Process Flowchart:

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)

1. PROJECT APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO CITY
City shall make a determination on the level of CEQA required no later than 30 days following the determination of project application completeness. (see Development Application Flowchart)

2A. Project Exempt From CEQA

2B. If not exempt, prepare project description, prepare Initial Study, and initiate Tribal Consultation. Consultant may be brought on for CEQA preparation.

3A. If no potentially significant impacts, or they can be mitigated, prepare an ND or MND.

4A. File Notice of Intent to Adopt ND/MND with SCH and/or County Clerk and publish Draft ND/MND

5A. After 20- or 30-day public review consider and adopt Final ND/MND.

3B. If potentially significant impacts remain, file a Notice of Preparation of EIR and prepare EIR

4B. File Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability with SCH and County Clerk, and publish Draft EIR

5B. After 45-day public review, prepare responses to comments and the Final EIR for consideration and certification.

CEQA EVALUATION COMPLETE

6. Decision on Project

7. File Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption with SCH and County Clerk

Acronyms
ND - Negative Declaration
MND - Mitigated Negative Declaration
EIR - Environmental Impact Report
SCH - State Clearinghouse