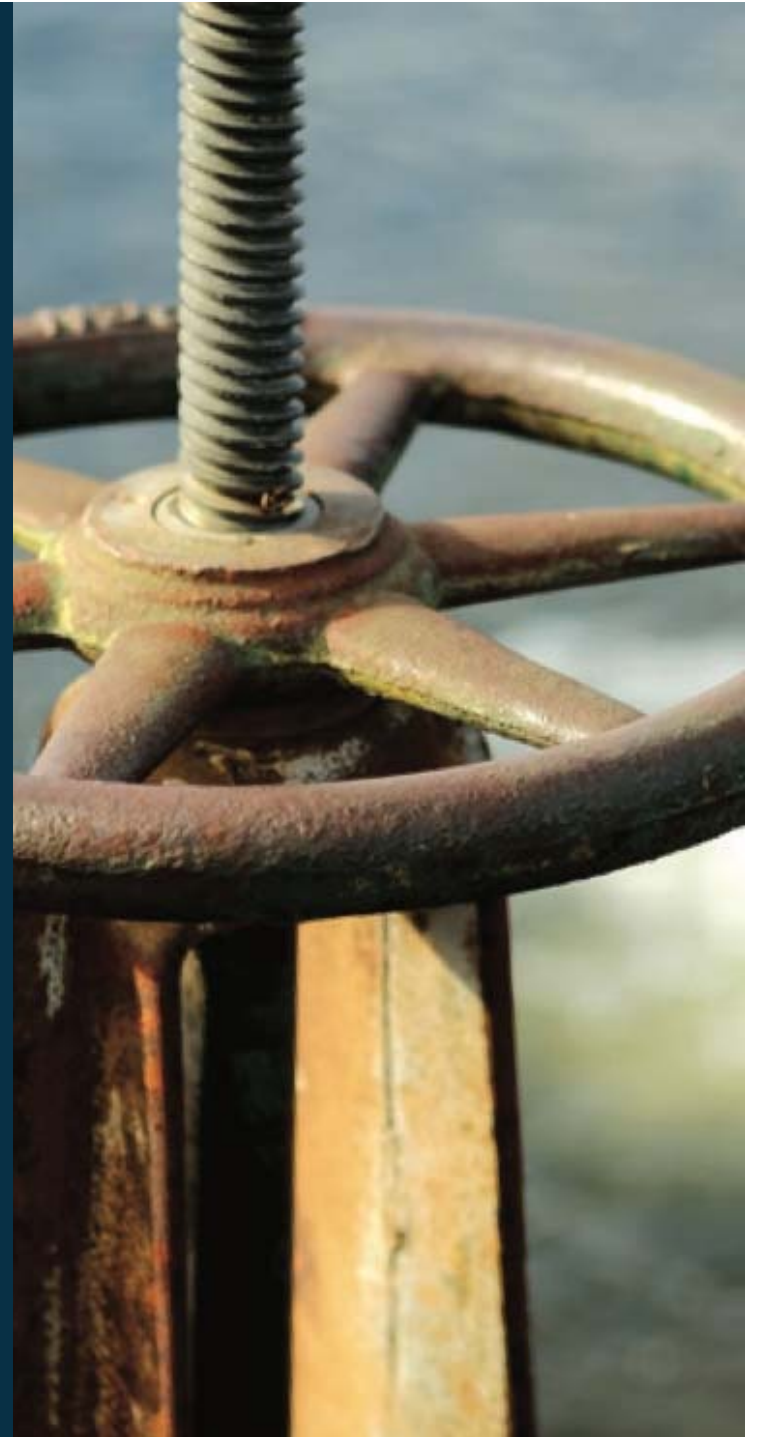


Watershed Planning Process



What a Plan-EA Should Address

- Purpose and need for the project
- Proposed Action
- Proposed Action alternatives
- Proposed Action effects
- Measures to minimize and mitigate impacts
- Economic analysis



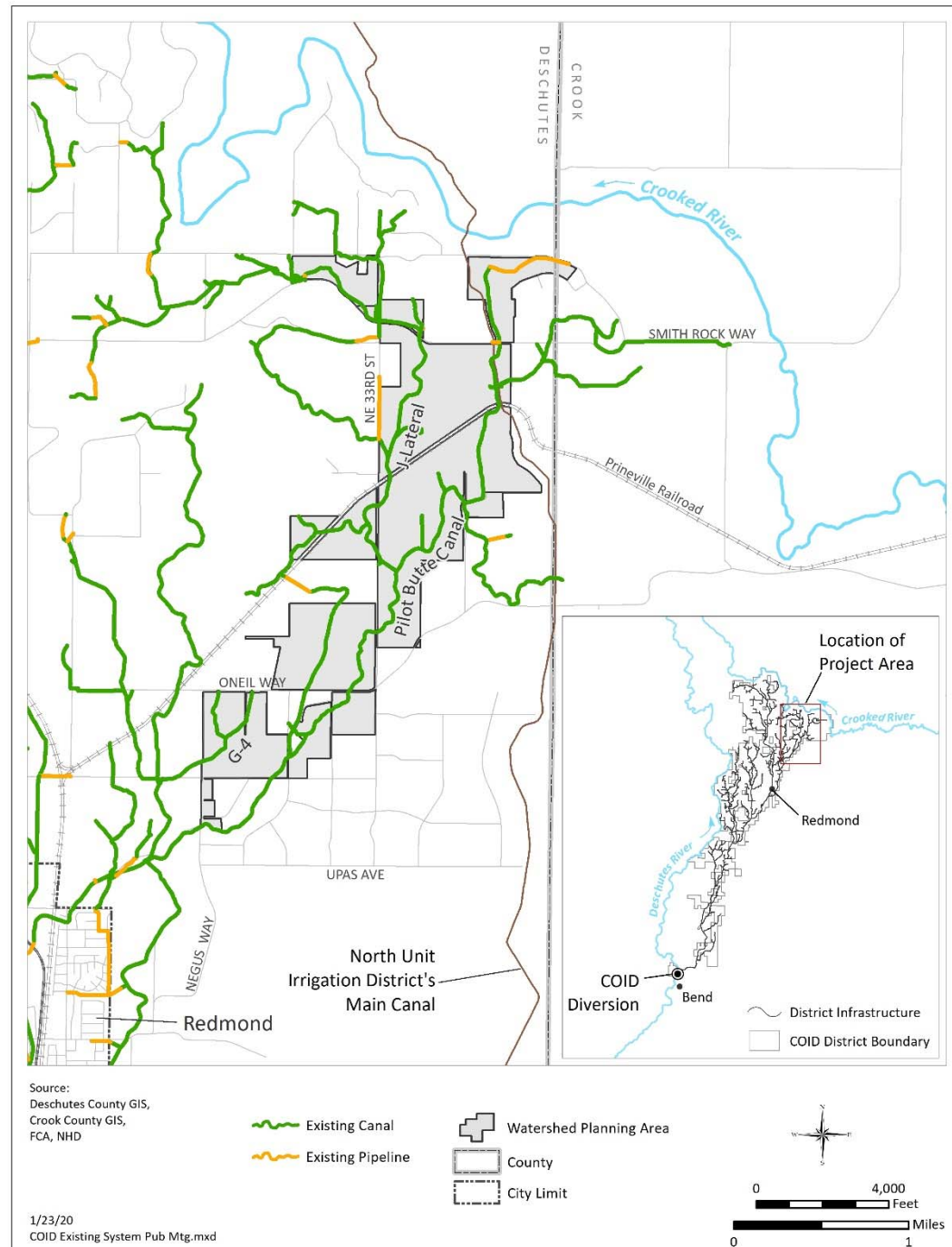
How the Plan-EA is Organized

1. Introduction
2. Purpose and Need
3. Scope of the Plan-EA
4. Affected Environment
- 5. Alternatives**
- 6. Environmental Consequences**
7. Consultation, Coordination, and Public Participation
- 8. Preferred Alternative**
- 9-13. Other Required Sections
14. Appendix



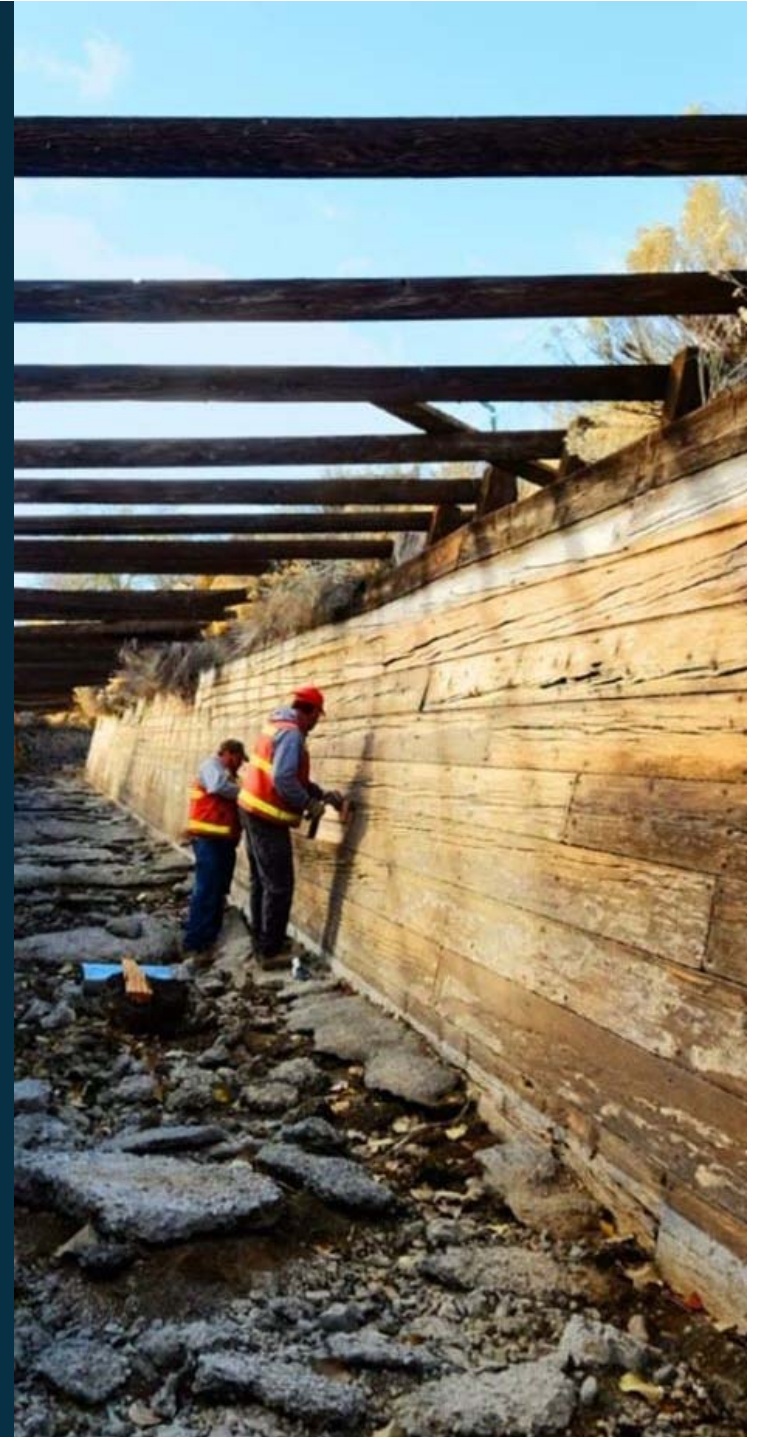
Central Oregon Irrigation District Overview

- **17,300 +** acres irrigated
- **1,800 +** irrigators served
- Irrigation season **April-Oct**
- Approximately **150,000** acre-feet water diverted/ year
- 178-mile Pilot Butte canal and laterals
 - **7.9 miles** Smith Rock-King Way Project Area



Project Purpose and Need

- Improve water conservation in District owned infrastructure
- Improve water delivery reliability
- Reduce public safety risk
- Improve environmental conditions

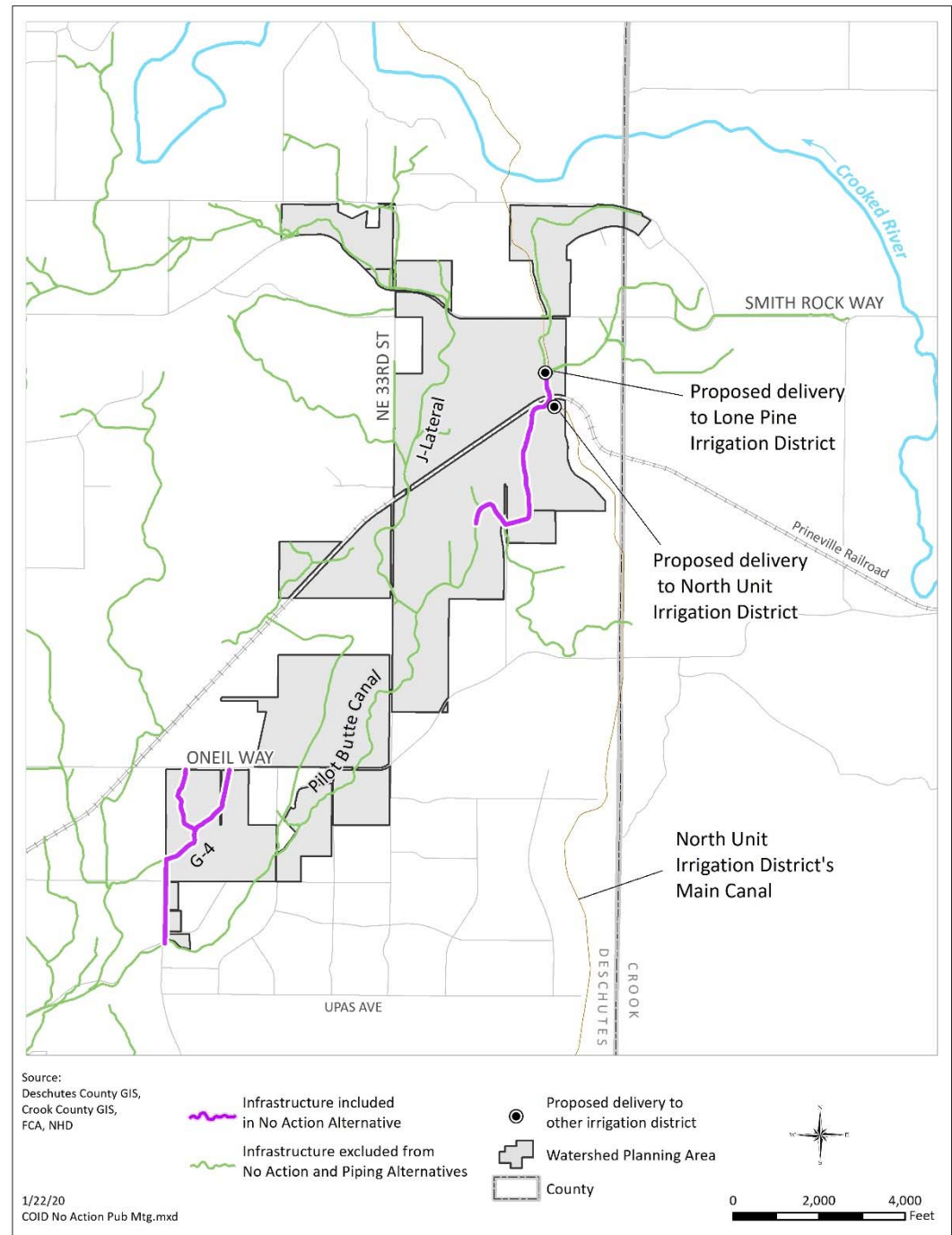


Alternatives

- No Action Alternative
- Piping Alternative

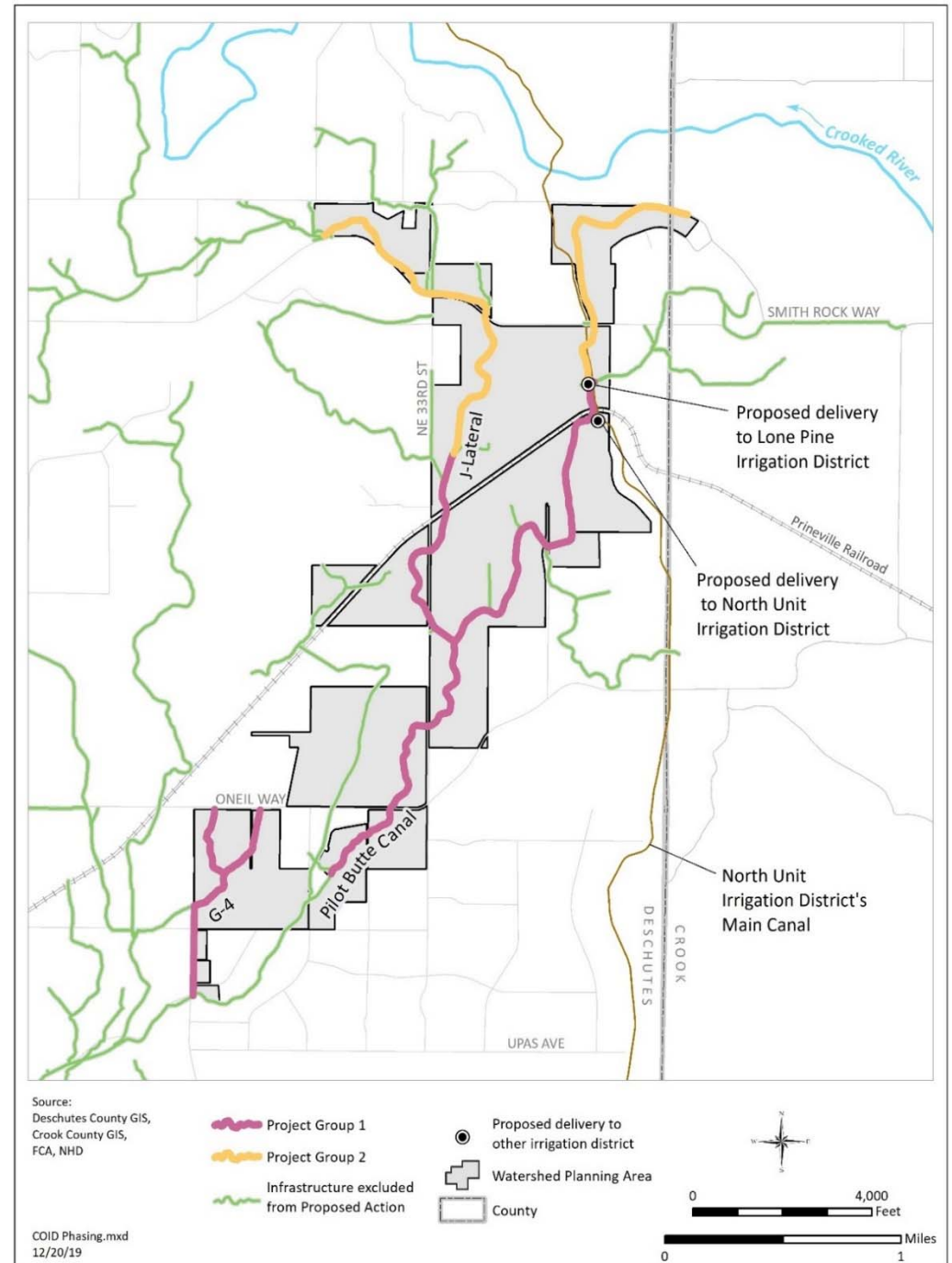
No Action Alternative

- Pipe **2.3 miles** of canals
- Upgrade turnouts
- New delivery point for LPID and NUID
- Save **3.6 cfs** or **1,145 acre-feet**
- 4 years, **\$12,720,000**



Piping Alternative

- Pipe **7.9 miles** of canals
- Upgrade turnouts
- New delivery point for LPID and NUID
- Save **29.4 cfs** or **9,392 acre-feet**
- 4 years, **\$42,306,000**



What this Project would Achieve

- Improved water conservation
- Improved water delivery reliability
- Improved public safety risk
- Water protected instream



Plan-EA Resource Analysis

- Cultural Resources
- Fish and Aquatic Resources
- Land Use
- Public Safety
- Recreation
- Socioeconomic Resources
- Soils
- Vegetation
- Visual Resources
- Water Resources
- Wetlands and Riparian Areas
- Wildlife Resources
- Wild and Scenic Rivers



Part 2: Breakout Session

We Would Like Your Comments

- Your input helps NRCS make informed decisions
- Paper forms are available
- Comments must be specific to COLD's project
- Staff from NRCS and FCA are available to assist
- Your comment will be included in the Final Plan-EA



Commenting Suggestions

- Accuracy, methodology, assumptions, information used for analysis
- Errors and omissions
- Range of alternatives included
- NEPA and NRCS requirements



Comment Period Ends February 18, 2020

Opportunities to Comment

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



Thank you for coming
Please bring your comments to the tables

