

SITE DEVELOPMENT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The following procedures, objectives and criteria are adopted in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA), the Guidelines adopted as regulations by the Secretary of the Resources Agency in Section 15000 et seq., Title 14, California Administrative Code, (Guidelines) and the regulations of the State Allocation Board in Sections 1801 and 1850 of Title 2, California Administrative Code. These procedures shall implement the provisions of the Act, the Guidelines and the regulations of the State Allocation Board.

DEFINITIONS

1. The words and phrases used in these rules shall have the same meaning as used in CEQA and the Guidelines.
2. "Officer" means the California Environmental Quality Act officer appointed by the District.
3. District means the Board of Trustees of the San Dieguito Union High School District.

ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Whenever the District proposes directly to undertake an activity resulting in a physical impact upon the environment, the officer shall prepare a project environmental assessment of the form approved by the District. No such activity shall be carried out until the procedures required by these rules have been completed. However, the provisions of these rules shall not apply to:

1. Any project categorically exempt under the Guidelines or anything specifically exempted by state law;
2. Any ministerial project of the District;
3. Proposals for legislation to be enacted by the State Legislature;
4. Continuing administrative or maintenance activities, including but not limited to, purchases of supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making, feasibility for planning studies;
5. Any submittal of proposals to vote of the people of the District or a particular community;
6. Any project undertaken, carried out, or approved by the District to maintain, repair, restore, demolish or replace property of facilities damaged or destroyed as a result of a disaster in a disaster stricken area in which a state of emergency has been proclaimed by the Governor pursuant to Section 8550 et seq. of the Government Code.
7. Emergency repairs to public service facilities necessary to maintain service.

EVALUATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

1. Based upon the environmental assessment, the officer shall prepare or cause to be prepared an environmental evaluations report for the District. The report shall state either:
 - a. That the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and that a Negative Declaration has been filed; or
 - b. That the project may have a significant effect on the environment and that an environmental impact is required; or
 - c. That the provisions of CEQA have previously been complied with respect to the project and there has been no change in either the project as originally reviewed or the circumstances under which the project is to be undertaken.
2. If the officer determines that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment, he shall immediately prepare and file a Negative Declaration with the County Clerk.
3. The District shall not authorize a project sooner than 15 days following receipt from the officer of his evaluation report stating that the project is exempt from the provisions of CEQA or that the project will not have a significant effect upon the environment.

PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT

1. Whenever it is determined that a project may have a significant effect upon the environment, the District shall prepare, or cause to be prepared, an environmental impact report which shall be considered as part of the record for authorization of the project. The draft environmental impact report shall be in the form and content specified in Sections 15141-15145, Title 14, California Administrative Code.

Upon completion of a draft environmental impact report the officer shall prepare and file a Notice of Completion of the draft environmental impact report with the Secretary for Resources.
2. After filing the Notice of Completion of a draft environmental report the officer shall consult with and obtain the comments of other public agencies having jurisdiction by law with respect to the project and may consult with any person possessed of expertise concerning the environmental effects of the project.
3. Written comments from public agencies, organizations, or individuals consulted by the officer, and any written comments from the public, received within 30 days of the filing of the Notice of Completion, shall be evaluated as part of the final environmental impact report. Comments received after the 30-day period need not be evaluated as a part of the final environmental impact report but may be forwarded along with the final environmental impact report to the District.
4. Except where required to be held by state law, a public hearing may be held for the purpose of obtaining additional information for use in completing the final environmental impact report

when, in the opinion of the District, it will facilitate the purposes and goals of CEQA and the Guidelines. The hearing will be held within 30 days after the close of the 30-day written comment period. Notice of the hearing shall be published once in a newspaper at least 10 days prior to the hearing.

The hearing will be conducted by the District at the time and place specified in the notice.

Comments received at the public hearing shall be evaluated as a part of the final environmental impact report.

5. Upon completion of the final environmental impact report in the form and content specified by Section 15146, Title 14, California Administrative Code, the officer shall forward the report to the Board of Trustees.
6. The District shall adopt the final environmental impact report and consider the contents of the report when it makes a decision as to approval or disapproval of the project.

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

A Notice of Determination, in the form approved by the District shall be filed with the County Clerk following the decision on a project for which either a Negative Declaration or an environmental impact report was prepared. The Notice shall be prepared and filed by the officer.

Public Inspection

All reports or documents prepared or filed pursuant to these rules shall be available for public inspection in the District Office. Copies may be purchased at District cost.