

Proposed amendments to BCDC permitting regulations

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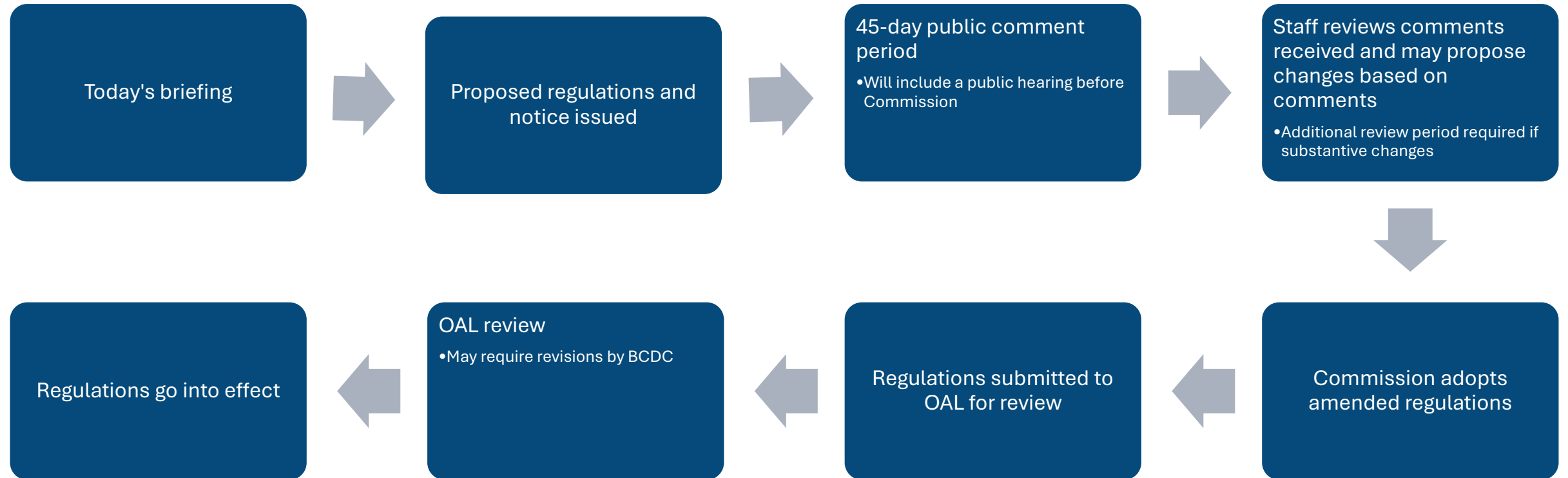
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What are regulations?

- Rules and standards adopted by an agency to implement, interpret, or make specific the laws it administers
- The Commission has adopted a set of regulations that are codified at Title 14, Division 5 of the California Code of Regulations
- The Commission's permitting regulations cover a range of topics including:
 - Major permit procedures
 - Administrative and emergency permits
 - Amendments to permits
 - Regionwide permits and abbreviated regionwide permits
- Regulations are changed through a process called rulemaking

Rulemaking process



Overview of proposed amendments

1. Streamline and improve the regionwide permit program

2. Reduce permitting burdens for straightforward and routine activities

3. Make other targeted updates to clarify and improve permitting regulations

Removed from this package

Expand the use of administrative permits for habitat projects

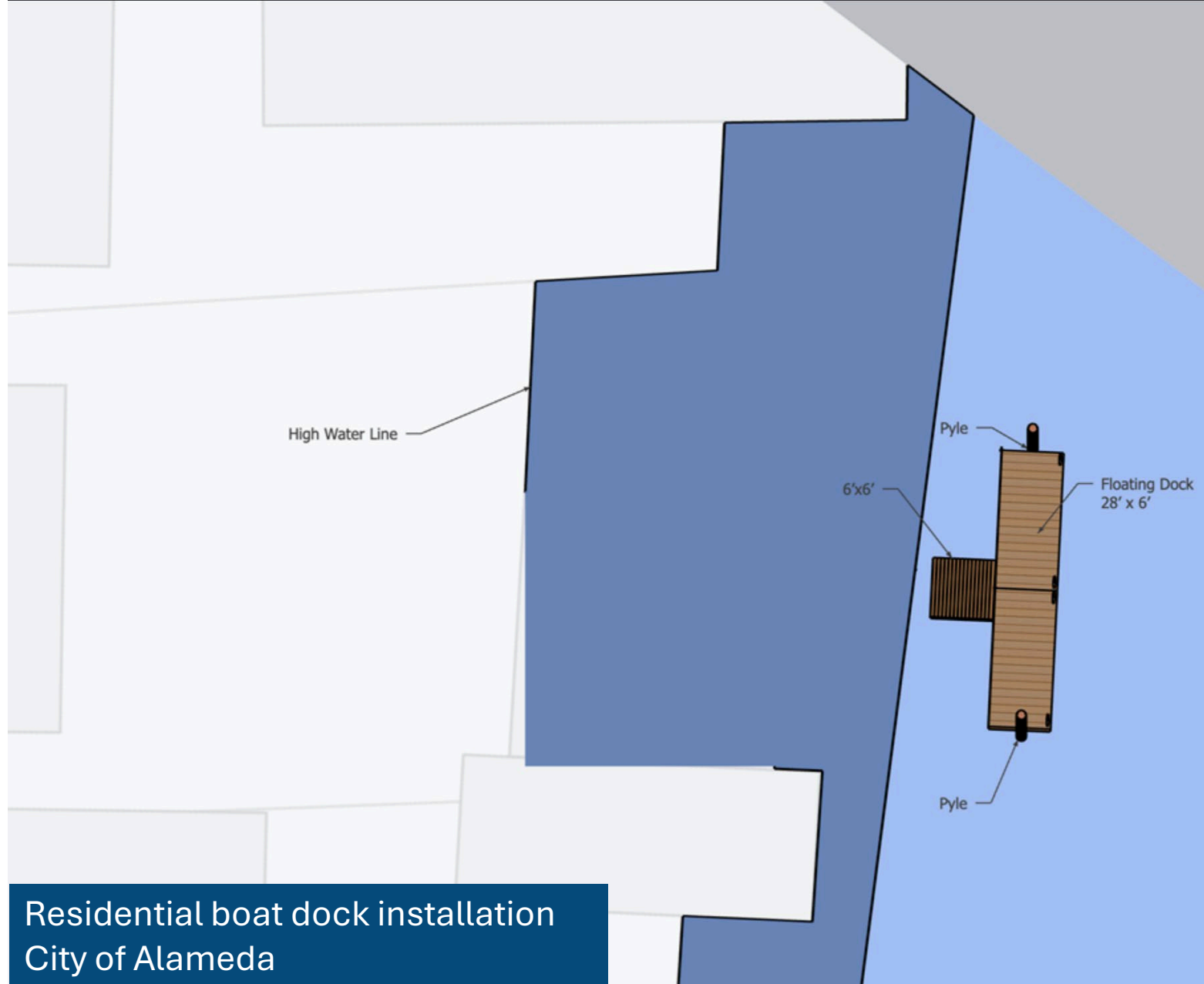
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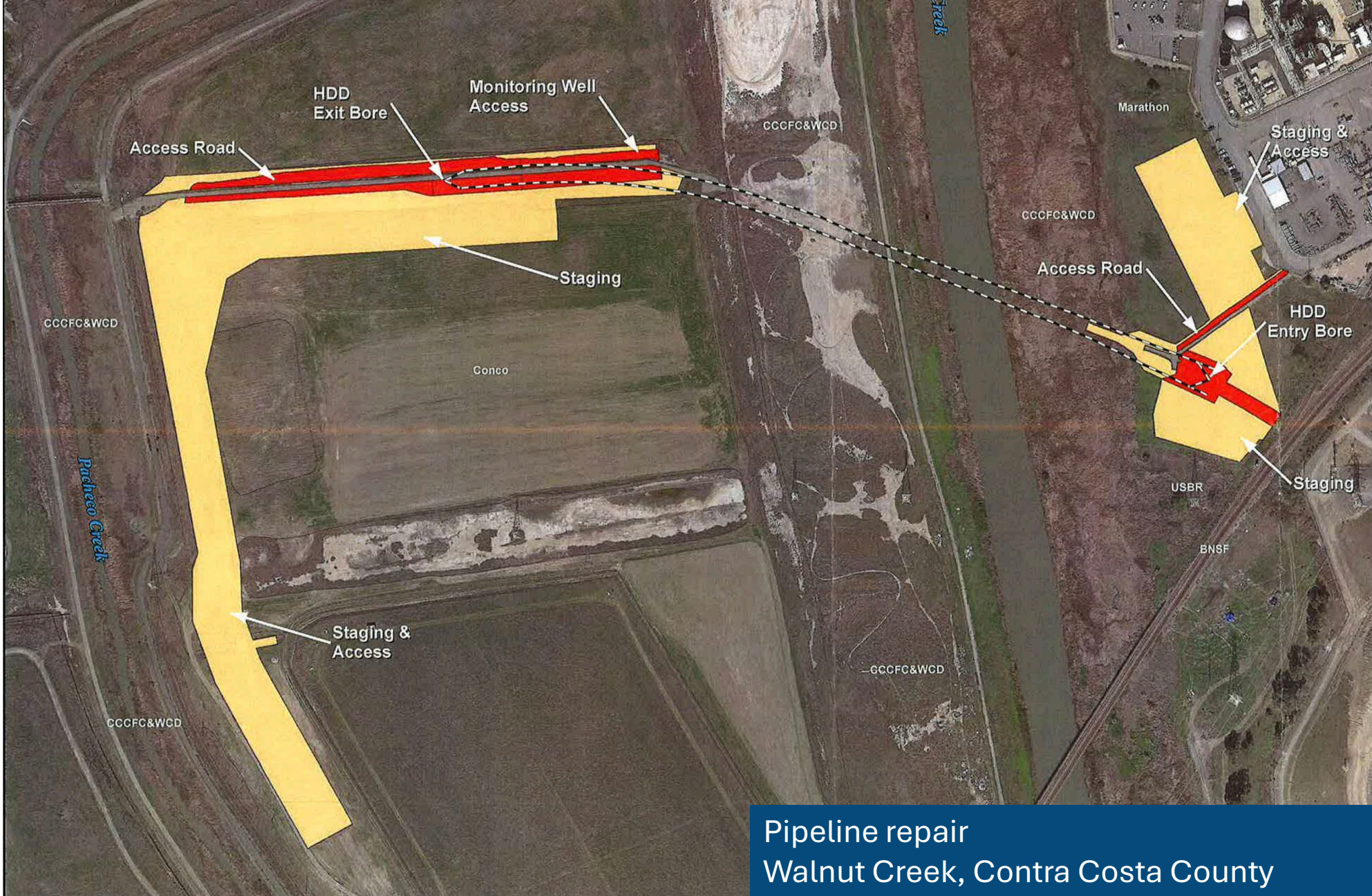


Tide gate replacement
Shoreline Park, City of Mountain View



Residential boat dock repair
City of Vallejo





2 types of regionwide permits

Regionwide permits

For projects the Commission has determined will have “no substantial impacts”

8 active permits

\$200 application fee

Standard BCDC application form

Processing time: 14 days

Abbreviated regionwide permits

For projects the Commission has determined will have “no substantial impacts”

3 active permits

\$200 application fee

Separate shorter application form

Processing time: 7 “working days”

1. Streamline and improve the regionwide permit program

Combine into
single
program

10-day
processing

Pave way for
online
application

Cover Suisun
Marsh

Plain
language

2. Reduce permitting burdens for straightforward and routine activities

De minimis
activities in
shoreline band

No adverse
impacts to public
access or views

Backfilling of
small-diameter
borings

3. Make other targeted updates to clarify and improve permitting rules

Define categories of
BCDC permits

How deadlines are
calculated

Clarify terms

Clarify jurisdiction

Increase noticing
requirements for
certain administrative
actions

Up next: Public comment period

- Publish rulemaking materials on BCDC's website in September
- Comment period runs at least 45-days
- Comments can be made in writing or in person at scheduled Commission meeting