CEQA CONFORMANCE CHECKLIST



LOS ANGELES COUNTY PUBLIC WORKS SAFE, CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

SAFE CLEAN WATER

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The Board of Supervisors has found that the Eligible Activities (as described in Enclosure A.1 – Grant Eligibility Criteria) are exempt from CEQA pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) and sections 15304, 15306, 15309, 15311, 15322, and 15323 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Classes 4, 6, 9, 11, 22, and 23 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, as described herein, provided that none of the applicable exceptions to the exemptions described in section 15300.2 of State CEQA Guidelines (i.e., the activity must not be in a sensitive location, cause cumulative impacts, or result in any unusual circumstances, damage to scenic highways, listing on hazardous waste site lists compiled pursuant to Government Code section 65962.5, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significant of a historical resource) apply.

The grant administrator shall use this form as a tool to determine whether an activity proposed for the grant funding conforms to the Board's CEQA findings. Proposed activities that do not fall under one of the categorical exemptions listed below or which are excepted from all applicable categorical exemptions pursuant to section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines will not be eligible for the funding under the Grants Program.

This form shall be kept with the grant applicant's project files.

A. GRANT APPLICANT CONTACT INFORMATION		
GRANT APPLICANT NAME		
COMPANY/AGENCY/ORGANIZATION		
EMAIL ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBER	
B. PROJECT/ACTIVITY INFORMATION – Attach additional sheets, if necessary		
PROJECT/ACTIVITY TITLE		
PROJECT/ACTIVITY BACKGROUND - PURPOSE		
SCOPE OF WORK		
PROJECT LOCATION (ADDRESS/CITY, IF APPLICA	BLE)	

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CEQA CONFORMANCE CHECKLIST C. PROJECT/ACTIVITY CONFORMANCE WITH ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA The abovementioned activity is exempt from CEQA because of the following (select all that apply): ☐ SECTION 15061 (b)(3) The activity falls is exempt from CEQA because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity may have a significant effect on the environment: Site visits and tours to public spaces such as parks, local waterbodies (e.g., beaches, lakes), museums, already constructed water quality facilities and similar locations; collaboratives, trainings, convenings, water academies and/or leadership training for public citizens, NGOs and CBOs, or cohorts; community meetings or events at existing farmer's markets or fairs, beach cleanup events, celebrations around project openings, recreation centers, community buildings, schools, libraries, or other existing facilities suited for gatherings; project-specific community outreach; community needs assessments; community-led project concept development which convenes members for an opportunity to assess and prioritize potential project sites and conceptual option (but no projects would be approved or constructed as part of the development process); and/or development of SCWP educational curriculum and/or project specific community outreach through handouts, posters, PowerPoint presentations, maps, videos, radio, podcasts, or social media posts. ☐ SECTION 15304 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 4 EXEMPTION – MINOR ALTERATIONS TO LAND The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15304 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 4 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G for any minor private or public alterations in the condition of land, water, or vegetation, or temporary uses of land having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment: Site visits and tours, community meetings and events, and/or community science initiatives which could include support for environmental monitoring. To be eligible for funding under the Grant Program, activities involving minor alterations to land must be done in accordance with all relevant state and local policies, regulations, or permits as required. Any sites for a site visit or tour that is not open to the general public must include coordination with the property agency/owner to ensure there are no impacts on potentially sensitive areas, and there would be no site visits or tours that require specialized training (i.e., HAZWOPER or confined space entry). ☐ SECTION 15306 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 6 EXEMPTION – INFORMATION COLLECTION The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15306 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 6 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G for basic data collection efforts: Collaboratives, trainings, convenings, water academies, and water leadership training; community needs assessments intend to gather information about community strengths, needs, and priorities as well as opportunities to leverage infrastructure investments; community science initiatives consisting of basic data collection efforts with hand held devices or monitoring equipment installed temporarily in non-sensitive areas for temporary data collection, visual observations, photographs, collecting and logging information into a smartphone, computer, tablets, or similar devices. These basic data collection efforts must not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource and must be strictly for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading towards an action which a public agency has not yet approved, adopted, or funded. SECTION 15309 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 9 EXEMPTION – INSPECTIONS The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15309 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 9 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G: Community science initiatives consisting of inspections of multi-benefit projects and/or water quality facilities for the purpose of educating the community. ☐ SECTION 15311 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 11 EXEMPTION – ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15311 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 11 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G: The construction or placement or minor structures accessory to existing facilities, including additional monitoring equipment to support community science initiatives, or small structures to support community meetings and outreach.

SECTION 15322 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 22 EXEMPTION – EDUCATION OR TRAINING PROGRAMS INVOLVING NO PHYSICAL CHANGES

The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15322 of the State Guidelines and Class 22 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, for education and training programs which will not include any physical alterations in the area affected or which involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures: The development of collaboratives, trainings, convenings, water academies, and water leadership training, community meetings, and community-led project concept development which does not include any approvals or construction.

☐ SECTION 15323 AND COUNTY'S CLASS 23 EXEMPTION – NORMAL OPERATIONS OF FACILITIES FOR PUBLIC GATHERINGS

The activity is exempt from CEQA because it is within a class of projects that has been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment in that they meet the criteria of section 15323 of the State CEQA Guidelines and Class 23 of the Los Angeles County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines, Appendix G, for the normal operations of existing facilities for public gatherings for which the facilities were designed: Site visits and tours; community meetings or events held to support collaboratives, trainings, convenings, water academies, and water leadership training, community meetings, project-specific community outreach and/or community-led project concept development.

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C. STATE CEQA GUIDELINES SECTION 15300.2 REVIEW				
(a)	Location. Is the project/activity located in a particularly sensitive environment that would preclude it from a Class 3, 4, 6, or 11 exemptions?	YES	□NO	
(b)) Cumulative Impact. Will there be cumulative impacts caused by your project?		□NO	
(c)) Significant Effect. Is there a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances?		□NO	
(d)	(d) Scenic Highways. Will the project result in damage to scenic resources, including but not limited to trees, historic buildings, rock outcroppings, or similar resources, within a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway?		□NO	
(e)	Hazardous Waste Sites. Is this project located on a site which is included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the Government Code?	YES	□NO	
(f)	Historical Resources. Will the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource?	YES	□NO	
Please attach any other forms or documents as needed to demonstrate conformity with the Board's CEQA finding.				
By checking this box, you are certifying that the activity does not fall within any of the exceptions to the exemptions pursuant to section 15300.2 of the State CEQA Guidelines.				
If answers to any of the questions under Section C are "yes", the activity is ineligible for grant funding.				
D. GRANT ADMINISTRATOR INFORMATION				
GRANT ADMINISTRATOR NAME EMAIL ADDRESS				
I hereby certify that the information provided above is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding based on my review of the grant application and all other information submitted in support of the grant application.				
SIGNATURETITLE				
PRINT NAME DATE				

If you suspect fraud or wrongdoing by a County employee, please report it to the County Fraud Hotline at 1-800-544-6861 or http://fraud.lacounty.gov/. You may remain anonymous.

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