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## CEQA Documentation and Defense

Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) is the greatest challenge in securing project entitlements in California and the bread and butter of our land use work. We are recognized leaders in strategizing with our clients, environmental consultants, lead and other interested public agencies to ensure that our clients' projects are comprehensively analyzed and in full compliance with CEQA and other applicable legal requirements.

We help our clients prepare defensible CEQA documents and technical reports that protect their projects in California's highly litigious environment. Our substantial experience with large and complex projects of all kinds and our long-standing relationships with local agencies provides the leverage and credibility required with the local agency to correct or improve environmental documentation as needed and expedite the review and approval process.

Our CEQA lawyers work in tandem with our land use entitlement lawyers throughout the administrative review and approval process to identify potential areas of legal challenge, cure and correct potential deficiencies and improve the likelihood of defeating any challenges by bolstering the administrative record with detailed responses and additional evidence as warranted. When litigation can't be avoided, we have an excellent track record defending project approvals. We have represented clients in important CEQA appeals, and we have successfully resolved countless other cases in settlement and mediation.