

# VISUAL RESOURCE STUDY DECISION TREE

(ADA version of flowchart)

## Step 1

- Review project information
- Visit project site
- Complete Visual Impact Assessment (VIA) Questionnaire – determine visual change and VIA effort (based on project score)

Is the project located on an officially designated State Scenic Highway?

- **YES:** Go to Step 2
- **NO:** Go to Step 3

## Step 2

- Inform the Project Development Team (PDT) that the project may not be eligible for a Categorical Exemption under CEQA.
- Determine if any scenic resources or views of scenic resources are present.
- PDT determines whether or not the project is eligible for a Categorical Exemption.
- Describe the scenic resource, views of scenic resource, and the project's potential to effect or damage it.
- Include a statement in or attach evaluation to the VIA Questionnaire or include a section in the Memorandum, Standard, or Advanced VIA as appropriate.
- Go to Step 3

## Step 3

If project has:

- No visual change; Print a copy of the VIA Questionnaire for project file or attach to the Preliminary Environmental Study.
- Negligible visual change; Prepare a brief VIA Memorandum.
- Noticeable visual change; Prepare a VIA Annotated Outline (i.e., Standard or Advanced).