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Re: Draft of Amendments to the CEQA Guidelines

I am Transportation Chair for CSFN and alternate representative for (EMIA),
But I am speaking as a concerned citizen on the proposed CEQA amendments.

WATER SUPPLY ANALYSIS IN CEQA

The conclusion reach by SPEAK and a number of other organizations seems accurate in that we need to concern ourselves with a broader future needs perspective where water is concerned as the state seeks to expand the population. We need to study the cumulative effects of adding density to the state's population as the water supply is stretched during the drought years. The results of the study needs widespread public review and debate, prior to any fast-tracking of projects. Therefore we oppose projects that do not receive a broad public debate and a full EIR where water consumption is concerned.

TRANSIT ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT EXEMPTION

SB743 appears to have a one size fits all approach for transit oriented development using Sacramento as the baseline. This one size fits all approach could have unintended consequences. We have documented proof that the people moving into San Francisco are not working there and they are pushing the employees who do, essentially doubling the number of in and outbound commuters. Establishing transit rich zones has not worked according to plan.

We oppose exempting certain types of projects that are consistent with a specific plan from further CEQA review. We feel all projects need to be reviewed extensively by the public that will be effected by them.

BASELINE

The baseline guidelines do not take into account the possibility of prolonged lag times between the DEIR and the FEIR. These prolonged lag times could result in major changes prior to construction and therefore no DEIR or FEIR that is older the four years should be accepted.

Thank you for taking our positions into consideration.

Sincerely,
Mari Eliza, concerned citizen