

Chris, you may want to re-examine the following Section 15126.6(e)(1) language as you provide *Neighbors for Smart Rail* baseline guidance.

“The no project alternative analysis is not the baseline for determining whether the proposed project’s environmental impacts may be significant, unless it is identical to the existing setting analysis which does establish that baseline.”

I think that through endorsing the use of a future baseline supported by substantial evidence as a second or in some cases the only baseline, *Neighbors for Smart Rail* in effect means that the no project alternative analysis can now serve as a CEQA baseline.

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