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CEQA Actions: Technical Rule Amendments to Implement SB 836 (Action Required)

Summary

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and the Appellate Advisory Committee recommend amending the rules regarding expedited review of certain cases under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The amendments will fulfill the Judicial Council's obligation under legislation enacted earlier this year to adopt rules to implement procedures for the expedited resolution of CEQA cases challenging "capitol annex projects."

Recommendation

The Civil and Small Claims Advisory Committee and the Appellate Advisory Committee recommend that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2017, amend Cal. Rules of Court, rules 3.2200, 3.2220-3.2223, and 8.700-8.703 relating to expedited review of CEQA challenges to "environmental leadership" and "Sacramento arena" projects by adding references to new statutory provisions establishing expedited review of such challenges to "capitol annex projects."

The Appellate Advisory Committee also recommends that the Judicial Council, effective January 1, 2017, amend rule 8.701 to ensure CEQA appellate rules conform to amendments to the appellate electronic filing rules approved by the Judicial Council at its October 2016 meeting.