

CEQA For Chollas, Paleta & Switzer Creek Toxicity TMDLs

CEQA Scoping Meeting

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California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Purpose of CEQA?

- Develop and maintain a high quality environment now and in the future
 - Identify potential environmental impacts
 - Avoid where possible
 - Mitigate where possible
- Ensure public disclosure & participation

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When does CEQA apply?

- CEQA applies to “projects” proposed to be undertaken or requiring approval by State and local government agencies
- “Projects” are activities which have the potential to have a physical impact on the environment

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Basin Planning is a CEQA Project

- Certified regulatory program exempt from requirements of CEQA for preparation of Initial Study and EIR or Negative Declaration [14 CCR §15251(g)]
- State Board CEQA implementation regulations require: technical report, initial draft of Basin Plan amendment, CEQA checklist [23 CCR §3776]

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CEQA Scope for TMDL Project

- Identify potential environmental impacts
 - BMPs: Structural & Non-structural
- Identify measures to mitigate these impacts
- Identify alternatives for achieving compliance with TMDL

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CEQA Checklist:

- Draft CEQA Scoping Meeting Checklist
 - Aesthetics
 - Air Quality
 - Biological Resources
 - Hydrology and Water Quality
 - Noise
 - Utilities and Service Systems
- Review and submit comments (fax, e-mail, mail)

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