This flowchart is intended to be used in conjunction with the Mitigation Under CEQA guidance posted on the SER.

Examine the potential impacts of the proposed project as designed, taking into consideration all project features, including standardized measures* that apply to the project.

For each resource, would the resource be potentially impacted?

Yes

Is the impact potentially significant under CEQA?

Yes

Propose mitigation measures to address the potentially significant impact under CEQA.

Would the proposed mitigation measures reduce the impact to less than significant under CEQA?

Yes

CEQA Determination would be less than significant with mitigation incorporated. Lowest level CEQA document would be Initial Study with Mitigated Negative Declaration.

No

CEQA Determination would be significant and unavoidable. Lowest level CEQA document would be an Environmental Impact Report with Statement of Overriding Considerations.

No

The CEQA determination would be no impact.

No

Is the impact potentially significant under CEQA?

See the Definition and Determination of Significance Under CEQA for more information.

Yes

CEQA Significance Determination would be less than significant. As applicable, environmental commitments may be proposed that would avoid or minimize the impacts.

If all impacts are less than significant, prepare a CEQA Exemption or Initial Study with Negative Declaration as appropriate. See the CEQA Exemption Decision Tree for more information.

No

The CEQA determination would be no impact.

* Standardized measures apply to all or most Caltrans projects and are not subsequent actions (actions proposed in response to a specific project impact). Examples of standardized measures include standard specifications such as the discovery of archaeological resources and noise control (Caltrans 2015 Standard Specifications 14-2.03A and 14-8.02). For more information see the Mitigation under CEQA guidance.

Available at: http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/guidance.htm#ceqa