

An aerial photograph of a modern urban landscape. In the background, several tall skyscrapers are visible, including a prominent cylindrical building with a glass facade. In the foreground, a green rooftop park with palm trees, a winding path, and a small dome structure is visible. The park is situated on a rooftop, with a concrete wall and a glass railing. The overall scene is a mix of urban architecture and green space.

# CEQA by the Numbers:

## Myths & Facts

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# 1. Executive Summary

## Introduction

This Report updates an earlier study, *CEQA: California's Living Environmental Law*, prepared by The Housing Workshop in 2021.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of the 2021 Report was to analyze how the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)<sup>2</sup> had functioned during the period 2015 to 2019.<sup>3</sup> At the time, critics had argued that the law imposed significant obstacles to development in California, particularly housing and infill development. They claimed not only that CEQA greatly increased the cost and time associated with development approvals, but also that rampant CEQA litigation blocked the implementation of many projects.

The 2021 Report carefully examined the assumptions and evidence underlying these arguments, and ultimately concluded they were unfounded. In many cases, critics had utilized inaccurate data or relied on incorrect assumptions. In others, they had simply overlooked CEQA's dynamic nature — that the law has been amended to meet changing needs.<sup>4</sup> Their criticisms never recognized the fact that, by 2020, the California Legislature had enacted numerous reforms to the law, streamlining environmental review and expediting CEQA litigation for many projects.<sup>5</sup>

Despite the conclusions of the 2021 Report, critics have continued to question the operation of CEQA. They now broadly assert that most CEQA cases challenge housing and infill development, and they sweepingly charge that community groups, labor unions, and others regularly misuse the statute. The popular press, too, has seized on this narrative.<sup>6</sup> The Housing Workshop embarked on the present study to examine these claims and to assess how CEQA has performed during the period from 2019 to 2021.<sup>7</sup>

This 2023 Report provides a three-part analysis. First, it analyzes the CEQA litigation that was filed in 2019, 2020, and 2021. Like the previous report, this Report describes the volume of lawsuits and rate of litigation for each year. It finds that the annual number of cases has not increased in 20 years and the rate of litigation remains very low. This Report also categorizes each of the CEQA cases by type of petitioner

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<sup>1</sup> The Housing Workshop, *CEQA: California's Living Environmental Law; CEQA's Role in Housing, Environmental Justice, & Climate Change* (Oct. 2021). Hereinafter, we refer to that study as the “2021 Report” and to the current report as the “2023 Report” or “Report.”

<sup>2</sup> Public Resources Code § 21,000 et seq.

<sup>3</sup> The 2021 Report built on a comprehensive 2016 study by BAE Urban Economics entitled *CEQA in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century* (2016 Report), which examined how CEQA performed during the previous decade. Janet Smith-Heimer and Jessica Hitchcock were the principal authors of the 2016 Report, the 2021 Report, and the 2023 Report.

<sup>4</sup> 2021 Report at i.

<sup>5</sup> 2021 Report at 11-14, Appx. A.

<sup>6</sup> E.g., D. Walter, *NIMBYs and Unions Abuse Environmental Law for Their Gain*, CalMatters (Jan. 8, 2023), <https://gvwire.com/2023/01/08/nimbys-and-unions-abuse-environmental-law-for-their-gain/>.

<sup>7</sup> Both the 2021 Report and the 2023 Report were commissioned by the Rose Foundation for Communities and the Environment.

(e.g., environmental organization, community group, labor union) and type of project challenged (e.g., housing, mixed use, commercial). The data in this analysis disproves critics' theories that CEQA cases are brought by illegitimate groups and that petitioners are mainly targeting housing projects.

Second, this Report focuses in on the specific features of projects challenged in CEQA lawsuits that involve housing. These projects include "Housing-Only" developments, such as apartment buildings and residential subdivisions; Mixed Use developments that include a residential component; and Institutional projects that include housing, such as college dormitories. The Report presents data regarding the *number of housing units* challenged and places this information in the overall context of housing development generally in California. It then analyzes the *location of the housing units* challenged, finding that the majority of those units were proposed in undeveloped, greenfield areas. The Report then describes the use of CEQA streamlining measures, including exemptions, designed to accelerate the approval of certain types of housing projects. Finally, the Report uses case studies to describe the *effect of litigation* challenging housing, finding that many cases resulted in modifications that improved projects,

Third, this Report updates the 2021 Report's analysis of CEQA's longstanding role in safeguarding California's environment and communities. The Report uses case studies to illustrate how communities continue to use CEQA to combat environmental injustice and climate change, and to protect iconic places throughout California,

Finally, an important note about this Report's methodology. One prominent critic of CEQA has publicly stated that decisionmakers considering changes to CEQA should be leery of "data hype" and would learn more from sources like "anecdotes from lawyers in the trenches."<sup>8</sup> In particular, this critic downplays the importance of data showing the rate of CEQA litigation.<sup>9</sup> In contrast, we believe that reliable information for decision-making can be produced only by an approach that compiles a broad range of data identifying CEQA's actual, specific effects. Determining the number of lawsuits filed and the rate of CEQA litigation constitutes the necessary starting point for the comprehensive type of examination needed.

We also strongly believe that unconfirmed, one-sided anecdotes can in no way replace the empirical research needed to draw sound conclusions. Lawmakers and policy leaders should consider proposed amendments to CEQA in light of fact-based studies and testimony — not unverified stories that reach loud, unsupported conclusions about how CEQA works.

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<sup>8</sup> Oral testimony and slides 5 & 6 of Professor Christopher Elmendorf, Little Hoover Commission hearing at 0:31, 0:38 (Mar. 16, 2023), [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky\\_hyxqkVfU&t=418s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky_hyxqkVfU&t=418s;);

[https://lhc.ca.gov/sites/lhc.ca.gov/files/CurrentStudies/CEQA/CEQAWrittenTestimony/ElmendorfMarch2023\\_Presentation.pdf](https://lhc.ca.gov/sites/lhc.ca.gov/files/CurrentStudies/CEQA/CEQAWrittenTestimony/ElmendorfMarch2023_Presentation.pdf).

<sup>9</sup> *Id.*

## Key Findings

The findings below are based on the new data and analysis conducted for the 2023 Report. They address many of the topics covered in the 2021 Report, as well as new topics raised for the first time here.

**The number of lawsuits filed under CEQA throughout California remains low, averaging 192 per year since 2002.**

- Annual filings since 2002 indicate that the number of lawsuits has slightly fluctuated from year to year, from 183 in 2002 to 135 in 2021. There is no overall pattern of increased litigation for 20 years.
- CEQA litigation year-to-year does not trend with California's population growth. Despite a 13.2 percent increase in California's population from 2002 to 2021, the annual number of CEQA lawsuits has remained basically the same.

**The rate of litigation for challenges to projects alleging noncompliance with CEQA is also very low, with lawsuits filed for 1.9 out of every 100 projects.**

- The estimated rate of litigation for all CEQA projects requiring an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), a Mitigated Negative Declaration or a Negative Declaration was 1.9 percent for the nine-year period from 2013 to 2021.
- This rate is consistent with the findings of earlier studies, and far lower than some press reports imply.

**A wide variety of petitioners filed CEQA lawsuits in 2019-2021. The vast majority of these suits were brought by environmental organizations and community groups.**

- During this period, traditional environmental organizations filed a total of 70 cases, and community groups filed 217 cases. These petitioners frequently teamed up on the same or related cases.
- Environmental justice organizations filed a total of 22 cases. Often joining forces with traditional environmental groups, these organizations used CEQA to challenge large industrial and commercial projects threatening the health and safety of residents in disadvantaged, frontline communities.
- Historic preservation groups filed 21 suits to protect historic resources, districts and landmarks.
- California Native American tribes filed 10 actions to preserve cultural resources; the tribes

were frequently joined by an environmental or community group.

- A substantial number of CEQA cases were also filed by public agencies (cities, counties, fire and air districts, water agencies, and others) (59), business interests (76), and individuals (52).
- Contrary to accounts in the press, labor unions filed very few cases in this three-year period — only 13.

**The CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021 challenged a broad array of project types. Only 23.8% of these cases challenged new housing units.**

- Challenged projects included General Plan Updates and other land use regulations; Housing-Only; Mixed Use; Institutional; Commercial; Industrial; Water Plans and Projects; Agriculture and Forestry; Parks, Recreation, Wildlife; Transportation; Demolitions/Removals; and Energy.
- Fifteen percent of the CEQA cases challenged Housing-Only projects (76 cases), 11.2% challenged Mixed Use developments (57 cases), and 5.9% challenged Institutional projects (30 cases). A total of 121 cases in these three categories, or 23.8% of all CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021, challenged new housing units. Thus, the proportion of cases challenging new housing units in this period was far less than stated by CEQA critics.
- Nearly 20% of the lawsuits challenged Commercial and Industrial projects. Environmental justice organizations filed a significant number of these cases.
- Lawsuits challenging Water Plans and Projects accounted for 16.1% of the total cases, while Agriculture/Forestry cases accounted for 6.7%. The majority of the agriculture-related cases concerned cannabis operations.
- A smaller number of cases (4.7%) challenged Transportation projects, such as freeway widenings and airport expansions. There were no challenges to public transit projects, despite critics' suggestions to the contrary.
- Cases challenging Energy projects accounted for 6.1% of the cases. Some of these cases raised environmental justice issues, such as a challenge to a Kern County ordinance that would accelerate oil drilling in disadvantaged communities. Others raised concerns about wind and solar projects that threatened protected species or important cultural resources.

**The vast majority of housing units challenged in 2019-2021 were not located in urban areas, but on undeveloped land in sprawl areas.**

- An analysis of two representative regions, Los Angeles County and San Diego County, found that more than twice as many housing units were challenged in undeveloped, sprawl areas than in urban areas.



- For this analysis, the Report assumed all projects within the limits of an incorporated city were “urban.” This metric does not remotely conform to CEQA’s narrower, more precise definition of “infill,” which requires that projects be located near transit and achieve low vehicle miles traveled (among other requirements). Nevertheless, we used this metric so that the Report could provide an “apples-to-apples” comparison of its findings to the findings of a prominent critic who used this overbroad definition of “infill.” If the Report had used CEQA’s much narrower definition of infill development, the number of challenged units on greenfields would surely have been higher.

**CEQA litigation affects only a small percentage of housing development in California.**

- As noted above, the number of lawsuits filed in 2019-2021 is low, and only 23.8% of those cases challenged projects that include new housing units.
- To put this in context, the Report determined the number of housing units challenged in cases filed in 2019 and compared them to all housing building permits issued in California that year. The analysis found that the number of units subject to CEQA litigation represented approximately 9.9% of the state’s housing permitted for construction in 2019. This finding that the equivalent of less than 10% of the state’s 2019 housing unit production was subject to challenge strongly refutes some critics’ assertions that CEQA stops nearly half of the state’s housing production per year.
- It is critical to understand that CEQA litigation does not “kill” any of the challenged housing-related projects. When a petitioner prevails in a CEQA lawsuit, the project may be delayed but it can still move forward as long as the lead agency complies with the Act’s requirements for disclosing and mitigating its impacts.

**Since the 2021 Report, lawmakers have adopted further CEQA streamlining measures and exemptions, including SB 6, SB 7, SB 9, SB 10, AB 2011, and SB 886. At the same time, cities and counties continue to utilize SB 35 and other streamlining measures to add new housing units — especially low income and very low income housing — to California’s housing supply.**

- Newly adopted streamlining measures create expedited procedures for large housing projects that provide at least 15% affordable units and satisfy other requirements. Exemptions meant to encourage greater residential density include ministerial review for split-lot zoning of single-family residential lots, upzoning of parcels in transit-rich or urban infill areas, and qualifying housing projects on commercially zoned sites. The new measures also create a pathway for residential development on property zoned for retail and office space, and exempt all student and faculty housing built on lands owned by the University of California,

California State University, and California community colleges.

- Data from California's Housing and Community Development Department indicates that SB 35, adopted in 2017, is growing in use and represents an important initiative to streamlining certain types of projects to accelerate much-needed affordable housing production.
- In 2019-2021, CEQA litigation had very little effect on Housing-Only and Mixed Use projects (including a residential component) that were approved via exemption. In that period, only 39 cases challenged such projects. Of these, 11 were denied by the courts, suggesting that the majority of these lawsuits had merit. Critics call attention to the handful of unmeritorious CEQA cases challenging housing projects, repeatedly highlighting the same cases, but lawmakers should not throw out a law because a small number of litigants use it to bring weak cases.
- The growing use of streamlining measures to increase housing production, along with the housing litigation findings outlined above strongly suggest that before the legislature enacts further streamlining amendments, it should evaluate the effectiveness of recent measures. When the legislature eliminates environmental review requirements through streamlining provisions, there may be no mitigation for public health impacts or other harm, and no opportunity for public input. Lawmakers and policy leaders should carefully monitor existing CEQA streamlining measures before further weakening the law's environmental protections by evaluating the measures' effectiveness in increasing housing production (and meeting other policy goals).

**CEQA litigation challenging Housing-Only and Mixed Use projects frequently resulted in safer, more environmentally protective projects.**

- In many cases, CEQA litigation ensured that housing developments would avoid or reduce significant impacts on sensitive habitat and protected species.
- In challenges to housing developments proposed in high fire-hazard zones, court rulings and settlements ensured that agencies would disclose and mitigate projects' serious environmental impacts and safety risks.
- Other lawsuits ensured that there would be adequate infrastructure, including fire and water service, to serve housing developments proposed in remote areas.
- In none of the lawsuits did the court categorically prohibit a housing development. CEQA is primarily a procedural statute: the lead agency must comply with the Act's requirements for disclosure and mitigation of environmental harms.

**In 2019-2021, environmental and community groups continued to use CEQA to advance environmental justice and combat climate change.**

- Five case studies discussed in this Report show how CEQA litigation resulted in mitigation for polluting warehouse, port terminal, and oil drilling projects proposed across California. In two settlements, project proponents agreed to take concrete steps that will reduce their project's air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions and to adopt rigorous energy-efficiency measures. In one Southern California case, a city adopted an ordinance that the California Attorney General lauded as having the most stringent environmental standards for new warehouses in the state. CEQA alone assured these outcomes.
- Environmental justice advocates emphasize that CEQA is typically the *only* legal tool that community groups have to ensure that lead agencies reduce the public health and safety impacts of large industrial projects proposed near homes and schools. It is also a principal mechanism used to force developers to reduce their projects' emissions of climate-harming greenhouse gasses.

**Since the 2021 Report, CEQA litigation has continued to protect unique natural areas and historic monuments.**

- In two landmark decisions, the Court of Appeal required developers of massive projects near world-famous Lake Tahoe to disclose and mitigate their impacts on the Lake's water quality. Because these projects lay outside the jurisdictional boundary of the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency, CEQA was the only law that environmental organizations could use to protect this renowned resource.
- CEQA was also used to protect California's valuable historic resources. Local historic preservation groups successfully challenged the California Department of General Services' plan to add a glass annex to the historic State Capitol building. The Court of Appeal required the agency to revise its EIR to assess the project's impact on historic resources and to analyze options that can meet the project's objectives while reducing impacts to the historic Capitol.

## 2. Introduction

The 2021 Report provided a detailed description of the CEQA process, explaining how agencies apply the law at the administrative stage and how litigants enforce it through civil lawsuits.<sup>10</sup> This Report does not repeat that general discussion. Rather, it closely analyzes the universe of CEQA lawsuits that were filed from 2019 to 2021. We wanted to determine the volume and rate of these cases, the types of petitioners filing them, and the types of projects challenged. We also wanted to determine the effect of this litigation, including its impact, if any, on housing development in California and its contribution, if any, to the state's efforts to combat climate change and environmental injustice.

The 2021 Report described the volume of CEQA cases filed between 2002 and 2019. It found that while the number of lawsuits fluctuated slightly from year to year, there was no overall pattern of increased litigation. Further, the average number for that 18-year period was low: 195 cases per year.<sup>11</sup> Following that earlier analysis, the current Report calculates the number of CEQA cases filed between 2019 and 2021. Again, the number is low: a total of 508 cases over three years. Indeed, our updated analysis finds that the average number of CEQA cases filed annually between 2002 and 2021 dropped slightly, to 192. Accordingly, *despite a 13.2% increase in California's population over the last 20 years, CEQA litigation has not increased.*

The 2021 Report also analyzed the rate of CEQA litigation, finding that only 2% of CEQA projects were challenged between 2013 and 2019. For that calculation, the report examined only lawsuits challenging projects requiring an EIR, a Mitigated Negative Declaration or a Negative Declaration.<sup>12</sup> (If we had included lawsuits challenging CEQA exemptions, the rate would surely have been much lower.) Building on that earlier analysis, the current Report updates the rate of CEQA litigation for the 2013-2021 period. Again, the litigation rate is very low: 1.9%. *Thus, for nearly a decade, less than 2 out of 100 projects requiring environmental review have been challenged under CEQA.*

The current Report also analyzes the types of petitioners filing CEQA actions and the types of projects challenged — aspects not explored in the 2021 Report. This Report finds that a wide array of petitioners seek to enforce the statute. While environmental, community, and environmental justice organizations filed the majority of the cases in 2019-2021, public agencies and businesses also frequently filed suits under the statute.

Critics have claimed that CEQA mostly targets infill development, including housing. Our data led to a

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<sup>10</sup> 2021 Report at 7-11.

<sup>11</sup> 2021 Report at ii.

<sup>12</sup> 2021 Report at ii.

different conclusion. This Report finds that only 23.8% of cases filed in 2019-2021 challenged housing units. Numerous lawsuits during that time period challenged other types of projects: commercial and industrial developments, water plans and projects, and agricultural/forestry projects. A small number of suits challenged transportation and energy projects.

The current Report also updates the 2021 Report's analysis of the interplay between CEQA and housing production. The earlier report found that many complex factors have contributed to California's housing crisis, including high land and construction costs, restrictive local zoning, and income inequality.<sup>13</sup> CEQA was not a significant factor in that crisis.<sup>14</sup> The present Report comes to the same conclusion. *In 2019-2021, not only is the average number of cases lower than the previous decade, but less than a quarter of these cases even challenged housing projects.* Further, the Report finds that, for the "snapshot" year 2019 (prior to disruption by the pandemic), less than 10% of that year's housing unit production was subject to challenge — a far cry from one critic's claim that CEQA cases challenge over half of all permitted units.

In addition, this Report updates the 2021 Report's description of numerous CEQA streamlining measures and exemptions designed to expedite the approval infill housing development.<sup>15</sup> *Since the publication of the 2021 Report, the Legislature has adopted additional, very extensive measures to accelerate these housing approvals.* This Report describes these new measures in detail and also updates our research on the effectiveness of SB 35, adopted in 2017. Using data from California's Housing and Community Development Department, we found that SB 35 is growing in use, accelerating the production of much-needed affordable housing.

One lesson from the data is that exemptions work if carefully tailored and explicitly drawn. There are now, however, proposals to widely extend these types of exemptions. But exemptions are just that: blanket exceptions to the requirement that environmental effects should be analyzed before a project is approved. As this Report documents, CEQA has become a key tool for fighting climate change, wildfire risk, air pollution, and environmental injustice. Ill-considered exemptions could result in approval of many more environmentally damaging projects without mitigation to avoid those effects.

Finally, this Report includes a number of case studies illustrating CEQA's actual effect. The first set of studies describes CEQA litigation challenging poorly planned housing projects, including projects proposed in high fire-danger areas and projects lacking sufficient infrastructure. In many of these cases, the litigation resulted in safer, more sustainable projects. The second set of case studies describes CEQA litigation challenging industrial and commercial projects, such as massive warehouse logistic centers, that

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<sup>13</sup> 2021 Report at iii.

<sup>14</sup> *Id.*

<sup>15</sup> See 2021 Report at 11-14, Appx. A.



threaten the public health and safety of disadvantaged communities. These cases illustrate how CEQA works to advance environmental justice and combat climate change. A third set of cases shows how CEQA continues to protect California's iconic places, both scenic natural areas and treasured historic resources.

### 3. CEQA Litigation: Volume, Rate, and Type

No state agency is assigned to enforce CEQA. Instead, the statute is enforced by private parties acting in the public interest, as well as by some public agencies and by the California Attorney General. Without private enforcement through litigation, CEQA's requirements could be violated with impunity.

To determine the amount of CEQA litigation, the 2021 Report analyzed the volume and rate of CEQA litigation through 2019. The current Report updates that information to determine (1) the number of CEQA cases filed each year between 2002 and 2021, and (2) the rate of litigation between 2013 and 2021. The Report then categorizes the cases for 2019-2021 by (3) the type of petitioner filing the suit, and (4) the type of project challenged.

As required by Public Resources Code section 21167.7, every party filing a CEQA lawsuit must submit a copy of the document that commences the CEQA litigation to the California Attorney General, who maintains these records. These documents are available for 2002 through 2021 from a combination of published sources, who in turn, each received the documents from the Attorney General upon request. Unless otherwise indicated, this Report's conclusions are based on this data.<sup>16</sup>

#### Litigation Volume: CEQA Lawsuits (2002-2021)

This Report updates the research on the volume of CEQA lawsuits through 2021. We find that 190 lawsuits were filed in 2019, 183 cases in 2020, and 135 cases in 2021.<sup>17</sup> The data, graphed below, shows that the number of CEQA lawsuits filed in the past nearly 20 years has been both relatively low and stable.<sup>18</sup> *Since 2002, California has averaged 192 CEQA lawsuits per year statewide. From 183 lawsuits in 2002 to 135 lawsuits in 2021, litigation has fluctuated slightly, but there is no trend of increases.* Furthermore, year-to-year fluctuations do not trend with population growth; despite a 13.2 percent increase in California's population for the period, the annual number of CEQA lawsuits has remained within a narrow range.

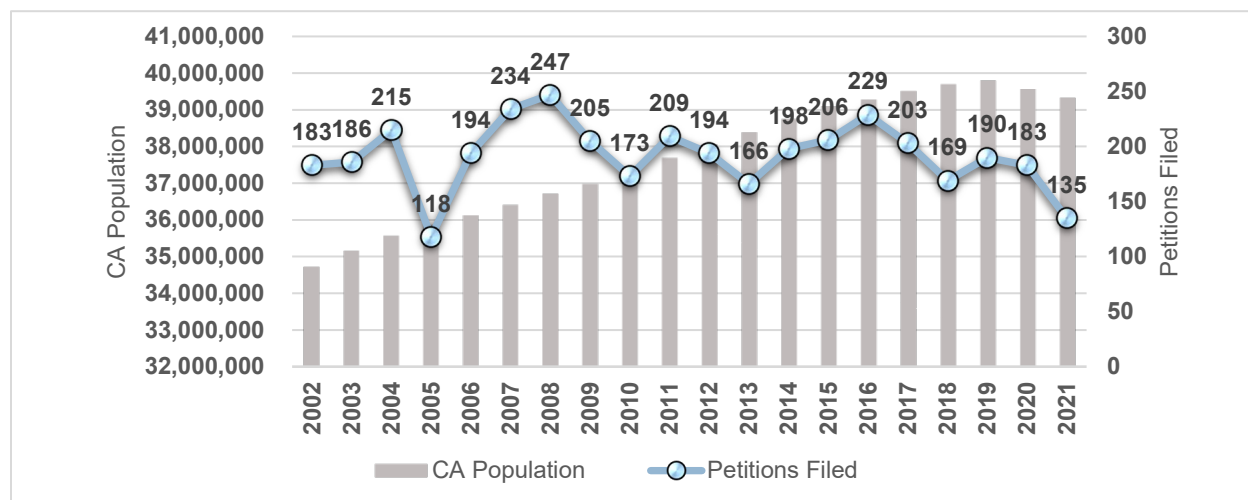
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<sup>16</sup> Research for this Report also uncovered four CEQA cases that were not provided by the AG's office: *Natural Resources Defense Council et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02978; *Sierra Club et al. v. Del Puerto Water District*, Stanislaus County Superior Court case no. CV-20-005193; *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. 2100950; and *Committee for a Better Arvin et al. v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536-GP. We included these cases in Appendices A and C and in our analysis.

<sup>17</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. A. Note: our analysis of the data for this Report revealed that five cases had mistakenly been included in the 2021 Report's tally for 2019. The cases either were duplicates (included twice in the same year) (*Granite Bay Preservation Soc. v. Placer County*; *Santa Ana Needs Equity v. City of Santa Ana*), did not allege a CEQA claim (*New-Old Ways etc. v. Sonoma County*), or were amended complaints in cases from a previous year (*Laguna Greenbelt, Inc. v. County of Orange*; *Laborers' International Union of North America Local Union No. 220 v. City of Shafter*). Accordingly, the correct total for 2019 is 190 cases, not 195 as stated in the 2021 Report.

<sup>18</sup> Data compiled for 2002-2011 from *The Litigation Myth* (David Pettit and Tom Adams, NRDC, 2013); for 2012 from *In the Name of the Environment* (J. Hernandez, Holland & Knight, 2015) at 92-122; for 2013-2015 from the 2016 Report at 19; for 2016-2018 from the 2021 Report at 18; and for 2019-2021 from this Report, Appendix A.

**Figure 1: CEQA Lawsuits Filed 2002 – 2021**



## Estimated CEQA Litigation Rate (2013-2021)

While the historic pattern of lawsuits filed under CEQA has remained stable, the context of 192 average lawsuits per year is not well understood. Similar to the 2016 and 2021 Reports, the following analysis compares the number of CEQA lawsuits filed each year to the estimated universe of all CEQA review actions, to obtain a CEQA litigation rate. For this Report, statewide litigation rates for the 2013-2021 period were estimated, refining the prior primary research and analysis conducted for the 2016 Report, as detailed below.<sup>19</sup> *We found that the litigation rate for the 2013-2021 period was 1.9%. This means that, for nearly a decade, only about 2 projects out every 100 projects in California faced a CEQA lawsuit.*

The analysis presented herein entailed the following steps for each year:

1. Analyzed the number of lawsuits challenging an EIR, a Mitigated Negative Declaration (“MND”), or a Negative Declaration (collectively, “CEQA Review Document”);
2. Estimated the universe of all projects in the state requiring a CEQA Review Document.

<sup>19</sup> An estimate of litigation rates for the period prior to 2013 is not possible. As described further in this chapter, the Report’s methodology relies on a sampling of jurisdictions used to estimate all CEQA review actions for a given year — data which is not available before 2013.

The litigation rate was then estimated using the following formula:

$$\frac{\text{Lawsuits Challenging CEQA Review Document}}{\text{All Projects with CEQA Review Document}} = \text{Litigation Rate}$$

The following sections provide data and estimates of the number of lawsuits filed and the total number (estimated) of projects subject to CEQA review in the same time period, in order to determine the rate of litigation.

### ***Analysis of CEQA Lawsuits (the “Numerator”)***

The 2016 and 2021 Reports and this Report categorized the CEQA lawsuits filed between 2013 and 2021 based on the nature of the environmental review being litigated.<sup>20</sup> The three categories utilized were: (1) lawsuits challenging a CEQA exemption, (2) lawsuits challenging a CEQA Review Document (i.e., an EIR, a Mitigated Negative Declaration, or a Negative Declaration), and (3) lawsuits categorized as “Other,” encompassing a range of less common lawsuits including those alleging no environmental review, inappropriate reliance on prior EIR/MNDs, inadequacy of CEQA functional-equivalent documents, improper reliance on addendums to prior EIR/MNDs, or failure to enforce CEQA mitigation or settlements.

The table below summarizes the CEQA lawsuits filed for the seven-year period between 2013 and 2021, separated into the three categories.

**Table 1: CEQA Lawsuits Filed in California, 2013-2021**

<b>Lawsuit Categories (a)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Average 2013-2021</b>
Lawsuits Re:CEQA Review Document (b)	117	120	151	169	136	118	104	101	79	<b>1,095</b>	65.2%	122
Lawsuits Disputing Exemption Status (c)	27	40	32	27	36	27	49	51	41	<b>330</b>	19.7%	37
Other Lawsuits (d)	<u>22</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>37</u>	<u>31</u>	<u>15</u>	<b>254</b>	15.1%	28
<b>Total Lawsuits</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>203</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>1,679</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>187</b>

a) In order to analyze petitions related to CEQA, all documents listed by the Attorney General related to the same project, such as primary and amended complaints, were indexed as one entry. Filings with different identification numbers but identical documents were considered duplicates.

b) Includes only lawsuits related to Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and EIRs.

c) Lawsuits disputing use of an exemption

d) Lawsuits alleging no environmental review, inappropriate reliance on prior EIR/MND, inadequate CEQA functional equivalents, improper reliance on addendums to prior EIR/MND, or failure to enforce mitigation or CEQA settlements.

Sources: Office of the Attorney General, 2013-2023; BAE, 2016; 2021 Report, 2021; The Housing Workshop, 2023; Appendix A.

As shown, a total of 1,679 lawsuits were filed between 2013 and 2021 — for an average of 187 lawsuits filed per year. During this period, there were 1,095 filings challenging a CEQA Review Document. On an

<sup>20</sup> See 2016 Report at 20-22 & Appx. B, for categorizations of CEQA lawsuits filed in 2013-2015. See 2021 Report at 20 & Appx. C for categorizations of CEQA lawsuits filed in 2016-2018.

average annual basis for the period, just 122 lawsuits per year challenged a CEQA Review Document, 37 lawsuits per year challenged the Lead Agency's determination that the project was exempt from CEQA, and 28 lawsuits per year challenged scenarios categorized as "Other."

### ***Estimate of Projects Subject to CEQA Review Documentation (the "Denominator")***

A starting point for estimating the universe of all projects requiring CEQA Review Documents is the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, which compiles data on CEQA activity submitted to the State Clearinghouse. However, the database, known as CEQAnet, does not represent all projects processed pursuant to CEQA because filings are required only for projects where a state agency is a Lead, Responsible, or Trustee Agency, or where the "project is of sufficient statewide, regional, or area-wide environmental significance."<sup>21</sup> Local reviews of projects that do not require state agency comments are not required to be submitted to the Clearinghouse.

Thus, while CEQAnet is a point of departure for estimating the universe of all projects subject to CEQA review in California, the lack of comprehensive reporting to CEQAnet required additional information to provide a more complete analysis. To adjust for cases not reported to the State Clearinghouse, we requested CEQA review data from 15 cities and counties across the state as part of the 2016 Report. This sample of 15 jurisdictions was carefully selected to represent a balance of northern and southern, coastal and inland, and larger and smaller local governments; however, some of the sample jurisdictions were not able to provide full records for all projects having undergone CEQA review during the study period. Five jurisdictions, including the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Los Angeles, the City of Merced, the City of Modesto, and Butte County were able to provide complete data regarding all CEQA-reviewed projects within their respective jurisdictions for the study period.<sup>22</sup> These jurisdictions, which together represent 13.2 percent of California's population, included a broad, balanced range of locales in terms of geography and population size.

The 2016 Report compared the overall data from the five reporting jurisdictions to the State Clearinghouse figures for those same areas. Next, the 2016 Report calculated the proportion of all Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and EIRs (i.e., CEQA Review Documents) in those jurisdictions that were reported to the State Clearinghouse. The statewide data was then adjusted proportionately to reflect the CEQA Review Documents not included in the CEQAnet reporting. This proportional adjustment yielded an estimate of total projects with CEQA Review Documents statewide.<sup>23</sup>

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<sup>21</sup> Pub. Resources Code § 21082.1.

<sup>22</sup> See 2016 Report at 21-22.

<sup>23</sup> The 2021 Report made minor adjustments to the 2016 Report's estimate of total statewide projects using CEQA Review Documents for study years 2013-2015. Since 2015, more complete data has become available, enabling the researchers to refine our records' comparison from the five jurisdictions to CEQAnet for these prior years. This refinement resulted in a slight numerical rise in litigation rates for the 2013-2015 study period, but it did not change any of the overall findings of the prior 2016 Report.



Appendix B shows details on the CEQAnet submittals for the study period covered by this Report, the research of sampled jurisdictions conducted in 2016, minor adjustments made since that initial estimate to reflect better available historical data, and the resulting estimate of total projects statewide subject to a CEQA Review Document for the study period.

### ***Estimated Rate of CEQA Litigation in California***

The CEQA litigation rate was calculated as all court filings challenging CEQA Review Documents divided by the estimated total projects with CEQA Review Documents.<sup>24</sup> As shown in Table 2, the litigation rate for the seven-year period of 2013 through 2021 was 1.9 percent. In other words, the litigation rate has been and continues to be extremely low.

**Table 2: Litigation Rate, California Lawsuits Related to CEQA, 2013-2021**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total 2013-2021
Lawsuits Re:CEQA Review Document (a)	117	120	151	169	136	118	104	101	79	1,095
Total CEQA Reviewed Projects (b)	6,258	7,134	6,829	6,673	6,459	6,082	5,777	5,662	5,717	56,591
<b>Litigation Rate</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>
a) Includes only lawsuits related to Negative Declarations, Mitigated Negative Declarations, and EIRs from Table 1.										
b) Estimate of all CEQA projects in this category by The Housing Workshop. See Appendix A for details.										
Sources: Office of the Attorney General, 2013-2023; BAE, 2016; The Housing Workshop, 2023; Appendix A.										

These findings strongly challenge the notion that CEQA has created a flood of litigation. Contrary to unsupported assertions made by some in the popular press, CEQA litigation rates are low. As the above table illustrates, in the cases of CEQA projects for which an environmental review document was prepared (i.e., EIR, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Negative Declaration), the overall litigation rate is estimated as 1.9 percent for the 2013-2021 period. This low rate is consistent with other studies that have studied the rate of CEQA litigation.<sup>25</sup>

## **Types of Petitioners Filing CEQA Cases (2019-2021)**

This Report sorts the petitioners who filed suits in 2019-2021 into the following categories:

Environmental Organizations; Community Groups; Environmental Justice Organizations; Historic Preservation Organizations; California Native American Tribes; Labor Unions; Public Agencies; Businesses; Individuals; and Other. By far the largest number of cases were brought by Environmental

<sup>24</sup> The 2016 Report also sought to analyze the volume of exemptions, but other than San Francisco, jurisdictions providing their data did not reliably track exemptions. Thus, a proportional adjustment to CEQAnet's limited reported exemptions volume could not be reliably made.

<sup>25</sup> See, e.g., California State Legislature, Senate Environmental Quality Committee, *California Environmental Quality Act Survey* (2017), [https://senv.senate.ca.gov/sites/senv.senate.ca.gov/files/ceqa\\_survey\\_full\\_report\\_-\\_final\\_12-5-17.pdf](https://senv.senate.ca.gov/sites/senv.senate.ca.gov/files/ceqa_survey_full_report_-_final_12-5-17.pdf); Office of the Attorney General, Quantifying the Rate of Litigation Under the California Environmental Quality Act: A Case Study (2012).

Organizations and Community Groups, but many other interests used the statute as well. The table at the end of this section summarizes the categorization of petitioners for all cases filed for the 2019-2021 period. Appendix C shows the details for each case by petitioner(s).

### ***Environmental Organizations***

This category includes national and state environmental organizations such as the Sierra Club and Center for Biological Diversity, as well as regional environmental groups such as the Endangered Habitats League and Los Angeles Waterkeeper. In 2019-2021, these petitioners initiated many actions aimed at curbing greenhouse gas emissions, safeguarding public health, and protecting agricultural lands and sensitive habitat.<sup>26</sup> They challenged industrial warehouses,<sup>27</sup> ordinances governing oil and gas permitting,<sup>28</sup> state water projects,<sup>29</sup> mixed use developments located in areas of high fire risk,<sup>30</sup> and other projects. In several of these cases, environmental organizations were joined by local community groups, environmental justice organizations, tribes, professional associations,<sup>31</sup> and/or individuals. In 2019-2021, environmental organizations filed 70 CEQA cases.

Most of the organizations in this category have existed for decades.<sup>32</sup> We found no evidence to support the allegation of one critic that only a small portion of CEQA lawsuits are filed by environmental organizations that existed prior to filing the cases.<sup>33</sup>

### ***Community Groups***

This category includes local community groups from all parts of California. Unlike the preceding category, these petitioners are primarily focused on environmental, public health, and safety issues affecting a local area or neighborhood. In 2019-2021, community groups filed 217 CEQA cases. In many of these cases, larger environmental organizations, historic preservation groups, and/or individuals joined

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<sup>26</sup> Except as otherwise noted, the facts set forth regarding CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021 are based on the allegations in the petitions for writ of mandate filed in each action.

<sup>27</sup> *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Moreno Valley*, Riverside County Superior Court case no. RIC2002697 (challenging World Logistics Center).

<sup>28</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin et al. v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536-GP (challenging ordinance streamlining oil and gas permitting in Kern County).

<sup>29</sup> *North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. v. Dept. of Water Resources*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003047-CU-WM-GDS (challenging state project reducing water flows to the Sacramento/San Joaquin Delta).

<sup>30</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP02100 (challenging massive “Tejon Ranch” project).

<sup>31</sup> E.g., *North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. v. Dept. of Water Resources*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003047-CU-WM-GDS (includes Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen’s Associations as co-petitioner).

<sup>32</sup> See, e.g., <https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/about/story/> (Center for Biological Diversity founded in 1989); [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra\\_Club](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sierra_Club) (Sierra Club founded in 1892); [https://www.ocnonprofitcentral.org/organizations/endangered-habitats-league-inc#:~:text=Founded%20in%201991%20as%20a,3\)%20membership%20organization%20in%201993](https://www.ocnonprofitcentral.org/organizations/endangered-habitats-league-inc#:~:text=Founded%20in%201991%20as%20a,3)%20membership%20organization%20in%201993) (Endangered Habitats League founded in 1991); <https://www.crunchbase.com/organization/los-angeles-waterkeeper> (Los Angeles Waterkeeper founded in 1993).

<sup>33</sup> J. Hernandez, *Anti-Housing CEQA Lawsuits Filed in 2020 Challenge Nearly 50% of California’s Annual Housing Production* (Center for Jobs & the Economy, 2022) at 3, referring to finding in 2015 Holland & Knight study (“we also discovered that only 13% of [CEQA] lawsuits were filed by environmental organizations that existed prior to filing their CEQA lawsuit”).

as co-petitioners.<sup>34</sup> This category includes six homeowner associations.<sup>35</sup>

Community groups typically bring CEQA actions because local government officials have failed to look at all the environmental ramifications of a local project. For example, in Mendocino County, a tiny organization, Keep the Code, used CEQA to rectify the county's failure to provide adequate environmental mitigation for a proposed asphalt and concrete batch plant and the expansion of a large quarry.<sup>36</sup> In Marin County, a small community group prevailed in a CEQA action challenging a city's failure to prepare an EIR for a mega-gas station that would significantly degrade air quality in the area.<sup>37</sup> Meanwhile, in Southern California, community groups brought four separate actions to protect the Ballona Wetlands, an important environmental resource.<sup>38</sup> And two neighborhood groups successfully challenged the City of Los Angeles's approval of a sidewalk repair program that would have resulted in the removal of 12,860 mature trees, nearly 2% of the city's street trees. In addition to destroying sensitive bird habitat, the loss of this canopy would have led to increased heat, decreased pedestrian traffic, and increased energy use.<sup>39</sup> The sidewalk repair can move forward as long as the city complies with CEQA.

While these disputes might not attract the attention of a national environmental group, the issues they raise are vital to the local community. Small community organizations are uniquely situated to bring these environmental concerns to the attention of local leaders and ensure that CEQA is enforced.

For decades, community groups have used CEQA to protect the environment and improve development projects in their neighborhoods. Appendix D includes a partial list of published appellate decisions illustrating these successes.

### ***Environmental Justice Organizations***

This category encompasses organizations throughout the state who work to ensure that new development and policies do not adversely impact residents and schoolchildren in vulnerable, low-income communities. As the 2021 Report explained, these frontline communities bear the brunt of the environmental pollution created by our society's industrial development, transportation systems, and

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<sup>34</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. C.

<sup>35</sup> *Swanston Ranch Owners Association v. California Dept. of Water Resources*, Yolo County Superior Court case no. PT19-1724; *Casa Mira Homeowners Association v. California Coastal Commission*, San Mateo County Superior Court case no. 19-CIV-04677; *Blackhorse Homeowners Association v. Regents of UC*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2020-00037564-CU-TT-CTL; *Costa Pacifica Estates Homeowners Association v. County of San Luis Obispo*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court; *Santa Monica Bayside Owners Association v. City of Santa Monica*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21SMCP00269.

<sup>36</sup> *Keep the Code, Inc. v. County of Mendocino*, Mendocino County Superior Court case no. SCU-K-CVPT-2020-7375.

<sup>37</sup> *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. CIV2100950; Order (Aug. 5, 2022) at 1, 13-17.

<sup>38</sup> *Ballona Wetlands Land Trust v. California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP00242; *Defend Ballona Wetlands et al. v. California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP00240; *Grassroots Coalition et al. v. California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCV03657; *Protect Ballona Wetlands v. California Dept. of Fish and Wildlife*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP00237.

<sup>39</sup> *United Neighborhoods for Los Angeles et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02401, Order Granting Petition for Writ of Mandate (Jan. 17, 2023) at 1-3, 20.

other large-scale projects.<sup>40</sup> This type of obvious environmental injustice has come to the forefront in recent years after receiving much less attention earlier.

In 2019-2021, environmental justice groups brought 22 CEQA cases to defend their neighborhoods and the environment. For example, in Riverside County, the Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice was the lead plaintiff challenging the World Logistics Center, an enormous warehouse project whose pollution threatened the health of nearby residents and schoolchildren.<sup>41</sup> Similarly, the Committee for a Better Arvin spearheaded a successful CEQA suit challenging the defective EIR for a Kern County ordinance streamlining oil and gas permitting in low-income areas of the county.<sup>42</sup> In both of these cases, national environmental groups joined the action as co-petitioners. See Chapter 5 for an in-depth discussion of environmental justice cases filed in 2019-2021.

### ***Historic Preservation Organizations***

In 2019-2021, historic preservation groups and others filed 21 CEQA cases seeking to protect historic resources, districts, and landmarks throughout the state.<sup>43</sup> For example, the Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition and others challenged the City of Laguna Beach's failure to prepare an EIR before it amended the Historic Resources Element of its General Plan to make historic status wholly voluntary, with owner consent a prerequisite to identification of local historic resources.<sup>44</sup>

In Sacramento, local historic preservation organizations successfully challenged the California Department of General Services' use of a faulty EIR for its controversial plan to alter the historic State Capitol Complex; the new plan would have added a new glass annex building as well as a visitor center with significant impacts on the iconic West Lawn.<sup>45</sup> In another example, a CEQA suit set aside the school board's plan to remove the historic "Life of George Washington" mural from a high school in San Francisco.<sup>46</sup>

### ***California Native American Tribes***

This category includes California Native American tribes, which encompass both federally recognized

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<sup>40</sup> 2021 Report at 77.

<sup>41</sup> *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Moreno Valley*, Riverside County Superior Court case no. RIC2002697.

<sup>42</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin et al. v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536-GP, Ruling (June 7, 2022) at 1, 22-23, 28-29, 36-37.

<sup>43</sup> In some cases, community groups and/or individuals joined the historic preservation groups as petitioners. E.g., *Newtown Preservation Society et al. v. County of El Dorado*, El Dorado County Superior Court case no. PC 20190037 (includes individual petitioner); *West Adams Heritage Assn. et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP00916 (includes local community group).

<sup>44</sup> *Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition v. City of Laguna Beach*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2021-01178477-CU-TT-CXC.

<sup>45</sup> *Save Our Capitol, Save Our Trees v. Dept. of General Services*, Sacramento Superior Court case no. 34-2021-80003674; *Save Our Capitol! v. Dept. of General Services* (2023) 87 Cal.App.5th 655.

<sup>46</sup> *George Washington High School Alumni Assn. v. San Francisco Unified School Dist.*, San Francisco County Superior Court case no. CPF19516880; Order Granting Petitioner's Writ of Mandate (Jul. 27, 2021) at 41-42.

tribes and those not recognized by the federal government, as well as organizations dedicated to preserving tribal resources. In 2019-2021, diverse tribes from around California filed ten CEQA cases, using the Act to protect their cultural heritage and sacred lands. In some of these cases, environmental or community groups joined as co-petitioners.

For example, in 2019 the Winnemem Wintu Tribe, together with environmental groups, challenged projects by the state Department of Water Resources and the state Water Resources Control Board that would reduce fresh water flows to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. The tribe maintains a deep cultural and spiritual interest in the continued viability of salmon runs passing through the Delta.<sup>47</sup> Later that year, the Juaneno Band of Mission Indians brought a CEQA suit against California State University Long Beach after the University dumped massive quantities of construction soil and debris on a sacred site that is listed on the state and national registers of historic places.<sup>48</sup> The parties settled the suit when the University agreed to permanently conserve the site from future development.<sup>49</sup> In each of these cases, the tribes contended the environmental review for the project failed to comply with CEQA.

### ***Labor Unions***

In 2019-2021, labor unions filed 13 CEQA cases. The allegations in the unions' complaints read much like the CEQA claims advanced by environmental and community-based organizations; after all, many union members reside in the communities where they work and thus have a stake in public agencies' compliance with environmental laws. For example, in 2020 the Laborers' International Union of North America ("LUNA") Local Union No. 304 challenged the City of Dublin's use of an exemption for a large hotel that would impact indoor air quality, biological resources and traffic.<sup>50</sup> The petition alleges that LUNA members live, work, and recreate in the city.

The low number of union lawsuits in 2019-2021 contradicts critics' suggestion that unions have brought a litigation onslaught.<sup>51</sup> By comparison, as discussed below, public agencies filed approximately four times as many cases in that time period. Moreover, in two of the union cases filed in 2019-2021, community groups joined the unions as co-petitioners.<sup>52</sup>

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<sup>47</sup> *North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. v. Dept. of Water Resources*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003047-CU-WM-GDS; *North Coast Rivers Alliance et al. v. State Water Resources Control Board*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003063-CU-WM-GDS.

<sup>48</sup> *Juaneno Band of Mission Indians et al. v. California State University*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP04339.

<sup>49</sup> *Juaneno Band of Mission Indians et al. v. California State University*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP04339, Settlement Agreement (Sept. 13, 2021) at 3-4.

<sup>50</sup> *Laborers' International Union of North America Local Union No. 304 v. City of Dublin*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG20068501.

<sup>51</sup> See, e.g., Dick Spotswood, *Marin Independent Journal* (Dec. 10, 2022) ("unions use CEQA as a vehicle to file lawsuits and administrative appeals").

<sup>52</sup> *Citizens for Responsible Wind Energy et al. v. City of San Diego*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. RIC1901829; *Peoples Collective for Environmental Justice et al. v. City of West Covina*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP03886. In some cases, individuals joined the labor union as co-petitioners. E.g., *Jimenez v. City of Commerce*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP03295,



### ***Public Agencies***

In 2019-2021, public agencies filed 59 CEQA cases. These petitioners include cities, counties, water agencies, school districts, public utility districts, fire districts, air districts, sanitation districts, and transportation agencies.<sup>53</sup> Their cases address a broad range of important environmental and land use issues.

Cities frequently bring CEQA litigation because they are concerned that a neighboring jurisdiction has approved a development project without mitigating its extra-jurisdictional significant impacts. For example, the City of Tustin sued the City of Santa Ana alleging that its neighbor had failed to mitigate the impacts of a large mixed use development on air quality, land use, and traffic.<sup>54</sup> Local agencies also use CEQA to challenge state agencies' approvals of projects that could adversely affect their residents. The City of Lawndale's challenge to the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) widening of a segment of Interstate 405 is an example of this type of case.<sup>55</sup>

In another set of cases, public service districts are concerned about an issue with important environmental implications: their inability to provide the public services needed for a proposed development, such as fire protection or water services. In 2019, a fire district in Stanislaus County brought a CEQA suit when a city approved a large mixed use project without sufficient funding to cover wildfire protection.<sup>56</sup> Similarly, a municipal utility district in Contra Costa County used CEQA to challenge the county's approval of a project lacking a viable water supply plan.<sup>57</sup>

Other public agencies challenge approvals because they are concerned about the local and regional impacts of large, polluting projects. For example, the South Coast Air Quality Management District filed suit when the City of Los Angeles failed to mitigate the significant air quality impacts of the China Shipping Container Terminal.<sup>58</sup> CEQA is often the only tool for addressing these issues.

### ***Businesses***

Business interests and trade associations also use CEQA, accounting for 76 of all cases filed 2019-2021. These cases cover a broad range of issues. In some actions, businesses seek to safeguard environmental resources that are necessary for the ongoing health and productivity of their enterprise. For example, an almond farm sued Kern County over its approval of an ordinance streamlining oil development that

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<sup>53</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. C.

<sup>54</sup> *City of Tustin v. City of Santa Ana*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2020-01161134.

<sup>55</sup> *City of Lawndale v. California Dept. of Transportation*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02875.

<sup>56</sup> *Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District v. City of Riverbank*, Stanislaus County Superior Court case no. CV-19-004402.

<sup>57</sup> *East Bay Municipal Utility Dist. v. Contra Costa County*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. MSN21-1274.

<sup>58</sup> *South Coast Air Quality Management Dist. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02985. Chapter 6 provides an in-depth discussion of this case.

would damage productive farmland throughout most of the county.<sup>59</sup> Similarly, the corporate owner of agricultural lands in Imperial County challenged the expansion of a large cattle facility, from 17,000 to 34,000 cattle, immediately adjacent to its property that would impact its operations.<sup>60</sup> In both cases, the businesses complained that the agencies had failed to adopt feasible mitigation measures that would have reduced the projects' significant environmental impacts.

Businesses also bring CEQA challenges to transportation projects that interfere with their operations and harm the environment. For example, an agricultural entity in Stanislaus County challenged Caltrans' approval of a new freeway severing its property, thereby undermining its ability to farm part of its land; among other problems, Caltrans had refused to consider a less harmful freeway alignment.<sup>61</sup> Likewise, the owner of a vineyard and winery in San Luis Obispo County challenged Caltrans' use of an emergency exemption to eliminate certain at-grade crossings of Highway 101. In that case, the petitioner alleged that the project could cause delays in fire and police responses, as well as increases in vehicle miles traveled and associated greenhouse gas emissions.<sup>62</sup>

In other cases, landowners and developers bring CEQA cases to challenge the process the lead agency is following to comply with the Act. For example, a petitioner may object to the agency's delay in preparing an EIR.<sup>63</sup> Similarly, a developer may bring a CEQA suit to challenge a land use decision, such as a down-zoning, that affects the developer's property.<sup>64</sup> In these cases, the petitioner typically brings claims under laws besides CEQA. For example, in a 2019 case against the City of Cupertino, the developer's suit asserted causes of action under two state housing laws (Gov. Code § 65583 et seq. and § 65863.6) and the Planning and Zoning Law (Gov. Code § 65300.5); CEQA was fourth on the list.<sup>65</sup>

Finally, certain industries file CEQA actions after public agencies enact land use regulations restricting their operations. For example, various oil companies and associations brought challenges to Ventura County general plan and zoning amendments that would curtail their oil and gas operations.<sup>66</sup> As with the cases brought by developers, these companies often assert several other causes of action besides CEQA, such as federal and state preemption, vested rights, inverse condemnation, and due process claims.<sup>67</sup>

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<sup>59</sup> *King and Gardiner Farms LLC v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100533.

<sup>60</sup> *Scaroni Properties, Inc. v. County of Imperial*, Imperial County Superior Court case no. ECU001568.

<sup>61</sup> *Martin Family Holdings, LLC v. California Dept. of Transportation*, Stanislaus County Superior Court case no. CV-20-003776.

<sup>62</sup> *Vintage Wine Estates, Inc. v. The State of California*, California Dept. of Transportation, Sacramento Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003141.

<sup>63</sup> *West Coast Home Builders, Inc. v. City of Brentwood*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. MSN20-0210.

<sup>64</sup> *Vallco Property Owner LLC v. City of Cupertino*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 19CV35547,

<sup>65</sup> *Id.*

<sup>66</sup> *E.g., Aera Energy LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00546180-CU-WM-VTA; *Carbon California Company, LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548181-CU-WM-VTA; *ABA Energy Corp. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548077-CU-WM-VTA; *Western States Petroleum Assn. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00547988-CU-WM-VTA.

<sup>67</sup> *E.g., Aera Energy LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00546180-CU-WM-VTA (federal and state preemption, vested rights, inverse condemnation, due process); *Carbon California Company, LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County

## ***Individuals***

This category includes cases filed by individuals, family trusts, and companies formed to hold individuals' real property. These cases assert a variety of claims, but most of them are similar to lawsuits brought by environmental and community groups, with the petitioner expressing concern about a project's environmental impacts.<sup>68</sup> In a few cases, individuals complained about the way in which the lead agency processed their development application.<sup>69</sup> Individuals' cases account for 52 of the CEQA cases filed 2019-2021.

In identifying cases in the Individual petitioner category, we did not include cases in which a community group, labor union or other entity was a co-petitioner. As a general rule, attorneys include individuals in such actions as a precaution to establish standing; in most cases, the individual is a member of, or associated with, the group.

## ***Other***

This category includes various petitioners that could not be classified in the categories described above. They include assorted entities like the Salvation Army,<sup>70</sup> the California State Parks Rangers Association,<sup>71</sup> the Watsonville Pilots Association,<sup>72</sup> and St. Luke's Lutheran Church.<sup>73</sup>

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Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548181-CU-WM-VTA; (federal and preemption, vested rights, inverse condemnation); *ABA Energy Corp. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548077-CU-WM-VTA (vested rights, inverse condemnation, estoppel); *Western States Petroleum Assn. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00547988-CU-WM-VTA (federal and state preemption, inconsistency with California Coastal Act).

<sup>68</sup> *E.g., Sabih v. Skeen*, Monterey County Superior Court case no. 19CV003092 (alleging failure to enforce mitigation measures for housing construction).

<sup>69</sup> *E.g., Durkin v. City and County of San Francisco*, San Francisco County Superior Court case no. CGC19580677 (landowner alleging city erred in not finding his proposed project exempt from CEQA).

<sup>70</sup> *The Salvation Army et al. v. City of Bell*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP00693.

<sup>71</sup> *California State Parks Rangers Association v. California Dept. of Parks and Recreation*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003224.

<sup>72</sup> *Watsonville Pilots Association v. City of Watsonville*, Santa Cruz County Superior Court case no. 21CV02343.

<sup>73</sup> *St. Luke's Lutheran Church, La Mesa v. City of La Mesa*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2021-0050398-CU-WM-CTL.

## Summary of Petitioner Types

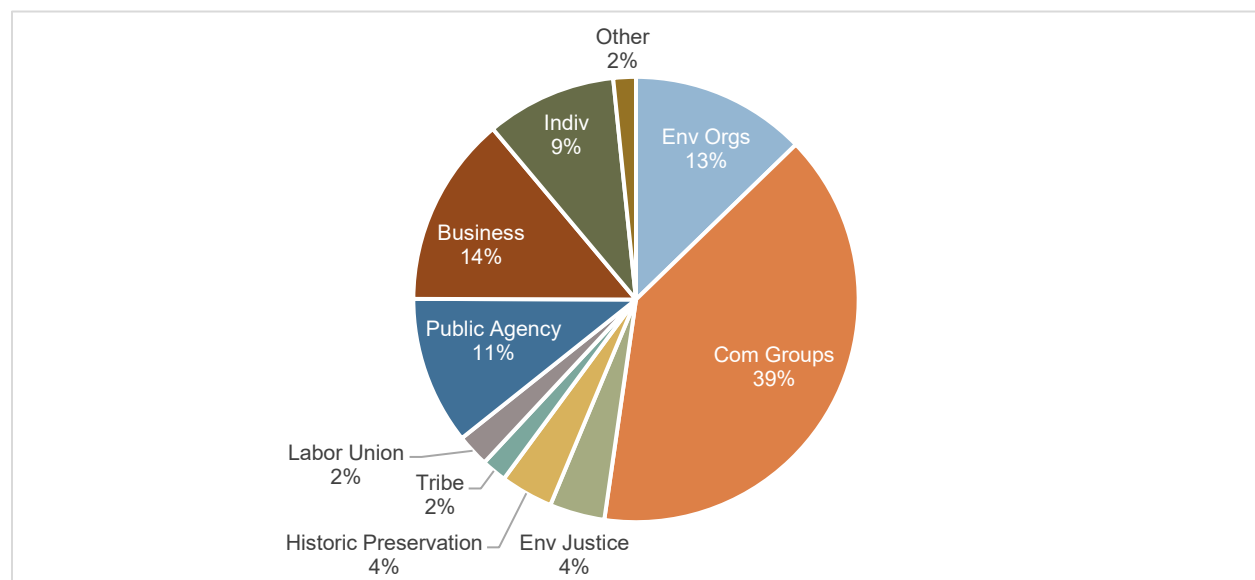
In contrast to frequently mis-reported anecdotes, the type of petitioner for CEQA lawsuits spans a broad array of organizations, public agencies, companies, tribes, and individuals. The table and graph below show the number of lawsuits for the 2019-2021 period per the categorizations described above. As indicated, the Community Group category was the most frequent type of petitioner. Environmental Organizations also filed a substantial number of cases and were frequently joined by Environmental Justice groups. The other large categories were Public Agencies, Business, and Individuals.

**Table 3: CEQA Lawsuits by Type of Petitioner, 2019-2021**

	2019	2020	2021	Total	% of Total
Env Orgs	22	30	18	70	12.8%
Com Groups	84	68	65	217	39.5%
Env Justice	8	8	6	22	4.0%
Historic Preservation	5	9	7	21	3.8%
Tribe	4	5	1	10	1.8%
Labor Union	6	2	5	13	2.4%
Public Agency	18	28	13	59	10.7%
Business	24	35	17	76	13.8%
Indiv	26	12	14	52	9.5%
Other	3	0	6	9	1.6%
<b>Total</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>197</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Note: A few cases had more than one petitioner; all petitioners were counted.  
See Appendix C for detailed inventory.

**Figure 2: Percent of CEQA Lawsuits by Type of Petitioner, 2019-2021**



## Types of Projects Challenged (2019-2021)

This Report also sorts the CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021 into the following categories based on the type of project challenged: General Plan Updates and similar land use regulations; Housing-Only; Mixed Use; Institutional; Commercial; Industrial; Water Plans and Projects; Agriculture and Forestry; Parks, Recreation, Wildlife; Transportation; Demolitions/Removals; Energy; and Other. Appendix A lists each case showing the category of project challenged. In many cases, the lawsuits resulted in further mitigation for projects that would have caused severe impacts to the environment and public health or posed unacceptable risks to public safety.<sup>74</sup>

### *General Plan Updates and Similar Land Use Regulations*

This category includes CEQA cases challenging General Plan Updates, Housing Element Updates, and other broad planning and zoning regulations. Because these “projects” did not arise through applications by a landowner or developer, the lawsuits do not include real parties in interest, or applicants. For example, in 2019, a regional environmental group challenged Tuolumne County’s approval of a General Plan update that would have allowed sprawl development on agricultural lands.<sup>75</sup> In 2020, a number of individuals challenged the City of Temecula’s use of an exemption to approve an ordinance prohibiting short-term rentals.<sup>76</sup>

To the extent the challenged documents in this regulatory category govern land use, they merely plan for development at some unspecified point in the future and are subject to further change or amendment before any new development can occur. Before any housing development could occur under a planning update or zoning regulation, a more detailed process of developer involvement, financing, and design would need to occur prior to approved housing construction — a time-consuming process that in some cases narrows the eventual housing units permitted. Thus, because any range of future housing identified in the plans and zoning included in this category most certainly could not have received project-specific approvals, and instead would span over many years, these lawsuits were not included in Appendix A’s housing unit column.<sup>77</sup>

This category accounts for 6.9% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021,

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<sup>74</sup> See Chapters 4 and 6 for a discussion of such cases.

<sup>75</sup> *Central Sierra Environmental Resource Center v. County of Tuolumne*, Tuolumne County Superior Court case no. CV62142.

<sup>76</sup> *De Rossi et al. v. City of Temecula*, Riverside County Superior Court case no. MCC2000628.

<sup>77</sup> As explained in Chapter 4, we compared the units approved for specific Housing-Only, Mixed Use, and Institutional projects to the numbers of units permitted in California for that same year — a comparison that cannot logically be made for this category of broad planning documents.

### ***Housing-Only Projects***

This category includes CEQA cases challenging the approval of a specific housing project, such as a residential subdivision,<sup>78</sup> homeless shelter,<sup>79</sup> apartment building,<sup>80</sup> or single family home.<sup>81</sup> It also includes three cases challenging ordinances/resolutions by cities and counties directing specific action regarding shelters for unhoused people: the City of San Clemente’s ordinance designating one lot in the city as the sole location for unhoused people to camp,<sup>82</sup> Santa Clara County’s ordinance limiting parking for recreational vehicles to a specific area of the county,<sup>83</sup> and the City of Orange’s closure of a day-shelter for homeless people.<sup>84</sup>

Appendix A to this Report provides the number of housing units, if any, included in the challenged project, based on the allegations in the petition for writ of mandate.<sup>85</sup> For homeless shelters and other congregate facilities, the Report counts each bed or suite as one unit,

This category includes a total of 76 cases, or 15% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021. Of those 76 cases, 65 cases challenged projects with new housing units.<sup>86</sup> (If more than one lawsuit challenged the same project units, we did not count the units again from a duplicate case.)

### ***Mixed Use Developments***

This category includes cases challenging projects that include a combination of different land uses. In 2020, for example, an environmental group challenged the “Placer Ranch” project, a sprawling residential/commercial/industrial development proposed for a remote area of Placer County.<sup>87</sup> In 2021, environmental and community groups challenged the City of Long Beach’s use of a mitigated negative declaration for the “Pacific Place” project, which includes commercial and industrial uses that will impact surrounding low-income residents.<sup>88</sup>

For each Mixed Use project that contains housing, Appendix A to this Report provides the number of

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<sup>78</sup> *Friends of Upland Wetlands v. City of Upland*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIV DS 2010521 (challenging subdivision to be located on portion of flood control detention basin).

<sup>79</sup> *Venice Stakeholders Association v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP00629 (challenging homeless shelter in Venice).

<sup>80</sup> *Grand View Assn. et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP00028 (challenging development that would cause displacement of low-income residents).

<sup>81</sup> *Sabih v. Skeen*, Monterey County Superior Court case no. 19CV003092 (challenging county’s failure to implement mitigation measures for construction of single family).

<sup>82</sup> *Emergency Shelter Coalition v. City of San Clemente*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2019-01080355-CU-WM-CXC.

<sup>83</sup> *Equity Lifestyle Properties, Inc. v. County of Santa Clara*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 21CV384256.

<sup>84</sup> *Mary’s Kitchen et al. v. City of Orange*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 8:21-CV-01483 DOC JDE.

<sup>85</sup> Two petitions challenging Housing-Only projects did not give the number of units, but the information was found elsewhere. *Acken et al. v. City of Orange*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2021-01207319-CU-WM-CJC (number of new units found on CEQANet, <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2020120130/3> ); *Clarence Carter v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01783 (number of units found here: <https://smdp.com/2021/02/13/tensions-rise-over-proposed-ramada-inn-homeless-shelter-in-venice/>).

<sup>86</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>87</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Placer*, Placer County Superior Court case no. S-CV-0044277.

<sup>88</sup> *Riverpark Coalition et al. v. City of Long Beach*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01537.

units proposed for the project, based on the allegations in the petition.<sup>89</sup> The Report's totals for housing units approved in a given year do not include duplicative units. For example, in 2019 there were two lawsuits challenging Los Angeles County's approval of Mixed Use project on Tejon Ranch that proposed 19,333 dwelling units;<sup>90</sup> the Report counts those units only once.<sup>91</sup> Similarly, the Report does not include in its totals for 2020 the 12,000 units proposed by a project that had been successfully challenged in 2017; the 2020 case was simply litigating over the agency's return to the writ, i.e., addressing whether the agency had complied with the court's order regarding a revised environmental document for the same project.<sup>92</sup> No new units were challenged in the 2020 case.

This category includes a total of 57 cases, or 11.2% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021. Of those 57 cases, 49 cases challenged projects with new housing units.<sup>93</sup> (If more than one lawsuit challenged the same project units, we did not count the duplicate cases.)

### ***Institutional Developments***

This category includes lawsuits challenging developments proposed by institutions, such as universities and schools. For example, in 2019-2021, there were a number of challenges to the University of California's plans to expand development on its campuses.<sup>94</sup> In another institutional case, local community groups successfully challenged the California Department of General Services' plan to add a glass annex to the historic State Capitol building.<sup>95</sup>

For institutional projects that include housing, Appendix A to the Report provides the number of units (typically expressed as "beds" in a dorm), based on the allegations in the petition.<sup>96</sup> Again, the Report does not count duplicate units.<sup>97</sup>

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<sup>89</sup> One petition challenging a Mixed Use project did not give the number of units, but the information was set forth in the project EIR. *Friends of the New Helvetia Public Housing v. City of Sacramento*, Sacramento Superior Court case no. 34-2020-80003490-CU-WM-GDS (EIR, pp. 1-2, <https://www.cityofsacramento.org/-/media/Corporate/Files/CDD/Planning/Environmental-Impact-Reports/West-Broadway-Specific-Plan/West-Broadway-Specific-Plan-Final-EIR.pdf?la=en>).

<sup>90</sup> *Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01917; *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP02100.

<sup>91</sup> See 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>92</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-20-100080.

<sup>93</sup> See 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>94</sup> See, e.g., *Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods v. Regents of the University of California*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19022887 (challenging Upper Hearst Development Plan for Goldman School and amendment of Long Range Development Plan); *City of Berkeley v. Regents of the University of California*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19023058 (same); *Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium v. Regents of the University of California*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG1090517 (challenging expansion of UCSF medical complex).

<sup>95</sup> *Save Our Capitol, Save Our Trees v. Dept. of General Services*, Sacramento Superior Court case no. 34-2021-80003674; *Save Our Capitol! v. Dept. of General Services* (2023) 87 Cal.App.5th 655.

<sup>96</sup> In the following case, we obtained challenged unit count from the appellate decision: *Make UC a Good Neighbor et al. v. Regents of UC*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG21110142; *Make UC a Good Neighbor et al. v. Regents of UC et al.* (2023) 88 Cal.App.5th 656, 851.

<sup>97</sup> For example, in 2019 there were two challenges the University of California Santa Cruz's plan to build housing on the campus's East Meadow: *East Meadow Action Committee v. Regents of the University of California*, Santa Cruz County Superior Court case no. 19CV01312; and *Habitat And Watershed Caretakers v. Regents of the University of California*, Santa Cruz County Superior Court case no. 19CV01246. After the court partially granted the writ in the first case, the University reapproved the project in 2021 and the petitioners sued again. *East Meadow Action*

This category includes a total of 30 cases, or 5.9% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021. Of those 30 cases, seven cases challenged projects with new housing units.<sup>98</sup> (If more than one lawsuit challenged the same project units, we did not count the duplicate case.)

### ***Commercial Development***

This category, which makes up 14% of the total CEQA cases, encompasses lawsuits challenging a variety of purely commercial projects. In 2019, for example, an environmental justice group successfully challenged a large gas station and convenience store proposed near homes. The court held the city erred in finding the project exempt from CEQA because, among other things, the city provided no evidence to support its conclusion that the project would not involve use of significant amounts of hazardous substances.<sup>99</sup>

In another example, a local community group filed suit over the City of Livermore's refusal to prepare an EIR for a large hotel and restaurant proposed in the agricultural area of South Livermore Valley; as the petitioners alleged, there was substantial evidence showing the project could significantly impact biological resources, traffic, and public safety, among other impacts.<sup>100</sup> Similarly, a neighborhood group in Napa County challenged a winery proposed on a substandard road in their rural area; the group objected to the county's refusal to consider expert testimony about the project's significant traffic safety impacts, particularly to pedestrians and bicyclists.<sup>101</sup>

### ***Industrial Development***

This category includes lawsuits challenging industrial projects such as warehouse logistics centers and mining projects. Many of these cases raise environmental justice issues. For example, petitioners have used CEQA to challenge large warehouse projects sited near homes and schools in low-income communities, insisting that lead agencies adopt mitigation measures to address the projects' serious air quality, noise, traffic, and other impacts.<sup>102</sup> Similarly, environmental and community groups challenged mining and related projects that damage air quality and deplete water resources. In 2019, for example, the Salvation Army challenged the City of Bell's approval of a large gravel storage and distribution facility

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*Committee v. Regents of the University of California*, Santa Cruz County Superior Court case no. 21CV00994; and *Habitat And Watershed Caretakers et al. v. Regents of the University of California*, Santa Cruz County Superior Court case nos. 21CV01022 & 21CV02683. This Report counts the challenged housing units only once, recording them for 2019.

<sup>98</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>99</sup> *East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice v. City of Commerce*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP03166; Judgment Granting Peremptory Writ of Mandamus (Nov. 9, 2020) at 3; Ex. A at 24.

<sup>100</sup> *Friends of South Livermore v. City of Livermore*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG20054362.

<sup>101</sup> *Ponti Road Neighbors et al. v. Napa County*, Napa County Superior Court case no. 21CV001646.

<sup>102</sup> *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIV DS 1911123 (West Valley Logistics Center); *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Moreno Valley*, Riverside County Superior Court case no. RIC2002697 (World Logistics Center in Moreno Valley); *Sierra Club v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2121605 (Slover and Oleander Industrial Building Project).



that posed public health impacts to the surrounding low-income community.<sup>103</sup>

This category accounts for 5.9% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021.

### ***Water Plans and Projects***

This category, which accounts for 16.1% of actions filed in 2019-2021, includes lawsuits challenging water projects and plans in various areas of the state. In 2020, for example, a coalition of environmental groups challenged an EIR's conclusion that the long-term operation of the State Water Project — which diverts vast quantities of fresh water from the Sacramento River, the San Joaquin River watersheds, and the San Francisco Bay-Delta — would have no significant impact on the environment. Given that state agencies have concluded the Bay-Delta ecosystem is in “crisis” and that nearly all native fish species are in decline, the finding was simply implausible.<sup>104</sup>

In another example, two water agencies and a coalition of reclamation districts challenged the California Department of Water Resources' authorization of an extensive geological investigation, involving hundreds of borings and cone penetration tests, for a massive tunnel that would divert Sacramento River water to export facilities in the south Delta.<sup>105</sup> In 2022, the court concluded that two key mitigation measures for the project lacked clear performance standards and thus were inadequate to reduce its impacts on biological resources to an insignificant level.<sup>106</sup> Similarly, a coalition of environmental groups successfully challenged a water district's reliance on an inadequate EIR for a large, environmentally destructive project to dam Del Puerto Canyon in Stanislaus County. Among many other deficiencies, the EIR failed to identify enforceable mitigation for the project's elimination of habitat for special-status species and permanent obstruction of habitat connectivity.<sup>107</sup>

### ***Agricultural and Forestry Projects***

The majority of the cases included in this category challenged projects related to cannabis production.<sup>108</sup> Such actions encompass challenges to permits for cannabis growing operations and facilities<sup>109</sup> and to

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<sup>103</sup> *The Salvation Army et al. v. City of Bell*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP00693; *see also Keep the Code, Inc. v. County of Mendocino*, Mendocino County Superior Court case no. SCU-K-CVPT-2020-7375 (challenging expansion of quarry).

<sup>104</sup> *Sierra Club et al. v. California Department of Water Resources*, San Francisco County Superior Court, case no. CPF20517120, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive and Declaratory Relief (Apr. 29, 2020) at 8.

<sup>105</sup> *Central Delta Water Agency et al. v. California Department of Water Resources*, Sacramento County Superior Court, case no. 34-2020-80003457, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (Aug. 10, 2020) at 3.

<sup>106</sup> *Central Delta Water Agency et al. v. California Department of Water Resources*, Sacramento County Superior Court, case no. 34-2020-80003457, Ruling on Submitted Matter re: Petition for Writ of Mandate (Dec. 23, 2022) at 16-21.

<sup>107</sup> *Sierra Club et al. v. Del Puerto Water District*, Stanislaus County Superior Court, case no. CV-20-005193, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief at 2, 18-19; *see also* Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Mar. 3, 2023) at 2.

<sup>108</sup> Twenty-two of the 34 cases in this category relate to cannabis production. *See* 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>109</sup> *E.g., City of Temple City et al. v. City of El Monte*, Los Angeles Superior Court case no. 19STCP00254 (cannabis cultivation); *Protect Our County v. County of San Luis Obispo*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court case no. 21CVP-0061 (cannabis operation facility, including cultivation and non-storefront dispensary).

approvals of ordinances regulating cannabis.<sup>110</sup> Petitioners filed other types of agriculture-related litigation as well. For example, in 2020, two national environmental groups challenged the State of California's registration of a new insecticide for use on crops that can harm beneficial insects, including bees, butterflies, and ladybugs.<sup>111</sup>

This category accounts for 6.7% of CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021.

### ***Parks, Recreation, and Wildlife Plans and Projects***

This category, which makes up 3.1% of the CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021, includes a small number of lawsuits challenging various plans and facilities for public parks, recreation, and wildlife. For example, in 2020, a historic preservation foundation sued the City of San Jose over a park renovation project, including construction of a large performing arts pavilion, that would cause the park to lose its eligibility for the National Register of Historic Places.<sup>112</sup> In 2021, two lawsuits challenged an amendment to the coastal development permit for Oceano Dune State Vehicular Recreation Area that would eliminate OHV recreation, beach driving, and camping in the area.<sup>113</sup>

### ***Transportation Plans and Projects***

This category, which makes up 4.7% of the total CEQA cases, includes lawsuits challenging a variety of transportation plans and construction projects. For example, an environmental organization and a community group successfully challenged Caltrans' failure to allow the public an opportunity to review its revised impact analysis for a large expansion of Highway 1 through Santa Cruz County.<sup>114</sup> The highway segment in question was eligible for listing within the State Scenic Highways System.<sup>115</sup> Similarly, a statewide environmental group sued two public agencies for their failure to implement mandatory CEQA mitigation for road projects on the former Fort Ord that threatened harm to rare plants and habitat.<sup>116</sup>

In another example, the City of Monterey successfully challenged the master plan for a regional airport that would cause severe traffic impacts for city residents.<sup>117</sup> Meanwhile, an environmental group focused

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<sup>110</sup> E.g., *Trinity Institute for Permaculture Farming and Restorative Forestry, LLC v. County of Trinity*, Trinity County Superior Court case no. 21CV017 (county cannabis ordinance); *Santa Barbara Coalition for Responsible Cannabis, Inc. v. County of Santa Barbara*, Santa Barbara County Superior Court case no. 19CV02459 (ordinance exempting most plastic agricultural hoop structures from permit requirements).

<sup>111</sup> *Pollinator Stewardship Council et al. v. California Dept. of Pesticide Regulation*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG20066156.

<sup>112</sup> *Sainte Claire Historic Preservation Foundation v. City of San Jose*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 20CV374459.

<sup>113</sup> *Friends of Oceano Dunes, Inc. v. California Coastal Commission*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court case no. 21CV-0214; *Ecologic Partners, Inc. v. California Coastal Comm.*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court case no. 21CV-0219.

<sup>114</sup> *Campaign for Sustainable Transportation v. California Dept. of Transportation*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003073-CU-WM-GDS, Ruling on Submitted Matter (Jul. 12, 2022) at 7-8.

<sup>115</sup> *Id.* at 3.

<sup>116</sup> *California Native Plant Society v. Fort Ord Reuse Authority*, Monterey County Superior Court case no. 20CV001529.

<sup>117</sup> *City of Monterey v. Monterey Peninsula Airport District*, Monterey County Superior Court case no. 20CV002445, Judgment Granting Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Feb. 9, 2022) at 2-3 & Ex. A at 23-26, 30.

on clean energy challenged a regional transportation plan in Sacramento County.<sup>118</sup> While critics assert that CEQA is used to block public transit,<sup>119</sup> our review found no such cases filed in 2019-2021.

### ***Energy Projects***

This category includes challenges to various energy projects and plans. For example, a community group in San Joaquin County challenged the environmental review for a liquid bulk petroleum terminal at the Port of Stockton.<sup>120</sup> Similarly, environmental and community groups, together with a farming entity, filed CEQA actions to challenge the EIR for a Kern County ordinance streamlining the permitting process for oil and gas wells throughout most of the county.<sup>121</sup>

Several cases challenged the approval of wind energy projects. For example, the County of Solano challenged a wind energy project that would affect the operation of Travis Air Force Base and impact birds, including raptors.<sup>122</sup> Similarly, the National Audubon Society sued Alameda County over a wind project on 4,600 acres in Altamont Pass that would impact protected birds such as Swainson's Hawks, Tricolored Blackbirds, Burrowing Owls, and Golden Eagles.<sup>123</sup> In each case, petitioners complained that the lead agency had failed to mitigate these impacts.

Petitioners also challenged a number of solar energy projects in 2019-2021. For example, the Alpaugh Irrigation District sued the County of Tulare over its reliance on a mitigated negative declaration for a 277-acre solar project that did not accurately describe the project or even disclose its environmental impacts.<sup>124</sup>

Another set of cases were filed by oil companies and the Western States Petroleum Association, seeking to set aside Ventura County's approval of a zoning ordinance<sup>125</sup> that imposed new restrictions on oil operations.<sup>126</sup> As explained in the preceding section, these cases asserted several other legal claims besides CEQA. This category accounts for 6.1% of the CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021.

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<sup>118</sup> *California Clean Energy Committee v. Sacramento Area Council of Governments*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2019-80003278 (2020 Metropolitan Transportation Plan/Sustainable Community Strategy).

<sup>119</sup> J. Hernandez, *In the Name of the Environment – the Sequel* (2018) 24 Hastings Environmental L.J. 21.

<sup>120</sup> *Safe Fuel and Energy Resources California v. Port of Stockton*, San Joaquin County Superior Court case no. STK-CV-UWM-2019-0006382.

<sup>121</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin et al. v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536-GP; *King and Gardiner Farms LLC v. County of Kern*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100533.

<sup>122</sup> *County of Solano v. Sacramento Municipal Utility District*, Solano County Superior Court case no. FCS057089.

<sup>123</sup> *National Audubon Society v. County of Alameda*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. 21CV002710 (Mulqueeney Ranch Wind Repowering Project).

<sup>124</sup> *Alpaugh Irrigation District v. County of Tulare*, Fresno County Superior Court case no. 20CECG02606.

<sup>125</sup> These business entities also challenged Ventura County's 2040 General Plan update due to its inclusion of policies restricting oil and gas operations. See, e.g., *Western States Petroleum Association v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00546193-CU-WM-VTA. Because that General Plan update includes many provisions besides the energy policies, this Report classified those cases in the General Plan category.

<sup>126</sup> *Aera Energy LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00546180-CU-WM-VTA; *Carbon California Company, LLC v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548181-CU-WM-VTA; *ABA Energy Corp. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00548077-CU-WM-VTA; *Western States Petroleum Assn. v. County of Ventura*, Ventura County Superior Court case no. 56-2020-00547988-CU-WM-VTA.

### ***Demolitions and Removals***

This category, which makes up only 1.4% of the total CEQA cases, includes lawsuits challenging a small number of projects that involve either the demolition of structures/property or the removal of historic artwork from a public space. For example, CEQA actions challenged the demolition of a single-room occupancy hotel in San Diego<sup>127</sup> and the removal of a historic mural from a San Francisco public high school.<sup>128</sup>

### ***Other***

This category includes projects that could not be readily classified in the categories described above. Examples include California State University Long Beach’s decision to use a sacred tribal site as a dumping ground for its construction waste,<sup>129</sup> the transfer to the City of Los Angeles of certain land use functions of the redevelopment agency,<sup>130</sup> and the grant of two easements over a nature preserve.<sup>131</sup> Other examples include lawsuits by applicants complaining about the way in which the lead agency processed their development applications.<sup>132</sup>

## **Summary of Types of Projects Challenged**

Based on the above description of project categories, the table and graph on the next page show a summary of all petitions filed from 2019 through 2021. Fifteen percent of the CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021 challenged Housing-Only Projects (76 cases), 11.2% challenged Mixed Use developments (57 cases), and 5.9% challenged Institutional projects (30 cases). A total of 121 cases in these three categories, or 23.8% of all CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021, challenged new housing units.<sup>133</sup> This data refutes critics’ contention that the majority of CEQA cases “target” housing and transit projects.<sup>134</sup>

Challenges to Commercial and Industrial Projects accounted for nearly 20% of all CEQA lawsuits filed in 2019-2021, with 71 commercial and 30 industrial projects challenged. Sixteen percent of the cases challenged Water Plans and Projects. Only 4.7% of the cases challenged Transportation Projects, and none of these involved a public transit project.

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<sup>127</sup> *Affordable Housing Coalition of San Diego County v. City of San Diego*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2019-00027875-CU-WM-CTL.

<sup>128</sup> *George Washington High School Alumni Assn. v. San Francisco Unified School Dist.*, San Francisco County Superior Court case no. CPF19516880.

<sup>129</sup> *Juaneno Band of Mission Indians et al. v. California State University*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP04339.

<sup>130</sup> *AIDS Healthcare Foundation v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP04589.

<sup>131</sup> *Save San Marcos Foothills v. County of Santa Barbara*, Santa Barbara County Superior Court case no. 21CV00065.

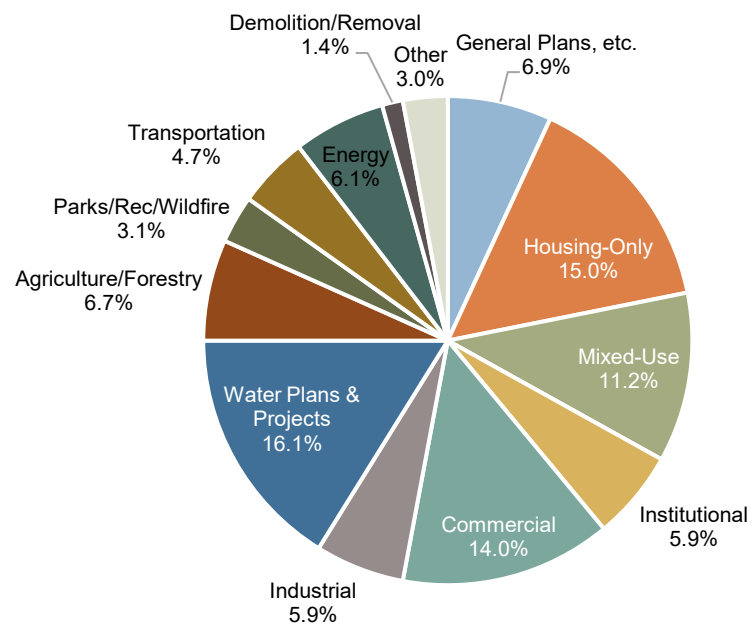
<sup>132</sup> *E.g., Durkin v. City and County of San Francisco*, San Francisco County Superior Court case no. CGC19580677; *West Coast Home Builders, Inc. v. City of Brentwood*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. MSN20-0210.

<sup>133</sup> 2023 Report, Appx. A.

<sup>134</sup> See J. Hernandez, *In the Name of the Environment – the Sequel* (2018) 24 Hastings Environmental L.J. 23 (“The top lawsuit targets remain infill housing and local land use plans to increase housing densities and promote transit”).

**Table 4: CEQA Lawsuits by Type of Challenge 2019-2021**

	2019	2020	2021	Total Cases	% of Total
General Plans, etc.	19	10	6	35	6.9%
Housing-Only	23	25	28	76	15.0%
Mixed-Use	24	22	11	57	11.2%
Institutional	8	8	14	30	5.9%
Commercial	27	30	14	71	14.0%
Industrial	8	13	9	30	5.9%
Water Plans & Projects	33	31	18	82	16.1%
Agriculture/Forestry	13	15	6	34	6.7%
Parks/Rec/Wildfire	7	5	4	16	3.1%
Transportation	8	8	8	24	4.7%
Energy	9	12	10	31	6.1%
Demolition/Removal	4	2	1	7	1.4%
Other	7	2	6	15	3.0%
<b>Total Cases</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>508</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Figure 3: Percent of CEQA Lawsuits by Type of Challenge (2019-2021)**

## 4. CEQA Litigation Regarding Housing-Related Projects

CEQA critics claim that CEQA litigation against housing is both rampant and misguided, and that CEQA is therefore largely responsible for the state’s housing crisis. One prominent critic claims that (1) CEQA litigation challenges nearly half of the housing units that are permitted in a given year,<sup>135</sup> and (2) that such litigation overwhelmingly targets developments in infill areas of the state.<sup>136</sup> The data, however, simply does not support these assertions, which use exaggerated and misleading numbers.

To begin with, as explained in Chapter 3, the volume and rate of CEQA litigation remained very low in 2019-2021 and less than one-quarter of all CEQA cases in that time period (23.8%) challenged projects that included housing units. Furthermore, as data from one snapshot year reveals, the *number* of housing units affected by legal challenges amounted to under 10% of permitted units that year. The CEQA critic who concluded that the percentage was nearly 50% mistakenly assumed that large, master-planned developments challenged in CEQA lawsuits would all be permitted in the same year as the project approval.<sup>137</sup> Because these projects actually build out over 20-30 years, one cannot compare their units to the number of permits issued in a single year.

The data also shows that, contrary to critics’ contentions about the lawsuits targeting infill development, most of the housing units challenged were proposed in undeveloped greenfields, as opposed to urban areas. Furthermore, even though CEQA is not the root cause of California’s housing crisis, the Legislature continues to adopt streamlining measures and exemptions to expedite the approval of housing in urban, infill areas. Our research demonstrates that public agencies are increasingly employing these measures.

Finally, we used case studies to analyze the ultimate effect, or outcome, of CEQA litigation challenging housing projects in the 2019-2021 period. Our analysis concludes that such litigation succeeded in securing *environmental improvements* for many of these projects, either by ensuring adequate mitigation for environmental impacts or by exposing hazards relating to the project’s location. Indeed, some of these cases have resulted in vital protections for sensitive species and habitat, reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, and greater safety for residents.

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<sup>135</sup> J. Hernandez, *Anti-Housing CEQA Lawsuits Filed in 2020 Challenge Nearly 50% of California’s Annual Housing Production* (Center for Jobs & the Economy, August 2022) at 3 (discussing CEQA litigation in 2020).

<sup>136</sup> *Id.*, referring to 2018 Holland & Knight study (“the most frequently targeted housing projects were higher density housing (e.g., apartments) on infill locations in wealthier communities”); see also J. Hernandez et al., *In The Name of the Environment* (2015) at 12, [https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa\\_litigation\\_abuseissuu](https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa_litigation_abuseissuu).

<sup>137</sup> *Id.* at 1.

In short, our data and analysis tell a story remarkably different from the one told by CEQA critics. The numbers show that CEQA is not seriously impeding housing construction, that most cases are challenging units in sprawl areas, and that much of the litigation resulted in environmental improvements to the housing overall.

## **Housing-Related CEQA Litigation (2019-2021): The Numbers**

This section describes (1) the number of CEQA lawsuits that challenged new housing units in 2019-2021, and (2) the number of housing units challenged. It then compares the number of challenged units to the number of residential building permits issued in California, to provide context regarding how many new housing units are affected by CEQA litigation.

As detailed in the prior chapter, during the 2019-2021 period, just 121 out of 508 cases brought during the three-year period (23.8%) challenged projects that included construction of proposed housing units. This number includes 65 Housing-Only cases, 49 Mixed Use cases, and 7 Institutional cases, and represents an average of 40 cases per year that challenged actual proposed housing units.

We determined *how many* housing units had been challenged under those 121 cases and *when* these units would likely be constructed. We relied on housing unit information contained in the case petitions or court documents<sup>138</sup>, tallied the number of units for each challenged project, and estimated the year in which the project would be actually permitted and built. For Housing-Only projects, we conservatively assumed that the entire unit count provided for the challenged project would be permitted in a single calendar year (and then built shortly thereafter). Similarly, for Institutional projects, which typically express unit information as “beds” in a dorm setting, we assumed that all units would be permitted in one year. As discussed below, we then chose a “snapshot” year, 2019, and compared the number of units challenged in Housing-Only and Institutional projects to the number of building permits issued in the same year.

The analysis was more complicated for Mixed Use projects, which can vary from projects with a single residential tower over ground-floor retail to large master-planned communities built out over decades. For the large master-planned communities, it would *not* be accurate to attribute the challenged project’s total housing units to a single calendar year for comparison to housing permits issued in the same year. But critics of CEQA make this mistake, comparing all housing units subject to CEQA litigation in a given year to the number of building permits issued in that same year.<sup>139</sup> In doing so, they ignore that the large

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<sup>138</sup> In two cases, we found information on the number of units from other sources. See footnotes 85 & 89, above.

<sup>139</sup> See, e.g., J. Hernandez, *Anti-Housing CEQA Lawsuits Filed in 2020 Challenge Nearly 50% of California’s Annual Housing Production* (Center for Jobs & the Economy, August 2022) at 2.

master planned communities are expected to build out over 20 to 30 years or more.

In order to accurately compare the units affected by court cases challenging long-term Mixed Use developments against yearly building permits issued in California, we estimated the *annualized* number of housing units for these projects. To formulate our estimate, we examined one of the largest master planned communities in California as an example. We used this example to estimate the annualized number of housing units for the large Mixed Use project challenged in 2019-2021, and then used this annualized number for purposes of comparison to annual permit data for our “snapshot” year, 2019.<sup>140</sup>

Our example master planned community, known as Mountain House, is a currently unincorporated “new town” located in San Joaquin County at the Alameda County border. The project was approved in the early 1990s and broke ground in 2001. Mountain House is planned to build out by 2040 (a nearly 40-year period) and will ultimately contain 15,705 housing units. Because this community is being built on well-located undeveloped land along I-580 between Livermore and Tracy (a major commute corridor), it represents a good example of the lengthy time period needed to construct and absorb its many phases of housing development. Based on US Census data, Mountain House had a housing unit count of 3,237 in 2010 and grew to 7,189 by 2020 — an increase of 3,952 units for the decade, or an average of 395 units per year. Rounding up to 400 to be conservative, we used this estimate to calculate the *annualized* number of housing units for the multi-decade build out of large Mixed Use projects.

The estimated annualized number of housing units affected by CEQA litigation in 2019 is shown in Appendix E1 for each housing-related case and is summarized in the table below. As shown, the sum of Housing-Only, Institutional, and Mixed Use Projects (some of which were annualized by the above method) indicates a total of 10,951 units affected by CEQA litigation in 2019. When compared to the total residential building permits issued in California in 2019 (detailed in Appendix E2), the number of units affected by legal challenges in 2019 represented just under 10% of permitted units that year.

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<sup>140</sup> Note that this methodology does not assume that the specific units challenged by CEQA lawsuits were also permitted in 2019. The methodology instead compares the quantity of units subjected to court CEQA challenges to the quantity of housing units that were permitted for construction in the same year. Also, 2019 is the last “normal year” of the 3 years analyzed in this Report prior to the pandemic, which understandably slowed housing permitting and production in 2020 and 2021.



**Table 5: Estimated CEQA-Affected Housing Units Compared to CA Housing Production (2019)**

	<b>2019</b>
Housing Only Projects	1,783
Institutional Housing	3,150
Mixed-Use Projects (annualized estimate)	<u>6,018</u>
Total Units Subject to CEQA Litigation (annual)	10,951
 Total CA Residential Permits (a)	 110,197
 <b>% of Permits Represented by CEQA Litigation</b>	 <b>9.9%</b>

Note: These unit counts are based on housing-related lawsuits with some Mixed-Use cases converted to annualized estimates. See Appendix E1.

a) from US Census, Building Permits Survey. See Appendix E2.

Source: US Census, Building Permits Survey; The Housing Workshop, 2023.

Accordingly, less than 10% of housing units permitted in 2019 were subject to CEQA challenge, undermining the assertion that CEQA is the principal cause of California’s housing crisis.

#### ***Important Note About CEQA Litigation’s Ultimate Effect on Housing***

Further, it is important to place our findings in the context of the law itself. Courts adjudicating CEQA cases do not, and cannot, permanently prohibit a challenged development. CEQA litigation is focused on (1) inadequate analysis or mitigation of an environmental impact (e.g., traffic impact), which agencies can remedy by revising the analysis, or (2) procedural errors (e.g., inadequate notices), which are ordered to be corrected. Litigation under CEQA does not “kill” a project; rather, it ensures that the agency meets its obligation to analyze all environmental impacts of a project and mitigate those impacts. Thus, housing units challenged under CEQA can always be re-assessed once the court’s directive has been resolved. In most instances, these challenged units do get built as part of an improved, safer, and more sustainable project.

## Housing-Related Litigation (2019-2021): Urban Versus Greenfield Development

CEQA has long provided strong incentives to locate homes in infill areas near public transit and to discourage urban and suburban sprawl.<sup>141</sup> This policy is consistent with other California laws encouraging the preservation of open space lands, including forests, farmland, and natural and scenic areas.<sup>142</sup> This Report therefore analyzes the question of whether the CEQA cases filed in 2019-2021 were primarily directed at housing development in infill areas. The data shows that they were not.

### *CEQA Lawsuits Are Not Targeting Housing in Infill Areas*

One frequent CEQA critic has wrongly claimed that CEQA lawsuits “overwhelmingly target[]” infill projects in existing communities, not greenfield projects on undeveloped land.<sup>143</sup> In making this allegation, the critic ignored CEQA’s definition of infill, which requires, among other things, that the development be located near transit and achieve below-average vehicle miles traveled.<sup>144</sup> Instead, the critic used a patently incorrect and overbroad definition describing “infill” as any project within the boundary of an incorporated city.<sup>145</sup> But that incorrect, manufactured definition in no way correlates with either legal definitions or the accepted concept of “infill” as projects on unused lands located within already existing development already supported by infrastructure.<sup>146</sup> As one prominent land use attorney noted, the critic’s extremely broad definition was “not tethered to any metric that would correlate it with transit-oriented development, higher-density development, lower energy and lower water-consuming projects, or any other proxy for ‘helping the environment.’”<sup>147</sup>

For the 2019-2021 period, we lacked the data to determine whether challenged housing projects fell within CEQA’s narrow definition of infill. In most cases, for example, the petitions did not describe the project’s proximity to public transit. Still, we wanted to generally determine the number of housing units challenged in CEQA litigation that were located in undeveloped, sprawl areas outside of cities. We also concluded there might be value to an “apples-to-apples” comparison of the data, relying on the

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<sup>141</sup> CEQA Guidelines § 15195 (residential infill exemption).

<sup>142</sup> E.g., Civil Code § 815 (Legislature declaring that “preservation of land in its natural, scenic, agricultural, historical, forested, or open-space condition is among the most important environmental assets of California”); Government Code § 51071 (Legislature finding “that the rapid growth and spread of urban development is encroaching upon, or eliminating open-space lands which are necessary not only for the maintenance of the economy of the state, but also for the assurance of the continued availability of land for the production of food and fiber, for the enjoyment of scenic beauty, for recreation and for the use and conservation of natural resources”); Government Code § 51220 (Legislature finding, inter alia, “that the discouragement of premature and unnecessary conversion of agricultural land to urban uses is a matter of public interest and will be of benefit to urban dwellers themselves in that it will discourage discontinuous urban development patterns which unnecessarily increase the costs of community services to community residents”).

<sup>143</sup> J. Hernandez et al., *In The Name of the Environment*, (2015) at 12, [https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa\\_litigation\\_abuseissuu](https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa_litigation_abuseissuu).

<sup>144</sup> CEQA Guidelines § 15183.3 & Appx. M.

<sup>145</sup> J. Hernandez et al., *In The Name of the Environment* (2015) at 13, [https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa\\_litigation\\_abuseissuu](https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa_litigation_abuseissuu).

<sup>146</sup> Office of Planning and Research, Infill Development, <https://opr.ca.gov/planning/land-use/infill-development/>.

<sup>147</sup> S. Hecht, *Anti-CEQA Lobbyists Turn to Empirical Analysis, But Are Their Conclusions Sound?* LegalPlanet (Sept. 28, 2015), <https://legal-planet.org/2015/09/28/anti-ceqa-lobbyists-turn-to-empirical-analysis-but-are-their-conclusions-sound>.

assumptions of CEQA’s critics, however incorrect those assumptions might be. For this analysis, we focused on the lawsuits challenging housing units in two representative jurisdictions: Los Angeles County and San Diego County. We found that petitioners challenged a total of 25,558 units in areas outside incorporated city boundaries (68.6% of total). In each of these cases, the complaint indicated that the challenged project was located in an undeveloped, “greenfield” area of the county.<sup>148</sup> By contrast, petitioners challenged only 11,672 units in areas within incorporated city boundaries (31.4% of total).

Table 6 shows totals for the challenged housing units categorized as urban or sprawl development. Details for each case tabulated are included in Appendix F.<sup>149</sup>

**Table 6: Urban vs. Sprawl Housing Units Challenged in CEQA Lawsuits, Los Angeles and San Diego Counties (2019-2021)**

	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Urban Units	7,201	2,672	1,799	11,672	31.4%
Sprawl Units	22,483	3,075	0	25,558	68.6%
<b>Total Units</b>	<b>29,684</b>	<b>5,747</b>	<b>1,799</b>	<b>37,230</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

See Appendix F for detail.

Thus, even using the crude urban (within city limits) versus sprawl (undeveloped area outside city limits) delineation, more than two-thirds of the housing units challenged in 2019-2021 were part of greenfield projects in sprawl areas. This data readily refutes the assertion that CEQA cases “overwhelmingly target” projects within the jurisdiction of a city. Had we been able to classify the cases according to CEQA’s narrower criteria for infill development (near transit, etc.), the number of non-infill/greenfield projects challenged would surely have been considerably higher than shown on Table 6.

### *Critics Appear to Advocate for the Wholesale Development of Greenfields*

Critics of CEQA now take their argument further. While they previously appeared to accept the principle of avoiding developing on greenfields,<sup>150</sup> the building industry currently contends that new housing

<sup>148</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01610 (challenging Northlake project, located in an undeveloped, fire-prone area of unincorporated Los Angeles County); *Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01917 (challenging Tejon Ranch project, located in a remote, undeveloped area of unincorporated Los Angeles County near the border of Kern); *Endangered Habitat League et al. v. County of San Diego*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2020-00022883 (challenging amended Otay Ranch Village 14 project, located in remote, undeveloped Proctor Valley in unincorporated San Diego County); *Preserve Wild Santee et al. v. City of Santee*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2020-00038168 (challenging Fanita Ranch project, located in an undeveloped area of unincorporated San Diego County prone to wildfires).

<sup>149</sup> See Appendix F for detail. Because it was not possible to tell from the face of each CEQA petition whether the challenged housing project fell within CEQA’s precise definition of infill, the analysis in Table 5 considered broad categorizations of “urban” and “sprawl.”

<sup>150</sup> See J. Hernandez et al., *In The Name of the Environment* (2015) at 12, [https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa\\_litigation\\_abuseissuu](https://issuu.com/hollandknight/docs/ceqa_litigation_abuseissuu).

*should* be located on undeveloped open space.<sup>151</sup> At the same time, they protest our state’s policies promoting city-centered development due to its higher cost.<sup>152</sup> But this view ignores the serious, well-documented, and long-recognized environmental and health consequences of developing in sprawl areas. Studies show that residents of sprawl developments have longer commutes and are far more auto-dependent than city dwellers.<sup>153</sup> The air pollution from this additional travel not only exacerbates climate change, but also leads to a host of health issues, including asthma and lung cancer.<sup>154</sup> Other health issues have also been linked to sprawl.<sup>155</sup> In addition, sprawl development degrades water quality and consumes precious farmland, forests, and sensitive habitat.<sup>156</sup>

In sum, the vast majority of housing units challenged during 2019-2021 were *not* located in infill areas, but in remote, undeveloped locations. The building industry may prefer to build in rural, undeveloped areas, but it has provided no good reason to alter California’s longstanding policy of discouraging development that destroys farmland and other valuable open space.

## CEQA Streamlining for Housing Projects

In arguing that CEQA is a primary barrier to housing development in California, critics persistently ignore numerous amendments to the law that streamline environmental review for many housing projects. As the 2021 Report explained, the state Legislature has amended CEQA on numerous occasions to expedite environmental review for infill housing projects or to exempt these projects altogether.<sup>157</sup> This Report updates that analysis. We find that CEQA amendments adopted in 2021 and 2022 provide robust new streamlining for qualifying projects. Meanwhile, public agencies are utilizing SB 35 more than ever, accelerating much-needed affordable housing production. Moreover, our research also shows that, in 2019-2021, very few cases challenged the use of CEQA exemptions for Housing-Only and Mixed Use projects that included a residential component.

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<sup>151</sup> Oral testimony of Dan Dunmoyer, President of California Building Industry Association, Little Hoover Commission hearing (Mar. 16, 2023) at 2:50-55, [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky\\_hyxqkVfU&t=418s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ky_hyxqkVfU&t=418s).

<sup>152</sup> *Id.*

<sup>153</sup> R. Ewing, *Costs of Sprawl Revisited*, American Planning Assn. (Dec. 2013); see also N. Azzopardi-Muscat et al., Synergies in Design and Health: the Role of Architects and Urban Health Planners in Tackling Key Contemporary Public Health Challenges, 91 *Acta Biomed Suppl* 3, 9-20 (Apr. 2020) (“[U]rban sprawl and the segregation of workplaces from housing, when incorporated with the increasing affordability of motor vehicles and the prioritization by policy makers and planners of mobility over accessibility, have led to an over reliance on the private motor vehicle increasing sedentary, pollution and other relevant NCDs risk factors.”), <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7975902/>.

<sup>154</sup> D. Resnick, *Urban Sprawl, Smart Growth and Deliberative Democracy*, *Am.J. Public Health* (Oct. 2010), <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2936977/pdf/1852.pdf>.

<sup>155</sup> *E.g.*, B. A. Griffin et al., *The Relationship between Urban Sprawl and Coronary Heart Disease in Women*, 20 *Health & Place*, 51–61 (2012). Crossref. PubMed. ISI, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3594054/>.

<sup>156</sup> S. Brody, *The Characteristics, Causes and Consequences of Sprawling Development Patterns in the United States*, *Nature Education Knowledge* (2013), <https://www.nature.com/scitable/knowledge/library/the-characteristics-causes-and-consequences-of-sprawling-103014747/>.

<sup>157</sup> 2021 Report at 11-14, 33-36, Appx. A.

### *New CEQA Streamlining Measures and Exemptions*

Since the 2021 Report, there have been further, very significant streamlining measures. They include:

- SB 7, passed in 2021, reenacts the Jobs and Economic Improvement Through Environmental Leadership Act. In addition to giving the governor the ability to certify projects that meet specified requirements for CEQA streamlining, the Act provides that housing projects between \$15 and \$100 million that provide at least 15% affordable units are eligible for judicial streamlining at the determination of the lead agency.
- SB 9, passed in 2021, provides for a CEQA-exempt ministerial review process for qualifying two-unit housing developments in single-family zoning districts and allows single-family parcels to be subdivided into two lots. Together, these provisions could allow up to four housing units to be developed on lots where only one unit had been previously allowed. With limited exceptions, split-lot applicants must intend to occupy one of the housing units as a principal residence for at least three years and the units may not be used for short-term rentals of 30 days or less. The local agency retains discretion to deny a project under SB 9 if the project would have an adverse health and safety or environmental impact that cannot be feasibly mitigated or avoided.
- SB 10, passed in 2021, allows local agencies to forgo CEQA review when upzoning parcels to allow up to 10 units per parcel in a qualifying transit-rich area or an urban infill site at a height determined by local ordinance. Whether the subsequent project(s) proposed for those parcels are subject to CEQA depends on whether they are independently eligible for other CEQA exemptions or streamlining. With limited exceptions, SB 10 prohibits ministerial approval or CEQA exemptions for larger residential or mixed use projects with more than 10 units proposed for an SB 10-upzoned parcel.
- AB 2011, passed in 2022, provides for a CEQA-exempt ministerial review process for qualifying housing projects on commercially zoned sites. The exemption is available to multifamily projects that include either 100% affordable units on a commercially zoned site or mixed use projects situated on a commercial corridor provided they pay prevailing wages and meet certain affordable housing targets. Additional requirements and restrictions apply to the project site.
- SB 6, passed in 2022, allows for residential development on property zoned for retail and office space without requiring a rezoning. While SB 6 provides a pathway for project applicants to limit local discretion to approve or deny the project, it does not allow for ministerial approval. SB 6 also requires that applicants satisfy prevailing wage and “skilled and trained workforce” requirements for project labor.
- SB 886, passed in 2022, exempts from CEQA review housing projects for students and faculty built on land owned by the University of California, California State University, or California community colleges. The projects must satisfy a number of labor, land use, and design requirements to qualify for the exemption. They also cannot displace existing affordable or rent-

controlled housing or historic structures, and they cannot be built on farmland, on wetlands, or in very high fire hazard severity zones.

### ***Update on SB 35 Use***

The 2021 Report demonstrated that the CEQA streamlining measures are working well and are being utilized to add new housing units, particularly in affordable categories, to California’s housing supply.<sup>158</sup> A key streamlining law passed in 2017, SB 35, provides both a density bonus and a ministerial approval process for multifamily projects meeting certain levels of affordable housing and certain eligibility requirements (e.g., not in an environmentally sensitive area). This law eliminates environmental review if the project is eligible.

The 2021 Report reviewed then-available data from California’s Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) regarding use of SB 35 statewide.<sup>159</sup> The table below updates this analysis, indicating that SB 35 is growing in use and represents an important initiative to streamlining certain types of projects to accelerate much-needed affordable housing production,

**Table 7: Use of SB 35 for Project Approval by Household Income Level**

	<b>2018 (a)</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
Very-Low Income	1,221	1,194	1,610	490	4,515
Low Income	1,638	1,576	3,168	2,556	8,938
Moderate	614	123	362	387	1,486
Market-Rate	3,055	991	783	1,973	6,802
<b>Total SB35 Units Approved</b>	<b>6,528</b>	<b>3,884</b>	<b>5,923</b>	<b>5,406</b>	<b>21,741</b>
<i>Total California Multifamily Permits (b)</i>	<i>50,031</i>	<i>47,452</i>	<i>43,215</i>	<i>49,507</i>	<b>190,205</b>
<b>% SB 35 of Total Multifamily Permits</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>8.2%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>10.9%</b>	<b>11.4%</b>

a) 2018 has a high use of SB35 due to one project, Vallco redevelopment in Cupertino, CA.

b) Although not a directly comparable metric, due to differing years for SB35 approval and permit issuance, this comparison is shown for context.

Sources: HCD Dashboard, 2023; US Census Building Permit Survey, 2022; The Housing Workshop, 2023.

### ***Lawsuits Challenging CEQA Exemptions Used for Housing Projects***

Use of CEQA exemptions for Housing-Only and Mixed Use projects including a residential component appears to go largely unchallenged. For 2019-2021, only 39 cases involved challenges to such projects. This accounts for just 7.7% of the CEQA litigation in the last three years.

<sup>158</sup> *Id.* at 34-36.

<sup>159</sup> *Id.* at 35.

Further breakdown of those 39 cases shows that the majority are not without merit. Our review of court dockets<sup>160</sup> found that just 12 of the CEQA housing exemption cases were unsuccessful, with the court denying the petitions outright.<sup>161</sup> In the majority of those 12 cases, the petitioners also challenged the project as inconsistent with local planning and zoning laws.<sup>162</sup>

In 2020, for example, a community group successfully challenged the City of Los Angeles's use of an exemption to approve removal of Coast Live Oaks in connection with a project to construct one single-family residence on a steep hillside in Studio City.<sup>163</sup> The court found that the city erred in failing to apply the "unusual circumstance" exception to the exemption.<sup>164</sup> Under CEQA, a categorical exemption may not be used "where there is a reasonable possibility that the activity will have a significant effect on the environment due to unusual circumstances."<sup>165</sup> Here, the court found, based on substantial evidence in the record, that removal of the oak woodland would have a significant effect on the environment, and that the city had no plan to mitigate the impact.<sup>166</sup> The court noted that oak woodlands "are considered sensitive regionally and ... at the statewide level," meaning the loss of these habitats can have significant cumulative impacts.<sup>167</sup>

In another example, a community group in Livermore challenged the city's approval of an affordable housing project in the downtown area. It alleged that the project was inconsistent with the city's Downtown Specific Plan and that the City improperly relied on a CEQA exemption based on the project's consistency with the Plan.<sup>168</sup> Both the trial court and the Court of Appeal easily rejected these claims.<sup>169</sup>

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<sup>160</sup> The docket review was completed April 28, 2023.

<sup>161</sup> *Friends of Westwanda Drive v. City of Los Angeles et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP04113; *Encinitas Residents for Responsible Development v. City of Encinitas*, San Diego County Superior case no. 37-2020-00011962-CU-PT-NC; *Clayton for Responsible Development v. City of Clayton et al.*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. CIVMSN20-0543; *San Luis Architectural Preservation v. City of San Luis Obispo*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court case no. 20CV-0354; *Arcadians for Environmental Preservation v. City of Arcadia et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02902; *Roopa Shekar v. City of Monte Sereno*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 21CV380209; *Save Livermore Downtown v. City of Livermore et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG21102761; *Historic Architecture Alliance et al. v. City of Laguna Beach*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2021-01182450-CU-TT-CXC; *West Adams Heritage Assn. et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP00916; *Hi Point Neighbors' Assn. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02223; *AIDS Healthcare Foundation et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP03103; and *San Leandro Workers Alliance v. San Leandro City County et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. HG21108126. In one of these cases, petitioner prevailed on a related zoning claim. *Hi Point Neighbors' Assn. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02223, Ruling on Submitted Matter (Mar. 9, 2023).

<sup>162</sup> *Clayton for Responsible Development v. City of Clayton et al.*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. CIVMSN20-0543; *San Luis Architectural Preservation v. City of San Luis Obispo*, San Luis Obispo County Superior Court case no. 20CV-0354; *Arcadians for Environmental Preservation v. City of Arcadia et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02902; *Roopa Shekar v. City of Monte Sereno*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 21CV380209; *Save Livermore Downtown v. City of Livermore et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG21102761; *Hi Point Neighbors' Assn. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02223; and *AIDS Healthcare Foundation et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP03103.

<sup>163</sup> *Sunshine Hill Residents Association v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP03910, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate at 2; Ruling (Feb. 7, 2022) at 3.

<sup>164</sup> *Sunshine Hill Residents Association v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP03910, Ruling (Feb. 7, 2022) at 26, 34.

<sup>165</sup> CEQA Guidelines § 15300.2(c).

<sup>166</sup> *Sunshine Hill Residents Association v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP03910, Ruling (Feb. 7, 2022) at 34.

<sup>167</sup> *Id.* at 27-28.

<sup>168</sup> *Save Downtown Livermore v. City of Livermore* (2022) 87 Cal.App.5th 1116, 108-109.

<sup>169</sup> *Id.* at 1116-19.

CEQA exemptions are working well to promote affordable housing in California. That litigants have challenged exemptions in a handful of cases does not support arguments to weaken CEQA.

## **Housing-Related Litigation (2019-2021): Case Studies**

Finally, this Report undertakes several case studies to determine the type of housing projects that were challenged in 2019-2021 and the ultimate outcome of the litigation. For that analysis we divided the CEQA cases challenging housing into two main categories: (1) cases challenging projects that include only housing (Housing-Only projects); and (2) cases challenging Mixed Use projects that include a housing component. We concluded that CEQA litigation challenging Housing-Only and Mixed Use projects frequently resulted in safer, more environmentally protective projects. We also examined cases challenging projects of the University of California Berkeley that included housing.

### ***Litigation Challenging Housing-Only Projects***

Set forth below are several case studies demonstrating how successful challenges to Housing-Only projects resulted in better, more carefully designed, and safer housing developments. In some instances, such as cases challenging housing projects proposed in wildfire or flood risk areas, these lawsuits and the changes they wrought likely saved lives.

### **Protecting Sensitive Habitat and Open Spaces**

In a number of Housing-Only cases, petitioners prevailed because the challenged project would have destroyed sensitive habitat without analysis or mitigation of that consequence. For instance, a community group challenged a 50-lot subdivision along scenic Highway 38 adjacent to Big Bear Lake because it would harm a number of endangered and sensitive species.<sup>170</sup> The court found for petitioners in part. It required the lead agency to set aside and vacate its CEQA approvals in order to revisit mitigation for the threatened ash-gray Indian Paintbrush and sensitive Pebble Plain habitat.<sup>171</sup>

Similarly, a community-based organization filed suit over a 42-unit subdivision proposed for a hilltop in the El Sereno neighborhood of Los Angeles.<sup>172</sup> The development would have physically removed one-third of the hilltop and destroyed protected California Black Walnut trees and related habitat. The court agreed that the housing project would be more environmentally harmful than the city had disclosed. It required the city to vacate its project approvals and mitigated negative declaration. If the developer re-

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<sup>170</sup> *Friends of Big Bear Valley et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS2017298, Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Aug. 28, 2020) at 5-8.

<sup>171</sup> *Friends of Big Bear Valley et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS2017298, Amended Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Aug. 31, 2022) at 2.

<sup>172</sup> *Delia Guerrero v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02307, Petition for Writ of Mandate (July 16, 2021) at 1.



submits the project for approval, the city must conduct a more detailed EIR analysis.<sup>173</sup> Respondents have appealed this decision.<sup>174</sup>

In another example, a community group prevailed in its CEQA challenge to a housing project by demonstrating that the lead agency had failed to consider alternatives that would have preserved the last remaining open space in that area of Livermore. The 76-unit housing development had been proposed for a sloping hillside location that provided habitat for a variety of special-status species, including the California Red-Legged Frog, California Tiger Salamander, California Burrowing Owl, San Joaquin Kit Fox, and a number of others.<sup>175</sup> Yet the EIR failed to include information about a less harmful alternative: whether the agency could have acquired and conserved the project site. As the court explained, without “adequate information regarding the no-project alternative, the city council could not make an informed, reasoned decision on whether this [p]roject should go forward.”<sup>176</sup>

This is the very purpose of CEQA: to allow decision makers to weigh competing interests and resources and then arrive at an informed, transparent, and fully considered decision. The agency can still approve the housing, but only after it seriously considered an alternative that would have prevented serious environmental harm.

### Ensuring Appropriate Housing Safety and Infrastructure

Petitioners also used CEQA litigation to compel more careful consideration as to *where* new housing is located. These groups succeeded in CEQA challenges to housing projects that were located in high fire hazard zones, flood zones, or outside the service area of their local water service district. For example, in the above-mentioned Big Bear Lake housing case, the petitioners successfully argued that the agency had failed to adequately disclose or analyze the project’s impacts on wildfire evacuation risk.<sup>177</sup> This litigation will ensure that the agency fully considers and informs the public regarding the fire evacuation risk for new and existing residents. In this way, CEQA protects lives.

Similarly, a community group successfully challenged 65 single-family homes proposed on a portion of a flood control detention basin.<sup>178</sup> The court agreed that the agency’s environmental review “does not explain how [the proposed mitigation measure] will allow the project to convert fifty-five percent of the site to impervious surfaces and substantially reduce the current containment capacity of the basin without

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<sup>173</sup> *Delia Guerrero v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02307, Judgment, Exhibit 1 (Feb. 1, 2023) at 6-7, 16-17.

<sup>174</sup> *Delia Guerrero v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02307, Notices of Appeal (Jan. 13, 2023).

<sup>175</sup> *Save the Hill Group v. City of Livermore* (2022) 76 Cal.App.5th 1092, 1099-1100.

<sup>176</sup> *Id.* at 1111-13.

<sup>177</sup> *Friends of Big Bear Valley et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS2017298, Amended Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Aug. 31, 2022) at 2.

<sup>178</sup> *Friends of Upland Wetlands v. City of Upland*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS2010521, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (May 29, 2020) at 2.

impacting the basin’s current groundwater recharge function.”<sup>179</sup> Because the court found that the project could result in impacts to biological resources, groundwater recharge, noise, and area aesthetics, it ordered the environmental review document and related approvals set aside in favor of further review.<sup>180</sup>

In litigation pending<sup>181</sup> before Contra Costa County Superior Court, the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) brought a CEQA challenge against Contra Costa County for approving a 125-unit single family housing development that lies outside of EBMUD’s Ultimate Service Boundary. Because the project lacks a water supply, the utility district contends its approval should be set aside.<sup>182</sup>

### Sheltering Unhoused and Low-Income Populations

Finally, not all of the housing-related cases in 2019-2021 were seeking to stop housing projects. For example, in San Clemente, petitioners challenged an ordinance that would have relocated camping areas for homeless people to a single unsafe storage lot next to a waste treatment plant.<sup>183</sup> The city reversed the ordinance after the lawsuit was filed, and the case was dismissed.<sup>184</sup>

Similarly, petitioners have challenged a Santa Clara ordinance restricting the areas where recreational vehicles can park based on concerns that the ordinance would reduce affordable housing in the city.<sup>185</sup> And in some cases, the petitioners objected to a project because it did not include *enough* affordable housing. For instance, a local group challenged a large multi-family residential building proposed for Canoga Park in Los Angeles that did not include sufficient affordable units.<sup>186</sup>

### ***Litigation Challenging Mixed Use Projects***

We next turn to the CEQA cases in 2019-2021 challenging Mixed Use projects that include a residential component. Our review of these cases reveals that CEQA has played a critical role in avoiding or reducing significant harms that Mixed Use projects pose for the environment and communities. Many of these projects have a very large footprint, have a substantial commercial component, and require extensive infrastructure in addition to numerous housing units. The largest Mixed Use projects tend to be located in sprawl as opposed to infill areas, and they create enormous threats to protected species and

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<sup>179</sup> *Friends of Upland Wetlands v. City of Upland*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS2010521, Ruling on Submitted Matter (Sept. 13, 2021) at 34.

<sup>180</sup> *Id.* at 57-58.

<sup>181</sup> As of April 28, 2023.

<sup>182</sup> *East Bay Municipal Utility District v. Contra Costa County et al.*, Contra Costa County Superior Court case no. MSN21-1274, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (Aug. 12, 2021) at 1.

<sup>183</sup> *Emergency Shelter Coalition v. City of San Clemente*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. 30-2019-01080355-CU-WM-CXC, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (June 28, 2019) at 6.

<sup>184</sup> San Clemente City Council Urgency Ordinance No. 1682 (adopted Dec. 10, 2019); *Emergency Shelter Coalition v. City of San Clemente*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. 30-2019-01080355-CU-WM-CXC, Ordered Dismissal (May 27, 2023).

<sup>185</sup> *Equity Lifestyle Properties, Inc. v. County of Santa Clara et al.*, Santa Clara County Superior Court case no. 21CV384256, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (July 1, 2021) at 2; case pending as of April 28, 2023.

<sup>186</sup> *Clean Up Warner Center Contamination v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP02198, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (July 8, 2021) at 6; case pending as of April 28, 2023.

habitat. Critically, some of these are sited in high fire severity zones and pose grave safety risks. Others are proposed in areas where potable water is limited or historic/cultural resources would be harmed.

The following case examples demonstrate how CEQA was used to address Mixed Projects throughout the state, in some instances averting environmental disaster. CEQA has played an important role in ensuring that the impacts from these often-massive projects are adequately analyzed and their impacts confronted and mitigated.

### A Massive, Sprawling Development at Tejon Ranch (Los Angeles County)

Conservation groups sued the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for approving the controversial 12,000-acre Centennial project, one of the largest projects ever proposed in county history and part of the larger Tejon Ranch development.<sup>187</sup> Centennial would convert some of California's most important remaining native grasslands and spectacular wildflower fields into a sprawling development of 19,333 homes about 65 miles north of downtown Los Angeles. The project would put about 57,000 residents in a high fire hazard area, as designated by CalFire. The project was estimated to add 75,000 new vehicle trips a day to the region's already-clogged freeways, undermining California's climate goals and generating air pollution. Numerous individuals and entities opposed the project, including the California Air Resources Board, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, and the *L.A. Times* editorial board.<sup>188</sup>

The trial court held that the development's environmental review failed to account for the increased wildfire risk the 12,000-acre project would pose to surrounding wildlands.<sup>189</sup> The ruling also found that the Board of Supervisors failed to adopt feasible mitigation measures to offset the climate-harming greenhouse gasses caused by the development.<sup>190</sup> Thereafter, one of the petitioners, Climate Resolve, reached a settlement with Tejon Ranch for project changes to address some of the greenhouse gas emissions resulting from the development.<sup>191</sup> On March 22, 2023, the court directed the county to set aside the environmental review and all approvals for the project.<sup>192</sup>

### A Project Endangering Wildlife and Endangered Species (Los Angeles County)

The Center for Biological Diversity and Endangered Habitats League sued the Los Angeles County Board

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<sup>187</sup> *Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01917; *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP02100 (collectively, "Tejon Ranch Cases").

<sup>188</sup> Center for Biological Diversity, *Judge Blocks Massive Tejon Ranchcorp Development in L.A. County* (Apr. 8, 2021), [https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/judge-blocks-massive-tejon-ranchcorp-development-in-la-county-2021-04-08/email\\_view/](https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/judge-blocks-massive-tejon-ranchcorp-development-in-la-county-2021-04-08/email_view/); Los Angeles Times, *Just say no to more Southern California sprawl* (Dec. 8, 2018), <https://www.latimes.com/opinion/editorials/la-ed-centennial-development-20181208-story.html>.

<sup>189</sup> *Tejon Ranch Cases*, Ruling (Oct. 27, 2021) at 8.

<sup>190</sup> *Id.* at 4-7.

<sup>191</sup> *Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01917, Settlement Agreement (Nov. 30, 2021) at 5-11.

<sup>192</sup> *Tejon Ranch cases*, Judgment Granting Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Mar. 22, 2023), [https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/save\\_tejon\\_ranch/pdfs/Los-Angeles-County-Superior-Court-Tejon-ruling-03272023.pdf](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/campaigns/save_tejon_ranch/pdfs/Los-Angeles-County-Superior-Court-Tejon-ruling-03272023.pdf)

of Supervisors for approving the 3,150-unit Northlake housing development in a biologically sensitive area next to the Castaic Lake State Recreation Area.<sup>193</sup> The proposed development would have buried more than 3.5 miles of Grasshopper Creek, a pristine stream that feeds into Southern California’s last free-flowing river, the Santa Clara. It would eliminate one of the region’s last surviving populations of imperiled Western Spadefoot Toads and degrade a wildlife corridor needed by local mountain lions to move between the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests. And the new development was in an area designated by CalFire as a “very high fire hazard severity zone,” putting people at risk of wildfires.<sup>194</sup>

In 2021, the court ruled that the environmental review failed to consider a less harmful proposal that would have avoided destruction of Grasshopper Creek and habitat for vulnerable wildlife.<sup>195</sup> The court also found that the environmental review failed to account for or minimize impacts on the Western Spadefoot Toad, as well as on several rare plants.<sup>196</sup> The project can move forward if the developer fully addresses and mitigates each of these issues.

#### Multiple Risks from a Remote San Diego Development (San Diego County)

Five environmental organizations and one community group challenged the San Diego County Board of Supervisors’ approval of Otay Ranch Village 14, a sprawling development in a remote, unincorporated area of southern San Diego County.<sup>197</sup> Spanning over 1,000 acres, the development proposed constructing approximately 1,100 new homes and 10,000 square feet of commercial space. If built, the development would have paved over hundreds of acres of habitat for Golden Eagles, endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly, San Diego Fairy Shrimp, and other imperiled wildlife while building new homes in one of California’s most dangerously fire-prone areas.<sup>198</sup> Sited east of Chula Vista, the location had burned at least 17 times in the past 100 years.<sup>199</sup> The Attorney General also joined the lawsuit, raising concerns about the project’s inadequate environmental review.<sup>200</sup>

The court ruled that the county’s assessment of Otay Ranch Village 14 failed to adequately address and mitigate numerous environmental concerns, including greenhouse gas emissions and threats to the

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<sup>193</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01610, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief (May 14, 2019) at 1.

<sup>194</sup> *Id.* at 1-2.

<sup>195</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 19STCP01610, Statement of Decision on Verified Petition of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief (Jan. 11, 2021) at 11-13, <https://biologicaldiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/NorthlakeSpecificPlan.pdf>.

<sup>196</sup> *Id.* at 13-19.

<sup>197</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of San Diego*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2019-00038747-CU-WM-CTL; *Endangered Habitats League et al. v. County of San Diego*, San Diego County Superior Court case no. 37-2019-00038672-CU-TT-CTL (collectively, *Otay Ranch Village 14 Cases*).

<sup>198</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of San Diego*, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (July 25, 2019) (CBD v. San Diego Complaint) at 5-6; *Endangered Habitats League et al. v. County of San Diego*, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate (July 29, 2019) (EHL Complaint) at 2, 8-9.

<sup>199</sup> *CBD v. San Diego* Complaint at 6-7; *EHL* Complaint at 9-10.

<sup>200</sup> AG press release (Mar. 17, 2021), <https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-becerra-seeks-intervene-litigation-over-wildfire-risk-san-diego>.

endangered Quino Checkerspot Butterfly.<sup>201</sup> The court also found the county’s environmental study did not address the wildfire risks from the project’s location in a very high fire hazard severity zone.<sup>202</sup> After the ruling, the parties reached a settlement reducing the project footprint and adding changes to reduce the project’s wildfire, wildlife, and climate change impacts.<sup>203</sup> The agreement also provided The Nature Conservancy the right to acquire the property with the goal of permanent preservation.<sup>204</sup>

#### A Future-Oriented Settlement Agreement (Placer County)

The Center for Biological Diversity challenged the Sunset Area Plan, a sprawling plan for development that threatened thousands of acres of rare vernal pool habitat and would add thousands of new vehicle trips per day to already packed regional roadways in Placer County.<sup>205</sup> The Specific Plan encompassed approximately 8,500 acres and included 8,094 housing units and 8.5 million square feet of retail, commercial, and industrial space.<sup>206</sup>

After months of negotiation, the parties reached agreement to allow the project to move forward with significant new measures to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the development and to fund electric vehicles, habitat acquisition, and environmental conservation.<sup>207</sup> The agreement required the project to provide electric vehicle charging stations in all single-family homes and 15% of the non-residential parking spaces, zero-emission transit vehicles, all-electric appliances in residential units, green roofs on commercial spaces, and free transit passes for future residents and employees.<sup>208</sup> The agreement also provided funds toward preserving biologically important habitat, including the historic northern California property known as Lone Pine Ranch along the Eel River.<sup>209</sup>

#### A Remote Development for “High Net Worth Individuals” (Lake County)

Following a series of devastating fires in Northern California, the Center for Biological Diversity sued Lake County for approving a sprawling new luxury resort and residential development just north of Napa County.<sup>210</sup> In 2021, the state Attorney General joined the lawsuit.<sup>211</sup>

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<sup>201</sup> *Otay Ranch Village 14 Cases*, Minute Order (Oct. 7, 2021) at 4-8, 10-11, <https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/Court-ruling-on-Otay-Village-14.pdf>.

<sup>202</sup> *Id.* at 8.

<sup>203</sup> *Otay Ranch Village 14 Cases*, Settlement Agreement Regarding Otay Ranch Village 14 and Planning Area 16/19 Project at 5 & Ex. 4, pp. 16-26.

<sup>204</sup> *Id.* at 2 & Ex. 1.

<sup>205</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Placer*, Placer County Superior Court case no. S-CV-0044277, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Jan. 9, 2020) at 1.

<sup>206</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>207</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity et al. v. County of Placer*, Placer County Superior Court case no. S-CV-0044277, Settlement Agreement (Apr. 14, 2021) at 5-10, <https://biologicaldiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/Placer-Ranch-Settlement-Agreement-2021-04-14.pdf>.

<sup>208</sup> *Id.*

<sup>209</sup> *Id.* at 5; Center for Biological Diversity, *After \$6 Million Agreement, Dismissal Sought for Lawsuit Challenging Placer Ranch Development* (Apr. 20, 2021), [https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/after-6-million-agreement-dismissal-sought-for-lawsuit-challenging-placer-ranch-development-2021-04-20/email\\_view/](https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/after-6-million-agreement-dismissal-sought-for-lawsuit-challenging-placer-ranch-development-2021-04-20/email_view/).

<sup>210</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity v. County of Lake*, Lake County Superior Court case no. CV421152, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Aug. 20, 2020) (*CBD v. Lake County* Complaint) at 1.

<sup>211</sup> AG press release (Feb. 1, 2021), <https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-becerra-files-motion-intervene-lawsuit-challenging->

Prior to project approval, the Guenoc Valley Mixed Use Planned Development Project site had repeatedly burned and was placed under an evacuation order.<sup>212</sup> The 16,000-acre project site contains oak woodlands, wildlife corridors, and habitat for sensitive wildlife species including Golden Eagles, Yellow-legged Frogs and Western Pond Turtles. The proposed project would have brought thousands of new residents and visitors to this isolated corner of Lake County, resulting in more than 30,000 metric tons of new greenhouse gas emissions every year.<sup>213</sup> The project proposal included luxury amenities such as polo grounds designed to attract “high net worth individuals.”<sup>214</sup>

The court held that the county had failed to consider the project’s effect on community safety and wildfire evacuation in the highly fire-prone area.<sup>215</sup> In particular, the court concluded that the county’s findings on wildfire evacuation routes were not supported by substantial evidence and its environmental review did not comply with CEQA.<sup>216</sup> In January 2023, the Attorney General’s office announced a settlement of its case with the county after requiring improvements to the development that would reduce its risk of sparking a wildfire.<sup>217</sup> The conservation groups’ case against the county is currently on appeal.

#### A Remote Project That Lacked Funding for Necessary Fire-Protection Services (Stanislaus County)

The Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District challenged the City of Riverbank’s approval of a project that would place 2,802 homes and retail development in a rural area without sufficient fire protection.<sup>218</sup> Despite the enormity of the project, the city failed to adequately analyze the development’s impact on fire protection services or its inconsistency with the city’s own fire-related general plan policies.<sup>219</sup>

The fire district repeatedly warned the city that approval of the project would exacerbate the risk of fire hazards in the city,<sup>220</sup> but it took a CEQA lawsuit to force the city to address the issue. In the end, the fire district and the city reached a settlement, under which the fire district will receive the funding required to provide the necessary fire protection services.<sup>221</sup> Now that the city has taken steps to protect public safety,

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development.

<sup>212</sup> Draft EIR’s Appendix FIRE, the Guenoc Wildfire Prevention Plan, <https://www.biologicialdiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/Guenoc-Valley-Fire-History-Map.pdf> (wildfire history); Center for Biological Diversity, <https://www.biologicialdiversity.org/resourcespace/pages/view.php?ref=13482&k=25f252f71f> (LNU Complex Fire Evacuation map).

<sup>213</sup> *CBD v. Lake County* Complaint at 4-6.

<sup>214</sup> *Id.* at 1.

<sup>215</sup> *Center for Biological Diversity v. County of Lake*, Lake County Superior Court case no. CV421152, Ruling and Order on Petitions for Writ of Mandate (Jan. 4, 2022) at 5-8, <https://www.biologicialdiversity.org/programs/urban/pdfs/Guenoc-Valley-ruling.pdf>.

<sup>216</sup> *Id.* at 7-8.

<sup>217</sup> AG press release (Jan. 13, 2023), <https://oag.ca.gov/news/press-releases/attorney-general-bonta-announces-settlement-address-wildfire-ignition-risks-and>.

<sup>218</sup> *Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District v. City of Riverbank*, Stanislaus County Superior Court case no. CV-19-004402, Petition for Writ of Mandate; Complaint re General Plan Inconsistency and Declaratory Relief (July 26, 2019) at 1.

<sup>219</sup> *Id.* at 8-10.

<sup>220</sup> *Id.* at 5-6.

<sup>221</sup> *Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District v. City of Riverbank*, Stanislaus County Superior Court case no. CV-19-004402, Settlement Agreement (Oct. 29, 2020) at 2-4.

this project can proceed to construction.

#### A Settlement Reducing Impacts of a Large Development on a Neighboring City (Orange County)

The City of Santa Ana approved a development of 1,150 residential units and 80,000 square feet of commercial retail and restaurant space directly adjacent to the City of Tustin without analyzing the project's significant impacts on its neighbor.<sup>222</sup> The City of Tustin submitted comment letters on the EIR, emphasizing the project's failure to mitigate impacts to traffic, air quality and recreation, among other impacts. It resorted to litigation only when the City of Santa Ana ignored these issues, approving the project anyway.<sup>223</sup>

The parties eventually settled the case, with Santa Ana agreeing not allow the project to be occupied until necessary traffic improvements have been constructed.<sup>224</sup> The agreement also provided significant funding for Tustin parks in the area.<sup>225</sup> Once again, CEQA litigation provided the avenue for practical solutions improving a controversial project.

#### ***Litigation Challenging University Projects Including Housing***

Finally, we examined two disputes in which petitioners challenged the University of California Berkeley's approval of development projects including housing. The first of these disputes concerned UC's decision to substantially increase student enrollment at its flagship campus.<sup>226</sup> The second involved UC's plans to build student housing on the site of a historic park.<sup>227</sup> In both disputes, CEQA revealed the shortsightedness of UC's planning decisions and ultimately led to positive outcomes for Berkeley residents. In the first, the City of Berkeley obtained much needed funding for city services required to serve its residents, including UC's student population. In the second, CEQA forced UC to investigate options to avoid eliminating a historic park.

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<sup>222</sup> *City of Tustin v. City of Santa Ana*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2020-01161134, Petition for Writ of Mandate (Sept. 18, 2020) at 3-4.

<sup>223</sup> *Id.* at 7, 9-10.

<sup>224</sup> *City of Tustin v. City of Santa Ana*, Orange County Superior Court case no. 30-2020-01161134, Settlement Agreement (Mar. 24, 2021) at 2-3.

<sup>225</sup> *Id.* at 1-2.

<sup>226</sup> *Save Berkeley Neighborhoods v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19022887, *City of Berkeley v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19023058 (collectively referred to as the 2019 UC Berkeley Cases).

<sup>227</sup> *Make UC a Good Neighbor et al. v. Regents of UC et al.* (2023) 88 Cal.App.5th 656.

### A Challenge to Environmental Review of UC Berkeley's Dramatic Increase in Enrollment

By law, each UC campus must adopt a Long Range Development Plan (LRDP) “that guides [the campus’s] physical development, including land use designations, the location of buildings, and infrastructure systems, for an established time horizon.”<sup>228</sup> CEQA expressly requires that campuses prepare an EIR to analyze the impacts of important planning decisions in the LRDP.<sup>229</sup>

UC Berkeley’s 2005 LRDP forecast that the University would increase its student population to a total of around 33,500 students by the year 2020.<sup>230</sup> UC Berkeley’s actual enrollment numbers, however, were far greater than the figures put forth by UC in its plan. As early as 2007, UC Berkeley enrollment had already exceeded the 2020 projections.<sup>231</sup> Average student enrollment for the 2017-18 academic year stood at almost 41,000 students.<sup>232</sup> Anticipated enrollment for the 2022-23 academic year exceeded the LRDP’s projections by over 11,000 students.<sup>233</sup>

The City of Berkeley and a community group filed separate lawsuits against UC for failing to adequately analyze and mitigate the impacts of these enrollment increases. They expressed concern that UC’s continued decisions to increase enrollment far beyond its initial projections without adequately planning for that growth would unfairly tax already strained city resources, since the City would have to provide services for those students. At the same time, it would worsen the existing housing shortage that Berkeley residents already were experiencing.<sup>234</sup>

The trial court agreed, holding that UC failed to analyze impacts on the City’s housing, population, and displacement of residents.<sup>235</sup> The court also found that UC failed to disclose or mitigate the impacts that these decisions would place on city services.<sup>236</sup>

After the court ruled against UC, the City of Berkeley and UC entered what the city described as a “historic” settlement agreement.<sup>237</sup> In exchange for the city dismissing its litigation and refraining from challenging certain future projects, UC agreed to pay the city over \$80 million to help mitigate the

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<sup>228</sup> Educ. Code § 67504(a)(1).

<sup>229</sup> Pub. Res. Code § 21080.09(b).

<sup>230</sup> *City of Berkeley v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19023058, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (June 14, 2019) (*City of Berkeley* Complaint) at 9.

<sup>231</sup> *Make UC a Good Neighbor*, 88 Cal.App.5th at 666.

<sup>232</sup> *City of Berkeley* Complaint at 11.

<sup>233</sup> *Save Berkeley Neighborhoods v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19022887, *City of Berkeley v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19023058, Order Granting Petitions for Writ of Mandate (July 9, 2021) (Order in 2019 UC Berkeley Cases) at 12.

<sup>234</sup> *City of Berkeley* Complaint at 13.

<sup>235</sup> Order in 2019 UC Berkeley Cases at 11-16. The court later issued judgment capping enrollment at 2021 levels until UC complied with CEQA. *Save Berkeley Neighborhoods v. Regents of UC et al.*, Alameda County Superior Court case no. RG19022887, Judgment (Aug. 23, 2021) at 1. The Legislature eventually intervened and enacted Senate Bill (SB) 118, which was intended to render the trial court’s cap unenforceable.

<sup>236</sup> Order in 2019 UC Berkeley Cases at 16-18.

<sup>237</sup> Jesse Arreguin, *City Council Approves Historic Agreement with University of California, Berkeley* (July 24, 2021),

<https://www.jessearreguin.com/press-releases/2021/7/14/city-council-approves-historic-agreement-with-university-of-california-berkeley>.



impacts of its planned growth, including support for city services.<sup>238</sup>

The case highlights the important role CEQA can play in classic, “town-versus-gown” controversies. Cities have no zoning or land use authority over the UC campuses within their jurisdictions.<sup>239</sup> They also have no power to tax UC.<sup>240</sup> Thus, if UC is not required to mitigate the impacts of its enrollment decisions through CEQA, cities will be stuck footing the bill for that unavoidable mitigation. CEQA provided the only means available to the City of Berkeley and its residents to force UC to account for the impacts of its enrollment decisions on the surrounding community, impacts that its own plan had not recognized.

### A Challenge to UC Berkeley’s New LRDP and Development in People’s Park

In 2021, UC Berkeley adopted a new LRDP and approved a housing project in People’s Park, a significant local, state, and national historical resource. Two organizations sued UC over its failure to identify any reasonable alternatives to placing the new development project in the historic park.<sup>241</sup>

The trial court determined that UC’s environmental analysis was adequate, but the Court of Appeal reversed.<sup>242</sup> Despite plentiful evidence that the University could have considered several available nearby properties described in the LRDP for the People’s Park housing project, the University’s EIR never analyzed those alternative sites to determine if they were feasible.<sup>243</sup> UC’s decision to ignore these options was legally unacceptable given the historical significance of People’s Park. As the Court of Appeal explained, “The park’s historic significance stems from its association with social and political activism in Berkeley. A hub of protest against the Vietnam War, in 1969 the park was the site of both violent confrontations between protesters and law enforcement and peaceful demonstrations. Through the early 1970’s, People’s Park grew to symbolize anti-war activism and suppression of the counterculture movement.”<sup>244</sup>

UC’s failure to consider other options to destroying the historic park was inexcusable given that the University owned other properties that could accommodate new housing. Because UC’s EIR skipped this critical alternatives analysis and also failed to analyze the project’s noise impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, the court ordered the EIR’s revision.<sup>245</sup>

The court took care to acknowledge “the public interest in this case — the controversy around developing

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<sup>238</sup> *Id.*

<sup>239</sup> *Regents of UC v. City of Santa Monica* (1978) 77 Cal.App.3d 130, 136 (“[T]he [UC] Regents ... are exempt from local building codes and zoning regulations.”).

<sup>240</sup> *City and County of San Francisco v. Regents of UC* (2019) 7 Cal.5th 536, 546.

<sup>241</sup> *Make UC a Good Neighbor*, 88 Cal.App.5th at 665.

<sup>242</sup> *Id.*

<sup>243</sup> *Id.* at 677, 679-81.

<sup>244</sup> *Id.* at 677.

<sup>245</sup> *Id.* at 665.

People's Park, the university's urgent need for student housing, the town-versus-gown conflicts in Berkeley on noise, displacement, and other issues, and the broader public debate about legal obstacles to housing construction."<sup>246</sup> The court also emphasized that it was not requiring UC to abandon its plans for housing in People's Park, but that the University must properly analyze the plans' impacts on the community and explore options that would not destroy an important historic resource.<sup>247</sup> Those were actions that UC should have carried out in the first instance.<sup>248</sup>

Thus, when the courts enforced CEQA in these challenges to UC projects, they did not permanently stop the projects. Rather, they required the University to do what is expected and legally required of all public agencies: analyze a proposed development's potential harm to the environment and reduce it where feasible.

## Summary

In short, the facts do not support critics' claims that CEQA is a primary impediment to housing construction in California. The number of CEQA lawsuits is very low overall, and less than one quarter of these cases challenged housing developments during our study period. In one exemplar year, 2019, we found that the number of challenged units was equivalent to less than 10% of units permitted that year. Also, most of the housing units challenged in 2019-2021 were proposed in undeveloped greenfields, as opposed to urban areas. Finally, case studies indicate that CEQA litigation challenging housing projects has resulted in environmental improvements to many of these projects. CEQA cases not only have exposed hazards relating to projects' remote location or lack of infrastructure, but they also have ensured reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, mitigation for significant impacts on sensitive species, and protection of historic resources.

As the 2021 Report<sup>249</sup> and the present Report show, CEQA exemptions are working as envisioned to expedite qualifying housing projects. These exemptions, however, mean that projects may proceed without mitigation for potential public health and environmental impacts. Given the rapid pace of these legislative changes, it would make sense to allow time to see how they play out before adopting further major measures of this sort. Residents depend on CEQA to ensure the health and safety of their communities. Evaluating how streamlining for housing for production is working and whether it is achieving its goals while minimizing harm, is warranted.

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<sup>246</sup> *Id.*

<sup>247</sup> *Id.*

<sup>248</sup> See *id.*

<sup>249</sup> 2021 Report at 33-41.

## 5. CEQA's Enduring Value

The 2021 Report described the evolution of CEQA since its adoption 50 years ago — how public agencies, the state Legislature, and the courts developed the law to meet California's evolving environmental concerns.<sup>250</sup> The report showed how, for decades, CEQA played a significant role in protecting some of the state's most iconic natural resources and landscapes: places like the Headwaters Forest, the San Francisco Bay, and the Santa Monica Mountains.<sup>251</sup> The report then documented how, in recent years, environmental and community groups have used CEQA to address the urgent challenges of environmental injustice and climate change. Its case studies illustrated that CEQA is typically the *only* tool that local groups have to ensure that lead agencies reduce the harmful impacts of polluting projects proposed near homes and schools.<sup>252</sup>

This Report's review of the recent cases confirms that CEQA continues to serve as an effective mechanism for groups fighting environmental injustice and climate change. And the law continues to help safeguard California's treasured natural areas and historic monuments. It is regrettable that those advocating for amendments to weaken CEQA ignore the law's stunning success.

### Combatting Environmental Injustice and Climate Change

Community members and the California Attorney General have continued to use CEQA to ensure that public agencies disclose and mitigate the public health impacts of projects proposed in low-income, vulnerable communities. Likewise, CEQA requires agencies to analyze the climate impacts resulting from projects' greenhouse gas emissions — and to reduce those impacts to the extent feasible. Included below are six case studies illustrating how CEQA continues to serve as a critical tool for communities facing these pressing issues.

#### ***Warehouse Logistics Centers Pollute Neighborhoods in Fontana (San Bernardino County)***

Two CEQA suits brought in 2019-2021 protected low-income neighborhoods in Fontana from pollution emanating from large warehouse logistics centers proposed near homes and schools.

#### **Seven Huge Warehouses Sited Next to a Community of Color**

In 2019, environmental justice and conservation groups sued the City of Fontana over its approval of the massive West Valley Logistics Center, a complex of seven industrial warehouses totaling over 3.4 million

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<sup>250</sup> 2021 Report at 63-68.

<sup>251</sup> *Id.* at 68-74.

<sup>252</sup> *Id.* at 77-92.

square feet.<sup>253</sup> The warehouses would be built next to a community of color and add more than 2,000 diesel trucks per day to an area already afflicted by some of the worst air quality in the nation. This pollution burden, which the project would worsen, has led to asthma, respiratory, illness, heart disease, and birth defects for nearby residents.<sup>254</sup> In addition, the project would destroy critical habitat for an imperiled bird and eliminate an important wildlife corridor.<sup>255</sup>

In August 2022, the parties reached a settlement of the litigation.<sup>256</sup> As a condition of the agreement, the warehouse project must take concrete steps to reduce its air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions, such as by requiring trucks and heavy equipment to meet certain emissions standards and by designing buildings to support the use of electric vehicles and machinery.<sup>257</sup> The project must also adopt energy- and water-efficiency measures<sup>258</sup> and include a rigorous program for restoration of avian habitat.<sup>259</sup>

### A Large Warehouse Logistics Center Located Adjacent to a School

In 2021, the Sierra Club challenged the City of Fontana's environmental review for another warehouse logistics center, known as the Slover and Oleander Industrial Building Project.<sup>260</sup> The Attorney General also filed suit under CEQA.<sup>261</sup> The challenged project would be surrounded by existing single-family homes and directly adjacent to a high school. It would thus subject school children and vulnerable residents to relentless industrial operations, including pollution from diesel trucks transporting goods to and from the facility.<sup>262</sup>

In 2022, the parties agreed to a historic settlement, protecting the community from pollution associated with the industrial development and addressing its impacts on climate.<sup>263</sup> As the Attorney General explained, "For years, warehouse development in Fontana went unchecked, and it's our most vulnerable communities that have paid the price. South Fontana residents shouldn't have to choose between economic opportunity and clean air. They deserve both."<sup>264</sup>

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<sup>253</sup> *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS1911123, Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (April 15, 2019) at 2, 7.

<sup>254</sup> See Center for Biological Diversity press release (April 12, 2019), [https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press\\_releases/2019/west-valley-logistics-center-04-12-2019.php](https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/news/press_releases/2019/west-valley-logistics-center-04-12-2019.php).

<sup>255</sup> *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS1911123, Petition at 8-13.

<sup>256</sup> Center for Biological Diversity press release (Sept. 16, 2019), <https://biologicaldiversity.org/w/news/press-releases/agreement-reached-protect-community-wildlife-southern-california-warehouse-project-2019-09-16/>; *Center for Community Action and Environmental Justice et al. v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVDS1911123, Settlement Agreement and Release (Aug. 22, 2019),

<sup>257</sup> Settlement Agreement and Release at 2-4.

<sup>258</sup> *Id.* at 3-5.

<sup>259</sup> *Id.* at 5 & Ex. A.

<sup>260</sup> *Sierra Club v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2121605.

<sup>261</sup> AG press release (April. 22, 2022), [https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/attorney-general-bonta-announces-settlement-with-city-of-fontana-in-regard-to-controversial-warehouse-project/article\\_bcd912f8-bf42-11ec-bf2c-bf63246385ba.html](https://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/attorney-general-bonta-announces-settlement-with-city-of-fontana-in-regard-to-controversial-warehouse-project/article_bcd912f8-bf42-11ec-bf2c-bf63246385ba.html) ("AG press release on Fontana").

<sup>262</sup> *Sierra Club v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2121605, Verified Petition for Peremptory Writ of Mandate (July 23, 2021) at 2, 4-6.

<sup>263</sup> *Sierra Club v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2121605, Final Judgment on Consent (Jun. 22, 2022) at 2-11 & Ex. A; see also AG press release on Fontana.

<sup>264</sup> AG press release on Fontana.

As a result of the lawsuit, the City of Fontana adopted an ordinance with the most stringent environmental standards for new warehouse projects in the state.<sup>265</sup> The city's ordinance will keep trucks away from sensitive sites like schools, hospitals, and day care centers. It will also promote zero-emission vehicles for on-site operations, installation of solar panels to meet 100% of the energy needs for larger warehouse projects, and use of environmentally friendly building materials.<sup>266</sup> The Attorney General declared that the "ordinance should serve as a model for other local governments across the state to build upon."<sup>267</sup>

CEQA litigation was the catalyst for these positive outcomes for the Fontana community and the climate. Without this tool, local residents would not have been able hold projects accountable for the detrimental impacts on their neighborhood.

### ***An Oil and Gas Permitting Ordinance Threatens Public Health and Water Supplies (Kern County)***

A coalition of community environmental justice organizations and traditional environmental groups, led by the Committee for a Better Arvin, filed suit in 2021 against Kern County's reapproval of a sweeping ordinance that streamlined environmental review and permitting for oil and gas drilling throughout most of the county.<sup>268</sup> Proximity to oil and gas drilling and production is associated with a wide range of adverse health outcomes, with burdens falling heavily on low-income communities and people of color. These adverse outcomes include increases in premature mortality, adverse birth outcomes, cardiovascular disease, chronic lung disease, asthma, dementia, and other poor health outcomes.<sup>269</sup> The county's ordinance would allow nearly 2,700 new oil and gas wells per year after only the most cursory "ministerial" review of environmental and health consequences.<sup>270</sup>

The county's approval of the ordinance in 2021 followed a successful challenge to the inadequate EIR prepared for a prior version of the ordinance brought by the Arvin coalition and a local farm.<sup>271</sup> Among other things, the Court of Appeal in the prior challenge found the EIR's mitigation measures for the impact of drilling on water supply inadequate and concluded that the EIR failed to provide enforceable mitigation for health-damaging fine particulate matter (PM2.5) emissions. The court also faulted the county for failing to seek adequate public comment on a "multi-well health risk assessment" discussing the dangers of drilling multiple wells near homes and other sensitive locations.<sup>272</sup> Following remand from the Court of Appeal and the trial court's issuance of a writ of mandate, the county prepared a

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<sup>265</sup> *Id.*

<sup>266</sup> *Sierra Club v. City of Fontana*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2121605, Final Judgment on Consent (Jun. 22, 2022), Ex. A.; see also AG press release on Fontana.

<sup>267</sup> *Id.*

<sup>268</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin, et al. v. County of Kern, et al.*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief (March 10, 2021) (Committee for a Better Arvin Complaint) at 1.

<sup>269</sup> *Id.* at 11.

<sup>270</sup> *Id.* at 1-5.

<sup>271</sup> *King and Gardiner Farms, LLC v. County of Kern*, Cal. Ct. App., 5th Dist. case no. F077656 (Feb. 25, 2020), as modified (March 20, 2020); partially published at (2020) 45 Cal.App.5th 814.

<sup>272</sup> *King and Gardiner Farms*, slip op. at 3-4, 140-41.

Supplemental Recirculated EIR (SREIR) and reapproved the ordinance in largely the same form.

In its subsequent 2021 challenge, the Arvin coalition argued that the county had failed to remedy — and in some cases had exacerbated — flaws in the prior EIR identified by the Court of Appeal. Among other things, the coalition’s petition claimed that (1) the SREIR still failed to assess the impact of air pollution mitigation measures on PM2.5 emissions and omitted enforceable mitigation; (2) the multi-well health risk assessment failed to evaluate health risks from drilling at the actual distances from homes and schools allowed by the ordinance; and (3) the SREIR failed to analyze or provide mitigation for oil drilling’s impact on water supplies, particularly in disadvantaged communities.<sup>273</sup>

In June 2022, the trial court issued a ruling granting the Arvin coalition’s petition in part.<sup>274</sup> The court agreed with the Arvin petitioners that the SREIR persisted in an ineffective and arbitrary approach to fine particulate pollution and neglected to disclose the nature or magnitude of impacts on water supply in disadvantaged communities.<sup>275</sup> However, the court subsequently allowed the county to “correct” these violations through an abbreviated and informal process, rather than a revised EIR, and allowed oil and gas permitting to resume.<sup>276</sup> The Arvin coalition appealed the ruling.<sup>277</sup>

Although the case remains pending in the Court of Appeal, the Arvin coalition’s CEQA litigation already has resulted in additional environmental review and mitigation for the adverse health and water supply impacts of oil and gas drilling in Central Valley communities. This is another instance where CEQA served as the principal check on environmental injustice.

### ***A Warehouse Project Poses Risks to Public Health and Safety in Long Beach***

A regional environmental organization and a community group sued the City of Long Beach for refusing to prepare an EIR for a large self-storage and warehouse project next to the Los Angeles River that would also include a recreational vehicle lot, a car wash, and a waste disposal station.<sup>278</sup> The proposed project would be located adjacent to a residential neighborhood and an elementary school, and near an equestrian trail. Residents were concerned about the project’s impacts on public health, particularly from emissions from refrigerated trucks traveling to and from the planned warehouse.<sup>279</sup> These trucks can emit up to 6

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<sup>273</sup> Committee for a Better Arvin Complaint at 1-4 .

<sup>274</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin, et al. v. County of Kern, et al.*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536, Ruling on Petitions for (Third) Writ of Mandate (June 7, 2022).

<sup>275</sup> Earthjustice press release (June 8, 2020), <https://earthjustice.org/press/2022/court-ruling-deems-kern-countys-oil-and-gas-review-violated-the-law>.

<sup>276</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin, et al. v. County of Kern, et al.*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536, Ruling on Remedies and Relief (Oct. 4, 2022); Order Discharging the Third Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Nov. 2, 2022).

<sup>277</sup> *Committee for a Better Arvin, et al. v. County of Kern, et al.*, Kern County Superior Court case no. BCV-21-100536, Notices of Appeal (Oct. 17 and Nov. 4, 2022).

<sup>278</sup> *Riverpark Coalition et al. v. City of Long Beach*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01537, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint (May 12, 2021) at 2, 4.

<sup>279</sup> *Id.* at 5-7, 18.

times more NOx and 29 times more PM than a truck's main engine,<sup>280</sup> and the area has more people living with asthma, emergency department visits from asthma symptoms, and deaths from asthma, than 91% of census tracts throughout California.<sup>281</sup> Traffic from the project also posed safety risks given the site's proximity close to a dangerous freeway entrance ramp.<sup>282</sup>

In addition to the health and safety issues, the project would interfere with city plans for enhancing recreation in the area and posed a threat to important biological resources. Located in an area of Long Beach lacking adequate park and recreation facilities, the site had long been designated by local and regional plans for parkland and greenspace; the project would jettison those plans.<sup>283</sup> Equally troubling, the site contained habitat for rare plant species, including the special-status Southern Tarplant. Residents complained that the developer had already graded the site to remove the rare plants and constructed an enormous soil pile onsite to compress the soil.<sup>284</sup>

The trial court held that the city's abbreviated environmental review — a mitigated negative declaration — failed to comply with CEQA as the project would result in several potentially significant impacts.<sup>285</sup> If the project moves forward, the city must prepare an EIR to analyze the project's impacts, including the air quality, traffic safety, and land use impacts identified by the court.<sup>286</sup> The EIR must also assess the impacts that the project, including the developer's pre-approval grading activities, could cause to special-status biological resources.<sup>287</sup> Critically, the court specified that the city must develop effective measures to mitigate any significant impacts to these resources.<sup>288</sup>

After preparation of a legally adequate EIR, this project may ultimately be reapproved, but CEQA will have ensured that impacts to the local community and sensitive natural habitat were evaluated and protected.

### ***A Port Terminal Lacking Mitigation for Its Harmful Air Pollution***

In 2021, environmental groups, community advocates, regional and state air quality regulators, and the State itself sued the Port of Los Angeles for eliminating key mitigation measures it had previously adopted to protect the health and safety of port workers and surrounding residents.<sup>289</sup> This was the latest

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<sup>280</sup> *Id.* at 18.

<sup>281</sup> *Id.* at 5.

<sup>282</sup> *Riverpark Coalition et al. v. City of Long Beach*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01537, Judgment Granting Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Dec. 13, 2022) at 26.

<sup>283</sup> *Riverpark Coalition et al. v. City of Long Beach*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01537, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint (May 12, 2021) at 9-10.

<sup>284</sup> *Id.* at 12.

<sup>285</sup> *Riverpark Coalition et al. v. City of Long Beach*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 21STCP01537, Judgment Granting Peremptory Writ of Mandate (Dec. 13, 2022) at 2-3 & Ex. 1, pp. 1-2, 7-11, 24-26.

<sup>286</sup> *Id.* at Ex. 1, pp. 7-11.

<sup>287</sup> *Id.* at Ex. 1, pp. 11-13.

<sup>288</sup> *Id.* at Ex. 1, pp. 13-15.

<sup>289</sup> *Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al.*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02978,

in a series of lawsuits challenging the Port’s failure to analyze or mitigate the impacts of developing a new terminal for one of its largest tenants, China Shipping, in violation of CEQA.<sup>290</sup> While these past lawsuits had resulted in the Port identifying measures to mitigate the air quality impacts of the new terminal operations, the Port had never required its tenant to implement those measures.<sup>291</sup> As the trial court explained, the Port had failed over many years to place “compliance with California environmental law and the health of harbor workers and residents ahead of (or at least on equal footing with) its desire to appease its largest tenant.”<sup>292</sup> The trial court ordered the Port to rescind its latest faulty environmental review.<sup>293</sup>

The mitigation measures the Port sought to eliminate were critical to reducing the harmful impacts of Port operations on the surrounding community and, indeed, the planet.<sup>294</sup> The San Pedro Bay ports, which include the Port of Los Angeles and the adjoining Port of Long Beach, are the largest source of air pollution in the smoggiest air basin in the country.<sup>295</sup> In addition to significant greenhouse gas emissions, the diesel engines of the trucks, ships, and other equipment operating at the ports emit huge quantities of air pollutants that can cause respiratory, cardiovascular, reproductive, and central nervous system effects — and even premature death.<sup>296</sup>

Most neighborhoods around the Port are low-income communities of color and are classified as “disadvantaged communities” by state law.<sup>297</sup> Due to these high levels of pollution, people living close to the Port face a much higher risk of cancer and suffer from higher rates of asthma than people living farther away.<sup>298</sup> Thus, the mitigation measures the Port was trying to eliminate were essential to the health of the people living in these surrounding communities.

While the trial court issued a strong decision declaring that the Port had, once again, violated CEQA to the detriment of residents’ health, the court held that the only remedy it could grant was an order requiring the Port to rescind its most recent EIR.<sup>299</sup> Some of the petitioners appealed this decision, arguing that the trial court should have required the Port to take specific steps to comply with CEQA and that additional mitigation measures were feasible.<sup>300</sup> The Court of Appeal has not yet ruled on those

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Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate; Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief (Sept. 16, 2020) (NRDC Complaint); Petition for Writ of Mandate in Intervention (on behalf of the People of the State of California and the California Air Resources Board) (Jan. 25, 2021); *South Coast Air Quality Management District v. City of Los Angeles*, Los Angeles County Superior Court case no. 20STCP02985, Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Declaratory Relief (Sept. 16, 2020) (SCAQMD Complaint).

<sup>290</sup> Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc., et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al., Minute Order (Ruling on the Merits) (June 27, 2022) at 1-2.

<sup>291</sup> *Id.* at 6.

<sup>292</sup> *Id.*

<sup>293</sup> *Id.* at 14.

<sup>294</sup> NRDC Complaint at 9-10.

<sup>295</sup> *Id.* at 7.

<sup>296</sup> *Id.* at 7-8.

<sup>297</sup> SCAQMD Complaint at 13.

<sup>298</sup> NRDC Complaint at 8.

<sup>299</sup> Minute Order (Ruling on the Merits) at 14-15.

<sup>300</sup> *Natural Resources Defense Council Inc., et al. v. City of Los Angeles*, et al., Fourth District Court of Appeal, Division One case no. D080902.



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### ***A Mega-Gas Station Emits Toxic Air Contaminants Near Residences (Marin County)***

A community group challenged the City of Novato's refusal to prepare an EIR for the Costco Corporation's proposal to build a 28-pump gas station, including three 40,000-gallon underground gas storage tanks, only 450 feet from a residential area.<sup>302</sup> Residents warned the city that it needed to analyze the project's impacts on public health associated with emissions of diesel particulates and other toxic air contaminants from frequent diesel truck deliveries and traffic to and from the large site.<sup>303</sup> They even retained a risk assessment expert who submitted calculations showing a significant cumulative health risk.<sup>304</sup> The city, however, ignored that evidence and approved the project based on a defective mitigated negative declaration.

The trial court agreed with petitioners that the city's environmental review for the project violated CEQA.<sup>305</sup> Because there was substantial evidence indicating the large gas station could degrade air quality and threaten public health, the court required preparation of an EIR if the project is to move forward.<sup>306</sup> In this way CEQA ensures that, before a project is approved, the impacts of polluting projects are evaluated and mitigated to protect communities and the environment.

## **Protecting Unique Natural Areas and Historic Monuments**

The 2021 Report demonstrated that, during its first 50 years, CEQA played a significant role in protecting some of the state's most iconic natural resources and landscapes.<sup>307</sup> The report highlighted fifteen such areas, including treasured mountains, rivers, beaches, and forests.<sup>308</sup> Since that report, CEQA cases have continued to protect unique natural areas and historic resources all over the state. This update summarizes a few of these cases, including those filed to protect Lake Tahoe, the state's historic Capitol complex, and the San Bernardino Mountains.

### ***Two Development Projects Threaten Damage to Lake Tahoe***

Two recent Court of Appeal decisions strongly enforced CEQA requirements to ensure environmental

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<sup>301</sup> Review of appellate court docket, April 29, 2023.

<sup>302</sup> *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. CIV2100950, Petition for Writ of Mandate (April , 2021) at 1, 3; Order (Aug. 5, 2022) at 15.

<sup>303</sup> *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. CIV2100950, Order (Aug. 5, 2022) at 14-15.

<sup>304</sup> *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. CIV2100950, Order (Aug. 5, 2022) at 8.

<sup>305</sup> *No New Gas Novato v. City of Novato*, Marin County Superior Court case no. CIV2100950, Order (Aug. 5, 2022) at 1, 13-17.

<sup>306</sup> *Id.*

<sup>307</sup> See 2021 Report at pp. 68-74.

<sup>308</sup> *Id.*

protection of Lake Tahoe and the sensitive Basin surrounding it.<sup>309</sup> These cases are notable because they both involved challenges to projects that could significantly impair the Lake but were located just outside of the Tahoe Basin jurisdictional boundary and thus were not subject to regulation by the Tahoe Regional Planning Agency (TRPA). CEQA was thus the only law safeguarding Lake Tahoe’s unique environment.

### Expansion of Large Resort in Olympic Valley

The first case, brought by a regional environmental group, Sierra Watch, challenged Placer County’s approval of a massive expansion of the “Palisades” resort in Olympic Valley (formerly Squaw Valley).<sup>310</sup> This project proposed a series of high-rise condo hotels and nearly 300,000 square feet of commercial development, including a 90,000 square-foot indoor waterpark. The project would take 25 years to construct.<sup>311</sup>

In August 2021, the Court of Appeal issued an unanimous opinion holding that the county’s EIR for the resort expansion violated CEQA by failing its most basic task: to analyze and mitigate the project’s impacts on nearby Lake Tahoe and its air basin. In addition, the EIR failed to analyze evacuation hazards in the event of wildfire, and the project’s significant noise and traffic impacts.<sup>312</sup>

Explaining the context of its ruling, the appellate court declared that Lake Tahoe “is, as the United States Supreme Court has noted, ‘uniquely beautiful’ and a ‘national treasure’ famous for its water’s ‘exceptional clarity.’”<sup>313</sup> The court found that the county’s EIR “never discussed the importance of Lake Tahoe or its current condition” and lacked any standards for evaluating the project’s significant environmental impacts on the Tahoe Basin. The court rejected the developer’s argument that the EIR need not consider TRPA’s standards for protection of this resource because the project lay outside the basin’s jurisdictional boundary line.

The court further found the EIR used an arbitrary geographic cut-off in its analysis of the project’s severe noise impacts, and failed to provide enough specifics about its plan to mitigate the project’s significant traffic impacts. On remand, the trial court ordered the county to vacate its project approvals and halt any construction activities. If the project is constructed, the county must disclose and mitigate its environmental impacts as CEQA requires.

### Martis Valley West, a Luxury, Second-Home Development

The second case regarding Lake Tahoe involved a challenge by environmental and community

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<sup>309</sup> See *Sierra Watch v. County of Placer* (2021) 69 Cal.App.5th 86; *League to Save Lake Tahoe et al. v. County of Placer* (2022) 75 Cal.App.5th 63.

<sup>310</sup> See *Sierra Watch*, 69 Cal.App.5th at 91-92.

<sup>311</sup> *Id.* at 92.

<sup>312</sup> See *id.* at 96-99, 101-10. The holdings regarding the project’s evacuation and traffic impacts are in unpublished portions of the opinion.

<sup>313</sup> *Id.* at 96 (citation omitted).

organizations, including the League to Save Lake Tahoe/Keep Tahoe Blue, to Placer County’s approval of a large development plan in Martis Valley, a principal gateway to the Lake.<sup>314</sup> The project, known as Martis Valley West, would destroy over 20,000 trees to allow the construction of 760 luxury, gated units, most of which would serve as second homes. The development would occur in a “very high” fire hazard zone on the northern rim of the Tahoe Basin, off State Route 267. It would add 3,985 new daily car trips to Tahoe’s roads, contributing to traffic gridlock and roadway pollution that diminishes Lake Tahoe’s water quality.

In 2022, following its *Sierra Watch* opinion, the Court of Appeal ruled that the county had again violated CEQA. The court stated, “The County abused its discretion by not describing Lake Tahoe’s existing water quality ... particularly because Lake Tahoe is a unique resource entitled to special emphasis.”<sup>315</sup> It also found that the EIR failed to identify standards for evaluating the project’s significant environmental impacts on the Lake and thus omitted necessary mitigation measures.<sup>316</sup> Finally, the EIR failed to provide adequate mitigation for the project’s emissions of greenhouse gasses, which would total more than 30,000 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent per year.<sup>317</sup> On remand, the trial court ordered the county to vacate the project approval and halt any construction activities.

In both of these cases, if not for CEQA, massive projects would have been allowed to proceed with unanalyzed and unchecked impacts on Lake Tahoe, an international treasure.

### ***Major Renovation of the Historic California State Capitol Complex***

Community groups in Sacramento challenged the lack of CEQA compliance by the California Department of General Services in connection with its planned renovation of the magnificent State Capitol complex in Sacramento.<sup>318</sup> The historic Capitol is listed in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources.<sup>319</sup> The Department’s plan included demolishing a large historic annex attached to the Capitol building, replacing it with a glass annex building, and constructing an underground visitor center on the Capitol’s historic West Lawn.<sup>320</sup> Petitioners pointed out that the EIR process for the project was prematurely closed before significant changes were made and approved, and thus failed to provide for any public review or comment regarding the newly-introduced pleated-glass, “double T” annex design or a newly available alternative location for the proposed new visitor center.<sup>321</sup>

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<sup>314</sup> *League to Save Lake Tahoe*, 75 Cal.App.5th 63.

<sup>315</sup> *Id.* at 99, 100.

<sup>316</sup> *Id.* at 106-07.

<sup>317</sup> *Id.* at 114, 118-22.

<sup>318</sup> *Save the Capitol! v. Dept. of General Services*, Sacramento County Superior Court case no. 34-2021-80003674; *Save the Capitol! v. Dept. of General Services* (2023) 87 Cal.App.5th 655,

<sup>319</sup> *Id.* at 781.

<sup>320</sup> *Id.* at 771.

<sup>321</sup> *Id.* at 774-75, 798.

Ruling for petitioners in significant part and reversing the trial court, the Court of Appeal held that the Department violated CEQA.<sup>322</sup> First, the EIR failed to provide a stable description of the project, thwarting public comment.<sup>323</sup> Second, the EIR's analysis of impacts on historic resources was legally deficient in several respects.<sup>324</sup> Third, the EIR failed to analyze a reasonable range of alternatives to the approved project, including options proposed by petitioners that can meet basic project objectives while reducing impacts to the historic Capitol.<sup>325</sup>

The state's project will proceed as authorized by state law (the State Capitol Annex Act). However, construction of the new annex and visitor center must await adequate environmental analysis and public review and comment. The Department must consider less harmful alternatives and further mitigation or avoidance of significant impacts to the historic Capitol complex. CEQA has thus served to protect the state's splendid Capitol buildings and grounds, which are an irreplaceable part of California's history.

### ***Intensive Development Would Destroy Rare Wildlife Habitat in the San Bernardino Mountains***

In 2022, environmental and community groups prevailed in an important CEQA case protecting rare and valuable wildlife habitat near the community of Rimforest in the San Bernardino Mountains.<sup>326</sup> Nestled along the Rim of the World Scenic Highway, astride the headwaters of Little Bear Creek above Lake Arrowhead, the project site includes old-growth trees and steep, landslide-prone hillsides that provide a home for imperiled creatures like the Southern Rubber Boa, California Spotted Owl, and San Bernardino Flying Squirrel. The site also provides a critical, undeveloped link in a wildlife corridor connecting wild areas in the San Bernardino Mountains and the Mojave Desert to the valleys of San Bernardino County.<sup>327</sup>

The project proponent, Church of the Woods, proposed plans that would eradicate half of the remaining habitat on the site, scraping flat its steep hilltop and burying the headwaters of Little Bear Creek under nearly 40 feet of rock and fill. Parking lots, access roads, ball fields, and buildings would take the place of ancient trees, a seasonal streambed, rock outcroppings, and riparian vegetation. Fencing and other development would further impede wildlife passage through the mountains. During the environmental review for the proposed project, noted experts identified numerous flaws in the County's analysis and proposed mitigation, but the county approved the project anyway.<sup>328</sup>

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<sup>322</sup> *Id.* at 771.

<sup>323</sup> *Id.* at 776-81.

<sup>324</sup> *Id.* at 785.

<sup>325</sup> *Id.* at 798-801.

<sup>326</sup> *Save Our Forest Assn., Inc. et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2025038, Verified Petition for Writ of Mandate and Complaint for Injunctive Relief (Nov. 20, 2020).

<sup>327</sup> *Id.* at 2, 7-8.

<sup>328</sup> *Id.* at 9-11, 24.

The trial court's 102-page ruling found the county's environmental review and mitigation deficient in a myriad of ways.<sup>329</sup> For example, the county's review incorrectly claimed riparian areas in the Little Bear Creek headwaters would be permanently destroyed by a different county-sponsored drainage project before the Church's project could commence. But the county's drainage project actually required both avoiding and restoring damage to the same riparian vegetation that the Church's project would bury forever.<sup>330</sup> The court also found the county's analysis and proposed mitigation were inadequate to address the project's significant impacts on wildlife, landslides, and water quality in Little Bear Creek.<sup>331</sup> In addition, the county had failed to adequately address whether concentrating a large number of people on the site could cause serious problems during a wildfire evacuation.<sup>332</sup>

Neither the Church nor the county appealed the court's ruling, and in July 2022 the county rescinded the project approvals.<sup>333</sup> If the Church brings back the project, the county must comply with CEQA and adequately analyze and mitigate its impacts on this unique mountain area.

## Summary

As the case studies show, CEQA continues to serve as the primary tool used by environmental and community groups to achieve a sustainable future for California. CEQA requires agencies to disclose and mitigate projects' polluting impacts on public health and the environment. Agencies must analyze the cumulative effect of greenhouse gas emissions on our climate and identify effective measures to reduce those emissions and conserve energy. CEQA allows members of the public to comment on projects' harmful effects and requires agencies to respond to those comments, including those proposing alternatives to the project. CEQA is, in fact, the only state law ensuring robust public participation in the land use process. As a result, CEQA moves California forward in its efforts to advance environmental justice, combat climate change, and protect its most precious natural areas and monuments.

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<sup>329</sup> *Save Our Forest Assn., Inc. et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2025038, Ruling on Submitted Matter: Petition for Writ of Mandate Granted on Grounds Specified Herein (Mar. 9, 2022) at 11-22, 31-34, 36-67, 73-87.

<sup>330</sup> *Id.* at 15-16, 20-21.

<sup>331</sup> *Id.* at 31-34, 36-67.

<sup>332</sup> *Id.* at 73-80.

<sup>333</sup> *Save Our Forest Assn., Inc. et al. v. County of San Bernardino*, San Bernardino County Superior Court case no. CIVSB2025038, Respondents' Preliminary Return to Writ of Mandate at 2.

## **Appendix A: Detail for CEQA Lawsuits Filed 2019-2021**

Legend for Type: TRANS=Transportation; GP=General Plans/Specific Plans/Ordinances; MXD=Mixed Use Development; COM=Commercial; HO=Housing Only; ENGY=Energy Projects; AF=Agricultural/Forestry; AF-C= Agricultural/Forestry Subset Cannabis; WP=Water Plans & Projects; IND=Industrial; INST=Institutional; PRW=Parks/Recreation/Wildlife; DEMO=Demolition; OTHER=other (see report text).								
Plaintiff	Defendant	Case No.	Location (County)	Lawsuit Date	Agency or Private	CEQA Document	Type	Number of Housing Units
Friends of the Broadway Corridor, an unincorporated association	City of Sonoma and City Council of the City of Sonoma	SCV 263732	Sonoma	1/2/19	Private	MND	MXD	33
TRINITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC., a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF TRINITY, a Political Subdivision of the State of California; RICHARD TIPPETT, in his capacity as Trinity County Planning Department Director; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV001	Trinity	1/3/19	Agency	Exemption	AF	
ROSEVILLE SOLIDARITY, a Community Group; DAVID TURNER, an individual	CITY OF ROSEVILLE, ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL, ROSEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION, and DOES 1-20	SCV 0042347	Placer	1/4/19	Private	Addendum to EIR	COM	
BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION; AND CARLOS MONTES, AN INDIVIDUAL	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP00046	Los Angeles	1/4/19	Private	MND	INST	
SHELLEY HATCH and RONALD POMERANTZ	CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 through 15	19CV00051	Santa Cruz	1/7/19	Private	Exemption	MXD	205
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DEOS 1 through 20	34-2019-80003047-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/8/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
584 14TH STREET, LLC	CITY OF OAKLAND, OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF OAKLAND PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive	RG19001924	Alameda	1/9/19	Agency	Exemption	GP	
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY, a Joint Powers Authority; OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a public agency	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	CV62094	Tuolumne	1/9/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF BANNING	RIC 900544	Riverside	1/10/19	Private	EIR	IND	
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE, CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, AQUALLIANCE, AND CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	34-2019-80003053	Sacramento	1/10/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	34-2019-80003052-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/10/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	19CECG00165	Fresno	1/10/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
CITY OF MODESTO	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD and DOES 1 TO 100, INCLUSIVE	34-2019-80003051	Sacramento	1/10/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	

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Plaintiff	Defendant	Case No.	Location (County)	Lawsuit Date	Agency or Private	CEQA Document	Type	Number of Housing Units
CHRISTOPHER J. WESELOH, on behalf of JEANNE M. WESELOH, surviving Trustee of the WILLIAM E. AND JEANNE M. WESELOH TRUST, GRETCHEN and DOMINIC KOTAB, as husband and wife joint tenants, SCOTT C. PONCETTA, as representative of SUNNY COVE GETAWAY LLC, DANIELLE and GREG PONCETTA, a married couple, as owners of FAMILY TIRES LLC, FREDERICK and MURIEL SCHLICHTING, a married couple, MICHAEL WALKER as representative of the ROSL WALKER FAMILY II LLC, limited liability corporation, JAMES S. and JOSEPHINE VAUDAGNA, a married couple, JAMES P. VAUDAGNA, as representative of LYNN, ANN, JAMES P., and SUSAN VAUDAGNA, STUART BECKER, single man, JOHN AND BARBARA KONTOUDAKIS, husband and wife as joint tenants, RENEE ELLIS, as representative of PHOENIX FAMILY, LP, FRED VIALEK and BETTY GEORGE BIALEK, husband and wife, JAN AHRENS, a married woman, SHELLEY LAWRIE, as representative of WILLIAM, BEVERLY and SHELLEY LAWRIE, WILLIAM L. LAWRIE, as trustee of the WILLIAM L. and BEVERLY B. LAWRIE 2017 REVOCABLE TRUST, JAY AND GAIL SCHWARTZ as agents for BARBARA NELSON, a single woman, BARBARA VENTURACCI as representative of BARBARA PLAGEMAN VENTURACCI, LAURA PLAGEMAN, and ELIZABETH PLAGEMAN, JOSEPH MELEHAN as Trustee of the Tax Deferral Trust under the MELEHAN REVOCABLE TRUST OF DECEMBER 21, 1984, ROYA HOSSEINI as Manager and Member of FARIS BEACH, LLC, MARY CHRISTI BECERRA as Manager of 240 BEACH DRIVE LLC, ERIC MARTIN STARK as Trustee of the ERIC MARTIN STARK REVOCABLE TRUST, MAJID GERAMI as Trustee of the MAJID GERAMI AND KIM GURRIES GERAMI TRUST, KENNETH MARTZ as Trustee of the MARTZ FAMILY TRUST, DONALD LEE LUCAS, as Manager of RANCHO LAND HOLDINGS LLC, GEOFFREY VAN LOUCKS, as Surviving Trustee of the VAN LOUCKS LIVING TRUST, and BRAD ROBINSON, on behalf of	COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, a public agency, PENINSULA PROPERTIES COMPANY, a California corporation, and any and all of its successors in interest, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS COMPLAINT, WHICH IS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' TITLE OR CREATES ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFFS' TITLE, DOES 1-100, inclusive	18CV03315	Santa Cruz	1/11/19	Private	Exemption	DEMO	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF BANNING, a California municipal corporation; CITY COUNCIL OF BANNING, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1900654	Riverside	1/11/19	Private	EIR	IND	
JONATHAN BERK	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; DOES 1 through 25 inclusive	CPF-19-516491	San Francisco	1/14/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
Springbrook Heritage Alliance, an unincorporated association	City of Riverside and City Council of the City of Riverside	RIC1900694	Riverside	1/14/19	Private	MND	IND	
BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California Water Storage District	KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority		Kern	1/14/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Planning Department, and Does 1 to 10	CPF19516493	San Francisco	1/15/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
COALITION TO PRESERVE LA, INC., a California Nonprofit public benefit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-10	19STCP00017	Los Angeles	1/15/19	Private	EIR	MXD	249
Preservation Sacramento, a California nonprofit corporation	City of Sacramento and City Council of City of Sacramento	34-2019-80003056-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/15/19	Private	Exemption	OTHER	
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	S253594	Supreme Court of the State of California	1/16/19	Private	EIR	ENGY	
PAUL PHILLIPS, an individual; GENIA PHILLIPS, an individual; and REGINA CARIAGA, an individual	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and DOES 1 through 25	CPF19516497	San Francisco	1/16/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
ONE VASSAR LLC	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	CPF-19-516498	San Francisco	1/16/19	Agency	EIR	GP	



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CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BEVERLY HILLS/BEVERLY GROVE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP00035	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	1/16/19	Agency	ND	GP	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003057-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/16/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
REBECCA (BECKY) STEINBRUNER	SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, and GENERAL MANAGER FOR SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, MR. RON DUNCAN	19CV00181	Santa Cruz	1/17/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
CITY OF TEMPLE CITY and CITY OF ROSEMEAD	CITY OF EL MONTE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, and DOES 1-20	19STCP00254	Los Angeles - Central District	1/18/19	Private	MND	AF	
JOHN R. LAWSON ROCK & OIL, INC.	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD; and RICHARD COREY, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board	19CECG00331	Fresno, Central Division	1/22/19	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003063-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/25/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
SHAFTER~WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District		Kern	1/25/19	Agency	Exemption	WP	
NEWTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY and WANDA NAGEL	COUNTY OF EL DORADO; EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-20	PC 20190037	El Dorado	1/28/19	Agency	MND	TRANS	
CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003073-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	1/30/19	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE, COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	CV62142	Tuolumne	1/31/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003076-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	2/5/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
JOSE MEXICANO, an individual; ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ, an individual; and LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 270, an organized labor union	CITY OF SAN JOSE, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE; ROSALYNN HUGHEY, Planning Director of the City of San Jose in her official capacity	19CV342662	Santa Clara	2/7/19	Private	MND	COM	
SAVE HISTORIC ROSEVILLE, a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation	CITY OF ROSEVILLE, a municipal corporation, Junction Station, LP, and DOES 1 through 20	SCV0042495	Placer	2/7/19	Agency	No CEQA review	DEMO	
LAFAYETTE BOLLINGER DEVELOPMENT LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; DAVID BRUZZONE; and JOAN BRUZZONE	TOWN OF MORAGA; MORAGA TOWN COUNCIL	N19-0241	Contra Costa	2/7/19	Private	No CEQA Review	OTHER	
SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; CLAREMONT ELMWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; PANORAMIC HILL ASSOCIATION, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; DWIGHT HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a non-profit unincorporated association; and PHILLIP BOKOVOY, an individual	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, an agency of the State of California; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her official capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; VINI BHARGAVA, in her official capacity as Director of Physical And Environmental Planning of the University of California, Berkeley; and JANET NAPOLITANO, in her official capacity as President of the University of California; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG19006256	Alameda	2/8/19	Public	Exemption	INST	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; LIVABLE LA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES (CRA/LA)	19STCP00520	Los Angeles	2/19/19	Private	EIR	MXD	950
LOS FELIZ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP00567	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	2/25/19	Private	Exemption	HO	4

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Plaintiff	Defendant	Case No.	Location (County)	Lawsuit Date	Agency or Private	CEQA Document	Type	Number of Housing Units
VENICE STAKEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a governmental entity; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, governing body of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	19STCP00629	Los Angeles - Central District	3/1/19	Agency	No CEQA review	HO	154
MARGARET MCCANN, an individual	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a charter city; CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2019-00011813-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	3/4/19	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
RICHARD R. VANHUMBECK and SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		San Luis Obispo	3/6/19	Private	MDN	MXD	249
THE SALVATION ARMY, a California non-profit religious corporation, EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, a non-profit corporation; GROWGOOD INC., a non-profit corporation; and SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA, a public entity; and Does 1-100, Inclusive	19STCP00693	Los Angeles - Central District	3/7/19	Private	Exemption	IND	
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE WIND ENERGY, an unincorporated association; CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY, an unincorporated association; CHARLES A. MCDANIEL, an individual; KASEY WOOLRIDGE-CASPERSEN, an individual; ELMER DIAZ, an individual; WILLIAM R. PIEPER, an individual; and JUAN O. DOMINGUEZ, an individual	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a public agency; RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a public agency; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RIC1901829	Riverside	3/11/19	Private	MND	ENGY	
JOSE VAROS, REINALDO GATICA, JAVIER RODRIGUEZ, CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, AND DART CONTAINER CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, AND DOES 1-100	37-2019-00013383-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	3/12/19	Agency	Exemption	OTHER	
BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS INC, a California corporation	CITY OF LANCASTER, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER	19STCP00849	Los Angeles	3/15/19	Private	MND	AF-C	
CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, and AQUALLIANCE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003108	Sacramento	3/27/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	34-2019-80003111	Sacramento	3/28/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	WP	
CASEY MADDREN, an individual residing in Los Angeles, CA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP00988	Los Angeles	3/29/19	Private	MND	COM	
COUNTY OF SOLANO	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 - 10	34-2019-80003113	Sacramento	3/29/19	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
THE SUNSET LANDMARK INVESTMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01027	Los Angeles	4/2/19	Private	MND	COM	
WILLIAM HENRY	CITY OF SANTA MONICA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; DOES 1-10	19STCP01023	Los Angeles	4/2/19	Private	No CEQA review	HO	1
GRANITE BAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY	COUNTY OF PLACER; and PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DOES 1-20, inclusive	SCV 0042737	Placer	4/2/19	Private	MND	INST	
CREED-21	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00018043-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego - Hall of Justice	4/5/19	Agency	Exemption	GP	
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SIERRA CLUB, and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CITY OF FONTANA, FONTANA CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-25, inclusive	CIV DS 1911123	San Bernardino	4/12/19	Private	EIR	IND	
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO	CITY OF FONTANA and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FONTANA	CIV DS 1911476	San Bernardino	4/12/19	Private	EIR	IND	

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LA MIRADA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF HOLLYWOOD, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01381	Los Angeles	4/18/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT	THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA and Does 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP01376	Los Angeles	4/18/19	Agency	Exemption	WP	
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT, and DOES 1-20	N19-0763	Contra Costa	4/19/19	Agency	EIR	PRW	
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, and DOES I-XX	19CV01246	Santa Cruz	4/23/19	Public	EIR	INST	3,000
GREATER LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE	CITY OF EL MONTE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01528	Los Angeles, Central District	4/25/19	Private	Exemption	AF-C	
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF CHOWCHILLA, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA	MCV080961	Madera	4/25/19	Private	MND	HO	200
EAST MEADOW ACTION COMMITTEE, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	19CV01312	Santa Cruz	4/25/19	Public	MND	INST	Duplicate
VENTURA COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE, AND BUSINESS, a non-profit membership organization	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, and DOES 1-25, inclusive	56-2019-00527815-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	4/25/19	Agency	Exemption	PRW	
SACRAMENTO RAIL PRESERVATION ACTION GROUP, ARTHUR AND SANDRA BAUER, PAUL HELMAN, GREGG LUKENBILL, and DANIEL PAIGE	CITY OF SACRAMENTO; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	34-2019-80003130	Sacramento	4/26/19	Agency	EIR	PRW	
FRANCIS DANIEL DRISCOLL, a.k.a. URI DRISCOLL and CHRISTINE MARIA DRISCOLL; PETER HOEY and SILVIA CHEVRIER; MERWIN ALBERT RUSSELL JONES, JR, a.k.a. RUSSELL JONES and LYNN M. JONES, Trustees of the Russell and Lynn Jones Family Trust u.a.d. September 23, 1982; GEORGE and MARY SCHMIDBAUER, Trustees of the Schmidbauer Family Trust u.a.d. November 6, 1992; and ALICE A. STURGES, Trustee of the 1986	CITY OF ARCATA; ARCATA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; KAREN DIEMER, ARCATA CITY MANAGER; MARK ANDRE, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CV190363	Humboldt	4/26/19	Agency	Exemption	PRW	
SAVE YORK MOUNTAIN, an unincorporated association, and STEPHANIE SHAKOFSKY	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		San Luis Obispo	4/30/19	Private	Exemption	AF-C	
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY and ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP01610	Los Angeles	5/1/19	Private	EIR	MXD	3,150
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF SAN JACINTO, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF SAN JACINTO CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1902712	Riverside	5/2/19	Private	MND	MXD	114
CARMAN PATANE	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA; SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 20	19CV347111	Santa Clara	5/6/19	Private	EIR	AF	
SAVE PETALUMA	CITY OF PETALUMA	SCV-264378	Sonoma	5/6/19	Private	MND	COM	
CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOR EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; and DOES 1-10	19STCP01710	Los Angeles	5/6/19	Private	EIR	MXD	725
Vintage Wine Estates, Inc., a California corporation, dba Laetitia Vineyard & Winery	The State of California, California Department of Transportation aka Caltrans, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive	34-2019-80003141	Sacramento	5/7/19	Agency	Exemption	TRANS	
SUSTAINERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California Non-Profit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	19STCP01753	Los Angeles	5/8/19	Private	EIR	MXD	Duplicate
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, Inc.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	19CV02459	Santa Barbara - Anacapa	5/9/19	Agency	EIR	AF-C	

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FIX THE CITY, INC., a California nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	19STCP01884	Los Angeles	5/13/19	Private	EIR	INST	
CLIMATE RESOLVE	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING	19STCP01917	Los Angeles	5/15/19	Private	EIR	MXD	19,333
BENZEN PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company; XR REALTY, LLC, a California limited liability company; SAINT ENTERPRISES FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership; END THE PIPELINE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH; THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH; DOES 1 THROUGH 25, inclusive	30-2019-01070544-CU-OR-CXC	Orange, Civil Complex Center	5/17/19	Agency	Exemption	HO	90
SAFE FUEL AND ENERGY RESOURCES CALIFORNIA, an unincorporated association; STEVEN M. DICKINSON, an individual; DAVID GRACIAN, an individual; and TIM KNOEB, an individual	PORT OF STOCKTON, a public agency; THE STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT, a public agency; BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF STOCKTON, a public agency; BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT, a public agency; RICHARD ASCHIERIS, acting in his official capacity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	STK-CV-UWM-2019-0006382	San Joaquin	5/17/19	Private	EIR	IND	
PARTNERS OF TEMESCAL CANYON, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	RIC1903028	Riverside - Riverside Historic Courthouse	5/20/19	Private	EIR	COM	
COLINAS DE CAPISTRANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, a California nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation	CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, a Municipal Corporation and a General Law California City; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, an elected body of the City of Laguna Niguel; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, an appointed body of the City of Laguna Niguel; and DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive	30-2019-01070843-CU-WM-CXC	Orange, Central Judicial District - Civil Complex Center	5/20/19	Private	EIR	HO	53
SAVE THE EL DORADO CANAL	EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT; EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1-20	PC 20190037	El Dorado	5/21/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC LANDS	COUNTY OF PLACER	S-CV-0043035	Placer	5/22/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
SAVE THE HILL GROUP	CITY OF LIVERMORE	RG19020186	Alameda	5/23/19	Private	EIR	HO	44
SUSTAINERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF BANNING, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANNING; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BANNING	RIC1903059	Riverside	5/23/19	Private	MND	IND	
SAVE CARMEL POINT CULTURAL RESOURCES	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19CV002097	Monterey	5/28/19	Private	MND	HO	3
R. MORGAN HOLLAND, an individual and SAVE OUR NIPOMO NEIGHBORHOODS, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1-50, inclusive	19CV-0321	San Luis Obispo	5/29/19	Private	Exemption	AF-C	
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY and CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19STCP02100	Los Angeles	5/29/19	Private	EIR	MXD	Duplicate
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10	37-2019-00027875-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego - Hall of Justice	5/30/19	Private	No CEQA review	DEMO	
CITIZENS FOR A FRIENDLY AIRPORT	CITY OF CARLSBAD; COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00028690-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego - Central Division	6/4/19	Agency	No CEQA review	TRANS	
BLOOM ENERGY CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation	CITY OF SANTA CLARA, a municipal corporation; SILICON VALLEY POWER, a not-for-profit municipal electric utility; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV348838	Santa Clara	6/11/19	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET NAPOLITANO, in her capacity as President of the University of California; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; and DOES 1 through 20	RG19022887	Alameda	6/14/19	Public	EIR	INST	150

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CITY OF BERKELEY	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET NAPOLITANO, in her official capacity as President of the University of California; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her official capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; DOES 1 through 20	RG19023058	Alameda	6/14/19	Public	EIR	INST	Duplicate
SALINAS VALLEY WATER COALITION	MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	19CV002430	Monterey	6/18/19	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
SHAMROCK/OUTLETS AT THE BORDER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a California Charter municipality, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO and DOES 1-20, inclusive	37-2019-00032095-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego - Central County Division	6/21/19	Private	Addendum to EIR	COM	
KEVIN BEERS	CITY OF ELK GROVE, a governmental agency; CITY OF ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Elk Grove; and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003168	Sacramento	6/21/19	Private	No CEQA Review	TRANS	
PLACER COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE	COUNTY OF PLACER; and PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DOES 1-20, inclusive	SCV0043227	Placer	6/27/19	Private	EIR	HO	147
EMERGENCY SHELTER COALITION, a non-profit organization	CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE; CITY COUNCIL OF SAN CLEMENTE, and PLANNING COMMISSION OF CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE	30-2019-01080355-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	6/28/19	Agency	Exemption	HO	0 (Relo of homeless)
CALIFORNIA RIVER WATCH, an IRC Section 50(c)(3), non-profit, public benefit corporation	CITY OF HEALDSBURG	SCV-264647	Sonoma	6/28/19	Private	EIR	MXD	290
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1903643	Riverside	7/3/19	Private	EIR	MXD	482
CECILIA WEBSTER	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE and DOES 1 through X	RIC1903681	Riverside	7/5/19	Private	MND	HO	48
CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE, a California nonprofit corporation	CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	19 CV 001013	Napa	7/8/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF CHULA VISTA and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00035192-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	7/8/19	Private	MND	HO	170
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC1903752	Riverside	7/11/19	Private	MND	COM	
SAVE OUR BIG TREES	CITY OF SANTA CRUZ and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ	19CV02062	Santa Cruz	7/12/19	Agency	MND	PRW	
BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS INC, a California corporation	CITY OF VACAVILLE, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE	FC5053070	Solano	7/14/19	Private	MND	HO	245
WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDS OF FLOWER DRIVE	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP02987	Los Angeles	7/15/19	Private	EIR	MXD	408
PROTECT THE PROCESS	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY	19CV002885	Monterey	7/18/19	Agency	Exemption	WP	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; COALITION TO PRESERVE LA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP03103	Los Angeles	7/22/19	Private	Exemption	MXD	200
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, and CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2019-00038747-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego	7/25/19	Private	EIR	MXD	1,119

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ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE and CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00038672-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	7/25/19	Private	EIR	MXD	Duplicate
EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	CITY OF COMMERCE; and DOES 1 through 5	19STCP03166	Los Angeles	7/26/19	Private	Exemption	Com	
STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, a California fire protection district	CITY OF RIVERBANK, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CV-19-004402	Stanislaus	7/26/19	Private	EIR	MXD	2,802
STEPHEN SHAW, an individual	GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT, a California district; JOHN BUCKLEY, an individual; DAVID BENHAM an individual; MARILYN WHITE an individual; AND DOES 1 TO 10, INCLUSIVE	BCV-19-102069	Kern - Metropolitan Division	7/26/19	Agency	Exemption	PRW	
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE; and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; CHARLTON H. BONHAM, as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00039198-CU-TT-CLT	San Diego, Central Division	7/29/19	Private	EIR	MXD	Duplicate
TED JIMENEZ; SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF COMMERCE and DOES 1-10	19STCP03295	Los Angeles	8/1/19	Private	EIR	COM	
EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	CITY OF COMMERCE; COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL; ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE CITADEL MALL EXPANSION PROJECT INCLUDING A 30-YEAR GROUND LEASE AND FINDINGS UNDER HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE APPROVED ON JUNE 18, 2019, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS NOS. 18-032 AND 18-033, ZONE CHANGES, MASTER SIGN PLAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH NO. 2016091024 APPROVED ON JULY 16, 2019; and DOES 1 through 5	19STCP03310	Los Angeles	8/2/19	Private	EIR	COM	
CASA MIRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation, on its behalf and on behalf of the Association members, et al.	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, an agency of the State of California, DOES 1-50, inclusive, et al.	19-CIV-04677	San Mateo	8/12/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	OTHER	
SAVE 30TH STREET PARKING, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, KEVIN FAULCONER, in his official capacity as the mayor of the City of San Diego; DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2019-00042552-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego - Central Division	8/13/19	Agency	No CEQA review	TRANS	
MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT, AND DOES 1-100	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, AND DOES 101-110	19CV003305	Monterey	8/15/19	Private	EIR	WP	
AJK FARMS, LLC, DALHAR FARMS, LLC, and LANCE JEFFREY STANLEY and SARAH HILEA STANLEY, individually and as trustees of the Stanley Revocable Living Trust	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1-20	CV-2019-1719	Yolo	8/16/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
SWANSTON RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	PT19-1724	Yolo	8/19/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
GRANITE CHIEF WILDERNESS PROTECTION LEAGUE, a non-profit association	PLACER COUNTY	SCV0043613	Placer	8/22/19	Private	EIR	COM	
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION - UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS WEST	CITY OF OAKLAND, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG19033475	Alameda	8/26/19	Private	EIR	COM	
AFFORDABLE CLEAN WATER ALLIANCE, a California unincorporated association	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, a special district; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP03670	Los Angeles	8/26/19	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
ZIA CATTALINI	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION; and DOES VI through XX, inclusive	SCUK-CVPT-19-73167	Mendocino	8/30/19	Agency	CEQA Functional Equivalent	AF	
LA MIRADA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF HOLLYWOOD, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP03750	Los Angeles	8/30/19	Private	Exemption	HO	60
CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA	56-2019-00532905-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	9/4/19	Agency	EIR	WP	

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CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS RANGERS ASSOCIATION	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003224	Sacramento	9/16/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
SAVE RURAL SLO, an unincorporated association and STEPHANIE SHAKOFSKY	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		San Luis Obispo, Paso Robles Branch	9/17/19	Private	MND	AF-C	
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 501	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003225	Sacramento	9/18/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
VALLCO PROPERTY OWNER LLC	CITY OF CUPERTINO, and DOES 1-10	19CV355457	Santa Clara	9/20/19	Agency	Addendum to EIR	GP	
FRIENDS OF WESTWANDA DRIVE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal Corporation	19STCP04113	Los Angeles	9/23/19	Private	Exemption	HO	1
PROTECT OUR PRESERVES, INC.	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00050800-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego - Central Division	9/24/19	Private	EIR	COM	
SALMON PROTECTION AND WATERSHED NETWORK, a Project of TURTLE ISLAND RESTORATION NETWORK, a non-profit corporation; and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF MARIN	CLV1903709	Marin	9/26/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
TUSKATELLA, LLC	CITY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, Does 1-50, inclusive	30-2019-01100714-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	9/26/19	Private	Exemption	HO	74
CASEY MADDREN, an individual residing in Los Angeles, CA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP04172	Los Angeles	9/27/19	Private	EIR	MXD	176
Protect Our Plaza, an unincorporated association	City of Sonoma and City Council of the City of Sonoma	SCV-265261	Sonoma	9/30/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
MISSION PEAK CONSERVANCY and KELLY ABREAU	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1-20	RG19037369	Alameda	10/1/19	Private	No CEQA review	WP	
CITIZENS FOR CONSISTENT LAND USE PLANNING, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF REDLANDS, a public entity	CIVDS1929689	San Bernardino	10/3/19	Private	MND	HO	29
George Washington High School Alumni Association, a California public benefit corporation	San Francisco Unified School District; San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education; and Does 1 to 10	CPF19516880	San Francisco	10/4/19	Agency	No CEQA review	DEMO	
HUM CPR Affiliates and HUM CPR	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR, DOES 1-50	CV190875	Humboldt	10/4/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
JUANENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS, ACJACHEMEN NATION-BELARDES AND CALIFORNIA CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, INC.	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY	19STCP04339	Los Angeles, Central District	10/7/19	Private	Addendum to EIR	OTHER	
SANTA ANA NEEDS EQUITY, an unincorporated association; WILLIAM CONKLIN, an individual; KARINA RANGEL CONKLIN, an individual; YOON HEE CHOE, an individual	CITY OF SANTA ANA; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	30-2019-01104316-CU-WM-CXC	Orange, Civil Complex Center	10/15/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
MILL VALLEY RESIDENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, an Unincorporated Association	CITY OF MILL VALLEY, and DOES 1 through 100	CIV1903965	Marin	10/16/19	Agency	Exemption	GP	
MATTHEW DONALDSON and CAROL DONALDSON	COUNTY OF MONTEREY; COUNTY OF MONTEREY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND DOES 1-50	19CV004224	Monterey	10/17/19	Private	MND	COM	
CYNTHIA MARCOPULOS	CITY OF DALY CITY, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19-CIV-06274	San Mateo	10/23/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP04589	Los Angeles	10/23/19	Agency	ND	OTHER	

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PETER JOSHUA	SAN FRANCISQUITO BREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, a regional government agency, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	19-CIV-06305	San Mateo	10/24/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
COASTAL DEFENDER NC	CITY OF ENCINITAS, AND DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2019-00057359-CU-PT-NC	San Diego, North County Division	10/29/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
SAVE RANCHO MIRAGE, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, a California Charter City; and DOES 1 through 50	RIC1905468	Riverside	10/29/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
FIGHT BACK VENICE!	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP04740	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	11/1/19	Agency	Exemption	GP	
FRANK SOLINSKY	CITY OF CHICO, CITY COUNCIL OF CHICO, BRENDAN VIEG, Chico Director of Planning and Community Development, DOES 1 THROUGH 50	19CV03324	Butte	11/4/19	Private	Exemption	HO	46
THORNWOOD REAL ESTATE, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF GOLETA, a California municipality, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA and DOES 1-10, inclusive	19CV05887	Santa Barbara	11/4/19	Agency	Addendum to EIR	TRANS	
CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" DURKIN, an individual; and 2417 GREEN STREET, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a municipal corporation; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CGC19580677	San Francisco	11/8/19	Private	n/a	OTHER	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES	SAN LUIS AND DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY, and DOES 1 through 100	19CV-04989	Merced	11/12/19	Agency	Addendum to EIR	WP	
HUMBOLDT REDWOOD COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware company	NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD; CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CV1901082	Humboldt	11/18/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
PROTECT TUSTIN RANCH	THE CITY OF TUSTIN, THE TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, THE TUSTIN PLANNING COMMISSION	30-2019-01113056-CU-PT-CXC	Orange	11/19/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
WILLIAM P. GALLAHER, an individual	TOWN OF WINDSOR, TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV265553	Sonoma	11/19/19	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
DAVID S. SABIH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SABIH CHILDREN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 20, 2012 AND THE DAVID SABIH 2013 LIMITED REVOCABLE TRUST U/D/T DATED MAY 14, 2013	DALE SKEEN, AN INDIVIDUAL, JO MEI CHANG, AN INDIVIDUAL, MONTEREY PENINSULA PROPERTIES, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DOES BUSINESS AS MARK CRISTOFALO & COMPANY, AND DOES 1-500, INCLUSIVE;; COUNTY OF MONTEREY, MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19CV003092	Monterey	11/19/19	Private	Failure to enforce mitigation	HO	1
CALAVERAS RESIDENTS AGAINST COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA	COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CALAVERAS COUNTY; and DOES 1-20	19CV44446	Calaveras	11/21/19	Agency	Addendum to EIR	AF-C	
ORANGE PARK ASSOCIATION	CITY OF ORANGE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, and DOES 1-20	30-2019-01113830-CU-TT-CXC	Orange, Central Justice Center	11/25/19	Private	EIR	HO	128
STOP LINCOLN TWELVE BRIDGES HOTEL, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LINCOLN; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN; and DOES 1 to 20	SCV0044111	Placer	11/27/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOS ANGELES, an unincorporated association; CARLOS MENDIVIL, an individual; JAMES MORENO, an individual; and DAVID PIMENOV, an individual	CITY OF COMMERCE, a public agency; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, a public agency; CITY OF COMMERCE PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, a public agency; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP03329	Los Angeles	12/2/19	Private	EIR	COM	
CITY OF OXNARD, a California Municipal Corporation	FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY, a California Special District	56-2019-00536759-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	12/2/19	Agency	Exemption	WP	
WONDERFUL NUT ORCHARDS LLC	COUNTY OF FRESNO; and COUNTY OF FRESNO PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT	19CECG04364	Fresno	12/3/19	Private	No CEQA review	AF	



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DOHENY-VIDOVICH PARTNERS, a California General Partnership	CITY OF LOS ALTOS, a California general law municipality; CITY OF LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL, a governing body; CITY OF LOS ALTOS PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, a public body; CITY OF LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, a division of the CITY OF LOS ALTOS; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV359702	Santa Clara	12/4/19	Private	Exemption	TRANS	
PRESERVE CALAVERA	CITY OF OCEANSIDE, and DOES 1-20	37-2019-00065084-CU-TT-NC	San Diego	12/6/19	Private	EIR	MXD	585
CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE, a California nonprofit corporation	SACRAMENTO [sic] AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	34-2019-80003278	Sacramento	12/10/19	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF DANA POINT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF DANA POINT, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	30-2019-01117892-CU-TT-CXC	Orange	12/12/19	Private	Exemption	COM	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; DOES 1-10	19STCP05445	Los Angeles	12/16/19	Private	EIR	MXD	323
WILLIAM P. GALLAHER, an individual	CITY OF SANTA ROSA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-265711	Sonoma	12/17/19	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
CALAVERAS PLANNING COALITION	CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, and DOES 1-20	19CV44471	Calaveras	12/17/19	Agency	EIR	GP	
ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	12/17/19	Private	ND	HO	0 (remodel)
LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER	WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	19STCP05479	Los Angeles	12/18/19	Agency	EIR	WP	
RESIDENTS FOR ORCUTT SENSIBLE GROWTH, GINA LORD-GARLAND	THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION	19CV06707	Santa Barbara	12/19/19	Private	Addendum to EIR	COM	
Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association, mutual benefit corporation	City of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Local Enforcement Authority; Does 1-50, inclusive	19STCP05556	Los Angeles	12/19/19	Private	Failure to enforce mitigation	HO	29
SANTA ANA CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association of concerned residents	CITY OF SANTA ANA, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	30-2019-01119794-CU-WM-CXC	Orange, Central Justice Center	12/19/19	Private	EIR	HO	256
RESIDENT GRANT WOODS	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP-05538	Los Angeles	12/20/19	Private	MND	MXD	179
GREGORY LUCAS, an individual	CITY OF POMONA, a municipal corporation	19STCP05618	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	12/24/19	Agency	Exemption	AF-C	
MOUND FARMS, a California Corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT, and DOES 1 through 20	PT-19-2766	Yolo	12/27/19	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
LANDWATCH MONTEREY COUNTY	CITY OF DEL REY OAKS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	19CV005255	Monterey	12/31/19	Agency	ND	GP	
DAVISSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO; AND DOES 1-10	37-2019-00046002-CU-IT-CTL	San Diego, Central County Division	08/30/2019	Private	Addendum to EIR	MXD	1,868
FRIENDS OF ROSE CREEK, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2019-00053679-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division	09/09/2019	Agency	EIR	GP	
MORENA UNITED, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2019-00053964-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division	09/10/2019	Agency	EIR	GP	
MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	S253585	Supreme Court of the State of California	2/26/2019	Agency	EIR	WP	
FARMS FOR FARMING, DANNY ROBINSON, ROBCO FARMS, INC., JOSEPH TAGG, and WEST-GRO-FARMS-INC.	IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1-XX	ECU000780	Imperial	2/29/2019	Private	EIR	ENGY	
CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit organization	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a public entity; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	56-2019-00527805-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	4/2/2019	Agency	Exemption	PRW	
<b>Total Cases</b>							<b>190</b>	
<i>Total Cases with Housing Units</i>							<i>43</i>	

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BERKELEY ADVOCATES FOR SMART HOUSING, an unincorporated association; GLEN STEVICK, an individual	CITY OF BERKELEY, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG20048859	Alameda	1/2/20	Private	No CEQA review	HO	1
Laurel Heights Improvement Association of San Francisco, Inc., a California non-profit corporation	City and County of San Francisco; San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and Does 1 to 10	CPF20516973	San Francisco	1/2/20	Private	EIR	MXD	744
GRAND VIEW ASSOCIATION, ALEJANDRA M. CASTRO	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00028	Los Angeles	1/3/20	Private	Exemption	HO	100
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF PLACER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, PLACER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	S-CV-0044277	Placer	1/9/20	Private	EIR	MXD	8,094
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	BCV-20-100080	Kern	1/10/20	Private	REIR	MXD	duplicate
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP00112	Los Angeles	1/10/20	Private	MND	MXD	228
KEEP THE CODE, INC., a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, and DOES 11-100	SCUK-CVPT-2020-73755	Mendocino	1/15/20	Private	Recirculated EIR	IND	
MICHELE THRELKEL and PETITIONERS OF WEST ROSEVILLE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF ROSEVILLE; CITY OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0044310	Placer	1/17/20	Private	EIR Addendum	COM	
CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE, a non-profit corporation, ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE, a non-profit corporation	BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, a public agency, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, a public agency, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00005203-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division	1/28/20	Agency	EIR	AF	
WEST COAST HOME BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation, and DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD, a California municipal corporation, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	MSN20-0210	Contra Costa	1/31/20	Private	No CEQA review	OTHER	
CRAIG S. LEHMAN	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR, JOHN FORD, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CV2000200	Humboldt	2/5/20	Private	Exemption	AF-C	
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH PALMDALE	THE CITY OF PALMDALE, THE PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL, THE PALMDALE PLANNING COMMISSION, and THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20STCP00484	Los Angeles	2/5/20	Private	MND	MXD	344
QUIET SKIES SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, and DOES 1-20	37-2020-00007998-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	2/7/20	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, CLIMATE ACTION CAMPAIGN, and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CITY OF SANTEE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2020-00007331-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	2/7/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
SANTEE TROLLEY SQUARE 991, LP	CITY OF SANTEE; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE; and DOES 1-20	37-2020-00007895-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego-Central Division	2/7/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
FRIENDS OF SOUTH LIVERMORE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LIVERMORE	RG20054362	Alameda	2/13/20	Private	MND	COM	
CHOICE IN AGING, a nonprofit corporation	CITY OF CONCORD, CITY OF CONCORD CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	N20-0329	Contra Costa	2/19/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
KULVEER KAUR	CITY OF REDDING, REDDING CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 THROUGH 50, inclusive	194536	Shasta	2/19/20	Private	MND	COM	
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District	20CECG00688	Fresno	2/20/20	Agency	EIR	WP	

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GEORGE AND CHERYL BEDFORD	SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-10	20CV01025	Santa Barbara - Santa Maria Branch	2/21/20	Private	SEIR	ENGY	
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district	CITY OF SANTA ANA, a California municipal corporation and ROES 1 through 100, inclusive	30-2020-01133564-CU-WM-CJC	Orange - Central Justice Center	2/21/20	Private	Exemption	INST	
DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation, and WEST COAST HOME BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD; BRENTWOOD CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 25	N20-0357	Contra Costa	2/26/20	Private	Exemption	HO	288
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, a nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA	20CV01268	Santa Barbara - Santa Maria	2/28/20	Private	SEIR	ENGY	
CITIZEN ADVOCATES FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a non-profit mutual benefit corporation	CITY OF ANAHEIM, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	30-2020-01135332-CU-WM-CXC	Orange - Central Justice Center	2/28/20	Private	EIR	HO	54
ENCINITAS RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2020-00011962-CU-PT-NC	San Diego, North County Division	3/2/20	Agency	Exemption	HO	283
TSAKOPOULOS INVESTMENTS, LLC	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, a public entity; SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING, a public entity; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	34-2020-80003341	Sacramento	3/2/20	Private	EIR	MXD	3,522
PLEASANTON CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH	CITY OF PLEASANTON and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	RG20057095	Alameda	3/4/20	Private	RFSEIR	IND	
WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION; and ADAMS SEVERANCE COALITION	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00916	Los Angeles	3/4/20	Private	Exemption	HO	102
ROBERT SARVEY, ROBERT JAMES SIMPSON, AND HEALPING HAND TOOLS, INC.	CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION; MECP1 SANTA CLARA, LLC; DOES 1-20, INCLUSIVE	CPF-20-517044	San Francisco	3/5/20	Private	MND	ENGY	
LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 294	COUNTY OF FRESNO and FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20CECG00862	Fresno	3/6/20	Private	MND	IND	
SAVE NORTH PETALUMA RIVER AND WETLANDS, an unincorporated association, and BEVERLY ALEXANDER, an individual	CITY OF PETALUMA, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA	SCV-266157	Sonoma	3/6/20	Private	EIR	HO	180
WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE and NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2020-80003350-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	3/6/20	Agency	Neg. Dec.	WP	
THE KAWEAH COALITION	COUNTY OF TULARE	VCU282553	Tulare	3/26/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; and ROES 1 to 10, inclusive	BCV-20-100873	Kern	4/6/20	Agency	Exemption	WP	
CLAYTON FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF CLAYTON; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON; and DOES 1 to 20	CIVMSN20-0543	Contra Costa	4/9/20	Private	Exemption	HO	81
BRIAN CARLISLE	COUNTY OF PLACER; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER; AUBURN TRAPSHOOTING CLUB; and DOES 1-50, inclusive	S-CV-0044812	Placer	4/17/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
RAINBOW SAFETY GROUP, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation	20STCP01489	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	4/23/20	Private	MND	HO	4
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	CPF20517078	San Francisco	4/28/20	Agency	EIR	WP	

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Sierra Club; Center for Biological Diversity; Planning and Conservation League; and Restore the Delta	California Department of Water Resources; and DOES 1-20	CPF20517120	San Francisco	4/29/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH CARTHAY HPOZ, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP01573	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	5/1/20	Private	Exemption	HO	0 (remodel)
STATE WATER CONTRACTORS, KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY, ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY, CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY, DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT, COUNTY OF KINGS, OAK FLAT WATER DISTRICT, PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, and TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 100	20CECG01302	Fresno	5/4/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District; Reclamation District 108, a California Reclamation District; NATOMAS CENTRAL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, a California Water Company; RIVER GARDEN FARMS COMPANY, a business entity; and SUTTER MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, a California Water Company	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California state agency; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California State agency	34-2021-80003665-CU-WM-GDS	Fresno	5/4/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MOJAVE WATER AGENCY, COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, and MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 through 100	20CECG01347	Fresno	5/4/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE, NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, and FELIX SMITH	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100	CPF20517115	San Francisco	5/5/20	Agency	EIR Addendum	WP	
CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY AND SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 through 50	34-2020-80003368-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	5/6/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
AQUALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY; SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	THE UNITED STATE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; DAVID BERNHARDT, in his official capacity; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; and DOES 1-100	2:20-cv-00959-JAM-DMC	Eastern District of California	5/11/20	Agency	EIR/EIS	WP	
AQUALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY; SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; DAVID BERNHARDT, in his official capacity; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; and DOES 1 - 100	1:20-cv-878-DAD-EPG	United States District Court for the Eastern District of CA	5/11/20	Agency	EIR	WP	

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ALEXANDRIA RACHEL DE ROSSI; JAMES SOTERIOS BICOS; JAMES D. WILBANKS II; HONG LEE WILBANKS; ANDRES RAFAEL VILLALOBOS; ALMA VILLALOBOS; FERNANDO TAMAYO; AMANDA HARSHAW; CANAAN WOLF; MIKE HARRINGTON; JENNIFER HARRINGTON; YULIYA BRODSKIY DBA RED HAWK SKY VIEW; JAN MCCARTY; HEATHER MCCARTY; KELLY BELLINI; ANTHONY DIROCCO; ERIC D. GOZLAN, TRUSTEE OF THE ERIC D. GOZLAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; NEERU SEHGAL; DANNY ABREGO; NICHOLAS ORTEGA	CITY OF TEMECULA; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	MCC2000628	Riverside	5/18/20	Agency	Exemption	GP	
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, INC.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	20CV01907	Santa Barbara - Anacapa Division	5/22/20	Agency	Program EIR	AF-C	
ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP01745	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	5/26/20	Private	MND	HO	42
BONITA INTEGRATION ACTION, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00016488-CU-TT-NC	San Diego, North County Division	5/26/20	Private	Exemption	HO	10
BLUE OAKS TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE	TOWN OF PARADISE, a governmental entity; TOWN OF PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL, governing body of the Town of Paradise; and DOES 1-10	20CV01082	Butte	5/27/20	Private	Exemption	AF	
COALITION FOR AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS, a Wyoming mutual benefit nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, a political subdivision of the State of California; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20CV-0282	San Luis Obispo - San Luis Obispo Branch	5/27/20	Agency	Exemption	AF-C	
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; a California State Agency, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, a California State Agency	20CECG01556	Fresno	5/28/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
FRIENDS OF UPLAND WETLANDS, and DOES 1 through 10	CITY OF UPLAND, and DOES 11 through 100	CIV DS 2010521	San Bernardino - San Bernardino District	5/29/20	Private	MND	HO	65
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY, CITY OF DEL REY OAKS, DOES 1 to 100	20CV001529	Monterey	6/3/20	Agency	Failure to enforce mitigation	TRANS	
DOUG MORANVILLE, an individual; KAREN MORANVILLE, an individual	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00018762-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division	6/4/20	Private	Neg. Dec.	MXD	26
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION	SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-266424	Sonoma	6/4/20	Agency	EIR	INST	
SAN FRANCISCO BAYKEEPER, THE BAY INSTITUTE, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. GOLDEN STATE SALMON ASSOCIATION, and DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	RG20063682	Alameda	6/5/20	Agency	EIR	WP	

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VENTURA COUNTY COALITION FOR LABOR, AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation; VENTURA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	56-2020-00542276-CU-TT-VTA	Ventura	6/10/20	Agency	Exemption	AF-C	
Neil Jones Food Company, Inc., a Washington corporation dba San Beinto Foods; Ana Jimenez, an individual	The City of Hollister, a municipal corporation; the City Council of the City of Hollister; Ignacio Velasquez, individually and as Mayor of the City of Hollister; Brett Miller, Interim City Manager of the City of Hollister; Danny Hillstock, City Engineer of the City of Hollister; and DOES 1 through 50	CU-20-00074	San Benito	6/17/20	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
Willow Glen Trestle Conservancy, an unincorporated association	City of San Jose, City of San Jose Department of Public Works; and Does 1 to 5	20CV367292	Santa Clara	6/19/20	Agency	EIR	DEMO	
POLLINATOR STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL and AMERICAN BEEKEEPING FEDERATION	CALIFORNIA DPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION and VAL DOLCINI, in his official capacity as Director of Pesticide Regulation	RG20066156	Alameda	6/24/20	Agency	"Functional equivalent" of Neg. Dec.	AF	
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE; CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY; PRESERVE WILD SANTEE; and THE CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2020-00022883-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division	7/2/20	Private	Addendum to EIR	MXD	67
San Luis Architectural Preservation!	City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo City Council; and DOES 1-25	20CV-0354	San Luis Obispo	7/8/20	Private	Exemption	HO	39
WONDERFUL CITRUS II LLC; and THE WONDERFUL COMPANY LLC	COUNTY OF TULARE; and TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY	VCU283508	Tulare	7/14/20	Private	No CEQA review	AF	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF MORENO VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC2002675	Riverside	7/16/20	Private	EIR	IND	
ALBERT T. PAULEK, FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY,	City of Moreno Valley; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	RIC2002672	Riverside	7/17/20	Private	EIR	IND	
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE; CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, SIERRA CLUB; and SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a municipal corporation; MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a dependent special district of the City of Moreno Valley; and DOES 1-20 inclusive	RIC2002697	Riverside	7/17/20	Private	EIR	IND	
LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 304, an organized labor union	CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipal body; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipal body	RG20068501	Alameda	7/17/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF NORCO, a municipal entity; NORCO CITY COUNCIL, a public entity	RIC2002731	Riverside	7/20/20	Private	EIR	IND	
Coalition for Historical Integrity, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, a chartered municipal corporation, acting by and through its CITY COUNCIL, its governing legislative body; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00543397-CU-PT-VTA	Ventura	7/21/20	Agency	Exemption	DEMO	
CHARANJIT GHAI, an individual; and GHAI MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF LATHROP, a general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0006262	San Joaquin	7/24/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
PEDRO POINT COMMUNITY COALITION, an unincorporated association and ALLISON WEST	CITY OF PACIFICA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA, and DOES 1 Through 15	20-CIV-03141	San Mateo	7/28/20	Private	Exemption	HO	1

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COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES FOUNDATION, PROTECT GRASS VALLEY AND RALPH A. SILBERSTEIN	CITY OF GRASS VALLEY	CU20-084791	Nevada	8/3/20	Private	EIR	MXD	172
SAVE OUR NORMANDIE MARIPOSA HISTORIC DISTRICT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP02463	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	8/3/20	Private	Exemption	HO	50
DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC. and FARIA LAND INVESTORS, LLC	EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT; EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1 through 50	N20-1115	Contra Costa	8/6/20	Agency	EIR	PRW	
Central Delta Water Agency, et al.	California Department of Water Resources	34-2020-80003457-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	8/10/20	Agency	MND	WP	
LINDA KROFF, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	20STCP02538	Los Angeles	8/10/20	Private	Exemption	HO	16
KENNETH BAINES	CITY OF INGLEWOOD, a municipal corporation; CITY OF INGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02559	Los Angeles	8/11/20	Private	Exemption	IND	
IBC BUSINESS OWNERS FOR SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a California non-profit association	CITY OF IRVINE, a California municipal corporation; CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF IRVINE; the duly-elected legislative body of the City; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2020-01155214-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	8/14/20	Private	Addendum to EIR	IND	
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LAKE MATHEWS, a non-profit benefit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC2003210	Riverside	8/14/20	Private	EIR	COM	
CCOLE, LLC, a limited liability company	CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC2003238	Riverside	8/18/20	Private	MND	COM	
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF LAKE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV 421152	Lake	8/20/20	Private	EIR	MXD	1,550
BRENTWOOD AUTO SPA, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD, a general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	N20-1171	Contra Costa	8/28/20	Private	MND	COM	
FRIENDS OF BIG BEAR VALLEY, SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC., CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-25	CIVDS2017298	San Bernardino	8/28/20	Private	EIR	HO	50
BONNYVIEW BECHELLI COALITION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF REDDING	195741	Shasta	9/1/20	Private	EIR	COM	
CITY OF HESPERIA, a municipal corporation	LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a public body corporate and politic; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT; DOES 1 through 50, Inclusive	CIVDS2019176	San Bernardino, San Bernardino District	9/1/20	Private	Addendum to MND	ENGY	
CITY OF SOUTH GATE, a California general law city	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a political subdivision of the State of California; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02807	Los Angeles	9/1/20	Private	EIR	INST	
COMMITTEE FOR SOUND WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT OF FORT ORD	CITY OF SEASIDE, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL; FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	20CV002326	Monterey	9/1/20	Private	EIR	MXD	1,485

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PRESERVE OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES, a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF SAN BENITO, SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	CU-20-00114	San Benito	9/1/20	Private	Addendum to EIR	IND	
PROTECTING THE CHILDREN OF ORCHARD SCHOOL	CITY OF SAN JOSE; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	20CV370153	Santa Clara	9/1/20	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
TERRA BELLA VOICE FOR CHANGE	COUNTY OF TULARE; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DOES 1-10	VCU284345	Tulare	9/1/20	Private	MND Addendum	AF	
TRINITY COUNTY FOR SMALL BUSINESS	COUNTY OF TRINITY; and DOES 1 through 100	20CV106	Trinity	9/1/20	Private	MND	COM	
FRIENDS OF MELROSE WESTERN, a California non-profit unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02829	Los Angeles	9/2/20	Private	Exemption	HO	64
JOAN JOAQUIN WOOD	SUTTER COUNTY, BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CVCS20-0001446	Sutter	9/2/20	Private	MND	HO	84
MARTIN FAMILY HOLDINGS, LLC, a California limited liability company	STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TOKS OMISHAKKIN, Director of Caltrans; DAN MCELHINNEY, Director of Caltrans District 10; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	CV-20-003776	Stanislaus	9/2/20	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
PACIFIC PLASTICS, INC., a California Corporation	THE CITY OF BREA, a public agency of the State of California, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREA, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2020-01158750-CU-WM-CXC	Orange - Civil Complex Center	9/2/20	Private	EIR	HO	1,063
Preservation Action Council of San Jose, a California non-profit corporation	City of San Jose and City Council of the City of San Jose	20CV370195	Santa Clara	9/2/20	Private	EIR	COM	
CITY OF ROCKLIN, a municipal corporation	TOWN OF LOOMIS, a municipal corporation; TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	S-CV-0045516	Placer	9/4/20	Private	EIR	COM	
CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION and COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2020-00031320-CU-WM-CTL	SAN DIEGO, CENTRAL DIVISION	9/4/20	Agency	Exemption	TRANS	
DONALD McPHERSON; and COASTAL DEFENDER, a nonprofit organization	CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH; MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive	20STCP02851	Los Angeles	9/4/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
ALPAUGH IRRIGATION DISTRICT	COUNTY OF TULARE and DOES 1-20	20CECG02606	Fresno	9/8/20	Private	MND	ENGY	
CITY OF LAWDALE, a municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS), a public entity; CALTRANS DISTRICT 7, a public entity; LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a public entity; SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	20STCP02875	Los Angeles	9/8/20	Public	Exemption	TRANS	
GINA CASILLAS, an individual; RAFAEL CASILLAS, an individual	CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, a California Municipality; CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL, the City Council of the City of Monterey Park; CITY OF MONTEREY PARK PLANNING COMMISSION, the Planning Commission of the City of Monterey Park	20STCP02865	Los Angeles, Central District	9/8/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a municipal entity; SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a public entity	CIVDS2018974	San Bernardino	9/8/20	Private	EIR	IND	
ARCADIANS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF ARCADIA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10	20STCP02902	Los Angeles	9/9/20	Private	Exemption	HO	0 (remodel)



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CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, an unincorporated association	TOWN OF LOOMIS; CITY COUNCIL FOR TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0045539	Placer	9/9/20	Private	EIR	COM	
BRACE TAYLOR, LLC	TOWN OF LOOMIS, CITY COUNCIL FOR TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0045533	Placer	9/10/20	Private	EIR	COM	
CITY OF MONTEREY	MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT and MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1-10	20CV002445	Monterey	9/10/20	Agency	EIR Addendum	TRANS	
COMITE CIVICO DEL VALLE	COUNTY OF IMPERIAL; DOES 1 through 4	ECU001573	Imperial	9/11/20	Private	MND	AF	
SCARONI PROPERTIES, INC.	COUNTY OF IMPERIAL and DOES 1-20; and IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ECU001568	Imperial	9/11/20	Private	MND	AF	
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK; FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; and DOES 1 through 20 inclusive	RIC2003634	Riverside	9/14/20	Agency	EIR	PRW	
Heber Public Utility District	County of Imperial, DOES 1-20, inclusive	ECU001576	Imperial	9/14/20	Private	MND	AF	
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Public Entity	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a Public Entity, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, a Public Entity, the CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT, a Public Entity, and the LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, , a Public Entity	20STCP02985	Los Angeles	9/16/20	Private	EIR	IND	
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC., SAN PEDRO AND PENINSULA HOMEOWNERS COALITION, SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOMEOWNERS UNITED, INC., EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, INC.	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, PORT OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES BOARD OF ANGELES, AND LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, public entities	20STCP02978	Los Angeles	9/16/20	Private	EIR	IND	
WEST VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR OPTIMAL LIVING, an unincorporated association; JEFF BORNSTEIN, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP03011	Los Angeles	09/17/2020	Private	SEIR	MXD	1,432
CITY OF TUSTIN, a public entity	CITY OF SANTA ANA; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; and DOES 1-25, inclusive	30-2020-01161134	Orange	9/18/20	Private	EIR	MXD	1,150
Friends of the New Helvetia Public Housing, an unincorporated association	City of Sacramento, City Council of the City of Sacramento, and Community Development Department of the City of Sacramento	34-2020-80003490-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	9/25/20	Agency	EIR	MXD	3,787
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO BRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 100	34-2020-80003491-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	9/25/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, AQUALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	34-2020-80003492-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	9/28/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD; RICHARD COREY, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP03138	Los Angeles	9/28/20	Agency	Environmental Assessment -- functional equivalent to EIR.	ENGY	

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MOJAVE PISTACHIOS, LLC, a California limited liability company; and PAUL G. NUGENT AND MARY E. NUGENT, Trustees of the Nugent Family Trust dated June 20, 2011	INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, a California joint powers authority; THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, a governing body; ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE VALIDITY OF (1) THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN, (2) THE REPORT ON THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN'S SUSTAINABLE YIELD OF 3,650 ACRE FEET, (3) AMENDMENT TO	BCV-20-102284	Kern - Metropolitan Division	9/30/20	Agency	Exemption	WP	
STOCKTON DELTA RESORT, LLC	RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, and DOES 1-50	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0008321	San Joaquin	9/30/20	Agency	Exemption	WP	
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, a municipal corporation; CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, a municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	20STCP03193		10/1/20	Private	Addendum to Functional Equivalent Environmental Doc	WP	
THE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; and DOES 1 - 100	20STCP03192	Los Angeles	10/1/20	Private	Functional Equivalent Environmental Doc	WP	
STOCKTON DELTA RESORT, LLC	RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, and DOES 1-50	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0008321	San Joaquin	10/2/20	Agency	Exemption	WP	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, and SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION	CITY OF RICHMOND, and DOES 1 through 100	CIVMSN20-1528	Contra Costa	10/9/20	Private	EIR	MXD	1,452
VENTURA COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE, AND BUSINESS, a non-profit membership organization; and VENTURA COUNTRY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; VENTURA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1-25, inclusive	56-2020-00546174-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/14/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
AERA ENERGY LLC, a California limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a municipal corporation, and the COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	56-2020-00546180-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/15/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546189-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/15/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
CARBON CALIFORNIA COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; CARBON CALIFORNIA OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, acting by and through its BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00546198-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/15/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
LLOYD PROPERTIES, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546196-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/15/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
Protect Our Community Now, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district; POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION; and MARIAN KIM PHELPS, in her capacity as Superintendent	37-2020-00037296-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego	10/15/20	Private	No CEQA review	COM	
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546193-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	10/15/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
ANABELLA BADALIAN, an individual, and MATTHEW JACOB, an individual	CITY OF TURLOCK, TURLOCK CITY COUNCIL and DOES 1 to 20	CV-20-004616	Stanislaus	10/16/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
BLACKHORSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation; LA JOLLA SHORES ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2020-00037564-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	10/16/20	Agency	Addendum to EIR	INST	2,000

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722-728 S. BROADWAY, L.P., a limited partnership	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	20STCP03499	Los Angeles	10/21/20	Private	Exemption	TRANS	
CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESPONSIBLE PLANNING, an unincorporated association, CLINT NELSON, an individual and MATT WALTER, an individual	COUNTY OF LAKE; THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CV 421326	Lake, Lakeport Division	10/21/20	Private	MND	ENGY	
PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE, and CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	CITY OF SANTEE, CITY OF SANTEE CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2020-00038168-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego	10/21/20	Private	EIR	MXD	3,008
CASEY STEED, an individual, and MERCED SMART GROWTH ADVOCATES, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF MERCED, a California municipal corporation, and MERCED CITY COUNCIL, a body politic	20CV-03123	Merced	10/22/20	Private	MND	MXD	214
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK	CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	RIC2004343	Riverside	10/28/20	Private	Exemption	ENGY	
SAFEWAY INC, a Delaware corporation	CITY OF VALLEJO, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	FCS055595	Solano	10/28/20	Private	EIR	MXD	178
Sierra Club; Center for Biological Diversity; Planning and Conservation League; Restore the Delta; and Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge	California Department of Water Resources; and DOES 1-20	34-2020-80003517-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	10/28/20	Agency	No CEQA review	WP	
CUDAHY ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE, an unincorporated association; SUSANA DE SANTIAGO; and AYDE BRAVO BERRIOS	CITY OF CUDAHY; CITY OF CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1-20	20STCP03621	Los Angeles	11/3/20	Private	Exemption	INST	
FRIENDS OF MUIR WOODS PARK; WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF MARIN	COUNTY OF MARIN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN and DOES 1 through X	CIV2003248	Marin	11/4/20	Private	MND	HO	3
AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION aka CALTRANS, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive	34-2020-80003525-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	11/5/20	Private	EIR	MXD	3,000
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP03683	Los Angeles	11/6/20	Private	Exemption	MXD	38
KINGS GARDEN INC., a Nevada corporation; CK ENDEAVORS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CVPS2000541	Riverside	11/9/20	Private	Exemption	AF-C	
AIRPORT BUSINESS CENTER, a California limited partnership, and BLUE FOX PARTNERS, a California general partnership	CITY OF SANTA ROSA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-267372	Sonoma	11/12/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
CITIZENS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF R-1 ZONES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a municipal corporation	BCV-20-102653	Kern	11/12/20	Agency	Exemption	AF	
YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; EILEEN SOBECK, in her official capacity; E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, in his official capacity; DORENE D'ADAMO, in her official capacity; TAM DUDOC, in her official capacity; SEAN MAGUIRE, in his official capacity, LAUREL FIRESTONE, in her official capacity; and DOES 1 THROUGH 100	20CECG03342	Fresno	11/13/20	Agency	No CEQA review	ENGY	
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, Inc.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	20CV03770	Santa Barbara - Anacapa Division	11/16/20	Private	EIR	AF-C	
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP03817	Los Angeles	11/18/20	Private	Exemption	MXD	58

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UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LOS ANGELES, a non-profit California corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; CITY OF LOS ANGELES PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; DOES 1-10	20STCP03844	Los Angeles	11/19/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
SAVE OUR FOREST ASSOCIATION, INC.; SIERRA CLUB; and SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CIVSB 2025038	San Bernardino, San Bernardino District	11/20/20	Private	EIR	INST	
SIERRA CLUB, CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, FRIENDS OF THE RIVER	DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT	CV-20-005193	Stanislaus	11/20/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a California corporation	MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a public agency, and the MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	20CV003201	Monterey	11/25/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
SUNSHINE HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP03910	Los Angeles	11/25/20	Private	Exemption	HO	1
Sainte Claire Historic Preservation Foundation, a California non-profit corporation; and Does 1 to 5	City of San Jose, City Council of the City of San Jose, and City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	20CV374459	Santa Clara	11/30/20	Private	EIR	PRW	
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY, INC., a California public agency with municipal authority	STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California state agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	FCS055749	Solano	12/1/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
CORONADO CITIZENS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT; and DOES 1 through 10,	CITY OF CORONADO; and DOES 11 through 100	37-2020-00044167-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego - Hall of Justice	12/2/20	Private	MND	PRW	
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2060, a California Reclamation District, and RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2068, a California Reclamation District	THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California Agency	FCS055736	Solano	12/2/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, a California corporation	CITY OF FULLERTON, a municipal corporation	30-2020-01172905-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	12/3/20	Private	EIR	IND	
CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	FCS055743	Solano	12/3/20	Agency	EIR	WP	
CITY OF VALLEJO, a Municipal Corporation	STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California State Agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	FCS055757	Solano	12/3/20	agency	EIR	WP	
GRANT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES, an unincorporated association, MELISSA FREEBAIRN, JOHNNY FONT, KEVIN VOGEL; and RENEE GOLDER	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; SANDRA SHEWRY, in her official capacity as Interim Director STATE PUBLIC HEALTH; DR. ERICA PAN, in her official capacity as Acting State Public Health Officer; HARM REDUCTION COALITION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (an entity of form unknown); DENISE ELERICK, and DOES 51 to 100, inclusive	34-2020-80003551	Sacramento	12/8/20	Agency	No CEQA review	OTHER	
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS; and SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	CITY OF MENIFEE	CVRI2000531	Riverside	12/9/20	Private	No CEQA review	COM	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF FONTANA, a municipal entity; FONTANA CITY COUNCIL, a public entity	CIVSB2027899	San Bernardino	12/10/20	Private	EIR	IND	
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF FONTANA	CIVSB2028894	San Bernardino	12/11/20	Private	EIR	IND	
COSTA PACIFICA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a California corporation, ROBERT HATFIELD, and HAROLD ORNDORFF	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		San Luis Obispo	12/15/20	Private	Exemption	COM	

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SAINT IGNATIUS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a mutual association	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CPF20517320	San Francisco	12/15/20	Private	Exemption	INST	
SUSTAINABLE TORRANCE AND NORMANDIE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP04124	Los Angeles	12/15/20	Private	MND	IND	
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00547988-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	12/17/20	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
ABA ENERGY CORPORATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a municipal corporation; the COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	56-2020-00548077-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	12/18/20	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
CARBON CALIFORNIA COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; CARBON CALIFORNIA OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, acting by and through its BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00548181-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	12/18/20	Agency	Exemption	ENGY	
Don't Morph the Wharf!, an unincorporated association	City of Santa Cruz and City Council of the City of Santa Cruz	20CV02731	Santa Cruz	12/19/20	Agency	EIR	PRW	
COALITION OF PACIFICANS FOR AN UPDATED PLAN, KRISTIN CRAMER	CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA, CITY OF PACIFICA	20-CIV-05719	San Mateo	12/21/20	Private	MND	HO	8
SACRAMENTO INVESTMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT, INC.	BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	34-2020-80003557-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	12/21/20	Public	EIR	INST	324
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	CVRI2000725	Riverside	12/22/20	Agency	EIR	GP	
MB POETS	CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH	20STCP04201	Los Angeles	12/22/20	Private	Exemption	COM	
CAMARILLO SANITARY DISTRICT, CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS, CENTRAL VALLEY CLEAN WATER ASSOCIATION, AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	20CECG03752	Fresno	12/31/20	Agency	"Functional equivalent" of EIR	WP	
<b>Total Cases</b>							<b>183</b>	
<i>Total Cases with Housing Units</i>							<b>45</b>	

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CITY OF MARYSVILLE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CVPT21-00034	Yuba	1/5/21	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT, a California sanitary district	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA; ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100 inclusive	RG21085523	Alameda	1/8/21	Agency	Exemption	GP	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; DOES 1-10	21STCP00049	Los Angeles	1/11/21	Private	EIR	MXD	269
Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition, an unincorporated association; Preserve Orange County, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; and Village Laguna, a California non-profit corporation	City of Laguna Beach and City Council of Laguna Beach	30-2021-01178477-CU-TT-CXC	Orange	1/11/21	Agency	Neg. Dec.	GP	
SAVE SAN MARCOS FOOTHILLS	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-1	21CV00065	Santa Barbara - Anacapa Division	1/11/21	Private	No CEQA review	OTHER	
ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	21STCP00092	Los Angeles	1/13/21	Private	EIR	HO	19
SAVE SAWMILL MOUNTAIN and CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE; COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV63579	Tuolumne	1/15/21	Private	EIR	COM	
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK	CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, and Does 1-20 inclusive	CVRI2100084	Riverside	1/19/21	Private	Exemption	ENGY	
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MALIBU, a municipal corporation	21STCP00153	Los Angeles	1/20/21	Agency	Exemption	GP	
ALBA LUZ PRIVADO; PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL; and UNITE HERE LOCAL 11	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; and DOES 1 through 5	21STSP00177	Los Angeles	1/22/21	Private	EIR	MXD	4
TRINITY INSTITUTE FOR PERMACULTURE FARMING AND RESTORATIVE FORESTRY, LLC	COUNTY OF TRINITY, CALIFORNIA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TRINITY COUNTY	21CV017	Trinity	1/27/21	Agency	EIR	AF-C	
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	California Department of Fish and Wildlife; DOES 1 to 10	21STCP00242	Los Angeles	1/28/21	Agency	EIR	WP	
DEFEND BALLONA WETLANDS, a California unincorporated association; ROBERT JAN VAN DE HOEK, an individual; and MOLLY BASLER, an individual	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California state agency	21STCP00240	Los Angeles	1/28/21	Agency	EIR	WP	

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GRASSROOTS COALITION, a California Non-Profit Organization; BALLONA ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT, an unincorporated community organization	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a State Agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH 10	21STCV03657	Los Angeles	1/28/21	Agency	EIR	WP	
PROTECT BALLONA WETLANDS, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California state agency	21STCP00237	Los Angeles	1/28/21	Agency	EIR	WP	
SAVE SAWMILL MOUNTAIN and CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE; COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV63614	Tuolumne	1/28/21	Private	EIR	COM	
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a charter city and California municipal corporation	GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California Water Storage District; IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; and DOES 1 to 30, inclusive	BCV-21-100221	Kern	2/2/21	Agency	EIR	WP	
Historic Architecture Alliance, an unincorporated association; Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition, an unincorporated association; and Does 1 to 5	City of Laguna Beach and City Council of Laguna Beach	30-2021-01182450-CU-TT-CXC	Orange	2/3/21	Private	Exemption	HO	0 (remodel)
FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY, a non-profit corporation; FRIENDS OF GREATER IONE, a mutual association	COUNTY OF AMADOR, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	21-CV-12012	Amador	2/4/21	Private	MND	IND	
CITY OF IRVINE	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01183322-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	2/8/21	Agency	SEIR	INST	
LAWRENCE HICKMAN	CITY OF BERKELEY, CITY OF BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	RG21090322	Alameda	2/16/21	Private	Exemption	OTHER	
PLACERVILLE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, INC., and FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HANGTOWN	CITY OF PLACERVILLE, and DOES 1 through 10	PC 20210059	El Dorado	2/17/21	Private	Exemption	COM	
PARNASSUS NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION; and CALVIN WELCH	THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG21088939	Alameda	2/19/21	Agency	EIR	INST	1,263
SAN FRANCISCANS FOR BALANCED AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES, an unincorporated association	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO; MICHAEL V. DRAKE, in his capacity as President of the University of California; SAM HAGWOOD, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco; and DOES 1 through 30	RG21089332	Alameda	2/19/21	Agency	EIR	INST	

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Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	University of California; The Regents of the University of California	RG21090517	Alameda	2/19/21	Agency	EIR	INST	
OLEN PROPERTIES CORP., a Florida corporation	CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01185991-CU-WM-CXC	Orange	2/25/21	Private	Addendum to EIR	HO	312
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	CVRI2101221	Riverside	3/4/21	Private	MND	IND	
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF CHICO, a municipal corporation, and CITY OF CHICO CITY COUNCIL, a body politic, and DOES 1-50	21CV00500	Butte	3/5/21	Private	MND	TRANS	
WILDER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION	CITY OF ORINDA; ORINDA CITY COUNCIL	MSN21-0350	Contra Costa	3/9/21	Private	EIR	HO	38
COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ARVIN, COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER SHAFTER, COMITE PROGRESO DE LAMONT, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB, AND CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF KERN; and DOES 1-20	BCV-21-100536-GP	Kern	3/10/21	Agency	EIR	ENGY	
KING AND GARDINER FARMS, LLC	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF KERN; and DOES 1-20	BCV-21-100533-GP	Kern	3/10/21	Agency	EIR	ENGY	
PROTECT OUR COUNTY, a unincorporated association	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CVP-0061	San Luis Obispo	3/10/21	Private	MND	AF-C	
ROOPA SHEKAR	CITY OF MONTE SERENO, a municipality,	21CV380209	Santa Clara	3/10/21	Private	Exemption	HO	0 (remodel)
SAFER SAN RAMON	CITY OF SAN RAMON	N21-0365	Contra Costa	3/15/21	Private	Exemption	COM	
COYOTL + MACEHUALLI	CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA; and DOES 1-10	21STCP00897	Los Angeles	3/19/21	Private	Exemption	TRANS	
MORENO VALLEY NEIGHBORS FOR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a municipal corporation	CVRI2101518	Riverside	3/19/21	Private	MND	MXD	81
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO, a California non-profit Corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TOKS OMISHAKIN, DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; and DOES 1-20	34-2021-80003617	Sacramento	3/29/21	Agency	MND	ENGY	



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SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY	NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT, NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DOUG NEILSON, FRED MITCHELL, GARY HAWTHORNE, GRETCHEN FLOHR and RTIC HANSARD in their official capacities, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21CV00815	Butte	4/2/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
PROGRESS FOR BAKERSFIELD VETERANS, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF BAKERSFIELD	BCV-21-100778	Kern	4/7/21	Private	MND	COM	
AMBER GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GROUP	CITY OF CHICO, and DOES 1 through 10	21CV00870	Butte	4/8/21	Private	Exemption	HO	64
NO NEW GAS NOVATO	CITY OF NOVATO	2100950	Marin	4/8/21	Private	MND	COM	
SAVE NORTH LIVERMORE VALLEY, OHLONE AUDUBON SOCIETY, and FRIENDS OF OPEN SPACE AND VINEYARDS	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALAMEDA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	RG21095386	Alameda	4/9/21	Private	EIR	WP	
FALL RIVER CONSERVANCY; and CALIFORNIA TROUT	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; and CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION	34-2021-80003622-CU-WM-GDS	Sacramento	4/12/21	Agency	Neg. Dec.	WP	
FRIENDS OF OCEANO DUNES, INC., a California not-for-profit corporation	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, a commission of the State of California; and DOES 1-50, inclusive CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, a department of the State of California; and DOES 1-50, inclusive	21cv-0214	San Luis Obispo	4/12/21	Agency	Functional equivalent environmental document	PRW	
ROBERT ("MATT") JULIEN, an individual; and REBECCA JULIEN, an individual	CITY OF LATHROP, a California general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	STK-CV-UWM-2021-0003152	San Joaquin	4/12/21	Agency	MND	TRANS	
RURAL COMMUNITIES UNITED, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF EL DORADO; EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 to 25	PC20210189	El Dorado	4/14/21	Agency	EIR	GP	
EAST MEADOW ACTION COMMITTEE, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CV00994	Santa Cruz	4/15/21	Agency	EIR	INST	duplicate
G.I. INDUSTRIES, a Utah corporation, dba WASTE MANAGEMENT	CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS; CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	56-2021-00553340-CU-WM-VTA	Ventura	4/16/21	Private	Exemption	COM	

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BACKCOUNTRY AGAINST DUMPS, DONNA TISDALE, and JOE E. TISDALE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES I-XX	37-2021-00017245-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	4/19/21	Private	EIR	ENGY	
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, DON STEVENS, RUSSELL B. WEISZ, HAL LEVIN, HARRY D. HOSKEY and PETER L. SCOTT	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, and DOES I-XX	21CV01022	Santa Cruz	4/19/21	Agency	EIR	INST	duplicate
ECOLOGIC PARTNERS, INC., a California Non-Profit Corporation; SPECIALITY EQUIPMENT MARKET ASSOCIATION, a California Non-Profit Corporation	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION; JOHN AINSWORTH, as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; ARMANDO QUINTERO, as Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation; and DOES 1-10	21CV-0219	San Luis Obispo	4/20/21		Functional equivalent environmental document	PRW	
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE EDUCATION	WEST SONOMA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT; and DOES 1-10	SCV-268238	Sonoma	4/21/21	Agency	Exemption	INST	
GREENHOUSE RANCH, a California general partnership	PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; STEVINSON WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District, and; DOES 1-25	21CV-01348	Merced	4/21/21	Private	Exemption	WP	
MIDCOAST ECO	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION	CPF21517430	San Francisco	4/21/21	Agency	Functional equivalent environmental	HO	71
NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, a non-profit organization; CITIZENS FOR A SUSTAINABLE HUMBOLDT, a public benefit corporation; and MARY GATERUD	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, a political subdivision of the State of California; HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 to 10, inclusive	CV2100518	Humboldt	5/7/21	Private	MND	AF-C	
RIVERPARK COALITION and LA WATERKEEPER	CITY OF LONG BEACH	21STCP01537	Los Angeles	5/12/01	Private	MND	MXD	
JEFF BORNSTEIN; LUIS MOLINA; and UNITE HERE LOCAL 11	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP01708	Los Angeles	5/26/21	Private	MND	MXD	1,009
HILLTOP GROUP, INC., a California Corporation; ADJ HOLDINGS, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2021-00023554-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	5/27/21	Private	n/a	OTHER	
CLARENCE CARTER, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, an entity thereof; and BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, an entity thereof, and DOES 1-100, Inclusive	21STCP01783	Los Angeles	6/2/21	Agency	Exemption	HO	33
Glendale Historical Society, a California non-profit corporation	City of Glendale and City Council of the City of Glendale	21STCP01852	Los Angeles	6/9/21	Private	MND	HO	12

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KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT	KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	BCV-21-101310-KCT	Kern	6/9/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
SAVE OUR LA VERNE ENVIRONMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LA VERNE; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE; and DOES 1 to 20	21STCP01854	Los Angeles	6/9/21	Private	EIR	HO	42
PAULA ACKEN, an individual; FRED ACKEN, an individual; JOHN DUVETTE, an individual; and LINDA DUVETTE, an individual; DAVID SCHNEIDER, an individual; JODY SCHNEIDER, an individual	CITY OF ORANGE; CITY COUNCIL OF ORANGE; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01207319-CU-WM-CJC	Orange	6/14/21	Private	MND	HO	23
SANTA MONICA BAYSIDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION	CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	21SMCP00269	Los Angeles	6/15/21	Agency	Exemption	DEMO	
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS. LOCAL 135; AND UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION LOCAL 135, an unincorporated non-profit association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO	37-2021-00027189-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	6/23/21	Private	Addendum to EIR	MXD	
SAVE LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN	CITY OF LIVERMORE; LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL	RG21102761	Alameda	6/24/21	Private	Exemption	HO	130
BLOOM ENERGY CORPORATION	CITY OF SANTA CLARA; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	21CV383800	Santa Clara	6/29/21	Private	n/a	OTHER	
EQUITY LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES, INC.	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA; SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	21CV384256	Santa Clara	7/1/21	Agency	Exemption	HO	0 (relo of RVs)
RURAL ASSOCIATION OF MEAD VALLEY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	CVRI2103280	Riverside	7/7/21	Private	MND	IND	
CLEAN UP WARNER CENTER CONTAMINATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02198	Los Angeles	7/8/21	Private	Exemption	HO	193
SUZANNE DUCA, an individual; AMALIA COFFEY, an individual; and DALE OBERN HOFFLIGER, an individual	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a political subdivision of the State of California; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21CV02683	Santa Barbara	7/8/21	Agency	Exemption	PRW	
Save the Capitol, Save the Trees, an unincorporated association	California Department of General Services, Joint Committee on Rules of the California State Senate and Assembly; and California Department of Finance	34-2021-80003674	Sacramento	7/9/21	Agency	EIR	INST	
GRASSROOTS COALITION, a California non-profit organization; BALLONA EXOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT, an unincorporated community organization	CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, a State Agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive	25TCP02237	Los Angeles	7/12/21	Agency	EIR	WP	

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HI POINT NEIGHBORS' ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02223	Los Angeles	7/12/21	Private	Exemption	HO	20
SIERRA CLUB	THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY; the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY; and DOES 1 through 10	CVRI2103300	Riverside	7/15/21	Agency	EIR	GP	
Delia Guerrero	City of Los Angeles, a Municipal Corporation and DOES 1 to 100	21STCP02307	Los Angeles	7/16/21	Private	MND	HO	42
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF PERRIS, a municipal entity; PERRIS PLANNING COMMISSION, a public entity	CVRI2103204	Riverside	7/16/21	Private	EIR	IND	
SAVE OUR SLOPES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, a municipal corporation	21STCP02365	Los Angeles	7/21/21	Private	EIR	HO	16
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION	21STCV27117	Los Angeles	7/23/21	Private	Exemption	MXD	60
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF FONTANA	CIVSB2121605	San Bernardino	7/23/21	Private	MND	IND	
UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LOS ANGELES, a California non-profit corporation; ANGELENOS FOR TREES, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation and DOES 1-10	21STCP02401	Los Angeles	7/26/21	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
CITY OF SUSANVILLE, a California municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, a California state agency; KATHLEEN ALLISON, SECRETARY OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, in her official capacity; GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official capacity, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	2021-CV0013269	Lassen	7/28/21	Agency	Exemption	INST	
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district	CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LONG BEACH, a California municipal corporation, ALEXIS OROPEZA, Zoning Administrator for the City of Long Beach, and ROES 1 through 100, inclusive	21STCP02440	Los Angeles	7/28/21	Private	Exemption	COM	
SAVE THE EAST FORK ASSOCIATION	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING; and DOES 1-10	21STCP02472	Los Angeles	7/30/21	Private	No CEQA review	COM	
STOP THE BASELINE COMMERCIAL CENTER PROJECT, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF PLACER; PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1-20	S-CV 0047082	Placer	8/2/21	Private	MND	COM	
SAN LEANDRO WORKERS ALLIANCE	SAN LEANDRO CITY COUNCIL and SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION	HG21108126	Alameda	8/6/21	Private	Exemption	MXD	196

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EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	MSN21-1274	Contra Costa	8/12/21	Private	EIR	HO	125
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 3299	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	RG21110157	Alameda	8/20/21	Agency	EIR	INST	770
LYNN KINCAID, an Individual, and SAMUEL KYLE, an Individual	CITY OF INDIO, a Municipal Corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, and DOES 1 through 20 inclusive	CVPS2104270	Riverside	8/20/21	Private	EIR	HO	103
PRESERVING THE PEACE, TAXPAYERS FOR NPUSD ACCOUNTABILITY	MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DOES 1 to 100	21CV002755	Monterey	8/27/21	Agency	EIR	INST	
SHANNON M. SPENCER, as an individual; SHANNON M. SPENCER, as Trustee of the Ellison Family Trust; ELI J. WALTERS, as an individual; ELI J. WALTERS, as Trustee of the Ellison Family Trust; SHERRI K. ELLISON; GARRETT A. WALTERS; and SETH S. WALTERS	COUNTY OF SISKIYOU; COUNTY OF SISKIYOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100	SCCV-CVPT-2021-984	Siskiyou	9/3/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY LLC	BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	N21-1568	Contra Costa	9/7/21	Agency	EIR	ENGY	
MARY'S KITCHEN, RICHARD HANCOX, LISA POLLARD, HORACIO AGUILAR, TODD CHRISTOPHER, DON TERRY, STARLA ACOSTA	CITY OF ORANGE	8:21-CV-01483 DOC JDE	USDC - Central District	9/9/21	Agency	No CEQA review	HO	0 (day shelter)
COALITION FOR COMPASSION and MICHAEL MALINOWSKI	CITY OF SACRAMENTO; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	2021-80003732	Sacramento	9/15/21	Agency	Exemption	HO	0 (relo)
TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a California water district	CITY OF TEHACHAPI, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	BCV-21-102184	Kern	9/16/21	Private	EIR	HO	995
LAS POSAS BASIN WATER RIGHTS COALITION, an unincorporated association	FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY, a public entity	21CV03714	Santa Barbara	9/17/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
COUNTY OF SOLANO	SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT and DOES 1-10	FCS057089	Solano	9/20/21	Agency	EIR	ENGY	
SAVE JACUMBA, WE ARE HUMAN KIND, LLC, and JEFFREY OSBORNE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 100	37-2021-00040109-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	9/20/21	Private	EIR	ENGY	
WATSONVILLE PILOTS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF WATSONVILLE; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CV02343	Santa Cruz	9/23/21	Private	MND	HO	21

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CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER, a California non-profit corporation, and ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER, a California non-profit corporation	CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SANTA ANA REGION a public agency	RG21113898	Alameda	9/27/21	Private	Addendum to EIR	WP	
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF SAN JOSE; CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SAN JOSE; and DOES 1 through 20	21CV388201	Santa Clara	10/14/21	Private	SEIR	MXD	15
YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION, SIERRA CLUB, YOLO COUNTY FARM BUREAU, and VOICES FOR RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP	COUNTY OF YOLO, YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, and DOES 1 through 50	CV2021-1864	Yolo	10/14/21	Agency	EIR	AF-C	
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HEMET, an unincorporated association	CITY OF HEMET, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive		Riverside	10/18/21	Private	EIR	COM	
CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.	CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21STCP03485	Los Angeles	10/19/21	Private	Exemption	OTHER	
Protect Our Sonoma Valley Family Neighborhoods, an unincorporated association	County of Sonoma and its Board of Supervisors	SCV-269547	Sonoma	10/20/21	Private	Neg. Dec.	COM	
JCCRANDALL, LLC, a California limited liability company	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a public entity; and DOES 1-20 inclusive	21CV04273	Santa Barbara	10/22/21	Private	EIR	AF-C	
AFFORDABLE CLEAN WATER ALLIANCE, a California unincorporated association	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, a special district; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21STCP03579	Los Angeles	10/28/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
NORTH VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, INC., a California corporation, and DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF VACAVILLE, a California general law city		Solano	10/28/21	Agency	SEIR	TRANS	
SOUTH FRESNO COMMUNITY ALLIANCE	CITY OF FRESNO; CITY COUNCIL OF FRESNO; and DOES 1 - 20	21CECG03237	Fresno	10/29/21	Agency	EIR	GP	
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, DON STEVENS, RUSSELL B. WEISZ, HAL LEVIN, HARRY D. HUSKEY and PETER L. SCOTT	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, and DOES I-XX	21CV02683	Santa Cruz	11/1/21	Agency	EIR	INST	duplicate
WEST COAST CHAPTER, INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, INC.; ECOLOGY RECYCLING SERVICES, LLC; SA RECYCLING, LLC; SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.; SIMS GROUP USA CORPORATION; and UNIVERSAL RECYCLING, INC.	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL; MEREDITH WILLIAMS, in her capacity as Director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	34-2021-80003784	transferred to Sacramento 12/2/2021 from Kern	11/1/21	Agency	Exemption	IND	
MAKE UC A GOOD NEIGHBOR, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; and THE PEOPLE'S PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVOCACY GROUP, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; MICHAEL V. DRAKE, in his capacity as President of the University of California; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; and DOES 1 through 30	RG21110142	Alameda	11/2/21	Agency	EIR	INST	1,246

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Plaintiff	Defendant	Case No.	Location (County)	Lawsuit Date	Agency or Private	CEQA Document	Type	Number of Housing Units
Rebecca (Becky) Steinbruner	Soquel Creek Water District and Board of Directors for Soquel Creek Water District, and DOES 1-10, Inclusive	21CV02699	Santa Cruz	11/4/21	Agency	Addendum to EIR	WP	
RURAL ASSOCIATION OF MEAD VALLEY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	CVRI2105097	Riverside	11/4/21	Private	MND	IND	
COALITION TO SAVE REDLANDS ORANGE GROVES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF REDLANDS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	CIVSB2135469	San Bernardino	11/5/21	Private	MND	HO	317
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, a New York Non-Profit Corporation; GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation; MT. DIABLO AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation; and SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-10	21CV002710	Alameda	11/17/21	Private	EIR	ENGY	
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	CVRI2105366	Riverside	11/18/21	Private	EIR	HO	237
PONTI ROAD NEIGHBORS; NANCY MONTGOMERY	NAPA COUNTY; NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	21CV001646	Napa	11/18/21	Private	MND	COM	
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, a municipal corporation	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	21STCP03809	Los Angeles	11/19/21	Private	Addendum to functional equivalent	WP	
Shawn Farrell	San Francisco Planning Department; San Francisco Board of Supervisors	CPF21517626	San Francisco	11/19/21	Private	MND	MXD	21
THE NAGY TRUST DATED MAY 10, 1988 and JUDITH NAGY GOETZ, TRUSTEE	CITY OF TORRANCE, a California Municipal Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100	21STCP03833	Los Angeles	11/19/21	Private	Exemption	OTHER	
HOLT PARTNERS, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP03836	Los Angeles	11/22/21	Private	Exemption	HO	80
RAY B. BUNNELL, an individual; ROBERT KRUSE, an individual; and EDWARD POLLARD, an individual; and JAMES WARREN, an individual	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	21CV-0653	San Luis Obispo	11/22/21	Agency	EIR	PRW	
Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments, and Does 1 to 10	CPF21517627	San Francisco	11/22/21	Agency	EIR	TRANS	
SUPPORTERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California non-profit corporation	CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS; and CITY OF SAN MARCOS, a California municipality	37-2021-00050059	San Diego	11/23/21	Private	MND	IND	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE	MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, and DOES I-XX	CIV 2104008	Marin	11/24/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	

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Plaintiff	Defendant	Case No.	Location (County)	Lawsuit Date	Agency or Private	CEQA Document	Type	Number of Housing Units
PEOPLES COLLECTIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE; BRANDY DAVIS; SHAHRZAD SHISHEGAR; ARMANDO SANTOS; ADRIAN GUERRERO; JESUS NERI; WEST COVINA ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT; TEAMSTERS LOCAL 396; and TEAMSTERS LOCAL 1932	CITY OF WEST COVINA; CITY COUNCIL OF WEST COVINA; CITY OF WEST COVINA PLANNING DIVISION; and DOES 1 through 5	21STCP03886	Los Angeles	11/24/21	Private	MND	IND	
CANDLESTICK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, an unincorporated association	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through its STATE LANDS COMMISSION; STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; and DOES 1 THROUGH 20	CPF21517632	San Francisco	11/29/21	Agency	Exemption	HO	0 (vehicle encampment)
ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, a California non-stock corporation	CITY OF LA MESA; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2021-00050398-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego	12/1/21	Private	Exemption	MXD	49
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	MADERA COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY; MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; COUNTY OF MADERA; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	MCV086277	Madera	12/7/21	Agency	Exemption	WP	
LAGUNA BEACH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COALITION and CATHERINE JURCA	CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH	30-2021-01235816-CU-PT-CXC	Orange	12/13/21	Private	Neg Dec.	HO	0 (remodel)
INTEGRAL ASSOCIATES DENA, LLC, a California limited liability company; HARVEST OF PASADENA, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF PASADENA, a charter city; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA; and DOES 1-25	21STCP04058	Los Angeles	12/16/21	Agency	Exemption	AF-C	
UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CVRI2105682	Riverside	12/16/21	Public	EIR	INST	
OLD RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION, a California nonprofit corporation, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVERSIDE, a California nonprofit corporation, MISSION DISTRICT ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation, HISTORIC MISSION INN CORPORATION, a California corporation, and GABRIEL ROTH, an individual	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	CVRI2105778	Riverside	12/21/21	Private	Exemption	COM	
SUNFLOWER ALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	21CV004933	Alameda	12/29/21	Private	Exemption	ENGY	
<b>Total Cases</b>							135	
<i>Total Cases with Housing Units</i>							33	



# Appendix B: Detail for CEQA Litigation Rate Estimate

This Appendix describes the analysis undertaken to determine the total number of projects in California that required an EIR, a Mitigated Negative Declaration or a Negative Declaration (collectively, “CEQA Review Document”) between 2013 and 2021. This number serves as the “denominator” in our calculation of CEQA litigation rates for those years.

For five sample jurisdictions, researchers for the 2016 Report compared the number of EIRs, Mitigated Negative Declarations and Negative Declarations reported to CEQAnet between 2013 and 2015 to the total number of such documents prepared by the sampled jurisdictions during that period. As noted previously, only projects with a statewide significance or state funding sources are required to be submitted to CEQAnet, so CEQAnet does not show all projects requiring CEQA Review Documents. Nevertheless, CEQAnet provided a baseline dataset from which to extrapolate the total number of projects statewide that required CEQA Review Documents.

Our research for this Report showed that the pattern of CEQAnet projects from 2013 to 2015 (the 2016 Report’s study period) and that for the 2016 - 2021 period has remained stable. Accordingly, the percentage of CEQA Review Documents reported to CEQAnet estimated for the 2013-2015 period could be applied to the subsequent time period.

The table below shows the number and type of submittals to CEQAnet for the 2013-2021 study period,

## Appendix B1: CEQAnet Filings 2013-2021

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	Total	Average 2013-2021
<b>CEQAnet Filings Re: CEQA Review Documents</b>											
Negative Declarations	478	460	426	401	351	327	223	186	215	3,067	341
Mitigated Negative Declarations	1,054	1,272	1,240	1,213	1,214	1,139	1,163	1,177	1,160	10,632	1,181
EIRs	348	406	363	386	354	352	322	293	308	3,132	348
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>1,919</b>	<b>1,818</b>	<b>1,708</b>	<b>1,656</b>	<b>1,683</b>	<b>16,831</b>	<b>1,870</b>
<b>Other Environmental Filings in CEQAnet</b>											
Notice of Exemptions	4,475	4,576	4,870	5,054	7,174	7,642	7,677	6,197	7,160	54,825	6,092
Other (a)	2,937	3,296	3,272	3,235	3,095	3,532	4,421	3,656	3,534	30,978	3,442
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>7,412</b>	<b>7,872</b>	<b>8,142</b>	<b>8,289</b>	<b>10,269</b>	<b>11,174</b>	<b>12,098</b>	<b>9,853</b>	<b>10,694</b>	<b>85,803</b>	<b>9,534</b>
<b>Total CEQAnet Filings</b>	<b>9,292</b>	<b>10,010</b>	<b>10,171</b>	<b>10,289</b>	<b>12,188</b>	<b>12,992</b>	<b>13,806</b>	<b>11,509</b>	<b>12,377</b>	<b>102,634</b>	<b>11,404</b>
<b>CEQAnet Review Docs as % of Total Filings</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>12%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>16%</b>

Notes:

a) CEQA Filings with Review Document represents the same subcategory of filings with CEQAnet that is used to estimate the total number of CEQA projects reviewed on a statewide basis (the denominator of the litigation rate formula). See the following table for the derivation of subsequent assumptions.

b) The Other category captures all other documents available on CEQAnet, including all notices, response to comments, tribal actions, revised/supplemental documents and addendums, and determinations/findings of no significant impact.

Sources: Office of Planning and Research, 2023; The Housing Workshop, 2023.

In the 2016 Report, five jurisdictions provided comprehensive local data regarding CEQA projects by type of review. Jurisdictions sampled this way included the City of Los Angeles, the City and County of San Francisco, the City of Modesto, the City of Merced, and the County of Butte. These jurisdictions' CEQA records were compiled and compared to the same jurisdictions' CEQA projects reported by CEQAnet.

## Appendix B2: Comparison of CEQAnet to Sampled Jurisdictions 2013-2015

Research conducted in 2016, refined for City of Los Angeles in 2021

CEQAnet (a)					Local Jurisdiction Records (b)				
<b>City of Modesto</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>City of Modesto</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	0	0	1	1	Negative Declarations	0	1	2	3
Mitigated Neg Declarations	0	0	0	0	Mitigated Neg Declarations	0	0	0	0
EIR's	3	2	1	6	EIR's	7	14	12	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>585</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>City of Merced</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>City of Merced</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	0	0	0	0	Negative Declarations	3	4	2	9
Mitigated Neg Declarations	0	1	1	2	Mitigated Neg Declarations	0	1	0	1
EIR's	0	0	0	0	EIR's	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Butte County</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Butte County</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	2	8	3	13	Negative Declarations	0	7	1	8
Mitigated Neg Declarations	5	10	15	30	Mitigated Neg Declarations	12	12	20	44
EIR's	0	1	0	1	EIR's	4	2	3	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>City Los Angeles</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>City Los Angeles (c)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	5	3	11	19	Negative Declarations	33	21	43	97
Mitigated Neg Declarations	97	112	113	322	Mitigated Neg Declarations	373	429	539	1,341
EIR's	14	14	16	44	EIR's	15	19	16	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>140</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>421</b>	<b>469</b>	<b>598</b>	<b>1,488</b>
<b>San Francisco (d)</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>San Francisco</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	0	1	1	2	Negative Declarations	0	1	0	1
Mitigated Neg Declarations	2	4	2	8	Mitigated Neg Declarations	9	3	10	22
EIR's	9	8	4	21	EIR's	8	7	2	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>40</b>

### Notes:

(a) Data was extracted from CEQAnet to include projects where the local jurisdiction was the lead agency.

(b) Data from local jurisdictions by BAE Urban Economics for the 2016 report *CEQA in the 21st Century*.

(c) The Housing Workshop analyzed additional data from the City of Los Angeles for this report and refined the breakdown among the CEQA review categories.

Sources: BAE, 2016; California Office of Planning and Research, 2021; City of Los Angeles, 2021; The Housing Workshop, 2021.

As shown on the next page in summary format, the reporting to CEQAnet varied, depending on the CEQA Review Document used for the project. The CEQAnet database accounts for over 66 percent of the EIRs listed by the sample jurisdictions, indicating strong coverage. CEQAnet included 26 percent of the sample jurisdictions' Mitigated Negative Declarations and 30 percent of their Negative Declarations,

## Appendix B3: Summary of CEQAnet Coverage Rate, 2013-2015

<b>EIRs</b>	<b>CEQA Net Total</b>	<b>Total Reported by Jurisdictions</b>
City of Modesto	6	33
City of Merced	0	0
Butte County	1	9
San Francisco	21	17
Los Angeles	44	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>109</b>
<b>CEQA Net Coverage Rate for EIRs</b>		<b>66.1%</b>

<b>MNDs</b>	<b>CEQA Net Total</b>	<b>Total Reported by Jurisdictions</b>
City of Modesto	0	0
City of Merced	2	1
Butte County	30	44
San Francisco	8	22
Los Angeles	322	1,341
<b>Total</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>1,408</b>
<b>CEQA Net Coverage Rate for MNDs</b>		<b>25.7%</b>

<b>Negative Declarations</b>	<b>CEQA Net Total</b>	<b>Total Reported by Jurisdictions</b>
City of Modesto	1	3
City of Merced	0	9
Butte County	13	8
San Francisco	2	1
Los Angeles	19	97
<b>Total</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>118</b>
<b>CEQA Net Coverage Rate for Negative Declarations</b>		<b>29.7%</b>

Notes: The coverage rates in this analysis combine data collected from local jurisdictions by BAE Urban Economics in the 2016 report *CEQA in the 21st Century* with additional research in 2021 by the Housing Workshop for this Report. Specifically, the Housing Workshop analyzed additional data from the City of Los Angeles to refine the estimates for negative declarations and MNDs and updated the CEQAnet query to include projects where the local jurisdiction was the lead agency.

Sources: BAE, 2016; Office of Planning and Research, 2021; City of Los Angeles, 2021; The Housing Workshop, 2021.

### ***Estimated Statewide Number of CEQA Projects with Review Documents***

Based on the above analysis, CEQAnet activity was adjusted to provide a more accurate estimate of the number of CEQA projects throughout California and the type of CEQA Review Document undertaken, for the 2013-2021 period. For each type of action (e.g., EIR, Mitigated Negative Declaration, Negative Declaration), a separate factor was applied based on the calculated coverage rates. These adjustments support an estimate that between 2013 and 2021, there were a total of approximately 56,591 projects in California subject to environmental review through an EIR, Mitigated Negative Declaration or Negative Declaration. This process and the resulting estimate of the “universe” of CEQA projects were utilized to compute the litigation rates as described in the body of this Report.

### **Appendix B4: Estimate of Statewide CEQA Projects with Review Documents, 2013-2019**

<b>CEQA Net Filings</b>										
<b>California</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
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<b>Estimated Environmental Review Applications (a)</b>										
<b>California</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>Total</b>
Negative Declarations	1,625	1,564	1,448	1,363	1,193	1,112	758	632	731	10,426
Mitigated Negative Declarations	4,111	4,961	4,836	4,731	4,735	4,442	4,536	4,590	4,524	41,466
EIRs	522	609	545	579	531	528	483	440	462	4,699
<b>Adjusted CEQA Review Documents</b>	<b>6,258</b>	<b>7,134</b>	<b>6,829</b>	<b>6,673</b>	<b>6,459</b>	<b>6,082</b>	<b>5,777</b>	<b>5,662</b>	<b>5,717</b>	<b>56,591</b>

Notes:

(a) The number of CEQAnet cases was adjusted to estimate projects that were not reported to the State Clearinghouse. The adjustment factors were based on data from local jurisdictions collected by BAE Urban Economics in the 2016 report CEQA in the 21st Century with additional research to determine separate factors for each review category. This analysis refined the breakdown between negative declarations and MNDs in the City of Los Angeles and updated the CEQAnet query to include projects where the local jurisdiction was the lead agency. These factors were applied to CEQAnet review documents in California:

Negative declarations	3.4
Mitigated negative declarations	3.9
EIR's	1.5

Sources: BAE, 2016; 2021 Report, 2021; Office of Planning and Research, 2023; The Housing Workshop; 2023.

## **Appendix C: Detail for Petitioners of CEQA Lawsuits 2019 – 2021**

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
Friends of the Broadway Corridor, an unincorporated association	City of Sonoma and City Council of the City of Sonoma	SCV 263732	1/2/2019		1								
TRINITY ACTION ASSOCIATION, INC., a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF TRINITY, a Political Subdivision of the State of California; RICHARD TIPPETT, in his capacity as Trinity County Planning Department Director; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV001	1/3/2019		1								
ROSEVILLE SOLIDARITY, a Community Group; DAVID TURNER, an individual	CITY OF ROSEVILLE, ROSEVILLE CITY COUNCIL, ROSEVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION, and DOES 1-20	SCV 0042347	1/4/2019		1								
BOYLE HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, AN UNINCORPORATED ASSOCIATION; AND CARLOS MONTES, AN INDIVIDUAL	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP00046	1/4/2019		1								
SHELLEY HATCH and RONALD POMERANTZ	CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 through 15	19CV00051	1/7/2019									1	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003047-CU-WM-GDS	1/8/2019	1				1					
SAN JOAQUIN TRIBUTARIES AUTHORITY, a Joint Powers Authority; OAKDALE IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; SOUTH SAN JOAQUIN IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; TURLOCK IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a public agency; CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a public agency	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	CV62094	1/9/2019							1			
584 14TH STREET, LLC	CITY OF OAKLAND, OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF OAKLAND PLANNING AND BUILDING DEPARTMENT, and DOES 1 through 25 inclusive	RG19001924	1/9/2019								1		
PLANNING AND CONSERVATION LEAGUE, CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, AQUALLIANCE, AND CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	34-2019-80003053	1/10/2019	1									
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF BANNING	RIC 900544	1/10/2019	1									
MODESTO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	34-2019-80003052-CU-WM-GDS	1/10/2019							1			
WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	19CECG00165	1/10/2019							1			
CITY OF MODESTO	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD and DOES 1 TO 100, INCLUSIVE	34-2019-80003051	1/10/2019							1			

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CHRISTOPHER J. WESELOH, on behalf of JEANNE M. WESLOH, surviving Trustee of the WILLIAM E. AND JEANNE M. WESELOH TRUST, GRETCHEN and DOMINIC KOTAB, as husband and wife joint tenants, SCOTT C. PONCETTA, as representative of SUNNY COVE GETAWAY LLC, DANIELLE and GREG PONCETTA, a married couple, as owners of FAMILY TIRES LLC, FREDERICK and MURIEL SCHLICHTING, a married couple, MICHAEL WALKER as representative of the ROSL WALKER FAMILY II LLC, limited liability corporation, JAMES S. and JOSEPHINE VAUDAGNA, a married couple, JAMES P. VAUDAGNA, as representative of LYNN, ANN, JAMES P., and SUSAN VAUDAGNA, STUART BECKER, single man, JOHN AND BARBARA KONTOUDAKIS, husband and wife as joint tenants, RENEE ELLIS, as representative of PHOENIX FAMILY, LP, FRED VIALEK and BETTY GEORGE BIALEK, husband and wife, JAN AHRENS, a married woman, SHELLEY LAWRIE, as representative of WILLIAM, BEVERLY and SHELLEY LAWRIE, WILLIAM L. LAWRIE, as trustee of the WILLIAM L. and BEVERLY B. LAWRIE 2017 REVOCABLE TRUST, JAY AND GAIL SCHWARTZ as agents for BARBARA NELSON, a single woman, BARBARA VENTURACCI as representative of BARBARA PLAGEMAN VENTURACCI, LAURA PLAGEMAN, and ELIZABETH PLAGEMAN, JOSPEH MELEHAN as Trustee of the Tax Deferral Trust under the MELEHAN REVOCABLE TRUST OF DECEMBER 21, 1984, ROYA HOSSEINI as Manager and Member of FARIS BEACH, LLC, MARY CHRISTI BECERRA as Manager of 240 BEACH DRIVE LLC, ERIC MARTIN STARK as Trustee of the ERIC MARTIN STARK REVOCABLE TRUST, MAJID GERAMI as Trustee of the MAJID GERAMI AND KIM GURRIES GERAMI TRUST, KENNETH MARTZ as Trustee of the MARTZ FAMILY TRUST, DONALD LEE LUCAS, as Manager of RANCHO LAND HOLDINGS LLC, GEOFFREY VAN LOUCKS, as Surviving Trustee of the VAN LOUCKS LIVING TRUST, and BRAD ROBSON, on behalf of SHARLEEN ROBSON, surviving Trustee of the ROBSON FAMILY LIVING TRUST	COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ, a public agency, PENINSULA PROPERTIES COMPANY, a California corporation, and any and all of its successors in interest, AND ALL PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN THIS COMPLAINT, WHICH IS ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFFS' TITLE OR CREATES ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFFS' TITLE, DOES 1-100, inclusive	18CV03315	1/11/2019									1	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF BANNING, a California municipal corporation; CITY COUNCIL OF BANNING, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1900654	1/11/2019			1							
Springbrook Heritage Alliance, an unincorporated association	City of Riverside and City Council of the City of Riverside	RIC1900694	1/14/2019			1							
BUENA VISTA WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California Water Storage District	KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority		1/14/2019							1			
JONATHAN BERK	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; DOES 1 through 25 inclusive	CPF-19-516491	1/14/2019									1	
Preservation Sacramento, a California nonprofit corporation	City of Sacramento and City Council of City of Sacramento	34-2019-80003056-CU-WM-GDS	1/15/2019				1						
Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	City and County of San Francisco, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Planning Department, and Does 1 to 10	CPF19516493	1/15/2019			1							
COALITION TO PRESERVE LA, INC., a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-10	19STCP00017	1/15/2019		1								
PAUL PHILLIPS, an individual; GENIA PHILLIPS, an individual; and REGINA CARIAGA, an individual	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and DOES 1 through 25	CPF19516497	1/16/2019									1	
CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	S253594	1/16/2019							1			
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003057-CU-WM-GDS	1/16/2019	1				1					

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ONE VASSAR LLC	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	CPF-19-516498	1/16/2019								1		
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF BEVERLY HILLS/BEVERLY GROVE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP00035	1/16/2019		1								
REBECCA (BECKY) STEINBRUNER	SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, and GENERAL MANAGER FOR SOQUEL CREEK WATER DISTRICT, MR. RON DUNCAN	19CV00181	1/17/2019									1	
CITY OF TEMPLE CITY and CITY OF ROSEMEAD	CITY OF EL MONTE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, and DOES 1-20	19STCP00254	1/18/2019							1			
JOHN R. LAWSON ROCK & OIL, INC.	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD; and RICHARD COREY, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board	19CECG00331	1/22/2019								1		
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003063-CU-WM-GDS	1/25/2019	1				1					
SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District		1/25/2019							1			
NEWTOWN PRESERVATION SOCIETY and WANDA NAGEL	COUNTY OF EL DORADO; EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-20	PC 20190037	1/28/2019				1						
CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORTATION, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003073-CU-WM-GDS	1/30/2019		1								
CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE, COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS		1/31/2019	1									
CALIFORNIA FARM BUREAU FEDERATION	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003076-CU-WM-GDS	2/5/2019								1		
LAFAYETTE BOLLINGER DEVELOPMENT LLC, a California Limited Liability Company; DAVID BRUZZONE; and JOAN BRUZZONE	TOWN OF MORAGA; MORAGA TOWN COUNCIL	N19-0241	2/7/2019								1		
JOSE MEXICANO, an individual; ALEJANDRO MARTINEZ, an individual; and LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 270, an organized labor union	CITY OF SAN JOSE, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN JOSE; ROSALYNN HUGHEY, Planning Director of the City of San Jose in her official capacity	19CV342662	2/7/2019						1				
SAVE HISTORIC ROSEVILLE, a Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation	CITY OF ROSEVILLE, a municipal corporation, Junction Station, LP, and DOES 1 through 20	SCV0042495	2/7/2019				1						
SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; CLAREMENT ELMWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; PANORAMIC HILL ASSOCIATION, a non-profit, public benefit corporation; DWIGHT HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a non-profit unincorporated association; and PHILLIP BOKOVOY, an individual	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, an agency of the State of California; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her official capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; VINI BHARGAVA, in her official capacity as Director of Physical And Environmental Planning of the University of California, Berkeley; and JANET NAPOLITANO, in her official capacity as President of the University of California; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG19006256	2/8/2019		1								
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; LIVABLE LA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; COMMUNITY REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF LOS ANGELES (CRA/LA)	19STCP00520	2/19/2019		1								
LOS FELIZ IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP00567	2/25/2019		1								
MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT	PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA	S253585	2/26/19							1			



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VENICE STAKEHOLDERS ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a governmental entity; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, governing body of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	19STCP00629	3/1/2019		1								
MARGARET MCCANN, an individual	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a charter city; CITY COUNCIL of the CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2019-00011813-CU-TT-CTL	3/4/2019									1	
RICHARD R. VANHUMBECK and SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		3/6/2019						1				
THE SALVATION ARMY, a California non-profit religious corporation, EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, a non-profit corporation; GROWGOOD INC., a non-profit corporation; and SHELTER PARTNERSHIP, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF BELL, CALIFORNIA, a public entity; and Does 1-100, Inclusive	19STCP00693	3/7/2019			1							1
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE WIND ENERGY, an unincorporated association; CALIFORNIA UNIONS FOR RELIABLE ENERGY, an unincorporated association; CHARLES A. MCDANIEL, an individual; KASEY WOOLRIDGE-CASPERSEN, an individual; ELMER DIAZ, an individual; WILLIAM R. PIEPER, an individual; and JUAN O. DOMINGUEZ, an individual	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a public agency; RIVERSIDE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a public agency; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RIC1901829	3/11/2019		1				1				
JOSE VAROS, REINALDO GATICA, JAVIER RODRIGUEZ, CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION, AND DART CONTAINER CORPORATION OF CALIFORNIA	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, AND DOES 1-100	37-2019-00013383-CU-TT-CTL	3/12/2019								1		
BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS INC, a California corporation	CITY OF LANCASTER, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LANCASTER	19STCP00849	3/15/2019		1								
CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, and AQUALLIANCE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003108	3/27/2019	1									
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	34-2019-80003111	3/28/2019							1			
COUNTY OF SOLANO	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 - 10	34-2019-80003113	3/29/2019							1			
WILLIAM HENRY	CITY OF SANTA MONICA, A MUNICIPAL CORPORATION; DOES 1-10	19STCP01023	4/2/2019									1	
GRANITE BAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY	COUNTY OF PLACER; and PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DOES 1-20, inclusive	SCV 0042737	4/2/2019		1								
THE SUNSET LANDMARK INVESTMENT, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01027	4/2/2019								1		
CREED-21	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00018043-CU-WM-CTL	4/5/2019		1								
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, SIERRA CLUB, and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CITY OF FONTANA, FONTANA CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-25, inclusive	CIV DS 1911123	4/12/2019	1		1							
COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO	CITY OF FONTANA and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FONTANA	CIV DS 1911476	4/12/2019							1			
IMPERIAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT	THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA and Does 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP01376	4/18/2019							1			
LA MIRADA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF HOLLYWOOD, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01381	4/18/2019		1								
BNSF RAILWAY COMPANY	EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT, and DOES 1-20	N19-0763	4/19/2019								1		
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, and DOES 1-XX	19CV01246	4/23/2019		1								

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EAST MEADOW ACTION COMMITTEE, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	19CV01312	4/25/2019		1								
VENTURA COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE, AND BUSINESS, a non-profit membership organization	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, and DOES 1-25, inclusive	56-2019-00527815-CU-WM-VTA	4/25/2019								1		
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF CHOWCHILLA, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHOWCHILLA	MCV080961	4/25/2019		1								
GREATER LOS ANGELES COMMUNITIES ALLIANCE	CITY OF EL MONTE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EL MONTE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP01528	4/25/2019		1								
SACRAMENTO RAIL PRESERVATION ACTION GROUP, ARTHUR AND SANDRA BAUER, PAUL HELMAN, GREGG LUKENBILL, and DANIEL PAIGE	CITY OF SACRAMENTO; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	34-2019-80003130	4/26/2019				1						
FRANCIS DANIEL DRISCOLL, a.k.a. URI DRISCOLL and CHRISTINE MARIA DRISCOLL; PETER HOEY and SILVIA CHEVRIER; MERWIN ALBERT RUSSELL JONES, JR, a.k.a. RUSSELL JONES and LYNN M. JONES, Trustees of the Russell and Lynn Jones Family Trust u.a.d. September 23, 1982; GEORGE and MARY SCHMIDBAUER, Trustees of the Schmidbauer Family Trust u.a.d. November 6, 1992; and ALICE A. STURGES, Trustee of the 1986 Alice A. Sturges Recovable Trust, u.a.d. August 18, 1986	CITY OF ARCATA; ARCATA ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT; KAREN DIEMER, ARCATA CITY MANAGER; MARK ANDRE, DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CV190363	4/26/2019									1	
SAVE YORK MOUNTAIN, an unincorporated association, and STEPHANIE SHAKOFSKY	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		4/30/2019		1								
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY and ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP01610	5/1/2019	1									
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF SAN JACINTO, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF SAN JACINTO CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1902712	5/2/2019			1							
SAVE PETALUMA	CITY OF PETALUMA	SCV-264378	5/6/2019		1								
CARMAN PATANE	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA; SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 20	19CV347111	5/6/2019									1	
CHINATOWN COMMUNITY FOR EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; and DOES 1-10	19STCP01710	5/6/2019		1								
Vintage Wine Estates, Inc., a California corporation, dba Laetitia Vineyard & Winery	The State of California, California Department of Transportation aka Caltrans, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive	34-2019-80003141	5/7/2019								1		
SUSTAINERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California Non-Profit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	19STCP01753	5/8/2019		1								
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, Inc.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	19CV02459	5/9/2019		1								
FIX THE CITY, INC., a California nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	19STCP01884	5/13/2019		1								

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CLIMATE RESOLVE	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING	19STCP01917	5/15/2019	1									
BENZEN PROPERTIES, LLC, a California limited liability company; XR REALTY, LLC, a California limited liability company; SAINT ENTERPRISES FAMILY LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, a California limited partnership; END THE PIPELINE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH; THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH; DOES 1 THROUGH 25, inclusive	30-2019-01070544-CU-OR-CXC	5/17/2019		1						1		
SAFE FUEL AND ENERGY RESOURCES CALIFORNIA, an unincorporated association; STEVEN M. DICKINSON, an individual; DAVID GRACIAN, an individual; and TIM KNOEB, an individual	PORT OF STOCKTON, a public agency; THE STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT, a public agency; BOARD OF PORT COMMISSIONERS OF THE PORT OF STOCKTON, a public agency; BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STOCKTON PORT DISTRICT, a public agency; RICHARD ASCHIERIS, acting in his official capacity; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	STK-CV-UWM-2019-0006382	5/17/2019		1								
PARTNERS OF TEMESCAL CANYON, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a political subdivision of the State of California; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	RIC1903028	5/20/2019		1								
COLINAS DE CAPISTRANO COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION, a California nonprofit, mutual benefit corporation	CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, a Municipal Corporation and a General Law California City; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, an elected body of the City of Laguna Niguel; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF LAGUNA NIGUEL, an appointed body of the City of Laguna Niguel; and DOES 1 through 20, Inclusive	30-2019-01070843-CU-WM-CXC	5/20/2019		1								
SAVE THE EL DORADO CANAL	EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT; EL DORADO IRRIGATION DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1-20	PC 20190260	5/21/2019		1								
CONCERNED CITIZENS FOR COMMUNITY AND PUBLIC LANDS	COUNTY OF PLACER	S-CV-0043035	5/22/2019		1								
SUSTAINERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF BANNING, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BANNING; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BANNING	RIC1903059	5/23/2019		1								
SAVE THE HILL GROUP	CITY OF LIVERMORE	RG19020186	5/23/2019		1								
SAVE CARMEL POINT CULTURAL RESOURCES	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19CV002097	5/28/2019		1								
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY and CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19STCP02100	5/29/2019	1									
R. MORGAN HOLLAND, an individual and SAVE OUR NIPOMO NEIGHBORHOODS, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and SAN LUIS OBISPO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1-50, inclusive	19CV-0321	5/29/2019		1								
AFFORDABLE HOUSING COALITION OF SAN DIEGO COUNTY	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; SAN DIEGO HOUSING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10	37-2019-00027875-CU-WM-CTL	5/30/2019		1								
CITIZENS FOR A FRIENDLY AIRPORT	CITY OF CARLSBAD; COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00028690-CU-TT-CTL	6/4/2019		1								
BLOOM ENERGY CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation	CITY OF SANTA CLARA, a municipal corporation; SILICON VALLEY POWER, a not-for-profit municipal electric utility; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV348838	6/11/2019								1		
SAVE BERKELEY'S NEIGHBORHOODS, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET NAPOLITANO, in her capacity as President of the University of California; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; and DOES 1 through 20	RG19022887	6/14/2019		1								

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CITY OF BERKELEY	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; JANET NAPOLITANO, in her official capacity as President of the University of California; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her official capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; DOES 1 through 20	RG19023058	6/14/2019							1			
SALINAS VALLEY WATER COALITION	MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF MONTEREY COUNTY WATER RESOURCES AGENCY; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	19CV002430	6/18/2019		1								
KEVIN BEERS	CITY OF ELK GROVE, a governmental agency; CITY OF ELK GROVE CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Elk Grove; and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003168	6/21/2019									1	
SHAMROCK/OUTLETS AT THE BORDER LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a California Charter municipality, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO, PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO and DOES 1-20, inclusive	37-2019-00032095-CU-TT-CTL	6/21/2019								1		
PLACER COUNTY RESIDENTS FOR LEGAL COMPLIANCE	COUNTY OF PLACER; and PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND DOES 1-20, inclusive	SCV0043227	6/27/2019		1								
CALIFORNIA RIVER WATCH, an IRC Section 50(c)(3), non-profit, public benefit corporation	CITY OF HEALDSBURG	SCV-264647	6/28/2019	1									
EMERGENCY SHELTER COALITION, a non-profit organization	CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE; CITY COUNCIL OF SAN CLEMENTE, and PLANNING COMMISSION OF CITY OF SAN CLEMENTE	30-2019-01080355-CU-WM-CXC	6/28/2019		1								
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC1903643	7/3/2019			1							
CECILIA WEBSTER	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE and DOES 1 through X	RIC1903681	7/5/2019									1	
SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF CHULA VISTA and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00035192-CU-TT-CTL	7/8/2019						1				
CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE, a California nonprofit corporation	CITY OF AMERICAN CANYON, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	19 CV 001013	7/8/2019	1									
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC1903752	7/11/2019		1								
SAVE OUR BIG TREES	CITY OF SANTA CRUZ and CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ	19CV02062	7/12/2019		1								
BETTER NEIGHBORHOODS INC, a California corporation	CITY OF VACAVILLE, a municipal corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VACAVILLE	FCS053070	7/14/2019		1								
WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION AND FRIENDS OF FLOWER DRIVE	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP02987	7/15/2019				1						
PROTECT THE PROCESS	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY	19CV002885	7/18/2019		1								
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION; COALITION TO PRESERVE LA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP03103	7/22/2019		1								
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, and CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2019-00038747-CU-WM-CTL	7/25/2019	1	1								
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE and CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00038672-CU-TT-CTL	7/25/2019	1									

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STEPHEN SHAW, an individual	GOLDEN HILLS COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICT, a California district; JOHN BUCKLEY, an individual; DAVID BENHAM an individual; MARILYN WHITE an individual; AND DOES 1 TO 10, INCLUSIVE	BCV-19-102069	7/26/2019									1	
EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	CITY OF COMMERCE; and DOES 1 through 5	19STCP03166	7/26/2019		1								
STANISLAUS CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, a California fire protection district	CITY OF RIVERBANK, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CV-19-004402	7/26/2019							1			
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE; and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; CHARLTON H. BONHAM, as Director of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife; and DOES 1-10	37-2019-00039198-CU-TT-CLT	7/29/2019	1									
TED JIMENEZ; SOUTHWEST REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS	CITY OF COMMERCE and DOES 1-10	19STCP03295	8/1/2019						1				
EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE	CITY OF COMMERCE; COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL; ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE CITY COUNCIL'S APPROVAL OF THE CITADEL MALL EXPANSION PROJECT INCLUDING A 30-YEAR GROUND LEASE AND FINDINGS UNDER HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE APPROVED ON JUNE 18, 2019, AND THE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS NOS. 18-032 AND 18-033, ZONE CHANGES, MASTER SIGN PLAN, AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT SCH NO. 2016091024 APPROVED ON JULY 16, 2019; and DOES 1 through 5	19STCP03310	8/2/2019			1							
CASA MIRA HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit mutual benefit corporation, on its behalf and on behalf of the Association members, et al.	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, an agency of the State of California, DOES 1-50, inclusive, et al.	19-CIV-04677	8/12/2019		1								
SAVE 30TH STREET PARKING, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, KEVIN FAULCONER, in his official capacity as the mayor of the City of San Diego; DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2019-00042552-CU-TT-CTL	8/13/2019		1								
MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT, AND DOES 1-100	COUNTY OF MONTEREY, AND DOES 101-110	19CV003305	8/15/2019							1			
AJK FARMS, LLC, DALHAR FARMS, LLC, and LANCE JEFFREY STANLEY and SARAH HILEA STANLEY, individually and as trustees of the Stanley Revocable Living Trust	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1-20	CV-2019-1719	8/16/2019								1		
SWANSTON RANCH OWNERS ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	PT19-1724	8/19/2019		1								
GRANITE CHIEF WILDERNESS PROTECTION LEAGUE, a non-profit association	PLACER COUNTY	SCV0043613	8/22/2019		1								
SERVICE EMPLOYEES INTERNATIONAL UNION - UNITED HEALTHCARE WORKERS WEST	CITY OF OAKLAND, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG19033475	8/26/2019						1				
AFFORDABLE CLEAN WATER ALLIANCE, a California unincorporated association	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, a special district; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19STCP03670	8/26/2019		1								
ZIA CATTALINI	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION; and DOES VI through XX, inclusive	SCUK-CVPT-19-73167	8/30/2019									1	
LA MIRADA AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION OF HOLLYWOOD, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP03750	8/30/2019		1								
CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA	56-2019-00532905-CU-WM-VTA	9/4/2019	1									
CALIFORNIA STATE PARKS RANGERS ASSOCIATION	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2019-80003224	9/16/2019										1

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SAVE RURAL SLO, an unincorporated association and STEPHANIE SHAKOFSKY	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		9/17/2019		1								
RECLAMATION DISTRICT 501	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1-10	34-2019-80003225	9/18/2019							1			
VALLCO PROPERTY OWNER LLC	CITY OF CUPERTINO, and DOES 1-10	19CV355457	9/20/2019								1		
FRIENDS OF WESTWANDA DRIVE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal Corporation	19STCP04113	9/23/2019		1								
PROTECT OUR PRESERVES, INC.	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1 through 100	37-2019-00050800-CU-TT-CTL	9/24/2019		1								
SALMON PROTECTION AND WATERSHED NETWORK, a Project of TURTLE ISLAND RESTORATION NETWORK, a non-profit corporation; and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF MARIN	CLV1903709	9/26/2019	1	1								
TUSKATELLA, LLC	CITY OF ORANGE, CALIFORNIA, Does 1-50, inclusive	30-2019-01100714-CU-WM-CXC	9/26/2019								1		
CASEY MADDREN, an individual residing in Los Angeles, CA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP04172	9/27/2019									1	
Protect Our Plaza, an unincorporated association	City of Sonoma and City Council of the City of Sonoma	SCV-265261	9/30/2019		1								
MISSION PEAK CONSERVANCY and KELLY ABREAU	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1-20	RG19037369	10/1/2019		1								
CITIZENS FOR CONSISTENT LAND USE PLANNING, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF REDLANDS, a public entity	CIVDS1929689	10/3/2019		1								
HUM CPR Affiliates and HUM CPR	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR, DOES 1-50	CV190875	10/4/2019		1								
George Washington High School Alumni Association, a California public benefit corporation	San Francisco Unified School District; San Francisco Unified School District Board of Education; and Does 1 to 10	CPF19516880	10/4/2019										1
JUANENO BAND OF MISSION INDIANS; ACJACHEMEN NATION-BELARDES AND CALIFORNIA CULTURAL RESOURCES PRESERVATION ALLIANCE, INC.	CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY	19STCP04339	10/7/2019					1					
SANTA ANA NEEDS EQUITY, an unincorporated association; WILLIAM CONKLIN, an individual; KARINA RANGEL CONKLIN, an individual; YOON HEE CHOE, an individual	CITY OF SANTA ANA; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	30-2019-01104316-CU-WM-CXC	10/15/2019		1								
MILL VALLEY RESIDENTS FOR THE PROTECTION OF WILDLIFE, an Unincorporated Association	CITY OF MILL VALLEY, and DOES 1 through 100	CIV1903965	10/16/2019		1								
MATTHEW DONALDSON and CAROL DONALDSON	COUNTY OF MONTEREY; COUNTY OF MONTEREY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND DOES 1-50	19CV004224	10/17/2019									1	
CYNTHIA MARCOPULOS	CITY OF DALY CITY, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	19-CIV-06274	10/23/2019									1	
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; the CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP04589	10/23/2019		1								
PETER JOSHUA	SAN FRANCISQUITO BREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, a regional government agency, BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF SAN FRANCISQUITO CREEK JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	19-CIV-06305	10/24/2019									1	
COASTAL DEFENDER NC	CITY OF ENCINITAS, AND DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2019-00057359-CU-PT-NC	10/29/2019		1								
SAVE RANCHO MIRAGE, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF RANCHO MIRAGE, a California Charter City; and DOES 1 through 50	RIC1905468	10/29/2019		1								
FIGHT BACK VENICE!	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	19STCP04740	11/1/2019		1								

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THORNWOOD REAL ESTATE, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF GOLETA, a California municipality, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GOLETA, PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA and DOES 1-10, inclusive	19CV05887	11/4/2019								1		
FRANK SOLINSKY	CITY OF CHICO, CITY COUNCIL OF CHICO, BRENDAN VIEG, Chico Director of Planning and Community Development, DOES 1 THROUGH 50	19CV03324	11/4/2019									1	
CHRISTOPHER "CHRIS" DURKIN, an individual; and 2417 GREEN STREET, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, a municipal corporation; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING DEPARTMENT; SAN FRANCISCO PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CGC19580677	11/8/2019									1	
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, and INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES	SAN LUIS AND DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY, and DOES 1 through 100	19CV-04989	11/12/2019	1									
HUMBOLDT REDWOOD COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware company	NORTH COAST REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD; CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CV1901082	11/18/2019								1		
DAVID S. SABIH, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE OF THE SABIH CHILDREN TRUST DATED DECEMBER 20, 2012 AND THE DAVID SABIH 2013 LIMITED REVOCABLE TRUST U/D/T DATED MAY 14, 2013	DALE SKEEN, AN INDIVIDUAL, JO MEI CHANG, AN INDIVIDUAL, MONTEREY PENINSULA PROPERTIES, A CALIFORNIA CORPORATION DOES BUSINESS AS MARK CRISTOFALO & COMPANY, AND DOES 1-500, INCLUSIVE;; COUNTY OF MONTEREY, MONTEREY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	19CV003092	11/19/2019									1	
WILLIAM P. GALLAHER, an individual	TOWN OF WINDSOR, TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF WINDSOR, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV265553	11/19/2019									1	
PROTECT TUSTIN RANCH	THE CITY OF TUSTIN, THE TUSTIN CITY COUNCIL, THE TUSTIN PLANNING COMMISSION	30-2019-01113056-CU-PT-CXC	11/19/2019		1								
CALAVERAS RESIDENTS AGAINST COMMERCIAL MARIJUANA	COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF CALAVERAS COUNTY; and DOES 1-20	19CV44446	11/21/2019		1								
ORANGE PARK ASSOCIATION	CITY OF ORANGE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORANGE, and DOES 1-20	30-2019-01113830-CU-TT-CXC	11/25/2019		1								
STOP LINCOLN TWELVE BRIDGES HOTEL, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LINCOLN; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LINCOLN; and DOES 1 to 20	SCV0044111	11/27/2019		1								
COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE EQUITABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT LOS ANGELES, an unincorporated association; CARLOS MENDIVIL, an individual; JAMES MORENO, an individual; and DAVID PIMENOV, an individual	CITY OF COMMERCE, a public agency; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE, a public agency; CITY OF COMMERCE PUBLIC WORKS & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, a public agency; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP03329	12/2/2019		1								
CITY OF OXNARD, a California Municipal Corporation	FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY, a California Special District	56-2019-00536759-CU-WM-VTA	12/2/2019							1			
WONDERFUL NUT ORCHARDS LLC	COUNTY OF FRESNO; and COUNTY OF FRESNO PUBLIC WORKS AND PLANNING DEPARTMENT	19CECG04364	12/3/2019								1		

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DOHENY-VIDOVICH PARTNERS, a California General Partnership	CITY OF LOS ALTOS, a California general law municipality; CITY OF LOS ALTOS CITY COUNCIL, a governing body; CITY OF LOS ALTOS PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, a public body; CITY OF LOS ALTOS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT, a division of the CITY OF LOS ALTOS; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19CV359702	12/4/2019								1		
PRESERVE CALAVERA	CITY OF OCEANSIDE, and DOES 1-20	37-2019-00065084-CU-TT-NC	12/6/2019		1								
CALIFORNIA CLEAN ENERGY COMMITTEE, a California nonprofit corporation	SACRAMENTO [sic] AREA COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	34-2019-80003278	12/10/2019	1									
CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF DANA POINT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF DANA POINT, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	30-2019-01117892-CU-TT-CXC	12/12/2019		1								
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; DOES 1-10	19STCP05445	12/16/2019		1								
ANDREW MIDLER, individually; MONICA MIDLER, individually; and MOSES PROPERTY, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, municipal corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of California, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2019-00067083-CU-TT-CTL	12/17/2019									1	
CALAVERAS PLANNING COALITION	CALAVERAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF CALAVERAS, and DOES 1-20	19CV44471	12/17/2019		1								
WILLIAM P. GALLAHER, an individual	CITY OF SANTA ROSA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-265711	12/17/2019									1	
LOS ANGELES WATERKEEPER	WEST BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	19STCP05479	12/18/2019	1									
RESIDENTS FOR ORCUTT SENSIBLE GROWTH, GINA LORD-GARLAND	THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SANTA BARBARA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION	19CV06707	12/19/2019		1								
Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association, mutual benefit corporation	City of Los Angeles; Los Angeles Local Enforcement Authority; Does 1-50, inclusive	19STCP05556	12/19/2019		1								
SANTA ANA CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association of concerned residents	CITY OF SANTA ANA, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	30-2019-01119794-CU-WM-CXC	12/19/2019		1								
RESIDENT GRANT WOODS	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	19STCP-05538	12/20/2019									1	
GREGORY LUCAS, an individual	CITY OF POMONA, a municipal corporation	19STCP05618	12/24/2019									1	
MOUND FARMS, a California Corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT, and DOES 1 through 20	PT-19-2766	12/27/2019								1		
LANDWATCH MONTEREY COUNTY	CITY OF DEL REY OAKS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	19CV005255	12/31/2019	1									
DAVISSON ENTERPRISES, INC.	CITY OF SAN DIEGO; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO; AND DOES 1-10	37-2019-00046002-CU-IT-CTL	08/30/19								1		
FRIENDS OF ROSE CREEK, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2019-00053679-CU-TT-CTL	10/09/19		1								
MORENA UNITED, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2019-00053964-CU-TT-CTL	10/10/19		1								



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FARMS FOR FARMING, DANNY ROBINSON, ROBCO FARMS, INC., JOSEPH TAGG, and WEST-GRO-FARMS-INC.	IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES I-XX	ECU000780	2/29/19		1						1		
CASEY MADDREN, an individual residing in Los Angeles, CA	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	19STCP00988	3/29/2019									1	
CALIFORNIA CONSTRUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit organization	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a public entity; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	56-2019-00527805-CU-WM-VTA	4/2/52019								1		
<b>Total</b>				<b>22</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>3</b>

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BERKELEY ADVOCATES FOR SMART HOUSING, an unincorporated association; GLEN STEVICK, an individual	CITY OF BERKELEY, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG20048859	1/2/2020		1								
Laurel Heights Improvement Association of San Francisco, Inc., a California non-profit corporation	City and County of San Francisco; San Francisco Board of Supervisors; and Does 1 to 10	CPF20516973	1/2/2020		1								
GRAND VIEW ASSOCIATION, ALEJANDRA M. CASTRO	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00028	1/3/2020		1								
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF PLACER, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER, PLACER COUNTY COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCE AGENCY; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	S-CV-0044277	1/9/2020	1									
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	BCV-20-100080	1/10/2020	1									
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP00112	1/10/2020		1								
KEEP THE CODE, INC., a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MENDOCINO, and DOES 11-100	SCUK-CVPT-2020-73755	1/15/2020		1								
MICHEHLE THRELKEL and PETITIONERS OF WEST ROSEVILLE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF ROSEVILLE; CITY OF THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0044310	1/17/2020		1								
CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE, a non-profit corporation, ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE, a non-profit corporation	BOARD OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, a public agency, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FORESTRY AND FIRE PROTECTION, a public agency, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00005203-CU-TT-CTL	1/28/2020	1									
WEST COAST HOME BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation, and DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD, a California municipal corporation, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	MSN20-0210	1/31/2020								1		
CRAIG S. LEHMAN	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT; HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING DIRECTOR, JOHN FORD, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CV2000200	2/5/2020									1	
RESPONSIBLE GROWTH PALMDALE	THE CITY OF PALMDALE, THE PALMDALE CITY COUNCIL, THE PALMDALE PLANNING COMMISSION, and THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20STCP00484	2/5/2020		1								
QUIET SKIES SAN DIEGO	SAN DIEGO COUNTY REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY, and DOES 1-20	37-2020-00007998-CU-TT-CTL	02/07/2020		1								

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PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, CLIMATE ACTION CAMPAIGN, and CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	CITY OF SANTEE, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2020-00007331-CU-TT-CTL	2/7/2020	1	1								
SANTEE TROLLEY SQUARE 991, LP	CITY OF SANTEE; THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTEE; and DOES 1-20	37-2020-00007895-CU-TT-CTL	2/7/2020								1		
FRIENDS OF SOUTH LIVERMORE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LIVERMORE	RG20054362	2/13/2020		1								
CHOICE IN AGING, a nonprofit corporation	CITY OF CONCORD, CITY OF CONCORD CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	N20-0329	2/19/2020		1								
KULVEER KAUR	CITY OF REDDING, REDDING CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 THROUGH 50, inclusive	194536	2/19/2020									1	
JAMES IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	WESTLANDS WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District	20CECG00688	2/20/2020							1			
GEORGE AND CHERYL BEDFORD	SANTA BARBARA COUNTY; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-10	20CV01025	2/21/2020									1	
SANTA ANA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district	CITY OF SANTA ANA, a California municipal corporation and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	30-2020-01133564-CU-WM-CJC	2/21/2020							1			
DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation, and WEST COAST HOME BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD; BRENTWOOD CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 25	N20-0357	2/26/2020								1		
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, a nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA	20CV01268	2/28/2020	1									
CITIZEN ADVOCATES FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a non-profit mutual benefit corporation	CITY OF ANAHEIM, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ANAHEIM, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	30-2020-01135332-CU-WM-CXC	2/28/2020		1								
ENCINITAS RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2020-00011962-CU-PT-NC	3/2/2020		1								
TSAKOPOULOS INVESTMENTS, LLC	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, a public entity; SACRAMENTO COUNTY OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING, a public entity; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	34-2020-80003341	3/2/2020								1		
PLEASANTON CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH	CITY OF PLEASANTON and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	RG20057095	3/4/2020		1								
WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION; and ADAMS SEVERANCE COALITION	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00916	3/4/2020		1		1						
ROBERT SARVEY, ROBERT JAMES SIMPSON, AND HELPING HAND TOOLS, INC.	CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION; MECPI SANTA CLARA, LLC; DOES 1-20, INCLUSIVE	CPF-20-517044	3/5/2020	1									
LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 294	COUNTY OF FRESNO and FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	20CECG00862	3/6/2020						1				
SAVE NORTH PETALUMA RIVER AND WETLANDS, an unincorporated association, and BEVERLY ALEXANDER, an individual	CITY OF PETALUMA, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF PETALUMA	SCV-266157	3/6/2020		1								
WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE and NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 20	34-2020-80003350-CU-WM-GDS	3/6/2020	1				1					

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THE KAWEAH COALITION	COUNTY OF TULARE	VCU282553	3/26/2020		1								
SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District	KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; and ROES 1 to 10, inclusive	BCV-20-100873	4/6/2020							1			
CLAYTON FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF CLAYTON; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CLAYTON; and DOES 1 to 20	CIVMSN20-0543	4/9/2020		1								
BRIAN CARLISLE	COUNTY OF PLACER; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF PLACER; AUBURN TRAPSHOOTING CLUB; and DOES 1-50, inclusive	S-CV-0044812	4/17/2020									1	
RAINBOW SAFETY GROUP, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation	20STCP01489	4/23/2020		1								
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 20	CPF20517078	4/28/2020	1				1					
Sierra Club; Center for Biological Diversity; Planning and Conservation League; and Restore the Delta	California Department of Water Resources; and DOES 1-20	CPF20517120	4/29/2020	1									
FRIENDS OF THE SOUTH CARTHAY HPOZ, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP01573	5/1/2020		1								
STATE WATER CONTRACTORS, KERN COUNTY WATER AGENCY, ANTELOPE VALLEY-EAST KERN WATER AGENCY, CENTRAL COAST WATER AUTHORITY, DUDLEY RIDGE WATER DISTRICT, COUNTY OF KINGS, OAK FLAT WATER DISTRICT, PALMDALE WATER DISTRICT, SANTA CLARITA VALLEY WATER AGENCY, SAN GABRIEL VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, and TULARE LAKE BASIN WATER STORAGE DISTRICT	STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 100	20CECG01302	5/4/2020							1			
TEHAMA-COLUSA CANAL AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; FRIANT WATER AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; GLENN-COLUSA IRRIGATION DISTRICT, a California Irrigation District; Reclamation District 108, a California Reclamation District; NATOMAS CENTRAL MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, a California Water Company; RIVER GARDEN FARMS COMPANY, a business entity; and SUTTER MUTUAL WATER COMPANY, a California Water Company	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California state agency; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California State agency		5/4/2020							1	1		
THE METROPOLITAN WATER DISTRICT OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, MOJAVE WATER AGENCY, COACHELLA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT, SAN GORGONIO PASS WATER AGENCY, and MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT OF ORANGE COUNTY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 through 100	20CECG01347	5/4/2020							1			
WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE, NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, and FELIX SMITH	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD, CENTRAL VALLEY REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, and DOES 1 through 100	CPF20517115	5/5/2020	1				1					
CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY AND SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and DOES 1 through 50	34-2020-80003368-CU-WM-GDS	5/6/2020							1			

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AQUALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY; SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	THE UNITED STATE BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; DAVID BERNHARDT, in his official capacity; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; and DOES 1-100	2:20-cv-00959-JAM-DMC	6/5/2020	1						1			
AQUALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE; CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK; CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY; SOUTH DELTA WATER AGENCY	THE UNITED STATES BUREAU OF RECLAMATION; SAN LUIS & DELTA-MENDOTA WATER AUTHORITY; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR; DAVID BERNHARDT, in his official capacity; U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE; and DOES 1 - 100	1:20-cv-878-DAD-EPG	5/11/2020	1						1			
ALEXANDRIA RACHEL DE ROSSI; JAMES SOTERIOS BICOS; JAMES D. WILBANKS II; HONG LEE WILBANKS; ANDRES RAFAEL VILLALOBOS; ALMA VILLALOBOS; FERNANDO TAMAYO; AMANDA HARSHAW; CANAAN WOLF; MIKE HARRINGTON; JENNIFER HARRINGTON; YULIYA BRODSKIY DBA RED HAWK SKY VIEW; JAN MCCARTY; HEATHER MCCARTY; KELLY BELLINI; ANTHONY DIROCCO; ERIC D. GOZLAN, TRUSTEE OF THE ERIC D. GOZLAN REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST; NEERU SEHGAL; DANNY ABREGO; NICHOLAS ORTEGA	CITY OF TEMECULA; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	MCC2000628	5/18/2020									1	
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, INC.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	20CV01907	5/22/2020		1								
ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP01745	5/26/2020		1								
BONITA INTEGRATION ACTION, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00016488-CU-TT-NC	5/26/2020		1								
BLUE OAKS TERRACE NEIGHBORHOOD ADVISORY COMMITTEE	TOWN OF PARADISE, a governmental entity; TOWN OF PARADISE TOWN COUNCIL, governing body of the Town of Paradise; and DOES 1-10	20CV01082	5/27/2020		1								
COALITION FOR AGRICULTURAL RIGHTS, a Wyoming mutual benefit nonprofit corporation	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, a political subdivision of the State of California; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20CV-0282	5/27/2020								1		
SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES; a California State Agency, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE, a California State Agency	20CECG01556	5/28/2020							1			
FRIENDS OF UPLAND WETLANDS, and DOES 1 through 10	CITY OF UPLAND, and DOES 11 through 100	CIV DS 2010521	5/29/2020		1								
CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY	FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY, CITY OF DEL REY OAKS, DOES 1 to 100	20CV001529	6/3/2020	1									

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DOUG MORANVILLE, an individual; KAREN MORANVILLE, an individual	CITY OF SAN DIEGO, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	37-2020-00018762-CU-TT-CTL	6/4/2020									1	
THE COMMITTEE FOR EDUCATION	SONOMA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-266424	6/4/2020		1								
SAN FRANCISCO BAYKEEPER, THE BAY INSTITUTE, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC. GOLDEN STATE SALMON ASSOCIATION, and DEFENDERS OF WILDLIFE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES and CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE	RG20063682	6/5/2020	1									
VENTURA COUNTY COALITION FOR LABOR, AGRICULTURE AND BUSINESS, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation; VENTURA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, a California nonprofit mutual benefit corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	56-2020-00542276-CU-TT-VTA	6/10/2020								1		
Neil Jones Food Company, Inc., a Washington corporation dba San Beinto Foods; Ana Jimenez, an individual	The City of Hollister, a municipal corporation; the City Council of the City of Hollister; Ignacio Velasquez, individually and as Mayor of the City of Hollister; Brett Miller, Interim City Manager of the City of Hollister; Danny Hillstock, City Engineer of the City of Hollister; and DOES 1 through 50	CU-20-00074	6/17/2020								1		
Willow Glen Trestle Conservancy, an unincorporated association	City of San Jose, City of San Jose Department of Public Works; and Does 1 to 5	20CV367292	6/19/2020				1						
POLLINATOR STEWARDSHIP COUNCIL and AMERICAN BEEKEEPING FEDERATION	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION and VAL DOLCINI, in his official capacity as Director of Pesticide Regulation	RG20066156	6/24/2020	1									
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE; CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY; PRESERVE WILD SANTEE; and THE CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2020-00022883-CU-TT-CTL	07/02/2020	1	1								
San Luis Architectural Preservation!	City of San Luis Obispo, San Luis Obispo City Council; and DOES 1-25	20CV-0354	7/8/2020				1						
WONDERFUL CITRUS II LLC; and THE WONDERFUL COMPANY LLC	COUNTY OF TULARE; and TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY	VCU283508	7/14/2020								1		
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a California municipal corporation; CITY OF MORENO VALLEY CITY COUNCIL, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 100	RIC2002675	7/16/2020			1							
ALBERT T. PAULEK; FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY,	City of Moreno Valley; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	RIC2002672	7/17/2020		1								
CENTER FOR COMMUNITY ACTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE; CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY; COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, SIERRA CLUB; and SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a municipal corporation; MORENO VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a dependent special district of the City of Moreno Valley; and DOES 1-20 inclusive	RIC2002697	7/17/2020	1		1							

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LABORERS INTERNATIONAL UNION OF NORTH AMERICA, LOCAL UNION 304, an organized labor union	CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipality; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipal body; and PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DUBLIN, a municipal body	RG20068501	7/17/2020						1				
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF NORCO, a municipal entity; NORCO CITY COUNCIL, a public entity	RIC2002731	7/20/2020			1							
Coalition for Historical Integrity, an unincorporated association	CITY OF SAN BUENAVENTURA, a chartered municipal corporation, acting by and through its CITY COUNCIL, its governing legislative body; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00543397-CU-PT-VTA	7/21/2020				1						
CHARANJIT GHAI, an individual; and GHAI MANAGEMENT SERVICES, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF LATHROP, a general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0006262	7/24/2020								1		
PEDRO POINT COMMUNITY COALITION, an unincorporated association and ALLISON WEST	CITY OF PACIFICA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA, and DOES 1 Through 15	20-CIV-03141	7/28/2020		1								
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF MENIFEE, a municipal entity; MENIFEE PLANNING COMMISSION, a public entity	RIC2002920	7/30/2020			1							
COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES, COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCATES FOUNDATION, PROTECT GRASS VALLEY AND RALPH A. SILBERSTEIN	CITY OF GRASS VALLEY	CU20-084791	8/3/2020		1								
SAVE OUR NORMANDIE MARIPOSA HISTORIC DISTRICT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP02463	8/3/2020				1						
DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC. and FARIA LAND INVESTORS, LLC	EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT; EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1 through 50	N20-1115	8/6/2020								1		
Central Delta Water Agency, South Delta Water Agency, and Local Agencies of the North Delta	California Department of Water Resources	34-2020-80003457-CU-WM-GDS	8/10/2020							1			
LINDA KROFF, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	20STCP02538	8/10/2020									1	
KENNETH BAINES	CITY OF INGLEWOOD, a municipal corporation; CITY OF INGLEWOOD CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02559	8/11/2020									1	
IBC BUSINESS OWNERS FOR SENSIBLE DEVELOPMENT, a California non-profit association	CITY OF IRVINE, a California municipal corporation; CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF IRVINE; the duly-elected legislative body of the City; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2020-01155214-CU-WM-CXC	8/14/2020								1		
RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION OF GREATER LAKE MATHEWS, a non-profit benefit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC2003210	8/14/2021		1								
CCOLE, LLC, a limited liability company	CITY OF LAKE ELSINORE, a public entity; and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	RIC2003238	8/18/2020		1								
CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF LAKE, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LAKE; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV 421152	8/20/2020	1									
BRENTWOOD AUTO SPA, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF BRENTWOOD, a general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	MSN20-1171	8/28/2020								1		
FRIENDS OF BIG BEAR VALLEY, SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, INC., CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-25	CIVDS2017298	8/28/2020	1	1								

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BONNYVIEW BECHELLI COALITION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF REDDING	195741	9/1/2020		1								
CITY OF HESPERIA, a municipal corporation	LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, a public body corporate and politic; BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF LAKE ARROWHEAD COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT; DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CIVDS2019176	9/1/2020							1			
CITY OF SOUTH GATE, a California general law city	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, a political subdivision of the State of California; LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02807	9/1/2020							1			
COMMITTEE FOR SOUND WATER AND LAND DEVELOPMENT OF FORT ORD	CITY OF SEASIDE, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL; FORT ORD REUSE AUTHORITY; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	20CV002326	9/1/2020		1								
PRESERVE OUR RURAL COMMUNITIES, a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF SAN BENITO, SAN BENITO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	CU-20-00114	9/1/2020		1								
PROTECTING THE CHILDREN OF ORCHARD SCHOOL	CITY OF SAN JOSE; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	20CV370153	9/1/2020		1								
TERRA BELLA VOICE FOR CHANGE	COUNTY OF TULARE; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, TULARE COUNTY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AGENCY, DOES 1-10	VCU284345	9/1/2020		1								
TRINITY COUNTY FOR SMALL BUSINESS	COUNTY OF TRINITY; and DOES 1 through 100	20CV106	9/1/2020		1								
FRIENDS OF MELROSE WESTERN, a California non-profit unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP02829	9/2/2020		1								
JOAN JOAQUIN WOOD	SUTTER COUNTY, BY AND THROUGH ITS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CVCS20-0001446	9/2/2020									1	
MARTIN FAMILY HOLDINGS, LLC, a California limited liability company	STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TOSK OMISHAKKIN, Director of Caltrans; DAN MCELHINNEY, Director of Caltrans District 10; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	CV-20-003776	9/2/2020								1		
PACIFIC PLASTICS, INC., a California Corporation	THE CITY OF BREA, a public agency of the State of California, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BREA, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2020-01158750-CU-WM-CXC	9/2/2020								1		
Preservation Action Council of San Jose, a California non-profit corporation	City of San Jose and City Council of the City of San Jose	20CV370195	9/2/2020				1						
CITY OF ROCKLIN, a municipal corporation	TOWN OF LOOMIS, a municipal corporation; TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	S-CV-0045516	9/4/2020							1			
CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST FOUNDATION and COASTAL ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS FOUNDATION	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	37-2020-00031320-CU-WM-CTL	9/4/2020	1									
DONALD McPHERSON; and COASTAL DEFENDER, a nonprofit organization	CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH; MANHATTAN BEACH CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 to 100, inclusive	20STCP02851	9/4/2020		1								
ALPAUGH IRRIGATION DISTRICT	COUNTY OF TULARE and DOES 1-20	20CECG02606	9/8/2020							1			



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CITY OF LAWNGDALE, a municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (CALTRANS), a public entity; CALTRANS DISTRICT 7, a public entity; LOS ANGELES COUNTY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY, a public entity; SOUTH BAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, a joint powers authority; and DOES 1-10, inclusive	20STCP02875	9/8/2020							1			
GINA CASILLAS, an individual; RAFAEL CASILLAS, an individual	CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, a California Municipality; CITY OF MONTEREY PARK CITY COUNCIL, the City Council of the City of Monterey Park; CITY OF MONTEREY PARK PLANNING COMMISSION, the Planning Commission of the City of Monterey Park	20STCP02865	9/8/2020									1	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, a municipal entity; SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a public entity	CIVDS2018974	9/8/2020			1							
ARCADIANS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION, an unincorporated associailton	CITY OF ARCADIA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA, and DOES 1 THROUGH 10	20STCP02902	9/9/2020		1								
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE GROWTH, an unincorporated association	TOWN OF LOOMIS; CITY COUNCIL FOR TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0045539	9/9/2020		1								
BRACE TAYLOR, LLC	TOWN OF LOOMIS, CITY COUNCIL FOR TOWN OF LOOMIS; and DOES 1 to 20	S-CV-0045533	9/10/2020								1		
CITY OF MONTEREY	MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT and MONTEREY PENINSULA AIRPORT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS; and DOES 1-10	20CV002445	9/10/2020							1			
COMITE CIVICO DEL VALLE	COUNTY OF IMPERIAL; DOES 1 through 4	ECU001573	9/11/2020			1							
SCARONI PROPERTIES, INC.	COUNTY OF IMPERIAL and DOES 1-20; and IMPERIAL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	ECU001568	9/11/2020								1		
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK; FRIENDS OF THE NORTHERN SAN JACINTO VALLEY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; and DOES 1 through 20 inclusive	RIC2003634	9/14/2020		1								
Heber Public Utility District	County of Imperial, DOES 1-20, inclusive	ECU001576	9/14/2020							1			
SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a Public Entity	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a Public Entity, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, a Public Entity, the CITY OF LOS ANGELES HARBOR DEPARTMENT, a Public Entity, and the LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, , a Public Entity	20STCP02985	9/16/2020							1			
NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, INC., SAN PEDRO AND PENINSULA HOMEOWNERS COALITION, SAN PEDRO PENINSULA HOMEOWNERS UNITED, INC., EAST YARD COMMUNITIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE, AND COALITION FOR CLEAN AIR, INC.	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, PORT OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES BOARD OF ANGELES, AND LOS ANGELES BOARD OF HARBOR COMMISSIONERS, public entities	20STCP02978	9/16/2020	1		1							
WEST VALLEY ALLIANCE FOR OPTIMAL LIVING, an unincorporated association; JEFF BORNSTEIN, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP03011	09/17/2020		1								
CITY OF TUSTIN, a public entity	CITY OF SANTA ANA; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA; and DOES 1-25, inclusive	30-2020-01161134	9/18/2020							1			

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Friends of the New Helvetia Public Housing, an unincorporated association	City of Sacramento, City Council of the City of Sacramento, and Community Development Department of the City of Sacramento	34-2020-80003490-CU-WM-GDS	9/25/2020				1						
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION, CALIFORNIA SPORTFISHING PROTECTION ALLIANCE, and the WINNEMEM WINTU TRIBE	DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, and DOES 1 through 100	34-2020-80003491-CU-WM-GDS	9/25/2020	1				1					
CALIFORNIA WATER IMPACT NETWORK, AQUALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	34-2020-80003492-CU-WM-GDS	9/28/2020	1									
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION	CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD; RICHARD COREY, in his official capacity as Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	20STCP03138	9/28/2020								1		
MOJAVE PISTACHIOS, LLC, a California limited liability company; and PAUL G. NUGENT AND MARY E. NUGENT, Trustees of the Nugent Family Trust dated June 20, 2011	INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, a California joint powers authority; THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER AUTHORITY, a governing body; ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE MATTER OF THE VALIDITY OF (1) THE GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY PLAN FOR THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN, (2) THE REPORT ON THE INDIAN WELLS VALLEY GROUNDWATER BASIN'S SUSTAINABLE YIELD OF 7,650 ACRE-FEET, (3) AMENDMENT TO ORDINANCE NO. 02-18 ESTABLISHING GROUNDWATER EXTRACTION FEES AND THE RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR THEIR IMPOSITION, (4) THE ADOPTION OF REPORT ON TRANSIENT POOL AND FALLOWING PROGRAM, AND (5) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A BASIN REPLENISHMENT FEE; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	BCV-20-102284	9/30/2020								1		
STOCKTON DELTA RESORT, LLC	RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, and DOES 1-50	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0008321	9/30/2020								1		
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, a municipal corporation; CITY OF HERMOSA BEACH, a municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	20STCP03193	10/1/2020							1			
THE PROTECT OUR COMMUNITIES FOUNDATION	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; and DOES 1 - 100		10/1/2020		1								
STOCKTON DELTA RESORT, LLC	RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 548, and DOES 1-50	STK-CV-UWM-2020-0008321	10/2/2020								1		
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE, PACIFIC COAST FEDERATION OF FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATIONS, INSTITUTE FOR FISHERIES RESOURCES, and SAN FRANCISCO CRAB BOAT OWNERS ASSOCIATION	CITY OF RICHMOND, and DOES 1 through 100	CIVMSN20-1528	10/9/2020	1									

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VENTURA COUNTY COALITION OF LABOR, AGRICULTURE, AND BUSINESS, a non-profit membership organization; and VENTURA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; VENTURA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION; and DOES 1-25, inclusive	56-2020-00546174-CU-WM-VTA	10/14/2020								1		
AERA ENERGY LLC, a California limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a municipal corporation, and the COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	56-2020-00546180-CU-WM-VTA	10/15/2020								1		
CALIFORNIA RESOURCES CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546189-CU-WM-VTA	10/15/2020								1		
CARBON CALIFORNIA COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; CARBON CALIFORNIA OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, acting by and through its BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00546198-CU-WM-VTA	10/15/2020								1		
LLOYD PROPERTIES, A CALIFORNIA LIMITED PARTNERSHIP	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546196-CU-WM-VTA	10/15/2020								1		
Protect Our Community Now, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district; POWAY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION; and MARIAN KIM PHELPS, in her capacity as Superintendent	37-2020-00037296-CU-WM-CTL	10/15/2020		1								
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00546193-CU-WM-VTA	10/15/2020								1		
ANABELLA BADALIAN, an individual, and MATTHEW JACOB, an individual	CITY OF TURLOCK, TURLOCK CITY COUNCIL and DOES 1 to 20	CV-20-004616	10/16/2020									1	
BLACKHORSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation; LA JOLLA SHORES ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2020-00037564-CU-TT-CTL	10/16/2020		1								
722-728 S. BROADWAY, L.P., a limited partnership	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a public entity; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, an elected governing body; and DOES 1-100 inclusive	20STCP03499	10/21/2020								1		
CITIZENS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND RESPONSIBLE PLANNING, an unincorporated association, CLINT NELSON, an individual and MATT WALTER, an individual	COUNTY OF LAKE; THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CV 421326	10/21/2020		1								
PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE, and CALIFORNIA CHAPARRAL INSTITUTE	CITY OF SANTEE, CITY OF SANTEE CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	37-2020-00038168-CU-WM-CTL	10/21/2020	1	1								
CASEY STEED, an individual, and MERCED SMART GROWTH ADVOCATES, a California unincorporated association	CITY OF MERCED, a California municipal corporation, and MERCED CITY COUNCIL, a body politic	20CV-03123	10/22/2020		1								
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK	CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	RIC2004343	10/28/2020									1	
SAFEWAY INC, a Delaware corporation	CITY OF VALLEJO, BY AND THROUGH THE CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 THROUGH XXX	FCS055595	10/28/2020								1		

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Sierra Club; Center for Biological Diversity; Planning and Conservation League; Restore the Delta; and Friends of Stone Lakes National Wildlife Refuge	California Department of Water Resources; and DOES 1-20	34-2020-80003517-CU-WM-GDS	10/28/2020	1									
CUDAHY ALLIANCE FOR JUSTICE, an unincorporated association; SUSANA DE SANTIAGO; and AYDE BRAVO BERRIOS	CITY OF CUDAHY; CITY OF CUDAHY CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1-20	20STCP03621	11/3/2020		1								
FRIENDS OF MUJR WOODS PARK; WATERSHED ALLIANCE OF MARIN	COUNTY OF MARIN, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MARIN and DOES I through X	CIV2003248	11/4/2020		1								
AMADOR COUNTY TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION	COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SACRAMENTO, THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION aka CALTRANS, and Does 1 through 50, inclusive	34-2020-80003525-CU-WM-GDS	11/5/2020							1			
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP03683	11/6/2020		1								
KINGS GARDEN INC., a Nevada corporation; CK ENDEAVORS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	CVPS2000541	11/9/2020								1		
AIRPORT BUSINESS CENTER, a California limited partnership, and BLUE FOX PARTNERS, a California general partnership	CITY OF SANTA ROSA, CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	SCV-267372	11/12/2020								1		
CITIZENS FOR THE PRESERVATION OF R-1 ZONES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a municipal corporation		11/11/2020		1								
YUBA COUNTY WATER AGENCY	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD; EILEEN SOBECK, in her official capacity; E. JOAQUIN ESQUIVEL, in his official capacity; DORENE D'ADAMO, in her official capacity; TAM DUDOC, in her official capacity; SEAN MAGUIRE, in his official capacity, LAUREL FIRESTONE, in her official capacity; and DOES 1 THROUGH 100	20CECG03342	11/13/2020							1			
SANTA BARBARA COALITION FOR RESPONSIBLE CANNABIS, Inc.	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-10	20CV03770	11/16/2020		1								
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING	20STCP03817	11/18/2020		1								
UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LOS ANGELES, a non-profit California corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; CITY OF LOS ANGELES PLANNING DEPARTMENT; and CITY OF LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL; DOES 1-10	20STCP03844	11/19/2020		1								
SAVE OUR FOREST ASSOCIATION, INC.; SIERRA CLUB; and SAN BERNARDINO VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY	COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CIVSB 2025038	11/20/2020	1									
SIERRA CLUB, CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY, FRIENDS OF THE RIVER	DEL PUERTO WATER DISTRICT	CV-20-005193	11/20/2020	1									
CALIFORNIA-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY, a California corporation	MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, a public agency, and the MONTEREY PENINSULA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	20CV003201	11/25/2020								1		

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SUNSHINE HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP03910	11/25/2020		1								
Sainte Claire Historic Preservation Foundation, a California non-profit corporation; and Does 1 to 5	City of San Jose, City Council of the City of San Jose, and City of San Jose Department of Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services	20CV374459	11/30/2020				1						
SOLANO COUNTY WATER AGENCY, INC., a California public agency with municipal authority	STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California state agency; and DOES I THROUGH XXX	FCS055749	12/1/2020							1			
CORONADO CITIZENS FOR TRANSPARENT GOVERNMENT; and DOES 1 through 10,	CITY OF CORONADO; and DOES 11 through 100	37-2020-00044167-CU-TT-CTL	12/2/2020		1								
RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2060, a California Reclamation District, and RECLAMATION DISTRICT NO. 2068, a California Reclamation District	THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California Agency	FCS055736	12/2/2020							1			
ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, a California corporation	CITY OF FULLERTON, a municipal corporation	30-2020-01172905-CU-WM-CXC	12/3/2020	1									
CENTRAL DELTA WATER AGENCY	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES	FCS055743	12/3/2020							1			
CITY OF VALLEJO, a Municipal Corporation	STATE OF CALIFORNIA STATE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES, a California State Agency; and DOES I THROUGH XXX	FCS055757	12/3/2020							1			
GRANT PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES, an unincorporated association, MELISSA FREEBAIRN, JOHNNY FONT, KEVIN VOGEL; and RENEE GOLDER	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH; SANDRA SHEWRY, in her official capacity as Interim Director STATE PUBLIC HEALTH; DR. ERICA PAN, in her official capacity as Acting State Public Health Officer; HARM REDUCTION COALITION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY (an entity of form unknown); DENISE ELERICK, and DOES 51 to 100, inclusive	34-2020-80003551	12/8/2020		1								
PECHANGA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS; and SOBOBA BAND OF LUISENO INDIANS	CITY OF MENIFEE	CVR12000531	12/9/2020					1					
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF FONTANA, a municipal entity; FONTANA CITY COUNCIL, a public entity	CIVSB2027899	12/10/2020			1							
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF FONTANA	CIVSB2028894	12/11/2020	1									
COSTA PACIFICA ESTATES HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a California corporation, ROBERT HATFIELD, and HAROLD ORNDORFF	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15		12/15/2020		1								
SAINT IGNATIUS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, a mutual association	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CPF20517320	12/15/2020		1								
SUSTAINABLE TORRANCE AND NORMANDIE DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP04124	12/15/2020		1								
WESTERN STATES PETROLEUM ASSOCIATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California; VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	56-2020-00547988-CU-WM-VTA	12/17/2020								1		

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ABA ENERGY CORPORATION, a California corporation	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a municipal corporation; the COUNTY OF VENTURA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	56-2020-00548077-CU-WM-VTA	12/18/2020								1		
CARBON CALIFORNIA COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company; CARBON CALIFORNIA OPERATING COMPANY, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company	COUNTY OF VENTURA, a political subdivision of the State of California, acting by and through its BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	56-2020-00548181-CU-WM-VTA	12/18/2020								1		
Don't Morph the Wharf!, an unincorporated association	City of Santa Cruz and City Council of the City of Santa Cruz	20CV02731	12/19/2020		1								
COALITION OF PACIFICANS FOR AN UPDATED PLAN, KRISTIN CRAMER	CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA, CITY OF PACIFICA	20-CIV-05719	12/21/2020		1								
SACRAMENTO INVESTMENT WITHOUT DISPLACEMENT, INC.	BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	34-2020-80003557-CU-WM-GDS	12/21/2020		1								
MB POETS	CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH	20STCP04201	12/22/2020				1						
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	CVRI2000725	12/22/2020		1								
CAMARILLO SANITARY DISTRICT, CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, CITY OF SIMI VALLEY, CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS, CENTRAL VALLEY CLEAN WATER ASSOCIATION, AND SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE OF PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	20CECG03752	12/31/2020							1			
<b>Total</b>				<b>30</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>0</b>

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CITY OF MARYSVILLE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	CVPT21-00034	1/5/2021							1			
CASTRO VALLEY SANITARY DISTRICT, a California sanitary district	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA; ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100 inclusive	RG21085523	1/8/2021							1			
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California Nonprofit Corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, governing body of the City of Los Angeles; LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, a local public agency; DOES 1-10	21STCP00049	1/11/2021		1								
Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition, an unincorporated association; Preserve Orange County, a California non-profit public benefit corporation; and Village Laguna, a California non-profit corporation	City of Laguna Beach and City Council of Laguna Beach	30-2021-01178477-CU-TT-CXC	1/11/2021				1						
SAVE SAN MARCOS FOOTHILLS	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA; and DOES 1-1	21CV00065	1/11/2021		1								
ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	21STCP00092	1/13/2021	1									
SAVE SAWMILL MOUNTAIN and CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE; COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV63579	1/15/2021	1	1								
ALBERT THOMAS PAULEK	CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION, and Does 1-20 inclusive	CVRI2100084	1/19/2021									1	
CITIZENS FOR RESPONSIBLE SHORT TERM RENTAL REGULATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MALIBU, a municipal corporation	21STCP00153	1/20/2021		1								
ALBA LUZ PRIVADO; PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE RENEWAL; and UNITE HERE LOCAL 11	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; and DOES 1 through 5	21STSP00177	1/22/2021		1				1				
TRINITY INSTITUTE FOR PERMACULTURE FARMING AND RESTORATIVE FORESTRY, LLC	COUNTY OF TRINITY, CALIFORNIA; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF TRINITY COUNTY	21CV017	1/27/2021								1		
Ballona Wetlands Land Trust	California Department of Fish and Wildlife; DOES 1 to 10	21STCP00242	1/28/2021		1								
DEFEND BALLONA WETLANDS, a California unincorporated association; ROBERT JAN VAN DE HOEK, an individual; and MOLLY BASLER, an individual	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California state agency	21STCP00240	1/28/2021		1								
GRASSROOTS COALITION, a California Non-Profit Organization; BALLONA ECOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT, an unincorporated community organization	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a State Agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH 10	21STCV03657	1/28/2021		1								
PROTECT BALLONA WETLANDS, an unincorporated association	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE, a California state agency	21STCP00237	1/28/2021		1								
SAVE SAWMILL MOUNTAIN and CENTRAL SIERRA ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE CENTER	COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE; COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	CV63614	1/28/2021	1	1								
CITY OF BAKERSFIELD, a charter city and California municipal corporation	GROUNDWATER BANKING JOINT POWERS AUTHORITY, a California Joint Powers Authority; ROSEDALE-RIO BRAVO WATER STORAGE DISTRICT, a California Water Storage District; IRVINE RANCH WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; and DOES 1 to 30, inclusive	BCV-21-100221	2/2/2021							1			
Historic Architecture Alliance, an unincorporated association; Laguna Beach Historic Preservation Coalition, an unincorporated association; and Does 1 to 5	City of Laguna Beach and City Council of Laguna Beach	30-2021-01182450-CU-TT-CXC	2/3/2021				1						

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FOOTHILL CONSERVANCY, a non-profit corporation; FRIENDS OF GREATER IONE, a mutual association	COUNTY OF AMADOR, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	21-CV-12012	2/4/2021		1								
CITY OF IRVINE	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01183322-CU-WM-CXC	2/8/2021							1			
LAWRENCE HICKMAN	CITY OF BERKELEY, CITY OF BERKELEY CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	RG21090322	2/16/2021									1	
PLACERVILLE DOWNTOWN ASSOCIATION, INC., and FRIENDS OF HISTORIC HANGTOWN	CITY OF PLACERVILLE, and DOES 1 through 10	PC 20210059	2/17/2021		1		1						
PARNASSUS NEIGHBORHOOD COALITION; and CALVIN WELCH	THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	RG21088939	2/19/2021		1								
SAN FRANCISCANS FOR BALANCED AND LIVABLE COMMUNITIES, an unincorporated association	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO; MICHAEL V. DRAKE, in his capacity as President of the University of California; SAM HAGWOOD, in his capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, San Francisco; and DOES 1 through 30	RG21089332	2/19/2021		1								
Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	University of California; The Regents of the University of California	RG21090517	2/19/2021			1							
OLEN PROPERTIES CORP., a Florida corporation	CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01185991-CU-WM-CXC	2/25/2021								1		
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY	CVRI2101221	3/4/2021	1									
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENSE CENTER, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF CHICO, a municipal corporation, and CITY OF CHICO CITY COUNCIL, a body politic, and DOES 1-50	21CV00500	3/5/2021	1									
WILDER OWNERS' ASSOCIATION	CITY OF ORINDA; ORINDA CITY COUNCIL	MSN21-0350	3/9/2021		1								
COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER ARVIN, COMMITTEE FOR A BETTER SHAFTER, COMITE PROGRESO DE LAMONT, NATURAL RESOURCES DEFENSE COUNCIL, SIERRA CLUB, AND CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF KERN; and DOES 1-20	BCV-21-100536-GP	3/10/2021	1		1							
KING AND GARDINER FARMS, LLC	COUNTY OF KERN; KERN COUNTY PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF COUNTY OF KERN; and DOES 1-20	BCV-21-100533-GP	3/10/2021								1		
PROTECT OUR COUNTY, a unincorporated association	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO and BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CVP-0061	3/10/2021		1								
ROOPA SHEKAR	CITY OF MONTE SERENO, a municipality,	21CV380209	3/10/2021									1	
SAFER SAN RAMON	CITY OF SAN RAMON	N21-0365	3/15/2021		1								
COYOTL + MACEHUALLI	CITY OF SOUTH PASADENA; and DOES 1-10	21STCP00897	3/19/2021		1								
MORENO VALLEY NEIGHBORS FOR QUALITY DEVELOPMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MORENO VALLEY, a municipal corporation	CVRI2101518	3/19/2021		1								
ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL OF SACRAMENTO, a California non-profit Corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; TOKS OMISHAKIN, DIRECTOR OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION; and DOES 1-20	34-2021-80003617	3/29/2021		1								



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SOUTH FEATHER WATER AND POWER AGENCY	NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT, NORTH YUBA WATER DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS, DOUG NEILSON, FRED MITCHELL, GARY HAWTHORNE, GRETCHEN FLOHR and RTIC HANSARD in their official capacities, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21CV00815	4/2/2021							1			
PROGRESS FOR BAKERSFIELD VETERANS, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF BAKERSFIELD	BCV-21-100778	4/7/2021								1		
AMBER GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD SAFETY GROUP	CITY OF CHICO, and DOES 1 through 10	21CV00870	4/8/2021		1								
NO NEW GAS NOVATO	CITY OF NOVATO	2100950	4/8/2021		1								
SAVE NORTH LIVERMORE VALLEY, OHLONE AUDUBON SOCIETY, and FRIENDS OF OPEN SPACE AND VINEYARDS	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ALAMEDA COUNTY PLANNING DEPARTMENT and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	RG21095386	4/9/2021		1								
FALL RIVER CONSERVANCY; and CALIFORNIA TROUT	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE; and CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME COMMISSION	34-2021-80003622-CU-WM-GDS	4/12/2021	1	1								
FRIENDS OF OCEANO DUNES, INC., a California not-for-profit corporation	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, a commission of the State of California; and DOES 1-50, inclusive CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION, a department of the State of California; and DOES 1-50, inclusive	21cv-0214	4/12/2021		1								
ROBERT ("MATT") JULIEN, an individual; and REBECCA JULIEN, an individual	CITY OF LATHROP, a California general law city; and DOES 1 through 100	STK-CV-UWM-2021-0003152	4/12/2021									1	
RURAL COMMUNITIES UNITED, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF EL DORADO; EL DORADO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 to 25	PC20210189	4/14/2021		1								
EAST MEADOW ACTION COMMITTEE, an unincorporated association	REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CV00994	4/15/2021		1								
G.I. INDUSTRIES, a Utah corporation, dba WASTE MANAGEMENT	CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS; CITY OF THOUSAND OAKS CITY COUNCIL; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	56-2021-00553340-CU-WM-VTA	4/16/2021								1		
BACKCOUNTRY AGAINST DUMPS, DONNA TISDALE, and JOE E. TISDALE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES I-XX	37-2021-00017245-CU-TT-CTL	4/19/2021		1								
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, DON STEVENS, RUSSELL B. WEISZ, HAL LEVIN, HARRY D. HOSKEY and PETER L. SCOTT	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, and DOES I-XX	21CV01022	4/19/2021		1								
ECOLOGIC PARTNERS, INC., a California Non-Profit Corporation; SPECIALITY EQUIPMENT MARKET ASSOCIATION, a California Non-Profit Corporation	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION; JOHN AINSWORTH, as Executive Director of the California Coastal Commission; CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; ARMANDO QUINTERO, as Director of the California Department of Parks and Recreation; and DOES 1-10	21CV-0219	4/20/2021										1
COMMUNITY ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE EDUCATION	WEST SONOMA COUNTY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT; and DOES 1-10	SCV-268238	4/21/2021		1								
GREENHOUSE RANCH, a California general partnership	PANOCHÉ WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District; STEVINSON WATER DISTRICT, a California Water District, and; DOES 1-25	21CV-01348	4/21/2021								1		
MIDCOAST ECO	CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION	CPF21517430	4/21/2021	1									
NORTHCOAST ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER, a non-profit organization; CITIZENS FOR A SUSTAINABLE HUMBOLDT, a public benefit corporation; and MARY GATERUD	COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT, a political subdivision of the State of California; HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 to 10, inclusive	CV2100518	5/7/2021	1	1								
RIVERPARK COALITION and LA WATERKEEPER	CITY OF LONG BEACH	21STCP01537	5/12/2201	1	1								
JEFF BORNSTEIN; LUIS MOLINA; and UNITE HERE LOCAL 11	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP01708	5/26/2021						1				

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
HILLTOP GROUP, INC., a California Corporation; ADJ HOLDINGS, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; and DOES 1-10	37-2021-00023554-CU-TT-CTL	5/27/2021								1		
CLARENCE CARTER, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation; LOS ANGELES BUREAU OF ENGINEERING, an entity thereof; and BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS, an entity thereof, and DOES 1-100, inclusive	21STCP01783	6/2/2021									1	
Glendale Historical Society, a California non-profit corporation	City of Glendale and City Council of the City of Glendale	21STCP01852	6/9/2021				1						
KERN WATER BANK AUTHORITY, WEST KERN WATER DISTRICT	KERN LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	BCV-21-101310-KCT	6/9/2021							1			
SAVE OUR LA VERNE ENVIRONMENT, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LA VERNE; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA VERNE; and DOES 1 to 20	21STCP01854	6/9/2021		1								
PAULA ACKEN, an individual; FRED ACKEN, an individual; JOHN DUVETTE, an individual; and LINDA DUVETTE, an individual; DAVID SCHNEIDER, an individual; JODY SCHNEIDER, an individual	CITY OF ORANGE; CITY COUNCIL OF ORANGE; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	30-2021-01207319-CU-WM-CJC	6/14/2021									1	
SANTA MONICA BAYSIDE OWNERS ASSOCIATION	CITY OF SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA COASTAL COMMISSION, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	21SMCP00269	6/15/2021		1								
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS. LOCAL 135; AND UNITED FOOD & COMMERCIAL WORKERS UNION LOCAL 135, an unincorporated non-profit association	CITY OF SAN DIEGO	37-2021-00027189-CU-TT-CTL	6/23/2021						1				
SAVE LIVERMORE DOWNTOWN	CITY OF LIVERMORE; LIVERMORE CITY COUNCIL	RG21102761	6/24/2021		1								
BLOOM ENERGY CORPORATION	CITY OF SANTA CLARA; and DOES 1-20, inclusive	21CV383800	6/29/2021								1		
EQUITY LIFESTYLE PROPERTIES, INC.	COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA; SANTA CLARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	21CV384256	7/1/2021								1		
RURAL ASSOCIATION OF MEAD VALLEY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	CVRI2103280	7/7/2021		1								
CLEAN UP WARNER CENTER CONTAMINATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02198	7/8/2021		1								
SUZANNE DUCA, an individual; AMALIA COFFEY, an individual; and DALE OBERN HOEFFLIGER, an individual	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a political subdivision of the State of California; SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, a governing body; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21CV02683	7/8/2021									1	
Save the Capitol, Save the Trees, an unincorporated association	California Department of General Services, Joint Committee on Rules of the California State Senate and Assembly; and California Department of Finance	34-2021-80003674	7/9/2021				1						
GRASSROOTS COALITION, a California non-profit organization; BALLONA EXOSYSTEM EDUCATION PROJECT, an unincorporated community organization	CALIFORNIA STATE COASTAL CONSERVANCY, a State Agency; and DOES 1 THROUGH 10, inclusive	2STCP02237	7/12/2021		1								
HI POINT NEIGHBORS' ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02223	7/12/2021		1								
SIERRA CLUB	THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY; the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MORENO VALLEY; and DOES 1 through 10	CVRI2103300	7/15/2021	1									
Delia Guerrero	City of Los Angeles, a Municipal Corporation and DOES 1 to 100	21STCP02307	7/16/2021									1	
GOLDEN STATE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ALLIANCE, a California not for profit corporation	CITY OF PERRIS, a municipal entity; PERRIS PLANNING COMMISSION, a public entity	CVRI2103204	7/16/2021			1							

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
SAVE OUR SLOPES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, a municipal corporation	21STCP02365	7/21/2021		1								
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE WESTLAKE/MACARTHUR PARK	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING, LOS ANGELES CITY PLANNING COMMISSION	21STCV27117	7/23/2021		1								
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF FONTANA	CIVSB2121605	7/23/2021	1									
UNITED NEIGHBORHOODS FOR LOS ANGELES, a California non-profit corporation; ANGELENOS FOR TREES, a California non-profit corporation	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation and DOES 1-10	21STCP02401	7/26/2021		1								
CITY OF SUSANVILLE, a California municipal corporation	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, a California state agency; KATHLEEN ALLISON, SECRETARY OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION, in her official capacity; GAVIN NEWSOM, in his official capacity, and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive	2021-CV0013269	7/28/2021							1			
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, a California public school district	CITY OF LONG BEACH PLANNING COMMISSION, CITY OF LONG BEACH, a California municipal corporation, ALEXIS OROPEZA, Zoning Administrator for the City of Long Beach, and ROES 1 through 100, inclusive	21STCP02440	7/28/2021							1			
SAVE THE EAST FORK ASSOCIATION	COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING; and DOES 1-10	21STCP02472	7/30/2021		1								
STOP THE BASELINE COMMERCIAL CENTER PROJECT, an unincorporated association	COUNTY OF PLACER; PLACER COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS and DOES 1-20	S-CV 0047082	8/2/2021		1								
SAN LEANDRO WORKERS ALLIANCE ; Simone Williams	SAN LEANDRO CITY COUNCIL and SAN LEANDRO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT PLANNING DIVISION	HG21108126	8/6/2021		1								
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	CONTRA COSTA COUNTY; CONTRA COSTA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	MSN21-1274	8/12/2021							1			
AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES LOCAL 3299	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA	RG21110157	8/20/2021						1				
LYNN KINCAID, an Individual, and SAMUEL KYLE, an Individual	CITY OF INDIO, a Municipal Corporation; and the CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIO, and DOES 1 through 20 inclusive	CVPS2104270	8/20/2021									1	
PRESERVING THE PEACE, TAXPAYERS FOR NPUSD ACCOUNTABILITY	MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, MONTEREY PENINSULA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES, DOES 1 to 100	21CV002755	8/27/2021		1								
SHANNON M. SPENCER, as an individual; SHANNON M. SPENCER, as Trustee of the Ellison Family Trust; ELI J. WALTERS, as an individual; ELI J. WALTERS, as Trustee of the Ellison Family Trust; SHERRI K. ELLISON; GARRETT A. WALTERS; and SETH S. WALTERS	COUNTY OF SISKIYOU; COUNTY OF SISKIYOU BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; and DOES 1 through 100	SCCV-CVPT-2021-984	9/3/2021									1	
MARTINEZ REFINING COMPANY LLC	BAY AREA AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	N21-1568	9/7/2021								1		
MARY'S KITCHEN, RICHARD HANCOX, LISA POLLARD, HORACIO AGUILAR, TODD CHRISTOPHER, DON TERRY, STARLA ACOSTA	CITY OF ORANGE	8:21-CV-01483 DOC JDE	9/9/2021										1
COALITION FOR COMPASSION and MICHAEL MALINOWSKI	CITY OF SACRAMENTO; and DOES 1-100, inclusive	2021-80003732	9/15/2021		1								
TEHACHAPI-CUMMINGS COUNTY WATER DISTRICT, a California water district	CITY OF TEHACHAPI, a California municipal corporation; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	BCV-21-102184	9/16/2021							1			

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
LAS POSAS BASIN WATER RIGHTS COALITION, an unincorporated association	FOX CANYON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT AGENCY, a public entity	21CV03714	9/17/2021		1								
COUNTY OF SOLANO	SACRAMENTO MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT and DOES 1-10	FCS057089	9/20/2021							1			
SAVE JACUMBA, WE ARE HUMAN KIND, LLC, and JEFFREY OSBORNE	SAN DIEGO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, and DOES 1 through 100	37-2021-00040109-CU-TT-CTL	9/20/2021		1						1		
WATSONVILLE PILOTS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF WATSONVILLE; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATSONVILLE, and DOES 1 THROUGH 15	21CV02343	9/23/2021										1
CALIFORNIA COASTKEEPER, a California non-profit corporation, and ORANGE COUNTY COASTKEEPER, a California non-profit corporation	CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SANTA ANA REGION a public agency	RG21113898	9/27/2021	1	1								
SIERRA CLUB	CITY OF SAN JOSE; CITY COUNCIL OF CITY OF SAN JOSE; and DOES 1 through 20	21CV388201	10/14/2021	1									
YOCHA DEHE WINTUN NATION, SIERRA CLUB, YOLO COUNTY FARM BUREAU, and VOICES FOR RESPONSIBLE LEADERSHIP	COUNTY OF YOLO, YOLO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOLO COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT, and DOES 1 through 50	CV2021-1864	10/14/2021	1				1			1		
CONCERNED CITIZENS OF HEMET, an unincorporated association	CITY OF HEMET, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive		10/18/2021		1								
CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL INVESTMENT GROUP, INC.	CITY OF AGOURA HILLS, and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21STCP03485	10/19/2021								1		
Protect Our Sonoma Valley Family Neighborhoods, an unincorporated association	County of Sonoma and its Board of Supervisors	SCV-269547	10/20/2021		1								
JCCRANDALL, LLC, a California limited liability company	COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA, a public entity; and DOES 1-20 inclusive	21CV04273	10/22/2021										1
AFFORDABLE CLEAN WATER ALLIANCE, a California unincorporated association	SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, a special district; and DOES 1 through 20, inclusive	21STCP03579	10/28/2021		1								
NORTH VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT, INC., a California corporation, and DISCOVERY BUILDERS, INC., a California corporation	CITY OF VACAVILLE, a California general law city		10/28/2021								1		
SOUTH FRESNO COMMUNITY ALLIANCE	CITY OF FRESNO; CITY COUNCIL OF FRESNO; and DOES 1 - 20	21CECG03237	10/29/2021			1							
HABITAT AND WATERSHED CARETAKERS, DON STEVENS, RUSSELL B. WEISZ, HAL LEVIN, HARRY D. HUSKEY and PETER L. SCOTT	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, and DOES I-XX	21CV02683	11/1/2021		1								
WEST COAST CHAPTER, INSTITUTE OF SCRAP RECYCLING INDUSTRIES, INC.; ECOLOGY RECYCLING SERVICES, LLC; SA RECYCLING, LLC; SCHNITZER STEEL INDUSTRIES, INC.; SIMS GROUP USA CORPORATION; and UNIVERSAL RECYCLING, INC.	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL; MEREDITH WILLIAMS, in her capacity as Director of the Department of Toxic Substances Control; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	34-2021-80003784	11/1/2021								1		
MAKE UC A GOOD NEIGHBOR, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation; and THE PEOPLE'S PARK HISTORIC DISTRICT ADVOCACY GROUP, a California nonprofit public benefit corporation	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA; MICHAEL V. DRAKE, in his capacity as President of the University of California; UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY; CAROL T. CHRIST, in her capacity as Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley; and DOES 1 through 30	RG21110142	11/2/2021		1		1						
Rebecca (Becky) Steinbruner	Soquel Creek Water District and Board of Directors for Soquel Creek Water District, and DOES 1-10, Inclusive	21CV02699	11/4/2021									1	
RURAL ASSOCIATION OF MEAD VALLEY, a California non-profit corporation	COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE	CVRI2105097	11/4/2021		1								
COALITION TO SAVE REDLANDS ORANGE GROVES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF REDLANDS, and DOES 1-10, inclusive	CIVSB2135469	11/5/2021		1								

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
NATIONAL AUDUBON SOCIETY, a New York Non-Profit Corporation; GOLDEN GATE AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation; MT. DIABLO AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation; and SANTA CLARA VALLEY AUDUBON SOCIETY, a California Non-Profit Corporation	COUNTY OF ALAMEDA, a municipal corporation; and DOES 1-10	21CV002710	11/17/2021	1	1								
FRIENDS OF RIVERSIDE'S HILLS, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, a public body corporate and politic, and DOES 1 through 5, inclusive	CVRI2105366	11/18/2021		1								
PONTI ROAD NEIGHBORS; NANCY MONTGOMERY	NAPA COUNTY; NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS	21CV001646	11/18/2021		1								
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, a municipal corporation	STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD	21STCP03809	11/19/2021							1			
Shawn Farrell	San Francisco Planning Department; San Francisco Board of Supervisors	CPF21517626	11/19/2021									1	
THE NAGY TRUST DATED MAY 10, 1988 and JUDITH NAGY GOETZ, TRUSTEE	CITY OF TORRANCE, a California Municipal Corporation, and DOES 1 through 100	21STCP03833	11/19/2021									1	
HOLT PARTNERS, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP03836	11/22/2021		1								
RAY B. BUNNELL, an individual; ROBERT KRUSE, an individual; and EDWARD POLLARD, an individual; and JAMES WARREN, an individual	COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO; and DOES 1 through 25, inclusive	21CV-0653	11/22/2021									1	
Yerba Buena Neighborhood Consortium, LLC, a subsidiary of the non-profit California corporation Tenants and Owners Development Corporation (TODCO)	Metropolitan Transportation Commission, Association of Bay Area Governments, and Does 1 to 10	CPF21517627	11/22/2021			1							
SUPPORTERS ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY, a California non-profit corporation	CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN MARCOS; and CITY OF SAN MARCOS, a California municipality	37-2021-00050059	11/23/2021		1								
NORTH COAST RIVERS ALLIANCE	MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT, and DOES 1-XX	CIV 2104008	11/24/2021	1									
PEOPLES COLLECTIVE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE; BRANDY DAVIS; SHAHRZAD SHISHEGAR; ARMANDO SANTOS; ADRIAN GUERRERO; JESUS NERI; WEST COVINA ALLIANCE FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT; TEAMSTERS LOCAL 396; and TEAMSTERS LOCAL 1932	CITY OF WEST COVINA; CITY COUNCIL OF WEST COVINA; CITY OF WEST COVINA PLANNING DIVISION; and DOES 1 through 5	21STCP03886	11/24/2021			1			1				
CANDLESTICK HEIGHTS COMMUNITY ALLIANCE, an unincorporated association	CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through its STATE LANDS COMMISSION; STATE OF CALIFORNIA, acting by and through its DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; and DOES 1 THROUGH 20	CPF21517632	11/29/2021		1								
ST. LUKE'S LUTHERAN CHURCH, LA MESA, CALIFORNIA, a California non-stock corporation	CITY OF LA MESA; and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	37-2021-00050398-CU-WM-CTL	12/1/2021										1
MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT and MADERA IRRIGATION DISTRICT GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY	MADERA COUNTY GROUNDWATER SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY; MADERA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS; COUNTY OF MADERA; and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	MCV086277	12/7/2021							1			
LAGUNA BEACH HISTORIC PRESERVATION COALITION and CATHERINE JURCA	CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH	30-2021-01235816-CU-PT-CXC	12/13/2021				1						
INTEGRAL ASSOCIATES DENA, LLC, a California limited liability company; HARVEST OF PASADENA, LLC, a California limited liability company	CITY OF PASADENA, a charter city; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA; and DOES 1-25	21STCP04058	12/16/2021								1		
UNIVERSITY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated association	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, RIVERSIDE, and DOES 1 through 10, inclusive	CVRI2105682	12/16/2021		1								

Plaintiff	Defendant	Case Number	Lawsuit Date	Env. Group	Com Group	Env. Justice	Historic Pres	Tribe	Labor Union	Public Agency	Business	Indiv	Other
OLD RIVERSIDE FOUNDATION, a California nonprofit corporation, FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF RIVERSIDE, a California nonprofit corporation, MISSION DISTRICT ASSOCIATES, LLC, a Delaware limited liability corporation, HISTORIC MISSION INN CORPORATION, a California corporation, and GABRIEL ROTH, an individual	CITY OF RIVERSIDE, RIVERSIDE CITY COUNCIL, and DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	CVRI2105778	12/21/2021		1						1		1
SUNFLOWER ALLIANCE	CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION, GEOLOGIC ENERGY MANAGEMENT DIVISION; DOES 1 through 100, inclusive	21CV004933	12/29/2021	1									
<b>Total</b>				<b>18</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>

## Appendix D: Seminal CEQA Cases Filed by Community Groups (1972-2016)

The following list is a sampling of important CEQA cases filed by community groups:

- *Friends of Mammoth v. Bd. of Supervisors of Mono County*: In a landmark opinion, the California Supreme Court held that CEQA applies not only to public projects, but also to private activities for which a permit or similar entitlement is required.<sup>334</sup> The Court emphasized that “the Legislature intended [CEQA] to be interpreted in such a manner as to afford the fullest possible protection to the environment.”<sup>335</sup>
- *Laurel Heights Improvement Assn. v. Regents of University of California*: The Supreme Court ruled for a neighborhood group, holding that CEQA required both a full analysis of the environmental impacts of a university’s future expansion and a meaningful discussion of alternatives.<sup>336</sup>
- *Vineyard Area Citizens for Responsible Growth et al. v. City of Rancho Cordova*: The Supreme Court held that the EIR for a large development project in a rural area could not ignore, or assume a solution to, the problem of supplying water to the project.<sup>337</sup>
- *Save Tara v. City of West Hollywood*: The Supreme Court ruled that a lead agency may not commit itself to a project without first conducting environmental review; otherwise, the agency is limited in its consideration of alternatives and mitigation measures.<sup>338</sup>
- *Banning Ranch Conservancy v. City of Newport Beach*: The Supreme Court held that the EIR for a large development project proposed for the last remaining open space on the Orange County coast must analyze the project’s impacts on environmentally sensitive habitat areas.<sup>339</sup>
- *Rural Landowners Assn. v. City Council*: The Court of Appeal ruled that the city’s omission of key information about the impacts of a project to develop agricultural lands constituted a prejudicial abuse of discretion under CEQA.<sup>340</sup>

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<sup>334</sup> (1972) 8 Cal.3d 247, 254-66.

<sup>335</sup> *Id.* at 259.

<sup>336</sup> (1988) 47 Cal.3d 376, 396-407.

<sup>337</sup> (2007) 40 Cal.4th 412, 430-32, 439-44.

<sup>338</sup> (2008) 45 Cal.4th 116, 138-42.

<sup>339</sup> (2017) 2 Cal.5th 918, 935-37.

<sup>340</sup> (1983) 143 Cal.App.3d 1013, 1017, 1023.

- *Citizens Assn. for Sensible Development of Bishop Area v. County of Inyo*: The Court of Appeal invalidated a county's decision to divide one shopping center project into two parts for purposes of environmental review, as this approach "improperly submerged the aggregate environmental impacts of the total project."<sup>341</sup>
- *Citizens of Goleta Valley v. Bd. of Supervisors*: The Court of Appeal held that a county's refusal to consider alternative sites for large resort hotel development on the California coast violated CEQA.<sup>342</sup>
- *Citizens for Quality Growth v. City of Mt. Shasta*: The Court of Appeal held that a city's approval of a project allowing development on wetlands violated CEQA because the city (1) failed to make findings adopting or rejecting the mitigation measures identified in the EIR and (2) failed to evaluate proposed alternatives before adopting a statement of overriding considerations.<sup>343</sup>
- *Stanislaus Natural Heritage Project v. County of Stanislaus*: The Court of Appeal invalidated the EIR for a large destination resort and residential community that failed to analyze the water supply beyond the initial five years of the project.<sup>344</sup>
- *Friends of the Old Trees v. Department of Forestry & Fire Protection*: The Court of Appeal affirmed a peremptory writ of mandate to rescind approval of a timber harvesting plan where the Department of Forestry had failed to consider either the plan's cumulative impacts or feasible project alternatives.<sup>345</sup>
- *Berkeley Keep Jets Over the Bay Committee v. Board of Port Commissioners*: The Court of Appeal ruled that the EIR for a large airport expansion failed to make a reasoned and good faith effort at full disclosure about the increase in toxic air contaminants and failed to adequately address the potential noise disturbance to area residents.<sup>346</sup>
- *Santa Clarita Org. for Planning and the Environment v. County of Los Angeles*: The Court of Appeal invalidated the EIR for a mixed use development that provided incomplete information about the water available to serve the project.<sup>347</sup>
- *Bakersfield Citizens for Local Control v. City of Bakersfield*: The Court of Appeal invalidated the EIR for two retail shopping centers that failed to analyze the project's potential to cause urban

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<sup>341</sup> (1985) 172 Cal.App.3d 151, 166-67.

<sup>342</sup> (1988) 197 Cal.App.3d 1167, 1177-80.

<sup>343</sup> (1988) 198 Cal.App.3d 433, 441-45.

<sup>344</sup> (1996) 48 Cal.App.4th 182, 194-206.

<sup>345</sup> (1997) 52 Cal.App.4th 1383, 1387.

<sup>346</sup> (2001) 91 Cal.App.4th 1344, 1367, 1372.

<sup>347</sup> (2003) 106 Cal.App.4th 715, 720-24.



decay.<sup>348</sup>

- *Pocket Protectors v. City of Sacramento*: The Court of Appeal held that a city erred in not preparing an EIR to evaluate a large development's conflicts with the city's land use policies and aesthetics.<sup>349</sup>
- *Save Round Valley Alliance v. County of Inyo*: The Court of Appeal held that a county violated CEQA in approving a development near the base of Mount Whitney because the EIR failed to analyze a possible land exchange with the Bureau of Land Management as an alternative to the project.<sup>350</sup>
- *RiverWatch v. Olivenhain Municipal Water District*: The Court of Appeal invalidated an EIR that failed to adequately consider the scope of the project and the responsible agency in the context of an agreement for the municipal water district to provide water to a trucking company for delivery to a landfill.<sup>351</sup>
- *Flanders Foundation v. City of Carmel By-the-Sea*: The Court of Appeal invalidated the EIR for a city's plan to sell off public lands because the city failed to consider a public comment suggesting an alternative that could have preserved an historic building.<sup>352</sup>
- *Save Our Big Trees v. City of Santa Cruz*: The Court of Appeal held that a city erred in relying on a CEQA exemption for its approval of amendments that weakened its heritage tree protection ordinances.<sup>353</sup>
- *Ukiah Citizens for Safety First v. City of Ukiah*: The Court of Appeal invalidated an EIR that inadequately analyzed the energy impacts of a proposed warehouse store and gas station.<sup>354</sup>

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<sup>348</sup> (2004) 124 Cal.App.4th 1184, 1204-13.

<sup>349</sup> (2005) 124 Cal.App.4th 903, 929-39.

<sup>350</sup> (2007) 157 Cal.App.4th 1437, 1459-65.

<sup>351</sup> (2009) 170 Cal.App.4th 1186, 1203-06, 1219.

<sup>352</sup> (2012) 202 Cal.App.4th 603, 615-17.

<sup>353</sup> (2015) 241 Cal.App.4th 694, 707-12.

<sup>354</sup> (2016) 248 Cal.App.4th 256, 263-66.

# Appendix E: Detail for Housing-Related Lawsuits' Unit Counts

## Appendix E1: Summary of Housing-Related CEQA Lawsuits' Unit Counts, 2019

2019 - Case Name (a)	100% Housing Project	Institutional (b)	Mixed-Use Project (Total)	Mixed-Use Project (Annualized) (c)	Total Units
<i>Friends of the Broadway Corridor v. City of Sonoma, et al. (SCV 263732)</i>			33	33	33
<i>Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance v. City of San Jacinto, et al. (RIC1902712)</i>			114	114	114
<i>Casey Maddren v. City of Los Angeles, (19STCP04172)</i>			176	176	176
<i>Resident Grant Woods v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP-05538)</i>			179	179	179
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP03103)</i>			200	200	200
<i>Shelley Hatch, et al. v. City of Santa Cruz, et al. (19CV00051)</i>			205	205	205
<i>Richard R. Vanhumbeck, et al. v. City of San Luis Obispo, et al.</i>			249	249	249
<i>Coalition to Preserve LA, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00017)</i>			249	249	249
<i>California River Watch v. City of Healdsburg (SCV264647)</i>			290	290	290
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP05445)</i>			323	323	323
<i>West Adams Heritage Association and Friends of Flower Drive v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP02987)</i>			408	400	400
<i>Golden State Environmental Justice Alliance v. City of Riverside, et al. (RIC1903643)</i>			482	400	400
<i>Preserve Calavera v. City of Oceanside, et al. (37-2019-00065084-CU-TT-NC)</i>			585	400	400
<i>Chinatown Community for Equitable Development v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01710)</i>			725	400	400
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00520)</i>			950	400	400
<i>Center For Biological Diversity, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al. (37-2019-00038747-CU-WM-CTL)</i>			1,119	400	400
<i>Davisson Enterprises, Inc. v. City of San Diego, et al. (37-2019-00046002-CU-HT-CTL)</i>			1,868	400	400
<i>Stanislaus Consolidated Fire Protection District v. City of Riverbank, et al. (CV-19-004402)</i>			2,802	400	400
<i>Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01610)</i>			3,150	400	400
<i>Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01917)</i>			19,333	400	400
<i>Los Feliz Improvement Association v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00567)</i>	4				4
<i>Venice Stakeholders Association v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al. (19STCP00629)</i>	154				154
<i>William Henry v. City of Santa Monica, et al. (19STCP01023)</i>	1				1
<i>Habitat And Watershed Caretakers v. Regents of the University of California (19CV01246)</i>		3,000			3,000
<i>Citizens for Responsible Development v. City of Chowchilla, et al. (MCV080961)</i>	200				200
<i>Benzen Properties, LLC, et al. v. City of Huntington Beach, et al. (30-2019-01070544-CU-OR-CXC)</i>	90				90
<i>Colinas De Capistrano Community Association v. City of Laguna Niguel, et al. (30-2019-01070843-CU-WM-CXC)</i>	53				53
<i>Save The Hill Group v. City of Livermore, et al. (RG19020186)</i>	44				44
<i>Save Carmel Point Cultural Resources v. County of Monterey, et al. (19CV002097)</i>	3				3
<i>Save Berkeley's Neighborhoods v. The Regents of the University of California et al. (RG19022887)</i>		150			150
<i>Placer County Residents for Legal Compliance v. County of Placer, et al. (SCV0043227)</i>	147				147
<i>Cecilia Webster v. County of Riverside, et al. (RIC1903681)</i>	48				48
<i>Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters v. City of Chula Vista, et al. (37-2019-00035192-CU-TT-CTL)</i>	170				170
<i>Better Neighborhoods Inc. v. City of Vacaville, et al. (FCS053070)</i>	245				245
<i>La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Association Of Hollywood v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP03750)</i>	60				60
<i>Friends of Westwanda Drive v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP04113)</i>	1				1
<i>Tuskatella, LLC v. City of Orange, et al. (30-2019-01100714-CU-WM-CXC)</i>	74				74
<i>Citizens For Consistent Land Use Planning v. City of Redlands, et al. (CIVDS1929689)</i>	29				29
<i>Frank Solinsky v. City of Chico, et al. (19CV03324)</i>	46				46
<i>David S. Sabih, et al. v. Dale Skeen, et al. (19CV003092)</i>	1				1
<i>Orange Park Association v. City of Orange, et al. (30-2019-01113830-CU-TT-CXC)</i>	128				128
<i>Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP05556)</i>	29				29
<i>Santa Ana Citizens for Responsible Development v. City of Santa Ana, et al. (30-2019-01119794-CU-WM-CXC)</i>	256				256
<b>Total Housing Units</b>	<b>1,783</b>	<b>3,150</b>		<b>6,018</b>	<b>10,951</b>
<b>Total Housing Building Permits for Same Year</b>					<b>110,197</b>
<b>% CEQA Lawsuits to Housing Building Permits</b>					<b>9.9%</b>

Note: These cases and unit counts are based on the full petition inventory detail shown in Appendix A.

a) All unit counts shown are for unique projects. If more than one lawsuit was filed for same project, a unit count is not repeated because duplicative.

b) Institutional housing is typically student housing, which is described as "beds." For this analysis, each bed was considered as 1 housing unit.

c) For the very large mixed-use projects, unit counts were "annualized" for purposes of comparison to annual statewide housing permits.

If a mixed-use project exceeded 400 units, it was capped at 400 on an annual basis for comparison to annual building permit data.

This is because very large residential projects undergo CEQA review in total as a built-out project, but permits and actual unit construction are typically phased over many years.

d) See Appendix E2 for full residential building permit data.

## Appendix E2: California Residential Building Permits 1972-2021

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Total Housing Units</b>
1972	279,313
1973	216,290
1974	127,340
1975	130,662
1976	219,682
1977	270,909
1978	245,302
1979	211,480
1980	144,375
1981	104,205
1982	85,031
1983	171,889
1984	224,689
1985	271,396
1986	314,641
1987	251,824
1988	253,369
1989	237,694
1990	163,175
1991	105,956
1992	97,781
1993	84,341
1994	96,982
1995	83,864
1996	92,060
1997	109,589
1998	124,035
1999	138,039
2000	145,575
2001	146,739
2002	159,573
2003	191,948
2004	207,390
2005	205,020
2006	160,502
2007	110,073
2008	62,681
2009	35,069
2010	43,716
2011	45,471
2012	58,549
2013	80,742
2014	83,657
2015	98,188
2016	102,350
2017	114,780
2018	113,502
2019	110,197
2020	106,075
2021	119,436

Source: US Census Building Survey 2022

[https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/statemonthly.html&c\\_year=2022](https://www.census.gov/construction/bps/statemonthly.html&c_year=2022)

# Appendix F: Urban Versus Sprawl Development

## Appendix F1: Housing Cases in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties, 2019

Name of Case	LOCATION OF PROJECT: COUNTY	LAWSUIT DATE	Urban Units	Sprawl Units
<i>Coalition to Preserve LA, Inc. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00017)</i>	Los Angeles	1/15/2019	249	
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00520)</i>	Los Angeles	2/19/2019	950	
<i>William Henry v. City of Santa Monica, et al. (19STCP01023)</i>	Los Angeles	4/2/2019	1	
<i>Center for Biological Diversity, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01610)</i>	Los Angeles	5/1/2019		3,150
<i>Chinatown Community for Equitable Development v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01710)</i>	Los Angeles	5/6/2019	725	
<i>Climate Resolve v. County of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP01917)</i>	Los Angeles	5/15/2019		19,333
<i>West Adams Heritage Association and Friends of Flower Drive v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP02987)</i>	Los Angeles	7/15/2019	408	
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP03103)</i>	Los Angeles	7/22/2019	200	
<i>La Mirada Avenue Neighborhood Association Of Hollywood v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP03750)</i>	Los Angeles	8/30/2019	60	
<i>Friends of Westwanda Drive v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP04113)</i>	Los Angeles	9/23/2019	1	
<i>Casey Maddren v. City of Los Angeles, (19STCP04172)</i>	Los Angeles	9/27/2019	176	
<i>AIDS Healthcare Foundation v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP05445)</i>	Los Angeles	12/16/2019	323	
<i>Mountaingate Open Space Maintenance Association v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP05556)</i>	Los Angeles	12/19/2019	29	
<i>Resident Grant Woods v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP-05538)</i>	Los Angeles	12/20/2019	179	
<i>Venice Stakeholders Association v. Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority, et al. (19STCP00629)</i>	Los Angeles - Central District	3/1/2019	154	
<i>Los Feliz Improvement Association v. City of Los Angeles, et al. (19STCP00567)</i>	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk Courthouse	2/25/2019	4	
<i>Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters v. City of Chula Vista, et al. (37-2019-00035192-CU-TT-CTL)</i>	San Diego	7/8/2019	170	
<i>Center For Biological Diversity, et al. v. County of San Diego, et al. (37-2019-00038747-CU-WM-CTL)</i>	San Diego	7/25/2019	1,119	
<i>Preserve Calavera v. City of Oceanside, et al. (37-2019-00065084-CU-TT-NC)</i>	San Diego	12/6/2019	585	
<i>Davisson Enterprises, Inc. v. City of San Diego, et al. (37-2019-00046002-CU-IT-CTL)</i>	San Diego, Central County Division	08/30/2019	1,868	
<b>TOTALS</b>			<b>7,201</b>	<b>22,483</b>

## Appendix F2: Housing Cases in Los Angeles and San Diego Counties, 2020

PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	CASE NO	LOCATION OF PROJECT:	Urban Units	Sprawl Units
GRAND VIEW ASSOCIATION, ALEJANDRA M. CASTRO	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00028	Los Angeles	100	
WEST ADAMS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION; and ADAMS	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	20STCP00916	Los Angeles	102	
LINDA KROFF, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; DOES 1	20STCP02538	Los Angeles	16	
FRIENDS OF MELROSE WESTERN, a California non-profit unincorporated	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; and DOES	20STCP02829	Los Angeles	64	
SUNSHINE HILL RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION, an unincorporated	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP03910	Los Angeles	1	
RAINBOW SAFETY GROUP, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation	20STCP01489	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk	4	
ADVOCATES FOR ACCESSIBLE OPEN SPACE, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP01745	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk	42	
SAVE OUR NORMANDIE MARIPOSA HISTORIC DISTRICT, an unincorporated	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	20STCP02463	Los Angeles - Stanley Mosk	50	
BLACKHORSE HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, a non-profit corporation;	THE REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,	37-2020-00037564-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego	2,000	
PRESERVE WILD SANTEE, CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL DIVERSITY,	CITY OF SANTEE, CITY OF SANTEE CITY COUNCIL; and	37-2020-00038168-CU-WM-CTL	San Diego		3,008
ENDANGERED HABITATS LEAGUE; CENTER FOR BIOLOGICAL	COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO; BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF	37-2020-00022883-CU-TT-CTL	San Diego, Central Division		67
ENCINITAS RESIDENTS FOR RESPONSIBLE DEVELOPMENT	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and	37-2020-00011962-CU-PT-NC	San Diego, North County Division	283	
BONITA INTEGRATION ACTION, a non-profit corporation	CITY OF ENCINITAS, a public body corporate and politic, and	37-2020-00016488-CU-TT-NC	San Diego, North County Division	10	
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>2,672</b>	<b>3,075</b>

## Appendix F3: Housing Cases for Los Angeles and San Diego Counties, 2021

PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT	CASE NO	LOCATION OF PROJECT: COUNTY	Urban Units	Sprawl Units
AIDS HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION, a California	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation; LOS	21STCP00049	Los Angeles	269	
ADVOCATES FOR THE ENVIRONMENT	CITY OF LOS ANGELES	21STCP00092	Los Angeles	19	
ALBA LUZ PRIVADO; PEOPLE ORGANIZED FOR WESTSIDE	CITY OF LOS ANGELES; and DOES 1 through 5	21STSP00177	Los Angeles	4	
JEFF BORNSTEIN; LUIS MOLINA; and UNITE HERE	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP01708	Los Angeles	1,009	
CLARENCE CARTER, an individual	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a California municipal corporation;	21STCP01783	Los Angeles	33	
Glendale Historical Society, a California non-profit corporation	City of Glendale and City Council of the City of Glendale	21STCP01852	Los Angeles	12	
SAVE OUR LA VERNE ENVIRONMENT, an	CITY OF LA VERNE; CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LA	21STCP01854	Los Angeles	42	
CLEAN UP WARNER CENTER CONTAMINATION, an	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02198	Los Angeles	193	
HI POINT NEIGHBORS' ASSOCIATION, an	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP02223	Los Angeles	20	
Delia Guerrero	City of Los Angeles, a Municipal Corporation and DOES 1 to 100	21STCP02307	Los Angeles	42	
SAVE OUR SLOPES, an unincorporated association	CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, a municipal corporation	21STCP02365	Los Angeles	16	
COALITION FOR AN EQUITABLE	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL, LOS	21STCU27117	Los Angeles	60	
HOLT PARTNERS, an unincorporated association	CITY OF LOS ANGELES, a municipal corporation	21STCP03836	Los Angeles	80	
<b>TOTALS</b>				<b>1,799</b>	<b>0</b>