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

Summary

As mandated by the Legislature, the Judicial Council previously adopted rules and established procedures that implemented a statutory scheme for the expedited resolution of actions and proceedings brought under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) challenging certain projects that qualified for such streamlined procedures. The Appellate Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommend amending several California Rules of Court to implement new and reenacted legislation requiring inclusion of additional projects for streamlined review. The committees also recommend rule amendments to implement statutory provisions requiring that, in cases under two of the statutes, the council, by rule of court, establish fees to be paid by those project applicants to the trial court and Court of Appeal for the costs of streamlined CEQA review.

Recommendation

The Appellate Advisory Committee and the Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2023:

1. Amend California Rules of Court, rules 3.2200, 3.2220, 3.2221, 3.2223, 8.700, 8.702, and 8.703 to add “environmental leadership transit projects” as a “streamlined CEQA project”; and
2. Amend rules 3.2240 and 8.705 to implement statutory provisions requiring the payment of trial court and appellate court costs for review of cases concerning “environmental leadership development projects” and “environmental leadership transit projects.”