

CEQA Process Flowchart

Responsible Agency

Respond to informal consultation

Respond to Notice of Preparation as to contents of Draft EIR

Comments on adequacy of Draft EIR or MND

Decision making body considers Final EIR or MND prepared by the lead agency

Findings on feasibility of reducing or avoiding significant environmental effects

Decision on project

State Agencies

File Notice of Determination with Office of Planning and Research

Local Agencies

File Notice of Determination with County Clerk

Public Agency determines whether the activity is a 'project'

Project

Public agency determines if the project is exempt

Not exempt

Public agency evaluates project to determine if there is a possibility that the project may have a significant effect on the environment

Statutory or **Categorical Exemption**

Not a Project

No Further action required under CEQA

No possible significant effect

Possible significant effect

Determination of lead agency where more than one public agency is involved

Lead Agency

Lead agency prepares initial study

Lead agency decision to prepare EIR or MND

EIR

Lead agency sends Notice of Preparation to responsible agency

Lead agency prepares Draft EIR

Lead agency files Notice of Completion and gives public notice of availability of **EIR**

Lead agency prepares Final EIR including responses to comments on Draft EIR

Consideration and approval of Final EIR by decision making body

Findings on feasibility of reducing or avoiding significant environmental effects

Decision on project

State Agencies

File Notice of Determination with Office of Planning and Research

approval of MND by decision making body

Negative

Declaration

Lead agency gives

public notice of

availability of MND

Public Review

Period

Consideration and

Local Agencies

File Notice of Determination with County Clerk