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## Environmental Package (Planning)

Detailed information, including statutes and guidelines on the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), can be obtained at <http://resources.ca.gov/ceqa/>. A CEQA Process Flowchart that shows interaction points between lead and responsible agencies can be found at

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/grants\\_loans/docs/environmental\\_review/ceqa\\_process\\_flow\\_chart.pdf](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/grants_loans/docs/environmental_review/ceqa_process_flow_chart.pdf).

**Applicant (Entity) Name** – Enter the entity that will be the legal signatory to a financing agreement.

**Project Title** – Enter the title of the project.

**Project Number** – Enter the assigned DWSRF project number.

**Contact Person and Phone** – Enter the name and phone number of the day-to-day contact for the project. This person should be able to answer general questions about the project and application.

### I. CEQA Status

1. Indicate if a CEQA document has been completed which identifies any portion of the planning project.

If yes, submit the document name, lead agency approval date, and State Clearinghouse Number. Also attach a copy of the final document and the Notice of Exemption/Determination (**Attachment E1**).

2. Indicate if a CEQA lead agency has been identified for the planning project. (If the applicant is a **public agency**, then they are their own CEQA lead agency and must file a Notice of Exemption stating the water system will be utilizing Drinking Water State Revolving Funds to conduct a planning study.)

If yes, list the CEQA lead agency and attach a copy of the Notice of Exemption that was filed at OPR and the County (**Attachment E1**).

Exemptions are described as:

- **Statutory** – no ground disturbing activities  
Feasibility and Planning Studies (Cal. Code Regs, title 14, article 18, section 15262)
- **Categorical – project** includes pilot studies, test wells, grading boreholes, etc.  
Class 6, Information Collection (Cal. Code Regs, title 14, article 19, section 15306)

## II. General Information

1. Describe any grading, excavation, pilot wells, or other ground-breaking activities that may be a part of the planning project. Include a parcel or project schematic map (**Attachment E2**).
2. List and describe any other related permits and/or other public approvals required including those requiring local or state approvals.
3. Indicate if the project is located in any of the designated areas listed.
4. Indicate if the project involves any of the listed unusual circumstances. For “yes” answers, discuss the possibility of significant environmental impact resulting from the unusual circumstance. Use attachments if necessary (**Attachment E3**).

### Attachment Checklist

- ✓ E1 – CEQA Document (if applicable)
- ✓ E2 – Parcel or Project Schematic Map
- ✓ E3 – Unusual Circumstances (if applicable)

## Environmental Planning Application

**Applicant (Entity) Name:**

**Project Title:**

**Project Number:**

**Contact Person:**

**Phone:**

### I. California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Status

1. Has a CEQA document been completed which identifies any portion of the planning project?

**NOTE: All funded projects must be circulated at the Office of Planning and Research, State Clearinghouse (OPR)**

- Yes - Document name:  
Lead agency approval date:  
State Clearinghouse Number:

**Attach a copy of the Notice of Exemption (label as Attachment E1).**

- No

2. Has a CEQA lead agency been identified for the planning project?

**Note: If the applicant is a public agency, then they are their own CEQA lead agency and must file a Notice of Exemption stating the water system will be utilizing State Revolving Funds to conduct a planning study.**

Yes - CEQA lead agency:

Attach a copy of the Notice of Exemption that was filed at OPR and the County (label as Attachment E1).

The following exemptions can be applied to planning / feasibility studies:

- Statutory Exemption (no ground disturbing activities)  
Feasibility and Planning Studies (Cal. Code Regs, title 14, article 18, section 15262)
- Categorical Exemption (if project includes pilot studies, test wells, grading, boreholes, etc.)  
Class 6, Information Collection (Cal. Code Regs, title 14, article 19, section 15306)

NOTE: This exemption class may need further evaluation if the planning project is located in an area where the project could result in impacts to an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern.

No - For private, mutual and investor-owned utilities, the State Water Board may be the CEQA Lead Agency and will file a Notice of Exemption to conduct a planning study.

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2. List and describe any other related permits and/or other public approvals required including those requiring local or state approvals.

3. Is the project located in an area designated as:

- |    | <b>Yes</b>               | <b>No</b>                |   |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Critical habitat for special status species                           |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Critical habitat for an endangered species                            |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Unique habitat ( <i>e.g., wildlife refuge, deer wintering range</i> ) |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Important farmland  |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wetlands  |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Wild and scenic rivers  |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Officially designated scenic area                                     |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Archeological sites   |
| i. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Floodplains   |
| j. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Hazardous Waste and Substances Site                                   |

Explain:

4. Unusual Circumstances: Evaluate the following elements to determine if there are any unusual circumstances. For any "Yes" answers discuss the possibility of significant environmental impact resulting from the unusual circumstance. Use attachments if necessary, or reference any attached documents (label as **Attachment E3**).

- |    | Yes                      | No                       |   |
|----|--------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| a. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | In an area of undisturbed, unique, or high-quality habitat  |
| b. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On or adjacent to wildlife migration routes   |
| c. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | In an area of unique recreational facilities or resources   |
| d. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On or adjacent to a unique stream or water body   |
| e. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves removal of mature, scenic trees  |
| f. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves grading in a waterway or wetland   |
| g. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves a substantial alteration of ground contours  |
| h. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves new or increased use of a critically depleted groundwater basin or groundwater basin subject to salinity intrusion |
| i. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | In an area with important mineral resources   |
| j. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves production of significant amounts of solid wastes or litter  |
| k. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial new or increased emission of dust, ash, smoke, fumes, odors, or other pollutants                       |
| l. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial change in noise or vibration levels in vicinity (beyond the property line)                             |
| m. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | In an area of sensitive noise receptors   |
| n. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On slopes of 10 percent or more or on highly erodible soil  |
| o. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | In an officially mapped area of severe geologic hazard  |
| p. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves new or increased use or disposal of hazardous materials, flammables, or explosives                                 |
| q. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial change in demand for municipal services  |
| r. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves traffic impacts in an area with traffic problems   |
| s. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | Involves substantial increase in fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.)                                     |
| t. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | On United States Forest Service land  |

Explain:

### Attachment Checklist

Check the box next to each item attached to your application.

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- E3 – Unusual Circumstances (if applicable)