

## **CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA) REVIEW 5442**

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The regulation (through the forest practice rules and the THP review process) of timber operations on nonfederal lands in California has been certified as the functional equivalent of the CEQA review process. Functional equivalent certification means that all of the requirements of CEQA apply except for the preparation of environmental impact reports.

THPs submitted for timberland conversions (except conversion exemptions) are exceptions to normal plan evaluation and processing procedures. A THP for a conversion should not be accepted for filing until the full CEQA process for the timberland conversion is completed and the timberland conversion permit is issued.

A notice of determination by the lead agency for the conversion should be submitted with the THP. Once filed, the THP should be treated with the normal plan evaluation and processing procedures.

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