

FACT SHEET AB 987 (KAMLAGER-DOVE)

The Los Angeles Clippers NBA basketball team has expressed a desire to move to the City of Inglewood and construct a state of the art basketball arena adjacent to the new location for the NFL Los Angeles Rams Inglewood football stadium. AB 987 seeks to provide to the new Clippers arena CEQA streamlining relief equivalent to what was granted to the new Sacramento Kings arena and the new Golden State Warriors arena in San Francisco.

Specifically, AB 987 would do the following:

- Provide that the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) conducted for the new Clippers Arena Project would be subject to a limited period of 270 days for judicial review of any challenge to the EIR, similar to the limited review period granted to both the Sacramento Kings arena and the Golden State Warriors arena.
 - To qualify for the limited judicial review period (270 days), the project, as demonstrated in the EIR, would need to meet a variety of environmental safeguard conditions, including
 - The arena must be constructed to meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification.
 - The arena would be required to achieve, through both design and mitigation measures, a reduction in the arena's operational emissions of greenhouse gases of no less than 20 percent, when compared to the arena if it were built in compliance ONLY with applicable building codes, but without additional design and mitigation measures required by this bill.
 - The Environmental Impact Report (EIR) required for the arena would be a FULL and COMPREHENSIVE EIR. Only the methodology used in the EIR would be protected from challenge, provided the greenhouse gas emissions analysis in the EIR concludes that the arena project is consistent with the Southern California Association of Governments 2016 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy AND the analysis includes a discussion of the project's consistency with the target for longer-term emissions for 2050, as contained in Governor's Executive Order No. S-3-05.
 - In order for the methodology used in the EIR's analysis of the environmental impact of vehicle miles traveled to be protected, the analysis would be required to be consistent with the proposed new CEQA Guidelines published on January 26, 2018.
- AB 987 also establishes a prioritization for the arena greenhouse gas mitigation measures to ensure that the local region benefits from the mitigation measures. That priority is in the following order:
 - On-site greenhouse gas reductions
 - Off-site LOCAL greenhouse gas reductions
 - Use of off-site carbon credits
- AB 987 also requires specific notice to the community and public that the EIR qualifies for expedited judicial review.