

ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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CEQA establishes that it is CDF's responsibility to avoid or minimize environmental damage where feasible.

When fulfilling its role as a lead agency, CDF is responsible for complying with CEQA requirements and guidelines, and may not rely on comments from other public agencies or private citizens as a substitute for work CEQA requires it, as a lead agency, to accomplish. For example, a lead agency is responsible for the adequacy of its environmental documents. The lead agency shall not knowingly release a deficient document hoping that public comments will correct defects in the document. CEQA evaluations and document preparation shall be done in accordance with the direction provided in the Resource Management Handbook.

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