

CEQA

pronounced "SEE-Kwuh"

The San Francisco Planning Department (SF Planning) reviews projects for potential environmental impacts. This is CEQA, which stands for the **California Environmental Quality Act**, a state law created in 1970.

THE BASIC GOALS OF CEQA ARE TO:

INFORM

decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental impacts

PREVENT

significant, avoidable damage to the environment by requiring changes to a project

IDENTIFY

the ways that the environmental damage can be avoided or reduced

DISCLOSE

to the public the reasons why decisions are made if significant impacts occur

WHO IS INVOLVED?

- SF Planning is responsible for conducting environmental review in San Francisco.
- Various stakeholders including the public
- City decision makers
- Government or private project sponsors (person/group proposing the change)

WHEN IS CEQA DONE?

Environmental review is not an approval of a project, but it must be complete before city decision makers determine whether or not to approve a project that could impact the environment.

Example projects include:

- Public or private projects
- Board of Supervisors legislation
- Allocation of public funding to projects



In San Francisco, SF Planning informs the public of many types of environmental impacts, including impacts on air quality, noise, wind, shadow, transportation, and other topics



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