City of Santa Clara

Environmental Process Flowchart

1. Project application submitted to City.

2a. Project exempt from CEQA.

2b. If not exempt, prepare project description, prepare Initial Study, and initiate Tribal consultation.

3a. If no potentially significant impacts or they can be mitigated, prepare a Negative Declaration of Mitigated Negative Declaration.

3b. If potentially significant impacts remain, file a Notice of Preparation of EIR and prepare EIR

4a. File Notice of Intent to Adopt (M)ND) with SCH and/or County Clerk and publish Draft (M)ND

4b. File Notice of Completion and Notice of Availability with SCH and County Clerk, respectively and publish Draft EIR

5a. After 20- or 30-day public review, consider and adopt Final (M)ND

5b. After 45-day public review, prepare responses to comments and the Final EIR for consideration and certification

6. Decision on project

7. File Notice of Determination or Notice of Exemption with SCH and County Clerk

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Flowchart used for general overview of CEQA process