

1.4 Framework, Organization and Contents of the UC Handbook

Framework for the UC Handbook

As described in Section 1.2, the UC CEQA Handbook is based on the general requirements of CEQA. For this reason, specific citations to either the CEQA Statutes or Guidelines will be provided as appropriate in the text of the Handbook.

Contents of the UC Handbook

Chapters within the UC CEQA Handbook are organized as follows to address both the procedural and the substantive requirements of CEQA:

Chapter 1 - INTRODUCTION: Provides an overview of the UC CEQA Handbook, and a description of the University's responsibilities under CEQA.

Chapter 2 - PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR CEQA COMPLIANCE: Describes the procedural or "process" requirements for complying with CEQA and the steps for coordinating preparation of environmental documents with the UC Offices of the President and General Counsel. It also contains a UC CEQA Process flow chart that depicts the sequence of procedural steps to be followed within the University. The chart provides a graphic overview of the different environmental documents and the key review and decision points in the process. Chapter Two contains a chart that depicts general time requirements for preparing environmental documents. In addition, Chapter Two discusses the way in which project EIRs are "tiered" under LRDPs.

Chapter 3 - CONTENT REQUIREMENTS FOR CEQA COMPLIANCE: Discusses the required contents for Initial Studies, Negative Declarations and EIRs. Chapter Three also discusses the contents of the administrative record.

Chapter 4 - PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: Describes public involvement processes.

Chapter 5 - MITIGATION MEASURES AND MONITORING: Describes UC's approach to mitigation measures and to monitoring.

APPENDICES

The Appendices provide helpful reference information and samples of the standard forms used in CEQA practice. Some of the forms are provided in the Handbook and others are provided via websites where these forms can be easily accessed.