

Agenda

Overview of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Project Procedures History and purpose of CEQA Projects to which CEQA process applies Projects that are exempt Evaluating environmental effect of project	<i>R. Kwong</i>
Preparing Initial Study and Environmental Impact Report Contents of initial study Contents of a negative declaration (ND) Contents of a mitigated negative declaration (MND) Contents of environmental impact report (EIR) Preparing draft EIR, ND or MND	<i>R. Kwong</i>
Providing Public Review Period and Preparing Final EIR Providing public review period Responding to comments on draft EIR, ND, or MND Preparing final EIR, ND, or MND Consideration and approval of final EIR, ND, or MND Preparing findings on significant environmental effects	<i>R. Kwong</i>
Challenging CEQA Actions and Determinations Actions subject to challenge Complying with statute of limitations/tolling agreements Standards of review Challenge procedure Relationship to other causes of action	<i>S. Flashman</i>
Litigating Challenges to CEQA in State Court Notice requirements – timing “traps” Preparing the petition – teal parties in Interest Settlement procedures and options Preparing the administrative record Requesting a stay or temporary restraining order Augmenting the administrative record and trial preparation Trying the case to the court Filing for appellate review	<i>S. Flashman</i>
Handling Ethical Issues in Environmental Disputes Conflicts of Interest and multiple clients Unintentional receipt of privileged information courtesy with opposing counsel	<i>S. Flashman</i>

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You’ll be able to:

- Evaluate** the environmental effects of projects, and determine when the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies.
- Explore** the contents of initial environmental studies, negative declarations and mitigated negative declarations.
- Get tips on** preparing findings on significant environmental effects.
- Determine** which CEQA actions are subject to challenge, and get tips on challenging them.
- Litigate** challenges to CEQA in state court, and get tips on requesting stays and temporary restraining orders.
- Handle** ethical issues in environmental disputes.



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- Identify** projects to which the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) applies
- Get tips on** preparing initial studies and environmental impact reports
- Provide** public review periods and prepare final environmental impact reports
- Challenge** CEQA actions and determinations
- Litigate** challenges to CEQA in state court
- Handle** ethical issues in environmental disputes

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Faculty

Robert N. Kwong is a partner with the law firm of Arnold LaRochelle Mathews VanConas & Zirbel, LLP (A to Z Law). His practice emphasizes land use and environmental law, including the processing of land use entitlements and related administrative and civil litigation. Areas of environmental law include air quality, climate change, water supply, water quality and solid waste management. His work involves counseling and representing private and public entities and individuals dealing with local, state and federal land use laws and regulations, including the California Environmental Quality, the California Coastal Act, federal Clean Air Act, and federal Clean Water Act.

Prior to joining A to Z Law, he was the Assistant County Counsel for the County of Ventura with primary responsibility for the Resource Management Agency's Planning, Environmental Health, Code Compliance and Building & Safety Divisions. He also served as general counsel to the Ventura County Air Pollution Control District where he was at the forefront of California's climate change laws and regulations.

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Dr. Flashman's areas of practice are environmental, land use, and elections law. Within the environmental area, Dr. Flashman specializes in litigation under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). In the land use area, his focus is on planning and zoning law; particularly general plan consistency and challenges under the Subdivision Map Act.

In the election law area, Dr. Flashman's focus is on ballot measures, both initiatives and referenda. This includes assistance in preparing and qualifying measures, as well as litigation over the validity of measures. The remainder of this website provides additional information on Dr. Flashman's legal specialties. It also includes background information and several essays relating to his areas of practice.

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