RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING LOCAL GUIDELINES IMPLEMENTING THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT

LAKE SHASTINA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of the Lake Shastina Community Services District, Siskiyou County, California, that those guidelines entitled "Local Guidelines Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act, Lake Shastina Community Services District", a copy of which is attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein, shall be and are hereby adopted by this Board.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of a resolution duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Lake Shastina Community Services District, Siskiyou County, California, at a meeting thereof duly held on the 16 day of March, 1979, by the following vote:

AYES, and in favor thereof, Directors:

Applegate, Carter, Erickson, Richardson

and Storey

NOES, Directors: None

ABSENT, Directors: None

APPROVED:

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"C" - Initial Study
"D" - Significant Effects
"E" - Environmental Impact Assessment
"F" - Negative Declaration
"G" - Notice of Proposed Negative Declaration
"H" - Notice of Determination
"I" - Notice of Preparation
"J" - Energy Conservation
"K" - Notice of Completion

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Denotes State Guidelines Section

ARTICLE I--GENERAL

15001, 15005 and 15022 Section 1.1. Purposes. These Guidelines implement the purposes and provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, being Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq., and the Guidelines for implementation of the Act which have been adopted by the California Secretary For Resources (hereinafter referred to as "State Guidelines"). The enhancement and long-term protection of the environment and the encouragement of public participation in achieving these goals are objectives of these local Guidelines.

15012(a), 15013, 15075(b)

Section 1.2. Objectives. From time to time and under circumstances as outlined by these Guidelines, environmental documents must be prepared as a prerequisite to approval of a project. When required, such documents should be prepared as early as is feasible in the planning process for a proposed project in order to enable environmental considerations to influence project conceptualization, programming, and design and to assure full consideration of environmental constraints and opportunities before project plans are finalized. The function of such documents is to inform the Board and the public of the environmental effects of proposed projects.

The intent of the environmental review process is to enable the District to evaluate projects to determine whether they may have a significant effect on the environment, to examine and institute methods to reduce adverse impacts and to consider alternatives to projects as proposed. The environmental effects set forth in environmental documents are to be evaluated by the Board before a project is approved.

If an EIR is prepared, the information in such EIR constitues evidence that the District shall consider along with any other information which may be presented to the District. The Board retains authority to balance environmental objectives with economic, social, and other relevant objectives of the proposed project, but should, as a result of information contained in environmental documents, establish requirements or conditions on project design, construction, or operation in order that the environment may be protected or enchanced.

ARTICLE II--DEFINITIONS

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Whenever the following terms are used in these Guidelines, they shall have the following meanings unless otherwise expressly defined:

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Section 2.1. Approval means a decision by the District which commits it to a definite course of action with regard to a particular project. As respects any project to be undertaken directly by the District, approval shall ordinarily take the form of legislative action in regard to a project. The time of such action may vary from project to project according to the circumstances pursuant to which the project is undertaken. As respects private projects defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 2.23A, approval shall be deemed to occur upon the earliest commitment to issue, or the issuance by the District of, a discretionary contract, grant, subsidy, loan, or other form of financial assistance, lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use of the project.

For purposes of these Guidelines, the environmental process must be completed as of the time of project approval.

Section 2.2. Board means the Governing Board of this District.

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Section 2.3. Categorical Exemption means an exemption from the requirement of preparing a Negative Declaration or an EIR even though the proposed project is discretionary in nature, all as more particularly described in Section 4.6.

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Section 2.4. Cumulative Impacts mean two or more individual effects which, when considered together, are considerable or which compound or increase other environmental impacts. Such individual impacts may be changes resulting from a single project or a number of separate projects.

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Section 2.5. Discretionary Project means a project, approval of which requires the exercise of independent judgment, deliberation or decision-making on the part of the District.

Section 2.6. District means this District.

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Section 2.8. Emergency means a sudden, unexpected occurrence, involving a clear and imminent danger, demanding immediate action to prevent or mitigate loss of, or damage to, life, health, property, or essential public services. Emergency includes such occurrences as fire, flood, earthquake, or other soil or geologic movements, as well as such occurrence such as riot, accident, or sabotage.

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Section 2.9. Environment means the physical conditions which exist in the area which will be affected by a proposed project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

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Section 2.10. Environmental Documents means draft and final EIRs, initial studies, Negative Declarations, Notices of Completion and Notices of Determination.

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Section 2.11. EIR means a detailed statement setting forth the matters specified in Section 21100 of the Public Resources Code as more particularly described hereinafter in Section 7.5.

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Section 2.12. EIS--Environmental Impact Statement means an EIR prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

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Section 2.13. Feasible means capable of being accomplished in a successful manner within a reasonable period of time, taking into account economic, environmental, social, and technological factors.

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Section 2.14. Initial Study means a preliminary analysis prepared by the District pursuant to Article V to determine whether an EIR or a Negative Declaration must be prepared for a project.

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Section 2.15. Jurisdiction by Law.

A. Jurisdiction by law means the authority of any public agency to:

- (1) Grant a permit or other entitlement for use,
- (2) Provide funding for the project in question, or
- (3) Exercise authority over resources which may be affected by the project in question.
- B. In addition to other public agencies having jurisidiction by law over District projects, the following cities and counties have jurisdiction by law over District projects:
 - (1) The city or county in which the project site is located.
 - (2) The city or county in which the major environmental effects of the project will occur.
 - (3) The city or county in which reside those citizens most directly concerned with the major environmental effects of the project.
- C. Where an agency having jurisdiction by law must exercise discretionary authority over a project in order for the project to proceed, such agency is also a responsible agency or the lead agency with respect to the project.
- Section 2.16. Lead Agency means the public agency which has the principal responsibility for preparing environmental documents and for carrying out or approving a project. Criteria for determining which agency will be the lead agency for a project are contained in Article III.
- Section 2.17. Negative Declaration means a written statement by the lead agency briefly describing the reasons that a proposed project, although not otherwise exempt, will not have a significant effect on the environment and therefore does not require the preparation of an EIR.
- Section 2.18. Notice of Completion means a brief notice filed with the Secretary for Resources by the District after it has completed a draft EIR and is prepared to send out copies for review.
- Section 2.19. Notice of Determination means a brief notice filed with the County Clerk after District approval of, or determination to carry out, a project for which a Negative Declaration or a final EIR has been approved by the District.

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Section 2.20. Notice of Exemption means a brief notice filed with the County Clerk upon District approval of, or determination to carry out, a ministerial, categorically exempt or emergency project.

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Section 2.21. Notice of Preparation means a brief notice sent by a lead agency to notify responsible agencies that a lead agency plans to prepare an EIR for a project and to solicit guidance from the responsible agencies as to the scope and content of the environmental information to be included in the EIR.

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Section 2.22. Person includes any person, firm association, organization, partnership, business, trust, corporation, company, district, county, city and county, town, the State and any of the agencies or political subdivisions of such entities.

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Section 2.23. Project.

- A. Project means the whole of an action which has a potential for resulting in a physical change in the environment, directly or ultimately, that is any of the following:
 - (1) an activity directly undertaken by the District;
 - (2) an activity undertaken by a person which is supported in whole or in part through contracts, grants, subsidies, loans, or other forms of assistance from the District; or
 - (3) an activity involving the issuance by the District to a person of a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use.
 - B. Project does not include:
 - anything specifically exempted by state law;
 - (2) proposals for legislation to be enacted by the State Legislature;
 - (3) continuing administrative or maintenance activities, such as purchases for supplies, personnel-related actions, general policy and procedure making (except as they are applied to specific instances covered above), feasibility or planning studies; or

- (4) the submittal of proposals to a vote of the people of the State or of a particular community, e.g., of the District or of a zone or area within the District.
- C. The word "project" refers to the activity which is being approved and which may be subject to several discretionary approvals by governmental agencies. The word "project" does not mean each separate governmental approval.

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- Section 2.24. Projects of Statewide, Regional or Areawide Significance means any projects which meet one or more of the following criteria:
- A. A project which would interfere with the attainment or maintenance of state or national air quality standards including:
 - (1) A proposed residential development of more than 500 dwelling units;
 - (2) A proposed shopping center or business establishment employing more than 1,000 persons or encompassing more than 500,000 square feet of floor space;
 - (3) A proposed commercial office building employing more than 1,000 persons or encompassing more than 250,000 square feet of floor space;
 - (4) A proposed hotel/motel development of more than 500 rooms; and
 - (5) A proposed industrial, manufacturing or processing plant, or industrial park planned to house more than 1,000 persons, occupying more than 40 acres of land, or encompassing more than 650,000 square feet of floor area.
- B. A project which would result in the cancellation of an open space contract made pursuant to the California Land Conservation Act of 1965 (Willamson Act) for any parcel of 100 or more acres.
- C. A project located in and substantially impacting on an area of critical environmental sensitivity for which an environmental impact report was prepared including the Lake Tahoe Basin; the Santa Monica Mountains Zone as defined in Government Code Section 67463; the California Coastal Zone as defined in, and mapped pursuant to, Public Resources Code Section 30103; an area within 1/4 mile of a

wild and scenic river as defined by Public Resources Code Section 5093.5; the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta as defined in Water Code Section 13220; the Suisun Marsh as defined in Public Resources Code Section 29109; and including a project located within the jurisdiction of the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission as defined in Government Code Section 66610.

- D. A project which would substantially affect sensitive wildlife habitats including, but not limited to riparian lands, wet lands, bays, estuaries, marshes and habitats for rare and endangered species as defined by Fish and Game Code Section 903.
- E. A project which would interfere with attainment of regional water quality standards as stated in the approved areawide wastewater management plan.

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Section 2.25. Responsible Agency means a public agency which proposes to carry out or approve a project for which a lead agency has prepared the environmental documents. The term "responsible agency" includes all public agencies other than the lead agency which have discretionary approval power over the project.

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Section 2.26. Significant Effect on the Environment means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the activity, including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noises, and objects of historical or aesthetic significance.

ARTICLE III--LEAD AGENCY DETERMINATION

15065 15065.5 and 15051(c) and (e)

Section 3.1. Staff Determination of Lead Agency. As early as is feasible in the planning process the District staff shall determine whether a proposed activity is an activity described in subparagraph (1), (2) or (3) of Section 2.23A and shall determine whether the District or another public agency is responsible for preparation of environmental documents for the project and is, therefore, the lead agency. The District's staff shall consider, among others, the following factors relating to the lead agency principle:

- A. If the project is to be carried out by a public agency, the lead agency shall be the public agency which proposes to carry out the project.
- B. If the project is to be carried out by a nongovernmental person, the lead agency shall be the public agency with the greatest responsibility for

supervising or approving the project as a whole. The lead agency will generally be the agency with general governmental powers rather than an agency with a single or limited purpose which is involved by reason of the need to provide a public service or public utility to the project, such as the District; in such cases, the District will, upon request, provide data concerning all aspects of its activities required to furnish service to the project to the agency drafting the environmental documents, and no separate environmental documents will be required in regard to such activities. Under this principle whenever any property to be served by the District requires a change in zoning, conditional use permit, variance, subdivision or tract approval or other land use permits or entitlements, the governmental agency responsible therefor will ordinarily be the lead agency.

- C. Where more than one public agency equally meet the criteria set forth in subsection B the agency which is to act first on the project in question shall be the lead agency (following the principle that the environmental impact should be assessed as early as possible in governmental planning).
- D. Where the provisions of subsection A through C leave the District and one or more other agencies with a substantial claim to be the lead agency, the District may, by agreement with such other agency or agencies, designate which agency will be the lead agency or may provide for cooperative efforts, joint exercise of power, or similar devises for assuring preparation of environmental documents.
- E. Upon request of a public agency or a project applicant, the Office of Planning and Research will resolve disputes among public agencies as to which is the lead agency, and, upon request of a public agency or a project applicant, will assist the lead agency in determining the resposible agencies and those federal agencies which have responsibility for carrying out or approving a proposed project.

15061(c) and 15061(f)

Section 3.2. State Assisted or Approved Projects.

Where a project is to be undertaken by the District, but requires state approval or financial assistance, the state agency involved ordinarily will require the District to prepare the environmental documents and to submit such documents with the request for approval of the proposed project. If the District thereby, or through its own initiative, becomes responsible for preparing such documents, the District is the lead agency for the

project, and the procedures set forth in these Guidelines relating to project evaluation and preparation of environmental documents, including the filing of a notice of determination for the proposed project, are applicable.

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Section 3.3. Federally Assisted or Approved
Projects. Where a project is to be undertaken by the
District, but requires Federal approval or financial
assistance, the Federal agency involved ordinarily will
undertake an environmental evaluation of the project and
may or may not request District preparation of
environmental documents. Since the Federal agency
documents are in satisfaction of NEPA requirements, the
District remains obligated under CEQA to prepare
environmental documents for the project and is therefore
the lead agency for the project.

Section 3.4. Staff Finding that District is Lead Agency. If, in the judgment of the District's staff, the project does not involve another public agency which is the lead agency it shall proceed with the project evaluation process as outlined in Articles IV and V, provided, however, that where other public agencies will have authority for approving or carrying out the project, the District's staff shall consult with such other agencies in the preparation of all environmental documents for the project. Any person proposing to undertake a project as defined in paragraphs (2) or (3) of Section 2.23A (i.e., a private project) may present his objections to the staff's determination to the Board at its next regular or special meeting.

15064, 15065(e), 15065.3, 15065.5, 15085(j), 15161(a), and 15161(c)

Section 3.5. Staff Finding that Another Public Agency is Lead Agency.

- A. Preliminary Environmental Assessment Filing. If, in the judgement of the District's staff, the project does involve another public agency which is the lead agency, it shall so find and shall designate the lead agency on the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The preliminary Environmental Assessment shall be retained in the District's office as part of its usual record-keeping process and shall be made available for public inspection during all regular District office hours.
- B. Subsequent Findings Modifying original
 Determination. Upon making a finding that another public agency is lead agency, further evironmental assessment shall be necessary unless otherwise required by the Board or unless the District's staff finds: (i) that the lead agency did not prepare any environmental documents for the

project and the statute of limitations has expired for a challenge to the action of the appropriate lead agency, or (ii) that the lead agency prepared environmental documents for the project but a subsequent EIR is required pursuant to Section 9.1, and the lead agency has granted a final approval for the project and the statute of limitations has expired for a challenge to the action of the lead agency, or (iii) the lead agency prepared inadequate environmental documents without consulting the District as a responsible agency and the statute of limitations has expired for a challenge to the action of the lead agency. If the District's staff makes the aforesaid findings, the District shall assume environmental responsibilities of a lead agency for the project and the time limitations applicable to the District as lead agency shall apply.

15085.5(a) and (b)

Section 3.6. District's Duties as a Responsible Agency.

A. <u>In General</u>. Whenever a determination is made that another public agency constitutes the lead agency for a project, the District's staff shall, upon written request of the lead agency, provide data concerning all aspects of the District's activities required in relation to the project, and shall otherwise respond to consultation by the lead agency in order to assist the lead agency in preparing environmental documents for the project and in order to assure that environmental documents used by the District will comply with the California Environmental Quality Act.

15085.5(b) (1)

B. Response to Consultation Prior to Lead Agency's Decision to Prepare a Negative Declaration or an EIR. When consulted by the lead agency prior to a determination by the lead agency to, prepare a Negative Declaration or an EIR, the Districts staff shall recommend either a Negative Declaration or an EIR and shall explain its reasons for so recommending. Where District's staff disagrees with a lead agency decision to prepare a Negative Declaration for a project, District's staff should identify the significant environmental effects which it believes could result from the project and recommend either that an EIR be prepared or that the project be modified to eliminate the significant effects.

15085.5(b) (2), 15085.5(c) and 15054.3 C. Response to Notice of Preparation. As soon as possible, but not later than 45 days after receiving a Notice of Preparation from the lead agency, the District's staff shall send a written reply thereto by certified mail. The reply shall specify the scope and content of environmental information which would be germane to the District's statutory responsibilities in connection with

the proposed project. In addition, District's staff shall attend meetings requested by the lead agency to discuss the scope and content of the EIR.

- 15085.5(d)
- Declarations. When requested by the lead agency,
 District's staff shall provide written comments upon Draft
 EIRs or proposed Negative Declarations to the extent
 deemed appropriate. Such comments should focus on any
 shortcomings in the Draft EIR, the appropriateness of
 using a Negative Declaration and on additional alternatives or mitigation measures which the EIR should include.
- 15085.5(e)
- E. Decision on Adequacy of EIR or Negative

 Declaration. If the District's Board finds that the final
 environmental impact statement or Negative Declaration
 prepared by the lead agency for a project is not adequate
 for use by the District, the District's Board and the
 District will be deemed to have waived any objection to
 the adequacy of the Final Environmental Impact Report or
 Negative Declaration unless either the District files a
 court action within 30 days after the lead agency files a
 Notice of Determination for the project or the District's
 staff prepares a subsequent Environmental Impact Report if
 such subsequent report is permissible under Article IX.
- 15064 and 15085.5(f)
- F. Certification of EIR or Negative Declaration.
 Prior to approving a project for which another agency is the lead agency, the District Board shall consider the lead agency's EIR or Negative Declaration and the environmental effects of the project as shown in such document and shall certify that it has reviewed and considered the information contained in such document.
- 15085.5(g)
- G. Adoption of Alternatives or Mitigation Measures. When an Environmental Impact Report has been prepared for a project, the District shall not approve the project as proposed if the District finds any feasible alternative or feasible mitigation measure within its powers that would substantially lessen any significant effect which the project would have on the environment.
- 15085.5(h)
- H. Findings. When the District is the responsible agency for a project for which there are significant effects as shown in the Environmental Impact Report, the District shall make the findings required by Section 7.15 and shall prepare the statement required by Section 7.16.
- 15085.5(i)
- I. Notice of Determination. Upon approval by the District of a project for which the District is a responsible agency and for which a Negative Declaration or Environmental Impact Report has been prepared, the

District may, if it deems appropriate, file a Notice of Determination in the office of the County Clerk. Such Notice shall be substantially in the form required by Exhibit "H".

ARTICLE IV--EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Section 4.1. Staff Determination of Exemption.
Upon a determination, pursuant to Section 3.4, that the District is the lead agency for a proposed activity, the District's staff shall determine which such activity is exempt from further compliance with these Guidelines by reason of Section 4.2 through 4.5.

15037, 15050(c), (1)(A) and 15060 Section 4.2. "No Project" Exemption. Activities which do not fall within the definition of project as set forth in Section 2.23 and activities for which it can be seen with a certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment do not require the preparation of a Negative Declaration or an EIR and, thus, are outside of the primary scope of these Guidelines.

Section 4.3. Feasibility and Planning Studies. Feasibility and planning studies of potential projects undertaken by the District are not within the definition of project as set forth in Section 2.23. Such studies may, however, contain considerations of environmental factors incident to the potential project.

Section 4.4. Emergency Projects. The following emergency projects do not require the preparation of a Negative Declaration or an EIR and, thus, are outside the primary scope of these Guidelines:

15071

- A. Projects undertaken, carried out, or approved by the District to maintain, repair, restore, demolish, or replace property or 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 Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 8550) of Division 1, Title 2 of the Government Code.
- B. Emergency repairs to any of the District's facilities necessary to maintain service.
- C. Specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

Section 4.5. Ministerial Projects.

15032 and 15073

A. Ministerial projects do not require the preparation of a Negative Declaration or an EIR and, thus,

are outside the primary scope of these Guidelines.
Ministerial projects include activities which are
undertaken or approved by a decision which a District
officer or the Board makes upon a given state of facts in
a prescribed manner in obedience to the mandate of legal
authority. With these projects, the officer or Board must
act upon the given facts without regard to his, her, or
its own judgment or opinion concerning the priority or
wisdom of the act although the statute, ordinance or
regulation may require, in some degree, a construction of
its language by the officer or Board. In summary, a
ministerial project involves only the use of fixed
standards or objective measurements without personal
judgment.

15032, 15050(c) (1)(B) and 15073(a) through (c)

B. Ministerial projects include, but are not limited to, individual utility service connections and disconnections.

15073 (d)

C. Where a project involves an approval that contains elements of both a ministerial action and a discretionary action, the project shall be deemed discretionary.

15050 (c) (1) (C), 15100, 15100.1 and 15100.4 Section 4.6. Categorical Exemptions. Subject to qualification set forth in subsection U, the following classes of projects, in accordance with and pursuant to Article 8 of the State Guidelines, have been determined not to have a significant effect on the environment, and therefore are declared to be categorically exempt from the requirement of preparing a Negative Declaration or an EIR. The categorical exemptions listed herein are not intended to be, and are not to be construed to be, a limitation of the categorical exemptions set forth in Article 8 of the State Guidelines nor are they to be construed as a finding that the activity listed is discretionary, as opposed to ministerial, in nature.

15101 (Class 1, State Guidelines)

- A. Class I: Existing Facilities. Class I consists of the operation, repair, maintenance, or minor alteration of all existing District facilities, structures, equipment, or other property of every kind if such activity involves negligible or no expansion of use beyond that previously existing, including but not limited to:
 - (1) street improvements, except where such will involve the removal of a scenic resource, such as a

stand of trees, rock outcropping, or historic building, and conveyance facilities, including pipelines, conduits and service facilities;

- (2) service connection facilities, including all appurtenances;
 - (3) public safety facilities;
 - (4) storage reservoirs, ponds, disposal areas;
 - (5) pump stations;
 - (6) buildings and structures; and
- (7) treatment plants and waste disposal facilities.
- 15102 (Class 2, State Guidelines)
- B. Class II: Replacement or Reconstruction. Class II consists of replacement or reconstruction of any District facilities, structures, or other property where the new facility or structure will be located on the same site as the replaced or reconstructed facility or structure and will have substantially the same purpose and capacity as the replaced or reconstructed facility or structure, including but not limited to:
 - (1) street improvements and conveyance facilities, including pipelines, conduits and service facilities;
 - (2) service connection facilities, including all appurtenances;
 - (3) public safety facilities;
 - (4) storage reservoirs, ponds, disposal areas;
 - (5) pump stations;
 - (6) buildings and structures; and
 - (7) treatment plants and waste disposal facilities.
- 15103 (Class 3, State Guidelines)
- C. Class III: New Construction of Small Structures. Class III consists of construction of new small facilities or structures and installation of small new equipment or facilities, including but not not limited to service extensions and appurtenances and auxiliary facilities required to serve newly constructed small structures as follows:

- (1) single family residence not in conjunction with the building of two or more such units;
- (2) motels, apartments, and duplexes designed for not more than four dwelling units if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures;
- (3) stores, offices, and restaurants if designed for an occupant load of 20 persons or less, if not in conjunction with the building of two or more such structures;
- (4) accessory (appurtenant) structures including garages, carports, patios, swimming pools and fences.

15104 (Class 4, State Guidelines)

- D. Class IV: Minor Alterations to Land. Class IV consists of minor alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation, which do not involve removal of mature, scenic trees except for forestry or agricultural purposes, including but not limited to:
 - (1) small, inconspicuous structures, improvements and facilities;
 - (2) minor cutting or mowing of grass, weeds, and brush for fire protection and aesthetic reasons;
 - (3) grading on land with a slope of less than 10 percent except where it is to be located in a waterway, in any wetland, in an officially designated (by Federal, State or local governmental action) scenic area, or in the officially mapped areas of severe geologic hazard;
 - (4) new gardening or landscaping;
 - (5) filling of earth into previously excavated land with material compatible with the natural features of the site;
 - (6) minor alterations in land, water and vegetation on existing officially designated wildlife management areas of fish production facilities which result in improvement of habitat for fish and wildlife resources or greater fish production;
 - (7) minor temporary uses having negligible or no permanent effects on the environment;

- (8) minor trenching and backfilling where the surface is restored;
- (9) maintenance dredging where the spoil is deposited in a spoil area authorized by all applicable State and Federal regulatory agencies.
- 15105

 (Class 5, Class V: Alterations in Land Use Limitations.

 State Class V consists of minor alterations in land use limitations established by or on behalf of the District.

 Guide-lines)
- (Class 6, Consists of basic data collection, research, experimental management and resources evaluation activities which do not result in a serious or major disturbance to an environmental resource. These activities may be undertaken strictly for information gathering purposes or as part of a study leading toward the undertaking of a project.
- (Class 7, Resources. Class VII: Actions for Protection of Natural Olistrict as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration, or enhancement of a natural resource where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.
- 15108
 (Class 8, Class VIII: Actions for Protection of the Environment. Class VIII consists of actions taken by the District as authorized by state law or local ordinance to assure the maintenance, restoration or enhancement of the environment where the regulatory process involves procedures for the protection of the environment. Construction activities are not included in this exemption.
- 15109
 I. Class IX: Inspection. Class IX consists of inspection activities, including but not limited to inquiries into the performance of an operation and examination of the quality, health, or safety of a project.
- (Class 11, of the construction or placement of minor structures accessory to or appurtenant to existing commercial, industrial, or institutional facilities, including small parking lots.

15112 (Class 12, State Guidelines) K. Class XI: Surplus Property. Class XI consists of sales of surplus District personal or real property, except land located in an area of statewide interest or potential area of critical concern as identified in the Governor's Environmental Goals and Policy Report prepared pursuant to Government Code Sections 65041 et seq., and not otherwise exempt under Section 15112 of the State Guidelines.

15113 (Class 13, State Guidelines)

L. Class XII: Acquisition of Lands for Wildlife Conservation Purposes. Class XII consists of the acquisition of lands for fish and wildlife conservation purposes, including preservation of fish and wildlife and preserving access to public lands and waters where the purpose of the acquisition is to preserve the land in its natural condition.

15116 (Class 16, State Guidelines)

- M. Class XIII: Transfer of Ownership of Land in Order to Create Parks. Class XIII consists of the acquisition or sale of land in order to establish a park where the land is in a natural condition or contains historic sites or archaeological sites and either
 - (a) The management plan for the park has not been prepared, or
 - (b) The management plan proposes to keep the area in a natural condition or preserve the historic or archaeological site. This exemption does not apply when a management plan is proposed that will change the area from its natural condition or significantly change the historic or archaeological site.

15117 (Class 17, State Guidelines) N. Class XIV: Open Space Easements. Class XIV consists of the acceptance of easements or fee interests in order to maintain the open space character of land.

15119 (Class 19, State Guidelines)

- O. Class XV: Annexations of Existing Facilities and Lots for Exempt Facilities. Class XV consists of:
- (1) annexations to the District of areas containing existing public or private structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning or pre-zoning of the appropriate city or county, whichever is more restrictive, provided, however, that the extension of utility services to the existing facilities would have a capacity to serve only the existing facilities.

(2) annexations of individual small parcels of the minimum size for facilities exempted by Section 4.6C, New Construction of Small Structures.

15120 (Class 20, State Guidelines)

- P. Class XVI: Changes in Organization of the District. Class XVI consists of a change of organization of, or a reorganization of, the District where the changes do not change the geographical area in which previously existing powers are exercised, including but are not limited to:
 - (1) Establishment of the District as a subsidiary district or establishment by the District of a subsidiary district.
 - (2) Consolidation of the District with one or more districts having identical powers.
 - (3) Merger of the district with a city if the District lies entirely within the boundaries of the city.

15121 (Class 21, State Guidelines)

- Q. Class XVII: Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies. Class XVII consists of actions by regulatory agencies to enforce or revoke a lease, permit, license, certificate, or other entitlement for use issued, adopted or prescribed by the regulatory agency or law, general rule, standard, or objective administered or adopted by the regulatory agency, including but not limited to:
 - (1) the direct referral of a violation of a lease, permit, license, certificate or entitlement for use or of a general rule, standard or objective to the Attorney General, District Attorney or City Attorney, as appropriate for judicial enforcement, and;
 - (2) the adoption of an administrative decision or order enforcing or revoking a lease, permit, license, certificate or entitlement for use or enforcing the general rule, standard or objective.

Construction activities are not included in this exemption.

15122 (Class 22, State Guidelines) R. Class XVIII: Educational or Training Programs. Class XVIII consists of the adoption, alteration or termination of educational or training programs which involve no physical alteration in the area affected or which involve physical changes only in the interior of existing school or training structures, including but not limited to development of or changes in curriculum or training methods.

15123 (Class 23, State Guidelines) S. Class XIX: Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings. Class XIX consists of the normal operation of existing facilities for public gatherings for which such facilities were designed where there is a past history of the facility being used for the same kind of purpose. Facilities included within this exemption include but are not limited to racetracks, stadiums, convention centers, auditoriums, amphitheaters, planetariums, swimming pools and amusement parks.

15124 (Class 24, State Guidelines)

T. Class XX: Regulation of Working Conditions. Class XX consists of actions taken by regulatory agencies to regulate employee wages, hours of work or working conditions where there will be no demonstrable physical changes outside of the place of work.

15100.2

U. Exceptions. The above categorical exemptions are inapplicable when the cumulative impact of successive projects of the same type in the same place over time is significant. In addition, Classes III through VI and Class X do not apply where the project may impact on an environmental resource of hazardous or critical concern where such resource has been designated, precisely mapped and officially adopted pursuant to law by federal, state, or local agencies.

Section 4.7. Initial Review for Exemptions.

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- A. Staff Finding of No Exemption. If in the judgement of District's staff the proposed activity does not fall within one of the categories described in Section 4.2 through Section 4.5, it shall proceed with the project evaluation process as outlined in Article V. Any person proposing to undertake an activity may present his objection to the staff's determination to the Borad at its next regular or special meeting.
- B. Staff Finding of Exemption. If in the judgment of the District's staff, a proposed activity does fall within one of the categories enumerated in Section 4.2 through Section 4.5, it shall so find on the form entitled Preliminary Environmental Assessment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A."
- C. Retention of Preliminary Environmental
 Assessment; Availability for Inspection. The Preliminary
 Environmental Assessment shall be retained at the
 District's office as part of its usual recordkeeping
 process and shall be made available for public inspection
 during all regular District office hours. Except as
 otherwise may be determined by the Board, the date of
 completion and signing of the Preliminary Environmental

Assessment by the District's staff shall be deemed to constitute the date of approval of the exempt activity.

Section 4.8. Notice of Exemption.

15035.5, 15074(a) and 15074(b)

- A. Preparation. Upon completion and signing of a Preliminary Environmental Assessment for a ministerial, categorically exempt or emergency project and consultation with responsible agencies, the District's staff or the project's applicant may prepare a Notice of Exemption on a form attached hereto as Exhibit "B" which Notice shall contain the following:
 - (1) a brief description of the project;
 - (2) a finding that the project is exempt, including a citation to the State Guidelines section under which it is found to be exempt; and
 - (3) a brief statement of reasons to support the findings.

In the event that the Notice of Exemption is prepared and filed by a project applicant rather than the District's staff, such Notice shall have attached to it a certified copy of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment prepared by the District's staff or other certified document or record of the District stating that the District has found the project to be exempt.

15050(c) (9) and 15074(d)

B. Place of Filing. Upon completion of the Notice of Exemption it shall be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which the project is located and in the District's office where it shall be available for public inspection.

6 (b) and 15080 (g) Section 4.9. Required Consultation. Upon a determination by District's staff pursuant to Section 4.7 that a project is not exempt, the District's staff shall consult with Responsible Agencies and shall inform such Responsible Agencies that it proposes to proceed with an initial study to determine whether a Negative Declaration or EIR is required for the Project. Such consultation may be done quickly and informally.

15050 (c) (2)

ARTICLE V--INITIAL STUDY PROCEDURES

15080

Section 5.1. Undertaking of Initial Study; By Whom; Submission of Data; Costs; Time of Undertaking. Upon a

determination that the District is the lead agency for a project and that the project is discretionary and is not otherwise exempt, an initial study shall be undertaken for the purpose of ascertaining whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment unless the District's staff can determine without such a study that any aspects, considered individually or cumulatively, of the project may cause a significant effect on the environment. In such event, an EIR shall be prepared for the project, regardless of whether the overall effect of the project is adverse or beneficial.

15080

A. As to projects defined in paragraph (1) of Section 2.23A, the initial study shall be undertaken by the District's staff or by private experts pursuant to contract with the District.

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B. As to projects defined in paragraphs (2) or (3) of Section 2.23A, the person or entity proposing to carry out the project shall submit all data and information as may be required by the District's staff in order to prepare the initial study. All costs incurred by the District in reviewing the data and information submitted by said person or entity, or in conducting its own investigation based upon such data and information for the purpose of determining whether the proposed project might have a significant effect on the environment shall be borne by the person or entity proposing to carry out the project.

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C. The initial study and subsequent environmental proceedings relating to the proposed project shall be prepared and undertaken as early as is feasible in the planning process in order to enable environmental considerations to influence the project program and design. The initial study and subsequent environmental proceedings shall, however, be coordinated in a timely fashion with the existing planning, review, and project approval processes being used by the District.

15050(c) (12) and 15054.2 D. Where the project is one defined in Section 2.23A(3), the initial study shall be completed and the determination required by Section 5.5 hereof shall be made within 45 days from the date that the District receives an application for the project and accepts such application as complete.

Study. Section 5.2. Scope, Purposes and Contents of Initial

15080 (a), 15081 (a), and (b) A. Scope. In evaluating, in the initial study, whether a project may have a significant effect on the environment, the District's staff shall base its

determination, to the extent possible, on scientific and factual data, shall consider both primary or direct and secondary or indirect consequences of the project and shall consider all phases of project planning, implementation and operation.

- B. <u>Purposes</u>. The purposes of an initial study are to:
 - (1) Identify environmental impacts;
 - (2) Enable an applicant to the District or the District itself to modify a project and mitigate adverse impacts before an EIR is written;
 - (3) Focus an EIR, if one is required, on potentially significant environmental effects;
 - (4) Facilitate environmental evaluation early in the design of a project;
 - (5) Provide documentation of the factual basis for the finding in a Negative Declaration that a project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
 - (6) Eliminate unnecessary EIRs.
- C. Contents. An initial study shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "C" and shall contain:
 - (1) A description of the project;
 - (2) An identification of the environmental setting;
 - (3) An identification of environmental effects by use of a checklist, matrix, or other method;
 - (4) A discussion of ways to mitigate the significant effects identified, if any;
 - (5) An examination of whether the project is compatible with applicable existing zoning and plans; and
 - (6) The name of the person or persons who prepared or participated in the initial study.
- 15081(c) Section 5.3. Examples of Significant Effect. Some examples of consequences which may be deemed to have a

significant effect on the environment are contained in Exhibit "D" attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein.

In most instances, affirmative findings as to any of the effects contained in said Exhibit "D", regardless of whether the overall effect of the project is adverse or beneficial, will require preparation of an EIR. In addition, where there is, or is anticipated to be, a substantial body of opinion that considers or will consider a particular effect to be adverse, an EIR should be prepared.

15082

- Section 5.4. Mandatory Findings of Significance. A project shall be found to have a significant effect on the environment if:
- A. The project has the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory.
- B. The project has the potential to achieve short-term evnironmental goals to the disadvantage of long-term environmental goals.
- C. The project has possible environmental effects which are individually limited but cumulatively considerable. As used in the subsection, "cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of an individual project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effect of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects.
- D. The environmental effects of a project will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly.

15080 (d) 15066 (b)

- Section 5.5. Staff Determination; Environmental Impact Assessment. Upon completion of the initial study and prior to making the determination required by this action, the District's staff shall consult informally with responsible agencies with respect to its proposed determination. The District's staff shall then determine either:
- A. That the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;

- B. That the project, if modified in accordance with specified mitigation measures set forth in the initial study, will not have a significant effect on the environment:
- C. That the project may have a significant effect on the environment.

Such determination shall be set forth on the form, entitled "Environmental Impact Assessment," attached hereto as Exhibit "E" and such form, together with the initial study shall be filed in the District office.

15080 (d) 15083, 15084 (a)

Section 5.6. Procedure Required as a Result of Staff Determination.

- A. If the District's staff makes the finding described in Section 5.5A, it shall immediately prepare a proposed Negative Declaration and otherwise proceed in accordance with the procedures described in Article VI.
- B. If the District's staff makes the finding described in Section 5.5B, it shall request a determination from the Board as to whether modification of the project in accordance with the specified mitigation measures should be undertaken. Upon a determination of the Board that the project should be modified and upon completion of such procedures as may be necessary to assure such modification, the District's staff shall prepare a proposed Negative Declaration and otherwise proceed inaccordance with the procedures described in Article VI.
- C. If the District's staff makes the finding described in Section 5.5C, or if it cannot be assured, as specified in subsection B above, that the project will be modified in accordance with the mitigation measures specified, then the District's staff shall immediately prepare or cause to be prepared an EIR in accordance with the procedures described in Article VII.

15080(d)(2)

Section 5.7. General Rule as to Modifications. A project may be modified or revised by the person or entity undertaking a project described in Section 2.23A(2) or (3) or by the District if the project is the one described in Section 2.23A(1), in response to an initial study, in order to mitigate potential adverse effects to a point where no significant impact will occur. In such event, a Negative Declaration, rather than an EIR, shall be required for the project. If the project would still result in one or more significant effects on the environment after the mitigation measures are added to the project, an EIR shall be required for the project.

Section 5.8. Appeal. Any person aggrieved by the determination made by the District's staff pursuant to Section 5.5 may, within ten days following such determination, file with the Secretary of the District a request for appeal thereof to the Board. The Board shall hear its appeal at its next regular or special meeting and shall not prepare a Negative Declaration or an EIR for the project until such appeal has been heard and determined.

15064 (c)

Section 5.9. District Determination Conclusive.
Pursuant to Section 15064(c) and Section 21080.1 of the
Public Resources Code of the State Guidelines, the
determination of the District, as lead agency, whether to
prepare an EIR or a Negative Declaration for a project
shall be final and conclusive on all persons, including
responsible agencies, unless circumstances change as
provided in Section 9.1 of these guidelines or unless the
determination of the District is challenged as provided in
Section 21167 of the California Public Resources Code.

15069.6

Section 5.10. Master Environmental Assessment. The District may, if it deems appropriate, prepare a master evironmental assessment, inventory or data base for all or a portion of the territory within its jurisdiction in order to provide information which may be used or referenced in EIRs or Negative Declarations. The content, format and procedures to be used in developing such assessment may be determined by District's staff at the time that such assessment is undertaken.

15050(c)(3), 15050(c)(12) ARTICLE VI--NEGATIVE DECLARATIONS

and 15054.2

Section 6.1. Time Limitation. Where the project is one defined in Section 2.23A(3), the Final Negative Declaration shall be adopted pursuant to Section 6.7 within 105 days from the date the District receives an application for the project and accepts such application as complete, provided, however that such time period may be extended for an additional reasonable period in the event that compelling circumstances justify additional time and the project applicant consents to the extension.

15050(c) (5), 15061(g) 15066 and 15083 Section 6.2. Proposed Negative Declaration; Prior Consultation. If, upon completion of the procedures specified in Article V, it is determined that a Negative Declaration should be prepared for a project, District's staff shall first prepare a proposed Negative Declaration. Before completing the proposed Negative Declaration, the District's staff shall consult with all responsible agencies in order to insure that the Negative Declaration will reflect the concerns of such agencies. In addition,

any person may submit information to the District's staff to assist in the preparation of the Negative Declaration. Such information may be submitted in any format. District's staff may include such information in the Negative Declaration if it subjects the information to its own independent evaluation and analysis.

15061 (b) and 15083 (c)

Section 6.3. Content and Form of Negative Declaration.

- A. <u>Contents</u>. A Negative Declaration shall be a concise statement containing the following information:
 - (1) a brief description of the project, including a community used name for the project, if any;
 - (2) the location of the project and the name of the project proponent;
 - (3) a finding that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment;
 - (4) an attached copy of the initial statement documenting reasons to support the finding; and
 - (5) a statement of mitigation measures, if any, included in the project to avoid potentially significant effects.
- B. Form. The Negative Declaration should normally not exceed one page in length. A copy of the form of Negative Declaration is attached hereto marked Exhibit "F".

15050(c) (9) and 15083(c)

- Section 6.4. Filing of Negative Declaration. Upon completion of a proposed Negative Declaration, the District's staff shall cause a copy of the proposed Negative Declaration with the initial study attached thereto to be filed at the District's office and to be available for public inspection.
- Section 6.5. Notice of Proposed Negative

 Declaration. District's staff shall mail or personally
 deliver a copy of a Notice of Proposed Negative Declaration
 in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "G" to the project
 applicant, if any, and to all persons and organizations who
 have requested such Notice. In addition, where a state
 agency is a responsible agency or has jurisdiction by law
 with respect to the project, a copy of the proposed
 Negative Declaration shall be mailed to the State
 Clearinghouse, and where a project is of statewide,
 regional or area-wide significance (as defined in Section

2.26) a copy shall be mailed both to the State Clearinghouse and to the appropriate area counsel of governments for review and comment. In addition, District's staff shall give public notice of the proposed Negative Declaration by at least one of the following procedures:

- A. By publication of a copy of the Notice of Proposed Negative Declaration once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the proposed project;
- B. By posting of a copy of the Notice of Proposed Negative Declaration on, and within twenty (20) feet off of, the site of the proposed project; or
- C. By mailing a copy of the Notice of the Proposed Negative Declaration to owners or property contiguous to the site of the proposed project as their names and addresses are shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the County in which the project is located.

Mailings undertaken pursuant to this Section shall be by first class mail, postage prepaid.

15050 (c) (5), 15050 (c) (6), 15066 and 15083 Section 6.6. Comments from Agencies Having
Jurisdiction by Law. Following the filing of the proposed
Negative Declaration at the District's office, the
District's staff shall consult with and seek to obtain
comments from responsible agencies and should consult
with the persons having special expertise with respect to
any environmental impact involved.

15050(c) (6), 15050(c) (7), 15050(c) (8), 15055(b) (1) and 15083(c)

Section 6.7. Board Approval or Disapproval of Project. Following the filing of the Negative Declaration at the District's office and the completion of procedures specified in Section 6.5 and 6.6, but in no event sooner than ten days following the date of filing, the Board may consider the project at a regular or special meeting for purposes of adoption of the Negative Declaration and of approval or disapproval of the project. At this time, District's staff should report on any comments received as a result of the procedures specified in Section 6.5 and 6.6, and shall present the final Negative Declaration to the Board. Members of the public may appear before the Board and present their views. The Board shall review and consider and adopt a final Negative Declaration prior to its determination to approve or disapprove the project. The responsibility for such review and consideration and adoption may not be delegated. A hearing may be held on the environmental impact of the project prior to approval thereof. If held, such hearing shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 7.12 and shall use the Negative Declaration as a basis for discussion.

15050 (c) (9) and 15083 (f) Section 6.8. Notice of Determination. Following approval of the project, the District's staff shall prepare a Notice of Determination substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "H". Such Notice shall contain the following:

- A. The decision of the District to approve the project;
- B. The determination of the District that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment; and
 - C. A statement that no EIR has been prepared.
- D. The address of the District's office where a copy of the Negative Declaration may be obtained.

Said Notice shall then be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which the project is located and, if the project requies a discretionary approval from any state agency, with the Secretary for Resources.

15053 (a)

Section 6.9. Costs. As to projects covered by paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 2.23A, the person or entity proposing to carry out the project requiring approval by the District shall bear all costs incurred by the District in preparing and filing the Negative Declaration.

15050 (c) (4)

ARTICLE VII--ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORTS

15054.2 and 15050(e) (12) Section 7.1. Time Limitation. Where the project is one defined in Section 2.23A(3), the Final EIR shall be certified pursuant to Section 7.15 within 1 year from the date the District receives an application for the project and accepts such application as, complete; provided, however, that such time period may be extended for an additional reasonable period in the event that compelling circumstances justify additional time and the project applicant consents to the extension; and provided, further, that the 1 year time period required by this Section may be waived in the event that a combined EIR-EIS is to be prepared pursuant to Section 7.5 and the District's staff finds that the time required to prepare such combined document would be less than the time required to prepare each document separately and the applicant has requested or consented to the waiver. In the event of a

waiver of the time limit where a combined EIR-EIS is prepared, the District board shall approve or disapprove the project within 60 days after the combined EIR-EIS has been completed.

15013, 15050(c) (5), 15061(g), 15066, 15084, 15085(b) and 15063(d) Section 7.2. Environmental Impact Reports: When Required. An EIR shall be prepared for all discretionary projects not otherwise exempt upon a finding by the District's staff that the project may have a significant effect on the environment, that it can be fairly argued on the basis of substantial evidence that the project may have a significant effect on the environment or that there is serious public controversy concerning the environmental effect of the project.

Section 7.3. Notice of Preparation.

- A. When Required. Immediately after a determination pursuant to Section 5.5 and Section 7.1 that an EIR is required for a project, the District's staff shall, by certified mail, send a Notice of Preparation to each responsible agency with respect to the project and to each Federal agency involved in approving or funding the project. If any responsible agency is a State agency, a copy of such Notice shall be sent to the State Clearinghouse in the office of Planning and Resources of the State Department of Resources.
- B. Content of Notice. The Notice of Preparation shall be in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "I", shall state that the District intends to prepare an EIR for the project and shall request the views of the agency to whom the Notice is addressed concerning the content of the environmental information which is germane to such agency's statutory reponsibilities in connection with the proposed project. The Notice of Preparation shall provide the agency to whom the Notice is addressed with sufficient information describing the project, its location and its environmental effects, as determined from the initial study or otherwise, to enable such agency to make a meaningful response to the Notice. A copy of the initial study may, if deemed appropriate by District's staff, be enclosed with the Notice of Preparation.
- C. Timing. The Notice of Preparation shall request response thereto within forty-five (45) days from the date of the Notice. The District may, however, commence preparation of the Draft EIR pursuant to the requirements of this Article VII during such 45-day period, provided however, that it shall to the extent required by responses to the Notice of Preparation, revise or add to such Draft EIR to conform to such responses. In addition, the

15066 (e), (f) and (g), 15085 (b) and 15054.2 (d) District's staff or a responsible agency on a project may request a meeting of representatives of agencies to whom the Notice of Preparation was addressed for the purpose of expediting the responses of such agencies or for the purpose of determining the scope and content of the environmental information to be required by such agencies. In the event that such a request is made, the District shall convene the meeting within 30 days of such request.

Section 7.4. Preparation of Draft EIR: By Whom.

15061 (b)

A. As to projects defined in paragraph (1) of Section 2.23A, the Draft EIR shall be undertaken by the District's staff or by private experts pursuant to a contract with the District.

15030 and 15061(b)

As to projects defined in paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 2.23A, the person or entity proposing to carry out the project may be requested to submit a Draft EIR, containing the information required by Section 7.5 for review and consideration by the District's staff, or the Draft EIR may be undertaken by District's staff or by private experts pursuant to a contract with the District. If the person or entity proposing to carry out the project submits a Draft EIR pursuant to request of District's staff, District's staff shall analyze such Draft EIR to verify its accuracy and objectivity prior to presenting it to the Board. In such event, the District's staff may require additional information and data, including a statement specifying other public agencies believed to be responsible agencies or agencies having jurisdiction by law over the project. In no event shall the District use a Draft EIR prepared by such other person or entity as its own without independent evaluation and analysis.

15027 and 15140

Section 7.5. Content of Draft EIR. The Draft EIR shall contain the information described in subsections A through H below. Each topic shall be discussed in a separate, distinct section or the draft EIR shall state where in the document each element is discussed.

15141

- A. <u>Description of Project</u>. The description of the project shall contain the following information but should not supply extensive detail beyond that needed for evaluation and review of the environmental impact:
 - (1) The precise location and boundaries of the proposed project shall be shown on a detailed map, preferably topographic. The location of the project shall also appear on a regional map.

- (2) A statement of the objectives sought by the proposed project.
- (3) A general description of the project's technical, economic, and environmental characteristics, considering the principal engineering proposals and supporting public service facilities.

15142

B. Description of Environmental Setting. An EIR shall include a description of the environment in the vicinity of the project, as it exists before commencement of the project, from both a local and regional perspective. Knowledge of the regional setting is critical to the assessment of environmental impacts. Special emphasis should be placed on environmental resources that are rare or unique to that region. Specific reference to related projects, both public and private, both existent and planned, in the region, should also be included, for purposes of examining the possible cumulative impact of such projects.

15080 (d) (3), 15143 and 15148.1

C. Environmental Impact. All phases of a project must be considered when evaluating its impact on the environment: planning, acquisition, development and operation. The EIR shall discuss the subjects described in paragraphs (1) through (7) below; provided, however, that such discussion shall emphasize impacts determined in the initial study (if any) prepared for the project to be significant and may omit examination of those impacts found to be clearly insignificant in such initial study; and provided further, that the subjects described in paragraphs (5) and (6) below need be included only in EIRs prepared in connection with the adoption or amendment of a plan, policy or ordinance of the District or with a project which is subject to the requirement for preparing an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

15143 (a)

(1) The Significant Environmental Effects of the Proposed Project. The EIR shall describe the direct and indirect significant effects of the project on the environment, giving due consideration to both the short-term and long-term effects.

Such description should include relevant specifics of the area, the resources involved, physical changes, alterations to ecological systems and changes induced in population distribution, population concentration, the human use of the land (including commercial and residential development) and other aspects of the resource base such as water, scenic quality, and public services. Cumulative

effects shall also be discussed when found to be significant.

- Which Cannot be Avoided if the Proposal is Implemented. The EIR shall describe any significant impacts, including those which can be reduced to an insignificant level but not eliminated; where there are impacts that cannot be alleviated without imposing an alternative design, their implications and the reasons why the project is being proposed, notwithstanding their effect, should be described. The EIR shall describe significant impacts on any aesthetically valuable surroundings, or on human health.
- Mitigation Measures Proposed to Minimize the Significant Impact. The EIR shall describe significant avoidable adverse impacts, including inefficient and unnecessary consumption of energy, and measures to minimize these impacts. discussion shall include an identification of the acceptable levels to which such impacts will be reduced, and the basis upon which such levels were identified. Where several measures are available to mitigate an impact, each should be discussed and the basis for selecting a particular measure should be identified. Energy conservation measures, as well as other appropriate mitigation measures, shall be discussed when relevant. Examples of energy conservation measures recognized by the Secretary for Resources are set forth in Exhibit "I."
- Alternatives to the Proposed Action. EIR shall describe all reasonable alternatives to the project, or to the location of the project, which could feasibly attain the basic objectives of the project, and why they were rejected in favor of the ultimate choice. The specific alternative of "no project" must also always be evaluated (except for projects consisting of the construction of facilities required by the International Olympic Committee as a condition of an award of the Olympic games), along with the impact. The discussion of alternatives shall include alternatives capable of substantially reducing or eliminating any significant environmental effects, even if these alternatives substantially impede the attainment of the project objectives and are more costly.
- (5) The Relationship between Local Short-Term Uses of Man's Environment and the Maintenance and Enhancement of Long-Term Productivity. The EIR shall

describe the cumulative and long-term effects of the proposed project which adversely affect the state of the environment. Special attention should be given to impacts which narrow the range of beneficial uses of the environment or pose long-term risks to health or safety. In addition, the reasons why the proposed project is believed by the sponsor to be justified now, rather than reserving an option for further alternatives, should be explained.

- Any Significant Irreversible Environmental Changes Which Would Be Involved in the Proposed Action Should it be Implemented. Uses of non-renewable resources during the initial and continued phases of the project may be irreversible since a large commitment of such resources makes removal or non-use thereafter unlikely. impacts and, particularly, secondary impacts (such as a highway improvement which provides access to a non-accesssible area) generally commit future generations to similar uses. Also irreversible damage can result from environmental accidents associated with the project. Irretrievable commitments of resources should be evaluated to assure that such consumption is justified.
- The Growth-Inducing Impact of the Proposed The EIR shall discuss the ways in which the proposed project could foster economic or population growth, either directly or indirectly in the surrounding environment. Included in this are projects which would remove obstacles to population growth (a major expansion of a wastewater treatment plant might, for example, allow for more construction in service areas). Increases in the population may further tax existing community service facilities so consideration must be given to this impact. shall also discuss the characteristics of the projects which may encourage and facilitate other activities that could significantly affect the environment, either individually or cumulatively. It must not be assumed that growth in any area is necessarily beneficial, detrimental, or of little significance to the environment.

15145

D. Water Quality Aspects. The EIR shall describe in the environmental setting section, and in other sections where applicable, water quality aspects of the proposed project which have been previously certified by the appropriate state or interstate organization as being in substantial compliance with applicable water quality standards.

15140 (b)

E. Summary. The EIR shall contain a brief summary of the proposed project and its consequences. Such summary shall be in language sufficiently simple that the issues can be understood by the average member of the public.

15140(e), and (f) and 15143.5

F. Statement of Reason for Findings of No Significance. Environmental effects which were found in an initial study prepared for the project to be clearly insignificant and unlikely to occur need not be discussed in the EIR. The EIR, however, shall contain a statement briefly enumerating such clearly insignificant effects and there shall be attached to the EIR a copy of such initial study. In addition, the EIR shall contain a statement briefly enumerating effects that could possibly be considered significant but were not discussed in detail in the EIR because they were found to be insignificant. The latter statement shall briefly indicate the reasons for the finding of insignificance.

15144

G. Organizations and Persons Consulted. The EIR shall include a section identifying all Federal, State and local agencies (including responsible agencies), organizations and private individuals consulted in preparing the EIR and the identity of the persons, firm, or agency preparing the EIR.

15140 (b)

H. Index. The EIR shall contain a table of contents or an index.

Section 7.6. General Rules for Preparation of EIR.

15140 (d)

A. Interdisciplinary Approach. The EIR should be prepared using a systematic, interdisciplinary approach. The interdisciplinary analysis shall be conducted by competent individuals, but no single discipline shall be designated or required to undertake this evaluation. Preparation of EIRs is dependent upon information from many sources, including any engineering project report and any scientific documents relating to environmental features. The EIR shall reference all documents used in its preparation including where possible, a citation to the page and section number of any technical reports which were used as the basis for any statements in the EIR.

15140(c)

B. Technical Data; Submission of Appendices. The information contained in an EIR shall include summarized technical data, maps, plot plans, diagrams, and similar relevant information sufficient to permit full assessment of significant environmental impacts by reviewing agencies and members of the public. Placement of highly technical and specialized analysis and data in the body of an EIR should be avoided through inclusion of supporting

information and analyses as appendices to the main body of the EIR. Appendices to the EIR may be prepared in volumes separate from the basic EIR document, but shall be available for public examination and shall be submitted to all clearinghouses which assist in public review.

15149

C. <u>Incorporation</u> by Reference.

- (1) An EIR may incorporate by reference all or portions of another document which is a matter of public record or is generally available to the public. Where all or part of another document is incorporated by reference, the incorporated language shall be considered to be set forth in full as part of the text of the EIR.
- (2) Where part of another document is incorporated by reference, such other document shall be made available to the public for inspection at a public place or public building. The EIR shall state where the incorporated documents will be available for inspection. At a minimum, the incorporated document shall be made available to the public in the district office.
- (3) Where an EIR uses incorporation by reference, the incorporated part of the referenced document shall be briefly summarized in the EIR where possible or briefly described if the data or information cannot be summarized. The relationship between the incorporated part of the referenced document and the EIR shall be described in the EIR.

15140(e)

D. <u>Proportionate Discussion</u>. The EIR should discuss environmental effects in proportion to their severity and probability of occurrence.

15140 (g) and (h) and 15075 (b)

E. Forecasting. The preparation of an EIR necessarily involves some degree of forecasting. While foreseeing the unforeseeable is not possible, best efforts must be used to discover and disclose all reasonably available information. If, after thorough investigation, it is found that a particular effect is too speculative for evaluation, such conclusion should be stated and further discussion of the impact should be terminated.

15150

F. <u>Disclosure Document</u>. The EIR serves as a public disclosure document explaining the effects of the proposed project on the environment, alternatives to the project, and ways to minimize adverse effects and to increase beneficial effects.

- G. Standards for Adequacy. The EIR should be prepared with a sufficient degree of analysis to provide the Board with information which enables it to make a decision which intelligently takes account of environmental consequences. An evaluation of the environmental effects of the proposed project need not be exhaustive, but the sufficiency of an EIR is not to be reviewed in the light of what is reasonably feasible. The standard is not perfection, but rather adequacy, completeness, and a good faith effort at full disclosure are to be sought.
- 15102(b)

 H. Economic Information. Economic information may be included in the EIR if deemed appropriate by the District Board.

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Section 7.7. EIRs on Federal Projects.

- District Use of Federal EIS. Where a project is to be undertaken by the District but requires Federal approval or financial assistance and where the District has determined that an EIR will be necessary for the project but is aware that a Federal environmental impact statement has been or will be prepared for the project, the District shall, whenever possible, use all or part of the Federal environmental impact statement as the District EIR, provided, however, that the District shall assure that such environmental impact statement complies with the requirements of these guidelines (in particular, that it contains a discussion of mitigation measures, energy conservation and growth-inducing impact as required by paragraphs (3) and (7) of Section 7.5C). If such environmental impact statement does not comply with the requirements of these guidelines, the District shall add to or supplement such environmental impact statement to assure such compliance.
- B. District EIR to be Prepared Prior to EIS. If the District finds that an environmental impact statement for a project will not be prepared by the Federal agency by the time when the District will need to consider an EIR, the District shall use its best efforts to prepare a combined EIR-EIS. Since Federal law generally prohibits a Federal agency from using an EIR prepared by a local agency as the Federal environmental impact statement unless the Federal agency is involved in the preparation thereof, the District, in preparing the EIR-EIS, shall involve the Federal agency in such preparation and shall consult as soon as possible with such agency.
- C. District EIR to be Prepared Subsequent to EIS. If the District finds that an environmental impact statement for a project has been prepared by the Federal

agency prior to the time when the District will need to consider an EIR and that the Federal agency circulated the environmental impact statement for public review as broadly as is required by these guidelines for circulation of a District EIR and that the Federal agency gave notice complying with the requirements of Section 7.9B and Section 7.9C, then the District need not recirculate the environmental impact statement for public review. District shall, however, publish notice once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District (or in the county in which the District is located if there is not a newspaper of general circulation in the District) that the District will use such environmental impact statement in place of an EIR and that it finds that the environmental impact statement meets the requirements of these guidelines and of the California Environmental Quality Act.

D. Consultation. If the District plans to use an environmental impact statement as part or all of the District EIR or if the District plans to prepare a joint EIR-EIS, the District's staff shall consult as soon as possible with the Federal agency which is responsible for preparation of the Federal environmental impact statement.

15064 and 15085 (b)

Section 7.8. Consultation Prior to Completion of Draft EIR. Prior to completion of the draft EIR, the District's staff, to the extent deemed appropriate by such staff, shall consult with any person or organizations it believes will be concerned with the environmental effects of the project. In addition, any person may submit information to the District's staff to assist in preparation of the EIR. Such information may be submitted in any format. District's staff may include, or cause to be included, such information in the EIR if it subjects the information to its own independent evaluation and analysis.

15050 (c) (9), 15085 (a) and

15085 (c)

Section 7.9. Completion of Draft EIR; Notice. Upon completion, the Draft EIR shall be presented to the Board for review at a regular or special meeting. If the Board finds that the Draft EIR is in order and that it reflects the independent judgment of the District the Board shall instruct the District's staff:

15085 (c)

A. To file a Notice of Completion in the form attached hereto as Exhibit "K" with the Secretary for Resources, or, where the Draft EIR will be reviewed through the State Clearinghouse, to file with the State Clearinghouse a cover form required by the State Clearinghouse, together with a copy of the Draft EIR;

15085 (d)

B. To mail or personally deliver a Notice of Completion substantially in the form attached hereto as

Exhibit "K" to all organizations and individuals who have previously requested notice of completion of the Draft EIR;

15085 (d)

C. To mail or personally deliver, in the case of projects of statewide, regional or area-wide significance (as defined in Section 2.26) a copy of the Draft EIR to the appropriate metropolitan area council of governments for review and comment; and

15085 (d)

- D. To give public notice of the completion of the Draft EIR by at least one of the following procedures:
 - (1) By publication of a copy of the Notice of Completion once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area affected by the proposed project;
 - (2) By posting of a copy of the Notice of Completion on, and within twenty (20) feet off of, the site of the proposed project; or
 - (3) By mailing a copy of the Notice of Completion to owners of property contiguous to the site of the proposed project as their names and addresses are shown on the last equalized assessment roll of the county in which the project is proposed to be located.

Filings undertaken pursuant to this Section shall be deemed complete when the appropriate document has been deposited in the United States mails addressed appropriately or has been delivered in person to the appropriate office. Mailings undertaken pursuant to this Section shall be by first-class mail, postage prepaid.

15050(c) (5), 15050(c) (6), 15066(f) and 15161(a) Section 7.10. Review of Draft EIR by Other Public Agencies and Persons with Special Expertise.

A. <u>General</u>

15085 (ð)

(1) Upon completion of the procedures required by Section 7.9, the District's staff shall consult with and obtain comments from responsible agencies and other public agencies having jurisdiction by law with respect to the proposed project. The identity of those public agencies having jurisdiction by law over the project shall be determined on a project-by-project basis. In the event that review and comment by a state agency is sought, the draft EIR shall be submitted through the State Clearinghouse. In addition, where appropriate, area clearinghouses may be used in seeking review and comment by regional and local agencies.

(2) The District may send copies of the Draft EIR to public agencies or persons with special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved whose comments relative to the Draft EIR would be desirable.

15085 (d) (2) and 15163 (b)

(3) Copies of the Draft EIR should also be furnished to appropriate public libraries.

15085 (d) (3)

- (4) In determining appropriate public agencies, persons and libraries to whom copies of the Draft EIR should be transmitted under paragraphs (1) through (3) above, District's staff shall be guided by any listings of agencies, persons or libraries prepared by it with respect to various projects and project locations.
- (5) Each public agency, person and library to whom a Draft EIR is sent under paragraphs (1) through (3) above shall be advised in writing that written comments may be submitted to the District within the time established for review under subsection B below.

15160(a), 15160(b) and 15160(c)

B. Time for Review. At the time the Board authorizes the procedures described in Sections 7.9 and 7.10, it shall establish a time period so as to permit adequate review of and comment on the Draft EIR by such public agencies or persons. The period of time, to be established in the discretion of the Board, shall be based upon the size and scope of the proposed project; provided, however, that in no event shall the review period be less than thirty (30) days or more than ninety (90) days. Where review by a state agency through the State Clearinghouse is requested, the review period shall not be less than forty-five (45) days unless the State Clearinghouse approves a shorter period.

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C. Failure to Comment. In the event a public agency or person whose comments on a Draft EIR are solicited pursuant to Subsection A above fails to comment within the time period established pursuant to subsection B above, it shall be presumed, absent a written request for a specific extension of time for review and comment, together with the reasons therefor, that such agency or person has no comment to make. Any extension of time granted by the District shall be reasonable under the circumstances, but ordinarily shall not cover a period greater than the time period initially established for review and comment pursuant to subsection B above.

15160 (d)

D. Continued Planning Activities. Continued planning activities concerning the proposed project, short of formal approval thereof, may continue during the period set aside for review and comment on the Draft EIR.

15053 (b) and 15163 (a) Section 7.11. Availability of the Draft EIR for Review. Following the filing of the Notice of Completion or State Clearinghouse cover form as required by Section 7.9, copies of the Draft EIR also shall be made available at the District's office for review or acquisition by members of the general public. Any person requesting a copy of the Draft EIR from the District shall be charged the actual cost of reproducing it.

15085 (d) (4) and 15165

Section 7.12. Public Hearings.

- A. General. From time to time, depending upon the nature and location of a proposed project, the Board, in its discretion, may find it desirable to conduct a public hearing on the environmental impact thereof. In such event the public hearing shall be conducted subsequent to the filing of the Notice of Completion, but in no event sooner than fourteen (14) days thereafter. The Draft EIR shall be used as the basis for discussion during any public hearing that may be held.
- B. Notice. Notice of the time and place of the public hearing shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the District. If there is no such newspaper, it shall be posted at three public places within the District, one of which shall be at the principal offices of the District. Publication or posting shall be completed at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date set for public hearing. Said notice also shall indicate where the Draft EIR is available for review.
- C. <u>Public Hearing During Public Meeting</u>. A public hearing may be scheduled to be conducted during the course of a public meeting of the Board.
- D. Procedures for Conducting Public Hearings. The procedures for the manner of conducting the public hearings shall be prescribed by the Board at the time the hearing convenes. Members of the public who attend shall be afforded the opportunity to participate in the hearing process.

15050 (c) (8)

Section 7.13. Final EIR.

15085(f)

A. <u>Preparation</u>. Following the receipt of comments on the Draft EIR pursuant to the procedures described in Sections 7.9 and 7.10, and if a public hearing has been

held pursuant to Section 7.12, following such hearing, comments that have been received shall be evaluated and a Final EIR shall be prepared by District's staff.

15027, 15050 (c) (7), 15085 (e), 15086, 15146 (a) and 15146 (b) B. Contents. The Final EIR shall consist of the Draft EIR or a revised Draft EIR, a section containing a statement of the comments received through the review and consultation process set forth in Section 7.9 through Section 7.12, either verbatim or in summary, a list of persons and public agencies commenting on the Draft EIR, and a section containing the responses of the District to the significant environmental points that are raised in the review and consultation process.

The response of the District to comments received may take the form of a revision of the Draft EIR or may consist of an attachment to the Draft EIR. The responses shall describe the disposition of significant environmental issues raised (e.g., revisions to the proposed project to mitigate anticipated impacts or objections). In particular, the major issues raised when the District's position is at variance with recommendations and objections raised in the comments must be addressed in detail giving reasons why specific comments and suggestions were not accepted, and factors of overriding importance warranting an override of the suggestions.

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Where a project report is prepared in the review or budgetary process pertaining to a proposed project and an EIR has been prepared for such project, the Final EIR may be included as a part of the project report.

15050(c) (9), 15055(b) (1) and 15085(g)

Section 7.14. Certification of Final EIR by Board; Board Approval or Disapproval of Project. Following preparation of the Final EIR, it shall be presented to the Board for review and consideration. The responsibility of the Board for such review and consideration may not be delegated. If the Board finds the Final EIR to be in order, it shall, at a regular or special meeting, certify that the Final EIR has been completed in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act and the State Guidelines and that the Board has reviewed and considered the information contained in the EIR. Thereupon, but not prior thereto, the Board may proceed immediately to consider the proposed project for purposes of approval or disapproval. Members of the public may appear before the Board and present their views prior to the Board's determination to approve or disapprove the project.

15088, 15055(b) (2) and 15089

Section 7.15. Required Written Findings.

- A. The Board shall not approve a project for which an EIR has been completed which identifies one or more significant effects of the project unless the Board makes one or more of the following findings for each of such significant effects:
 - (1) Changes or alterations have been required in, or incorporated, into the project which mitigate or avoid the significant environmental effects thereof as identified in the Final EIR.
 - (2) Such changes or alterations are within the responsibility and jurisdiction of a public agency other than the District. Such changes have been adopted by such other agency or can and should be adopted by such other agency.
 - (3) Specific economic, social, or other considerations make infeasible the mitigation measures or project alternatives identified in the Final EIR.
- B. The findings made pursuant to subsection A, together with a statement of facts supporting each finding, shall be made and set forth in a resolution adopted by the Board. Such findings shall be supported by substantial evidence in the record of proceedings before the Board.
- C. The finding in subsection A(2) shall not be made if the District making the finding has concurrent jurisdiction with another agency to deal with identified feasible mitigation measures or alternatives.

15085(h)

- Section 7.16. Notice of Determination. Following approval of the project, the District shall cause to be prepared a Notice of Determination on a form attached hereto as Exhibit "H" which shall contain the following:
- A. An identification of the project by its common name where possible;
- B. The decision of the District to approve or carry out the project;
- C. The determination of the Board as to whether the project, in its approved form, will have a significant effect on the environment;

- D. A brief statement of the mitigation measures which were adopted by the District to reduce the impacts of the approved project;
- E. A statement that an EIR was prepared pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act and was certified as required by Section 15085(g) of the State Guidelines (Section 7.14 of the District guidelines); and
- F. A statement as to whether a Statement of Overriding Considerations was prepared for the project pursuant to Section 7.19.

Said notice shall then be filed with the county clerk of the county or counties in which the project is located and, if the project requires discretionary approval from a state agency, with the Secretary for Resources.

15053(a)

Section 7.17. Costs. As to projects covered by paragraphs (2) and (3) of Section 2.23A, the person or entity proposing to carry out the project requiring approval by the District shall bear all costs incurred by the District in preparing and filing the EIR, as well as all publication costs incidental thereto.

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Section 7.18. Retention of Comments. All written comments received on a Draft EIR through the formal consultation process, as well as all written comments that may be received independently of said process, shall be retained at the District's office for a period of at least one year following approval or disapproval of the project to which they relate. Said comments shall be made available for public inspection at all reasonable times.

15089 and 15055(b) (2)

Section 7.19. Statement of Overriding Considerations. Where the approval by the District of the project will permit the occurrence of significant environmental effects without mitigation, the District Board shall approve, and direct District's staff to file in the District's office, a Statement of Overriding Considerations pertaining to the project. Such statement shall set forth in detail the Board's reasons for approving the project and shall describe information contained in the Final EIR or elsewhere which supported such reasons.

ARTICLE VIII-- EIRS AND PROJECT SCOPE

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Section 8.1. Use of a Single EIR.

A. Two or More Projects. A single EIR may be utilized to describe more than one project when the

projects are essentially the same in terms of environmental impacts. Any environmental impacts peculiar to any one of the projects must be separately set forth and explained.

- B. Later Projects. An EIR on an earlier project may be utilized to apply to a later project if the environmental impacts of the projects are essentially the same. If there are environmental impacts applicable to the latter project which were not associated with the earlier project, the earlier EIR must be supplemented to set forth and explain said impacts separately.
- The EIR on a general plan may General Plan EIR. be used as the foundation document for EIRs subsequently prepared for specific projects within the geographic area The subsequent EIRs may covered by the general plan. reference and summarize material in the EIR on the general plan for the description of the general environmental setting and as much of the description of the environmental impacts as applies to the specific project. Detailed information in the EIR on the specific project may be limited to a description of the project, the specific environmental setting and those impacts which are not adequately described for the specific project in the EIR on the general plan. When a subsequent EIR refers to an EIR on the general plan for part of its description of the environment and the environmental impacts, copies of the EIR on the general plan shall be made available to the public in a number of locations in the community and to any clearinghouses which will assist in public review of the EIR. The purpose of this subsection is not to restrict analysis of environmental issues but is to avoid the necessity for repeating detail from an EIR prepared on a general plan. "General plan" as used in this subsection means a master plan or program prepared by the District or by a city or county which relates to a geographical area encompassing the site of proposed projects.

Section 8.2. Multiple and Phased Projects.

- A. Phased Projects. Where individual projects are, or a phased project is, to be undertaken and where the total undertaking comprises a project with significant environmental effect, a single EIR must be prepared for the ultimate effect.
- B. Interrelated Projects. Where an individual project is a necessary precedent for action on a larger project, or commits the District to a larger project, the EIR must address itself to the scope of the larger project.

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C. Similar Projects. Where one project is one of several similar projects of the District, but is not deemed a part of a larger undertaking or a larger project, one EIR may be prepared for all projects, or one for each project, but should in either case comment upon the combined effect.

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Section 8.3 Staged EIR.

- A. General Form. Where a large capital project will require a number of discretionary approvals from governmental agencies and one of the approvals will occur more than two years before construction will begin, a staged EIR may be prepared covering the entire project in a general form. The staged EIR shall evaluate the proposed project in light of current and contemplated plans and produce an informed estimate of the environmental consequences of the entire project. The aspect of the project before the public agency for approval shall be discussed with a greater degree of specificity than those aspects of the project not before the public agency.
- B. Supplement to General Form EIR. When a staged EIR has been prepared, a supplement to the EIR shall be prepared when later approval is required for the project, and the information available at the time of the later approval is such as to permit consideration of additional environmental impacts, mitigation measures, or reasonable alternatives to the project.
- C. Statutory Designation of Lead Agency. Where a statute provides that a specific agency other than the District shall be lead agency for a project and requires such agency to prepare an EIR for such project, where the District is a responsible agency for the project, where the District or other responsible agency for the project must grant approval for the project before the lead agency has completed the EIR, the District or such other responsible agency may prepare and consider a staged EIR for the project.

ARTICLE IX--SUBSEQUENT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTS

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Section 9.1. General Rule. Where an EIR or a Negative Declaration has been prepared for a project, an additional EIR is not required to be prepared for such project unless the District's staff finds that the events described in either paragraph A, paragraph B or paragraph C have occurred.

EXHIBIT "A"

	DISTRICT
	PRELIMINARY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Name of I	Project:
Location:	·
Entity or	Person Undertaking Project: (Check appropriate box)
	District
	Other
	Address
Staff Det	cermination:
Environme	The District's staff, having undertaken and completed a ary review of this project in accordance with the District's es entitled "Local Guidelines Implementing the California ental Quality Act," has concluded that this project does ire further environmental assessment because:
() 1.	The proposed action does not constitute a project within the meaning of Section 4.2 and Section 2.23.
() 2.	The project constitutes a feasibility or planning study under Section 4.3.
() 3.	The project is an Emergency Project under Section 4.4.
() 4.	The project is a Ministerial Project under Section 4.5.
() 5.	The project is Categorically Exempt under Section 4.6.
	Applicable Exemption Class, Local Guidelines -
	Applicable Exemption Class, State Guidelines -
() 6.	The project involves another public agency which constitutes the lead agency.
	Name of Lead Agency
Date: _	
	Authorized Person

EXHIBIT "B"

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

то:	Secretary for Resources 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311 Sacramento, California 9581 County Clerk	
	County of	
Project	Title	
Project	Location - Specific	
Project	Location - City F	Project Location - County
Descript	ion of Nature, Purpose, and Be	eneficiaries of Project
Name of	Public Agency Approving Project	et
Name of	Person or Agency Carrying Out	Project
Exempt S	Status: (Check One)	
	Ministerial (Sec. 1507) Declared Emergency (Sec. Emergency Project (Sec. Categorical Exemption number:	ec. 15071 (a))
Reasons w	why project is exempt:	
Contact T	Person Area Code	Tolophone Extension

If f	iled by ap	plicant:							
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EXHIBIT "C"

INITIAL STUDY

(Prepared pursuant to Article V of the Environmental Guidelines of the District.)

- I. Project Title:
- II. Full Description of Project:

III. Energy Usage of Project:

Exact Location of Project (If construction or a similar activity is involved, give street names, addresses or other geographical data sufficient to enable a resident of the District to identify the physical location of all aspects of the project. A metes and bounds description should be avoided if at all possible. A map may be attached in lieu of, or in addition to, the verbal description.):

V. Public Agencies (List public agencies, if any, other than the District, which must approve, or give a permit for the project.):

VI. Reason for Project:

VII. Compatibility with Zoning and Planning (Discuss whether the project is compatible with existing zoning and plans.):

VIII. Environmental Settings of Project (This description should be complete enough to enable a person not familiar with the geography of the District to envision the environmental setting of the project. Any unusual features such as scenic resources, historic buildings, unusual flora or fauna or similar unique qualities of the setting should be noted.):

Environmental Effects of Project (Complete the following check—
list and attach explanations of each "yes" and maybe" answer.

Consider indirect and ultimate results of the project, as well as direct impacts of the project, and secondary as well as primary effects of the project. If readily available, attach or make reference to relevant scientific, technical, or factual data.):

		Yes	Maybe	No
1.	Earth. Will the proposed project result in:		İ	
	a. Unstable earth conditions?			•
	b. Changes in geologic substructures?		·	
e ^s	c. Disruptions, displacements, compaction or overcovering of the soil?		***************************************	
	d. Change in topography or ground surface relief features?			***************************************
	e. The destruction, covering or modification of any unique geolo- gic or physical features?			***************************************
	f. Any increase in wind or water erosion of soils, either on or off the site?			***************************************
	g. Changes in deposition or erosion of beach sands, or changes in siltation, deposition or erosion which may modify the channel of a river or stream or the bed of the ocean or any bay, inlet or lake?	, and the second	· .	
	h. Exposure of people or property to geologic hazards such as earth-quakes, landslides, mudslides, ground failure, or similar hazards?	1	•	
2.	Air. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Substantial air emissions?			
	b. Deterioration of ambient air quality?			
	c. A contribution to an existing or projected air quality violation?			
	d. The creation of objectionable odors?			

		Yes	<u>Maybe</u>	<u>No</u>
	e. Alteration of air movement, moisture or temperature, or any change in climate, either locally or regionally?			***************************************
3.	Water. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Changes in currents, or the course or direction of water movements, in either marine or fresh waters?		***************************************	***************************************
	b. Changes in absorption rates, drainage patterns, or the rate and amount of surface water runoff?			
	c. Alterations to the course or flow of flood waters?	· ·		***********
	d. Change in the amount of surface water in any water body?		<u>.</u>	
	e. Discharge into surface waters?			
	f. Alteration of surface water quality, including but not limited to, temperature, dissolved oxygen or turbidity?		4-13-1	
	g. Alteration of the direction or rate of flow of ground waters?	-		
	h. Change in the quantity of ground waters, either through direct addition withdrawals, or through interception of an aquifer by cuts or excavations?	ons		
	i. Substantial reduction in the amount of water otherwise available for public water supplies?			
	j. Exposure of people or property to water related hazards, such as flooding or tidal waves?	denny by de propaga sperige		and the second of the second
4.	Plant Life. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Change in the diversity of spe- cies, or number of species of any plants (including trees, shrubs, grass, crops, and aquatic plants)?			

		Yes	Maybe	No
	b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered any species of plants?			**************************************
	c. Introduction of new species of plants into an area, or in a barrier to the normal replenish- ment of existing species?		ول بروس بالمستقبل	
	d. Reduction in acreage of any agricultural crop?		• 	-
5.	Animal Life. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Change in the diversity of species, or numbers of species of any birds, land animals, reptiles, fish, shellfish, benthic organisms or insects?			-
	b. Reduction of the numbers of any unique, rare or endangered species of birds, land animals, reptiles, fish, shellfish, benthic organisms or insects?		***************************************	-
	c. Introduction of new species of birds, land animals, reptiles, fish, shellfish, benthic organ- isms or insects?	:		
	d. Deterioration to, or reduction of, the habitats of birds, land animals, reptiles, fish, shellfish, benthic organizms or insects?		Complete to the same and the same	
	e. Interfere significantly with the movement of any resident or migratory species of birds, land animals, reptiles, fish, shell- fish, benthic organisms or in- sects?		4000100	
6.	Noise. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Increases in existing noise levels?			***************************************
	b. Exposure of people to severe noise levels?			
7.	Light and Glare. Will the proposed project produce new light or glare?			

8. Land Use. Will the proposed project result in a substantial alteration of the present or planned land use of an area? Will the proposed project conflict with: a. Adopted environmental plans and goals of the community where it is located? b. Applicable city or county adopted general plans for the area? 9. Natural Resources: Will the proposed project result in: a. Increase in the rate of use of any natural resources? b. Substantial depletion of any nonrenewable natural resource? 10. Risk of Accident. Does the proposed project involve a risk of an explosion or the release of hazardous substances (including, but not limited to, oil, pesticides, chemicals or radiation) in the event of an accident or upset conditions? 11. Population. a. Will the proposed project alter the location, distribution, density, or growth rate of the human population of an area?	
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b. Does the proposed project include capacity for a population greater than that now resident in the project area?	

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÷		Yes	Maybe	No
12.	Housing. Will the proposed project affect existing housing, or create a demand for additional housing?		****	***************************************
13.	Transportation/Circulation. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Generation of substantial addi- tional vehicular movement?			
	b. Effects on existing parking facilities, or demand for new parking?	-		
	c. Substantial impact upon existing transportation systems?			
	d. Alterations to present patterns of circulation or movement of people and/or goods?			
	e. Alterations to waterborne, rail or air traffic?			
	f. Increase in traffic hazards to motor vehicles, bicyclists or pedestrians?	White State Control of the Sta		
14.	Public Services. Will the proposed project have an effect upon, or resul in a need for new or altered governmental services?	.t	·	
15.	Energy. Will the proposed project either result in or encourage:			
	a. Use of substantial amounts of fuel or energy?	The Control of the Co		
	b. Substantial increase in demand upon existing sources of energy?			
	c. A requirement for the develop- ment of new sources of energy?			
16.	Utilities. Will the proposed project result in a need for new systems of, or substantial alterations to, the following utilities:	:		
	a. Power or natural gas?	-		
	b. Communications systems?			
	c. Water?	No.		
	d. Sewer or septic tanks?			
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		Yes	Maybe	No
	e. Storm water drainage?			
	f. Solid waste and disposal?	·		
17	Human Health. Will the proposed project result in:			
	a. Creation of any health hazard or potential health hazard (exclud- ing mental health)?			
	b. Exposure of people to petertial			
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18.	Aesthetics. Will the proposed proje result in:	ct		
	a. The obstruction of any scenic vi or view open to the public?	sta	-	
	b. The creation of an aesthetically offensive site open to public view?			
	c. The destruction of a stand of trees, a rock outcropping or other locally recognized desir- able aesthetic natural feature?			
	d. Any negative aesthetic effect?			
19.	Recreation. Will the proposed project result in an impact upon the quality or quantity of existing recreational opportunities?			
20.	Archaeological/Historical. Will the proposed project result in an alteration of a significant archaeological, historical, paleontological or cultural site, structure, object or building?			Angel Self-Mannes Ling Symmetry Annes
21.	Mandatory Findings of Significance.			
	a. Does the proposed project have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a range or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the majo periods of California history or prehistory?	e che ce		

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By: ______Authorized Person

EXHIBIT "D"

(Prepared by Secretary for Resources)

SIGNIFICANT EFFECTS

A project will normally have a significant effect on the environment if it will:

- (a) Conflict with adopted environmental plans and goals of the community where it is located;
 - (b) Have a substantial, demonstrable negative aesthetic effect;
- (c) Substantially affect a rare or endangered species of animal or plant or the habitat of the species;
- (d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any resident or migratory fish or wildlife species;
- (e) Breach published national, state, or local standards relating to solid waste or litter control;
 - (f) Substantially degrade water quality;
 - (g) Contaminate a public water supply;
 - (h) Substantially degrade or deplete ground water resources;
 - (i) Interfere substantially with ground water recharge;
- (j) Disrupt or alter an archaeological site over 200 years old, an historic site or a paleontological site except as part of a scientific study of the site;
 - (k) Induce substantial growth or concentration of population;
- (1) Cause an increase in traffic which is substantial in relation to the existing traffic load and capacity of the street system;
 - (m) Displace a large number of people;
- (n) Encourage activities which result in the use of large amounts of fuel, water or energy;
 - (o) Use fuel, water or energy in a wasteful manner;
- (p) Increase substantially the ambient noise levels for adjoining areas;

- (q) Cause substantial flooding, erosion or siltation;
- (r) Expose people or structures to major geologic hazards;
- (s) Extend a sewer trunk line with capacity to serve new development;
 - (t) Substantially diminish habitat for fish, wildlife or plants;
- (u) Disrupt or divide the physical arrangement of an established community;
- (v) Create a public health hazard or a potential public health hazard;
- (w) Conflict with established recreational, educational, religious or scientific uses of the area;
- (x) Violate any ambient air quality standard, contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation, or expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations.

EXHIBIT "E"

	ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
Names of I	Project:
Location:	
Entity or	Person Undertaking Project: (Check appropriate box)
·	District
	Other: Name Address
Staff Dete	ermination
California taining wh	The District's staff, having undertaken and completed an tudy of this project in accordance with Article V of the s guidelines entitled "Local Guidelines Implementing the Environmental Quality Act," for the purpose of ascernether the proposed project might have a significant effect vironment, has reached the following conclusion:
()	 The project will not have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, a negative declaration should be prepared.
()	2. The project, if modified in accordance with certain mitigation measures set forth in the initial study and enumerated in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and by reference incorporated herein, will not have a significant effect on the environment. Upon completion of such procedures as may be necessary to assure such modification, a negative declaration should be prepared.

The project may have a significant effect on the environment; therefore, an EIR will be required.

DISTRICT

Dateu.	

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EXHIBIT "F"

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

		Proposed
		Final
Name of Project:		
Location:		
Entity or Person Undertaking Project: (Check appropria	te box)	
District		
Other: Name		
Address		
	•	
Project Description:		
have a significant effect upon the environment. Initial Study: An initial study of this project was unprepared in accordance with Article V of the District's environmental guidelines for the purpose of ascertaining this project might have a significant effect on the environmental study is attached hereto and by incorporated herein. Such initial study documents reassupport the above finding. Mitigation Measures: The following mitigation measures included in the project to avoid potentially significant	local g wheth ironmen referen ons to	er it. ice
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(b)		
(c)		
(d)		
Date:	•	

Authorized Person

EXHIBIT "G"

NOTICE OF PROPOSED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

Name of P	coject:	·				
Location:						
Entity or	Person	Undertakin	ng Project	: (Check	appropri	ate box)
					Distr	ict
	Other:					Mr Description in
		Address	·			
Project De	escription	on:				
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such finding are documented by an initial study prepared by the District. Copies of such initial study and the proposed Negative Declaration may be obtained from:						
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Dated:				Au	thorized	Person

Title

EXHIBIT "H"

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

10.	1416 Ninth Sacramento	Street, F	Room 1311	F1	ROM:	
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-	County of					
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Project 1				<u> </u>		
State Cle	aringhouse	Number ()	If submitted t	o State (Clearingh	ouse)
Contact F	erson			Telepho	one Numbe	Ľ ;
Project I	ocation			<u> </u>		
Project D	escription					
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Date R	eceived for	Filing		S	ignature	
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EXHIBIT "I"

NOTICE OF PREPARATION

TO:	FROM:
(Responsible Agency)	(District)
(Address)	(Address)
SUBJECT: Notice of Preparation of	a Draft Environmental Impact Report
which is germane to your agency's	District will be the Lead Agency and will prepare the project identified below. We need to know scope and content of the environmental information statutory responsibilities in connection with the need to use the EIR prepared by our agency when proval for the project.
The project description, location, contained in the attached materials attached.	and the probable environmental effects are a. A copy of the Initial Study ()is, ()is not,
Due to the time limits mandated by earliest possible date but not late	State law, your response must be sent at the er than 45 days after receipt of this notice.
Please send your response to We will need the name for a contact	
PROJECT TITLE:	
PROJECT APPLICANT, IF ANY:	
Date	Signature
	Title
	Telephone

(Prepared by Secretary for Resources)

ENERGY CONSERVATION

I. INTRODUCTION

The goal of conserving energy implies the wise and efficient use of energy. The means of achieving this goal include:

- (1) decreasing overall per capita energy consumption,
- (2) decreasing reliance on natural gas and oil, and
- (3) increasing reliance on renewable energy sources.

In order to assure that energy implications are considered in project decisions, the California Environmental Quality Act requires that ETRs include a discussion of the potential energy impacts of proposed projects, with particular emphasis on avoiding or reducing inefficient, wasteful and unnecessary consumption of energy.

Energy conservation implies that a project's cost effectiveness be reviewed not only in dollars, but also in terms of energy requirements. For many projects, lifetime costs may be determined more by energy efficiency than by initial dollar costs.

II. EIR CONTENTS

Potentially significant energy implications of a project should be considered in an EIR. The following list of energy impact possibilities and potential conservation measures is designed to assist in the preparation of an EIR. In many instances specific items may not apply or additional items may be needed.

- A. Project Description may include the following items:
- 1. Energy consuming equipment and processes which will be used during construction, operation and/or removal of the project. If appropriate, this discussion should consider the energy intensiveness of materials and equipment required for the project.
- 2. Total energy requirements of the project by fuel type and end use.
 - 3. Energy conservation equipment and design features.
 - 4. Initial and life-cycle energy costs or supplies.

Environmental Setting may include existing energy supplies and energy use patterns in the region and locality. Environmental Impacts may include: The project's energy requirements and its energy use efficiencies by amount and fuel type for each stage of the project's life cycle including construction, operation, maintenance and/or removal. If appropriate, the energy intensiveness of materials may be discussed. The effects of the project on local and regional energy supplies and on requirements for additional capacity. The effects of the project on peak and base period demands for electricity and other forms of energy. The degree to which the project complies with existing energy standards. The effects of the project on energy resources. Mitigation Measures may include: Potential measures to reduce wasteful, inefficient and

- 1. Potential measures to reduce wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary consumption of energy during construction, operation, maintenance and/or removal. The discussion should explain why certain measures were incorporated in the project and why other measures were dismissed.
- 2. The potential of siting, orientation, and design to minimize energy consumption.
 - 3. The potential for reducing peak energy demand.
- 4. Alternate fuels (particularly renewable ones) or energy systems.
- 5. Energy conservation which could result from recycling efforts.
- E. Alternatives should be compared in terms of overall energy consumption and in terms of reducing wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary consumption of energy.
- F. Unavoidable Adverse Effects may include wasteful, inefficient and unnecessary consumption of energy during the project construction, operation, maintenance and/or removal that cannot be feasibly mitigated.
- G. Irreversible Commitment of Resources may include a discussion of how the project preempts future energy development or future energy conservation.
- H. Short-Term Gains versus Long-Term Impacts can be compared by calculating the energy costs over the lifetime of the project.
- I. Growth Inducing Effects may include the estimated energy consumption of growth induced by the project.

EXHIBIT "K"

State of California TO:

The Resources Agency

Secretary for Resources 1416 Ninth Street, Room 1311 Sacramento, California 95814

DATE:

NOTICE OF COMPLETION

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Project Title	_		
Project Location - Specific			
Project Location - City	Project Lo	cation - Co	unty
Description of Nature, Purpose, and Be	neficiaries	of Project	
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Lead Agency	Division		
Address Where Copy of EIR is Available	9		<u></u>
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Review Period			
Contact Person	Area Code	Phone	Extension