

Caltrans Local Assistance Risk-Based NEPA Process Improvements

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Risk Based NEPA Process Improvements

➤ **Statewide Initiatives:**

- NEPA Process Improvements
- Risk Based Stewardship and Oversight

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➤ **Statewide Initiatives:**

- NEPA Process Improvements
 - Lead by Division of Environmental Analysis (DEA)
 - Local Assistance Involved in DEA Subcommittees to Help Streamline Process for Local, Off-System Projects
- Risk Based Stewardship and Oversight
 - Lead by Division of Local Assistance (DLA)
 - DEA Involved in Approving Policy Proposals for Streamlining NEPA Implementation within Local Assistance

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➤ **Statewide Initiatives: NEPA Process Improvements**

Focus Areas:

- MOU Renewal & NEPA Implementation Process Improvements
 - Assignment In General vs. Policy, Procedure, & Guidance
 - Covers both Off-System (Local Assistance) & On-System (Capital) Projects & Process
 - NEPA Monitoring Reviews, Streamlining How We Conduct Monitoring & Address Findings
- CE Process
 - Elimination Redundant Documentation
- Annotated Outlines
 - Reducing Size of Environmental Documents
- QA/QC
 - Creating a more efficient document review process

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➤ **Statewide Initiatives:** Risk Based Stewardship and Oversight

Focus Areas:

- PES Smart-Form
 - “Mistake-Proofing” Project Intake & “Automating” Simple Analysis
- NEPA Documentation Requirements
 - Reducing technical studies & Supporting New PES Smart-Form
- NEPA-Only Environmental Assessment Template
 - Streamlined Annotated Outline for Local Assistance EAs

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Other HQ Initiatives

Revamped Training Program

- ▶ District Internal Trainings
- ▶ Local Agency External Trainings
- ▶ Web-Based On-Demand Trainings:
 - ▶ Emergency Relief
 - ▶ Active Transportation
 - ▶ “Preliminary Environmental Scoping”; “Local Agency Do's & Don'ts”; “Expectations for Environmental Consultants”
 - ▶ Various Technical Topics

District & Agency Specific Assistance

- ▶ CDFW Incidental Take Permit Financial Assurance Process

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Timeline:

Due to COVID-19, effort pushed out

Local Agency Participation:

On-going Engagement

Forth-coming Opportunities to Review

Piloting New PES Smart Form on Local Projects

Questions, Comments, Concerns?