ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

Section 21082 of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires SANDAG to adopt objectives, criteria and procedures for the evaluation of public and private projects undertaken or approved by SANDAG, and the preparation, if required, of environmental impact reports in connection with that evaluation. This policy is intended to record SANDAG’s adoption of updated local guidelines for implementing CEQA and to make those guidelines consistent with the current provisions and interpretations of CEQA.

Procedures

1. The California Legislature has amended the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") (Pub. Resources Code § 21000 et seq.), the CEQA Guidelines (Cal. Code of Regs, tit. 14, §15000 et seq.) have been revised, and the California courts have provided new interpretations of the provisions of CEQA since SANDAG last adopted local guidelines for implementation of CEQA.

2. The Board hereby adopts the guidelines found at California Code of Regulations, Title 14, beginning at section 15000 and in effect as of January 1, 2003, and as subsequently amended as its "Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act." Any and all prior actions of the Board of Directors enacting earlier guidelines are hereby repealed.

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