



A STATUTORY EXEMPTION (SE)

- Is the action a project as defined by CEQA? **YES**
- Project qualifies for a Statutory Exemption **YES**
- Prepare Notice of Exemption
- Determine project to be Exempt from CEQA (if project is approved)
- File NOE with the County Clerk

B CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (CE)

- Is the action a project as defined by CEQA? **YES**
- Does the project qualify for a Categorical Exemption? **YES**
- Do any exceptions apply?
 - ▶ **If YES**, prepare an Initial Study to determine appropriate level of review
 - ▶ **If NO**, prepare Notice of Exemption
 - Determine project to be Exempt from CEQA (if project is approved)
 - File NOE with the County Clerk

C NEGATIVE DECLARATION (ND)

- Is the action a project as defined by CEQA? **YES**
- Does the project qualify for a Categorical Exemption? **NO**
- Prepare an Initial Study
- Does the project have any potential significant impacts on the environment? **NO**
- Prepare ND
- Publish NOI to adopt for public review (20 or 30 days)
- Adopt the ND (if project is approved)
- File NOD with the County Clerk

D MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND)

- Is the action a project as defined by CEQA? **YES**
- Does the project qualify for a Categorical Exemption? **NO**
- Prepare an Initial Study
- Does the project have any potential significant impacts on the environment? **YES**
- Can all significant impacts be mitigated to less than significant levels? **YES**
- Prepare MND
- Publish NOI to adopt for public review (20 or 30 days)
- Adopt the MND (if project is approved)
- File NOD with the County Clerk

E ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR)

- Is the action a project as defined by CEQA? **YES**
- Does the project qualify for a Categorical Exemption? **NO**
- Prepare an Initial Study
- Does the project have any potential significant impacts on the environment? **YES**
- Can all significant impacts be mitigated to less than significant levels? **NO**
- Issue NOP of EIR to start 30-day public scoping period and (if required) conduct scoping meeting
- Prepare and release Draft EIR, file NOC, and issue NOA for public comment (30-60 days)
- Respond to comments, make any edits, and prepare Final EIR
- Issue Final EIR and release EIR for public inspection
- Certify the EIR (if project is approved)
- File NOD with the County Clerk