

Survey: Are you
interested in
learning more
about CEQA?

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Introduction

- CARB is planning to send out a survey to see if there is community interest in learning more about how to engage in the CEQA process for projects impacting the Stockton community.
- Attorney Winter King will explain what CEQA is and how it can be a powerful tool for communities impacted by development.
- Following this meeting, CARB will email the survey. Please share it with any community members you think might be interested in learning more.

What is CEQA?

- “California Environmental Quality Act”
 - California’s main environmental protection law
 - Requires public agencies to disclose and mitigate the environmental impacts of all “projects” they approve or undertake
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- “Projects” include public projects and private projects that need government approval
 - E.g., expanding highways, updating General Plan, approving use permits or subdivisions
 - “Environmental impacts” include impacts to health
 - E.g., increased air pollution, noise, light

Community Involvement in CEQA

- Anyone can submit comments on a CEQA document.
- You can ask for additional studies, identify missing information, or request additional mitigation.
- You can also suggest alternatives to the project that will have lesser impacts.
- If the public agency does not fix the problems you have identified, you can sue to make sure the agency complies with the law.

Example: SCIG Project (Port of Los Angeles)

- Proposed new railyard across the highway from residential community (West Long Beach)
- Community already severely impacted by Port operations (e.g., high rates of asthma, poor air quality).
- Community groups, environmental organizations, and other public agencies banded together to oppose.
- Court ordered Port of LA to overturn approval.



Example: World Logistics Center

- City approved giant warehouse facility, with 40.6 million square feet of warehouse space in an area having some of the state's worst concentrations of ozone and particulate matter, traffic density, and diesel truck pollution. Residents of the area experience high rates of asthma, as well as other respiratory health conditions.
- Community members and other public agencies objected.
- “To bring this much additional traffic without any mitigation to an area with some of the worst air pollution is criminal.” –director of the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice.
- Groups sued and eventually reached a settlement agreement with the City that provided nearly \$50 million in additional mitigation and other commitments to protect the community.



CEQA Survey

- CARB will be sending a survey soon to see if there's interest in optional workshops on how to participate in the CEQA process.
- Please forward to other members of the community who may be interested.



Questions?

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