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CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

It is the intent of the Board of Education to meet all CEQA responsibilities in a responsible manner and regulate applicable projects so that major consideration is given to preserving the environment. To meet its CEQA responsibilities for applicable projects, the District will assess the scope of each new project and either assume "lead agency" responsibilities or cooperate with a designated "lead agency."

When the District assumes the "lead agency" role, the District will utilize the State CEQA guidelines. Each new project will be reviewed to identify any significant effects of the project on the environment. If a significant effect(s) is identified, the District will attempt to implement mitigations which will avoid or substantially lessen such significant effect(s). In the event that economic, social or other conditions make it infeasible to mitigate one or more significant effect(s) of a project, such project may nonetheless be approved by the District if the benefits of the project outweigh the project's significant effect(s).

The Board will appoint a District representative to serve as the District's CEQA Officer.

SELECTED STATUTORY REFERENCES

Public Resources Code §21000 et seq. - California Environmental Quality Act

California Administrative Code, Title 14 (CEQA Guidelines) §I5000 et seq. - California Environmental Quality Act of 1970