



Huntington Beach Union High School District Board Policies and Administrative Regulations

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New Construction

Relations with Other Governmental Units

Environmental Impact Consideration Procedures

1. All proposed discretionary projects shall be evaluated to determine whether the project:
 - a. Is categorically exempt from these procedures.
 - b. Is the appropriate subject of a negative declaration.
 - c. May have a significant effect on the environment.
2. If the project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, nothing further is required by these procedures.
3. If it is determined that the project does not require the preparation of a draft environmental impact report (EIR), a negative declaration and the initial study shall be filed with the County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research, and other appropriate state agencies. Copies of the negative declaration and the initial study shall also be made available to local planning agencies, other interested members, and posted for public inspection.
 - a. The Governing Board shall not approve any such projects until at least thirty (30) days have passed for review and comment.
 - b. Upon the close of the review period, the Board shall make a determination whether the project is the appropriate subject of a negative declaration at a special or regularly scheduled meeting.
 - (1) The Board may affirm the decision that the project is the appropriate subject of a negative declaration and, if it does, it will then proceed according to paragraph 4(e).
 - (2) If the Board determines that the project is not the appropriate subject of a negative declaration, it will then proceed in accordance with paragraph 4.

Environmental Impact Consideration Procedures (continued)

4. If the project may have a significant effect on the environment, a draft environmental impact report (EIR) shall be prepared with consultant assistance, if necessary.
 - a. Upon completion of the draft EIR, a Notice of Completion shall be filed with the State Office of Planning and Research along with the draft EIR. The Notice and draft EIR shall also be made available to local planning agencies, appropriate state agencies, other interested parties, and to the general public in local libraries.
 - b. After filing the Notice of Completion, the consultation and comments of any public agency which has jurisdiction over the project and the EIR shall be obtained in addition to the comments of any other person who has special expertise with respect to any environmental impact involved.
 - c. The final environmental impact report shall not be prepared until the community has been given the opportunity to comment on the draft.
 - d. The final environmental impact report shall be adopted by the Board prior to the Board's decision to proceed with the project.
 - e. The Notice of Determination shall be filed with the County Clerk and the State Office of Planning and Research.