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2018 CEQA Statutes and Guidelines

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NEW: 2018 AMENDMENTS AND ADDITIONS TO THE STATE CEQA GUIDELINES

The Natural Resources Agency has finalized updates to the CEQA Guidelines. The final text, final statement of reasons (including comments and responses to comments), and related materials are posted below. The changes have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law and are now in effect.

- [Final Adopted Text \(pdf\)](#)
This document shows proposed changes to the text of the CEQA Guidelines in underline/strikeout format.
- [Final Statement of Reasons \(pdf\)](#)
The Final Statement of Reasons explains the Agency's reasons for adopting these updates, as well as the policy, legal and factual bases for the changes.
- [Exhibit A to the Final Statement of Reasons \(pdf\)](#)
This document contains the summaries of comments received as well as the Agency's responses to those comments.
- [Public Comments](#)
This link contains the comments submitted proposed changes to the CEQA Guidelines, including transcripts of the public hearings.
- [Notice of 15-Day Revisions \(pdf\)](#)
The Notice summarizes the revisions made to the originally proposed text, states the comment deadline and describes how to submit input.
- [15-Day Revisions \(pdf\)](#)
This document shows proposed revisions to the proposed changes to the CEQA Guidelines in double underline/strikeout format.
- [Addendum to Initial Statement of Reasons \(pdf\)](#)
This document contains an addendum to the Initial Statement of Reasons, including additional reference documents.
- [Agenda for Public Hearings \(pdf\)](#)
The Agenda provides the location and time details for the scheduled public hearings, as well as information on format and logistics.
- [Notice of Proposed Rulemaking \(pdf\)](#)
The Notice includes an informative digest explaining the proposed changes, as well as the public notice period, hearings, and how to submit input.
- [Initial Statement of Reasons \(pdf\)](#)
The Initial Statement of Reasons explains why the Agency is proposing these updates, as well as the policy, legal and factual bases for the changes.
- [Proposed Regulatory Text \(pdf\)](#)
This document shows proposed changes to the text of the CEQA Guidelines in underline/strikeout format.
- [Press Release \(pdf\)](#)
- OPR's Proposal and Related Materials: <http://opr.ca.gov/ceqa/updates/guidelines/>
- "Guide to Public Participation in the Regulatory Process," Office of Administrative Law: <https://www.oal.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/sites/28/2017/05/How-2-Participate-102016.pdf>

CONTACT THE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Please note, the Resources Agency does not enforce CEQA, nor does it review for compliance with CEQA the many state and local agency actions which are subject to CEQA. Resources Agency legal staff cannot provide advice to private citizens or other public agencies regarding CEQA compliance or implementation. For further information, see the Frequently Asked Questions link above.

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CONTACT STATE CLEARINGHOUSE IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH

The State Clearinghouse in the Governor's Office of Planning and Research may be able to answer non-legal technical CEQA questions. You can reach the Clearinghouse via e-mail at state_clearinghouse@opr.ca.gov, or by telephone at 916-445-0613.

AB 52 REGULATORY UPDATE

The California Natural Resources Agency has finalized Appendix G for the AB 52, Gatto 2014 regulatory update. Further information and the supporting documentation are here:

- [Transmittal Letter from the Office of Planning and Research](#)
- [Notice of Action](#)
- [Proposed Text](#)
- [Initial Statement of Reasons](#)
- [Form 399](#)
- [Form 399 Attachment](#)
- [Form 400](#)
- [Notice of 15 day change](#)
- [Proposed text for 15 day change](#)
- [Statement of mailing certification](#)
- [AB 52 Public Comment Hearing, April 4, 2016](#)
- **Round One Comments**
 - [City of San Diego Planning Dept.](#)
 - [Tribal historic and Cultural Preservation Dept.](#)
 - [Santa Barbara County Planning and Development Dept.](#)
 - [Metropolitan Water District of Southern California](#)
 - [Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria](#)
 - [Blue Lake Rancheria](#)
 - [San Diego Natural History Museum](#)
 - [San Luis Rey Band of Mission Indians](#)
 - [Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians](#)
 - [Karuk Tribe](#)
 - [Santa Ynez of Chumash Indians](#)
- **Round Two 15-day Comments**
 - [CSU Los Angeles Dept. of Anthropology \(1 of 2\)](#)
 - [CSU Los Angeles Dept. of Anthropology \(2 of 2\)](#)
 - [City of Escondido Planning Division](#)
 - [Jackson Rancheria Band of Miwuk Indians](#)
 - [CA State Association of Counties](#)
 - [Agua Caliente Band of Cahulla Indians](#)
 - [San Joaquin County Public Works-Transportation Engineering Div.](#)
 - [South Coast Air Quality Mgmt District](#)
 - [Pechanga Band of Luiseno Indians](#)
 - [United Auburn Indian Community](#)
 - [Native American Heritage Commission](#)
 - [CA Council for Environmental and Economic Balance](#)
 - [City of San Diego](#)
 - [Proposed Language for Tribal Cultural Resources Update to Appendix G](#)
- [Final Adopted Text](#)
- [Rulemaking Package Submitted to the Office of Administrative Law](#)
- [Office of Administrative Law Endorsed Approval](#)
- [Final approved Appendix G](#)

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