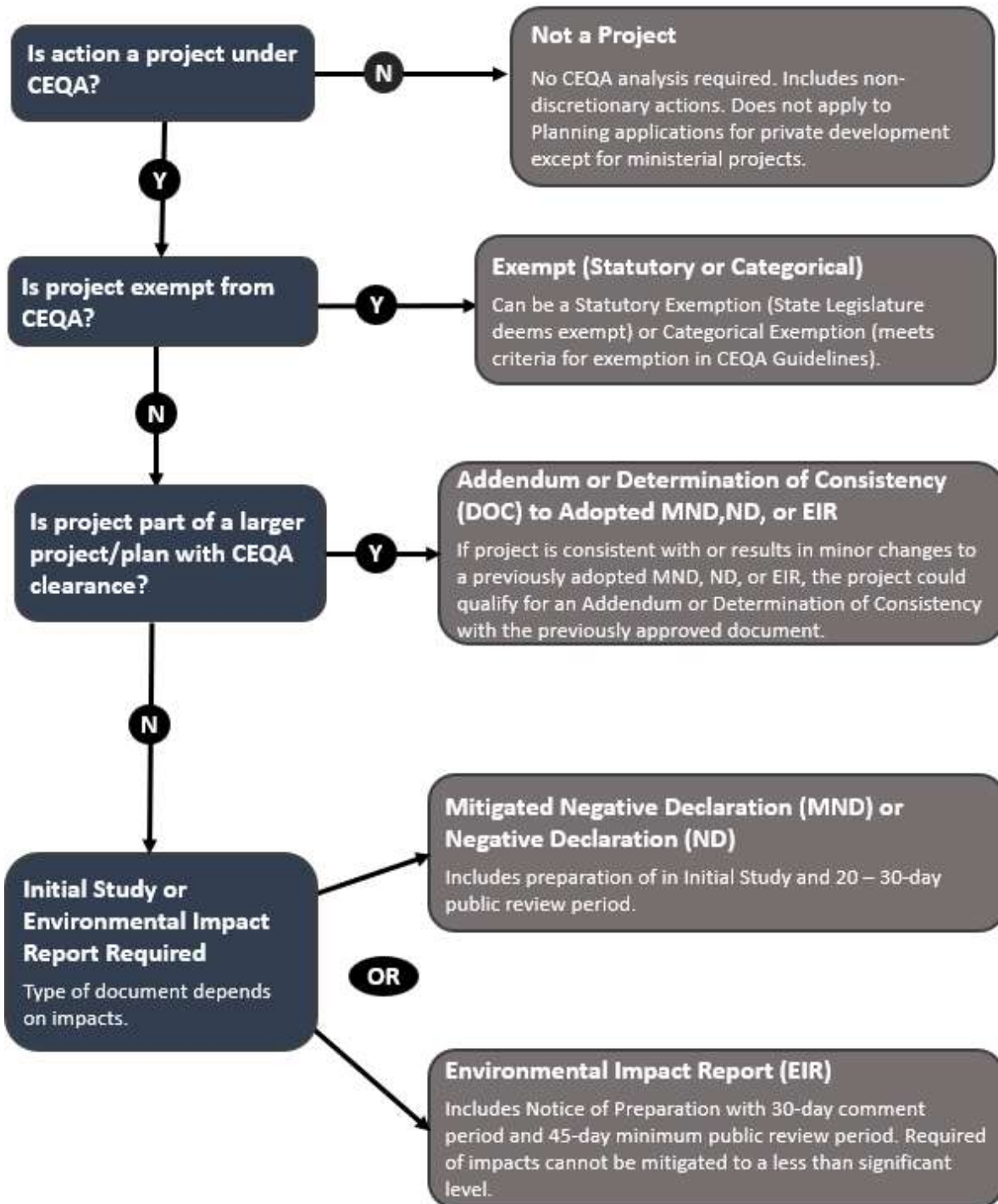


Attachment B: CEQA Review Process



Types of CEQA Documents

Type of CEQA Clearance	Definition	Public Comment Period	Scope of Analysis
Categorical Exemption	Exemption from CEQA review for classes of projects deemed by the California Secretary of Resources to not have an impact on the environment per Article 19 of the CEQA Guidelines.	None	Limited to exception findings in CEQA Guidelines 15300.2 except for additional findings for In-Fill Exemptions (CEQA Guidelines Section 15332).
Determination of Consistency with Prior CEQA Clearance	A document confirming a subsequent project is consistent with a previously adopted CEQA clearance such as an EIR. Common for each phase of a multiple project with no changes to the original project.	None	Limited to no additional analysis.
Addendum to Previously Adopted Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration	A document confirming changes to a project with a previously adopted EIR or Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration do not result in conditions in CEQA Guidelines Section 15162 requiring the preparation of a subsequent CEQA document.	None	Analysis may be required to determine that changes to a project do not result in new significant impacts or an increase in severity of a previously identified impact per CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. For Addendums to Program Level EIRs like DTS 2040 EIR, analysis evaluates individual project impacts.

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Negative Declaration/Mitigated Negative Declaration	Statement that a project will not have a significant effect on the environment or that any identified significant effects can be reduced to a less than significant level with mitigation measures (CEQA Guidelines Section 15070).	20 – 30 days	Requires preparation of an Initial Study with supporting analysis to demonstrate no environmental effects. Response to public comments not required, but is standard practice to provide a legally defensible document.
Environmental Impact Report/Supplemental Environmental Impact Report	The highest level of CEQA document, requires analysis of impacts, mitigation measures, and project alternatives. A Supplemental EIR is required when changes to a project result in new significant impacts not previously identified in a prior EIR (CEQA Guidelines Section 15162).	Notice of Preparation scoping period: 30 days. Public circulation 45 days.	Requires a Notice of Preparation and scoping period at project start, analysis of impacts and mitigation measures, and alternatives to the project that reduce significant impacts. Response to comments received during public circulation required. Supplemental EIRs may focus on new impacts not addressed in previous EIR.
Ministerial Approval	CEQA not applicable to ministerial projects per Section 21080 of California Public Resources Code.	None	Analysis may be required to demonstrate project meets objective standards.