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Rules and Forms | CEQA Actions: New Projects and Fees for Expedited Review (Action Required)

Summary

The Appellate Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommend amending California Rules of Court for the expedited resolution of actions and proceedings brought under the California Environmental Quality Act, to implement new legislation requiring inclusion of “infrastructure projects” for streamlined review as well as the requirement that applicants of certain infrastructure projects pay the costs of the trial and appellate courts in adjudicating challenges to those projects.

Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective December 31, 2023, amend rules 3.2200, 3.2220, 3.2221, 3.2223, 3.2240, 8.700, 8.702, 8.703 and 8.705 to add “infrastructure projects” as a “streamlined CEQA project” and to require the payment of trial court and appellate court costs for review of challenges to those projects as applicable.