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The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requires public agencies, including county offices of education, to assess the potential environmental effects of all proposed projects prior to approval. Under CEQA section 21065, a project means an activity which may cause either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment. For the evaluation of projects to be undertaken or approved, public agencies are mandated to adopt objectives, criteria, and procedures for the preparation of negative declarations or environmental impact reports, as appropriate.

The County Board of Education shall annually review and adopt “Local Guidelines for Implementing the California Environmental Quality Act.” The County Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that guidelines for evaluating the environmental impact of projects are updated annually. Adopted local guidelines for implementing CEQA shall be available for inspection by the public.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall review pending projects undertaken by the San Diego County Office of Education on an ongoing basis to ensure compliance with adopted local CEQA guidelines. Such projects may include acquisition of school sites, construction of new schools, and modernization of existing school sites.

The County Superintendent of Schools or designee shall review school district organization activities for which the County Board of Education is Lead Agency, such as boundary changes, to ensure compliance with adopted local CEQA guidelines.

Legal Reference: Public Resources Code
21000 et seq.
California Code of Regulations, Title 14
15020 et seq.