



October 1, 2015

Ken Alex, Director
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Via email CEQA.Guidelines@resources.ca.gov

Christopher Calfee, Senior Counsel
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1400 Tenth Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Proposed Updates to the CEQA Guidelines – Preliminary Discussion Draft,
August 11, 2015

Dear Mr. Alex and Mr. Calfee:

East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) appreciates the opportunity to respond to your request for input that would improve the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines.

EBMUD's concerns are referenced in the enclosed table, and we are available to assist with developing detailed language in furtherance of the referenced concerns to the CEQA Guidelines.

If you have any questions or comments concerning this response, please contact me at (510) 287-1365.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David J. Rehnstrom'.

David J. Rehnstrom
Manager of Water Distribution Planning

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Enclosure

**EBMUD COMMENTS FOR OPR
PROPOSED UPDATES TO THE CEQA GUIDELINES (AUGUST 11, 2015)**

**Proposed Revision
(Additions shown in underlined text;
deletions shown as strikeouts.)**

EBMUD Comments

CEQA Reference

Guideline Section
15155(f); City or County
Consultation with Water
Agencies

(f) The degree of certainty regarding the availability of water supplies will vary depending on the stage of project approval. A lead agency should have greater confidence in the availability of water supplies for a specific project than might be required for a conceptual plan. In developing the analysis required by this subdivision (f), the lead agency shall consult with the water system supplier that will provide water to the proposed project. An analysis of water supply in an environmental document shall include the following:

The lead agency should consult with the water supplier to avoid duplicative analysis or conflicting water supply information.