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# Presidential Substation Project

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**California Public Utilities Commission**

**Educational Workshop**

**March 3, 2009**

**Thousand Oaks, CA**

# Workshop Participants

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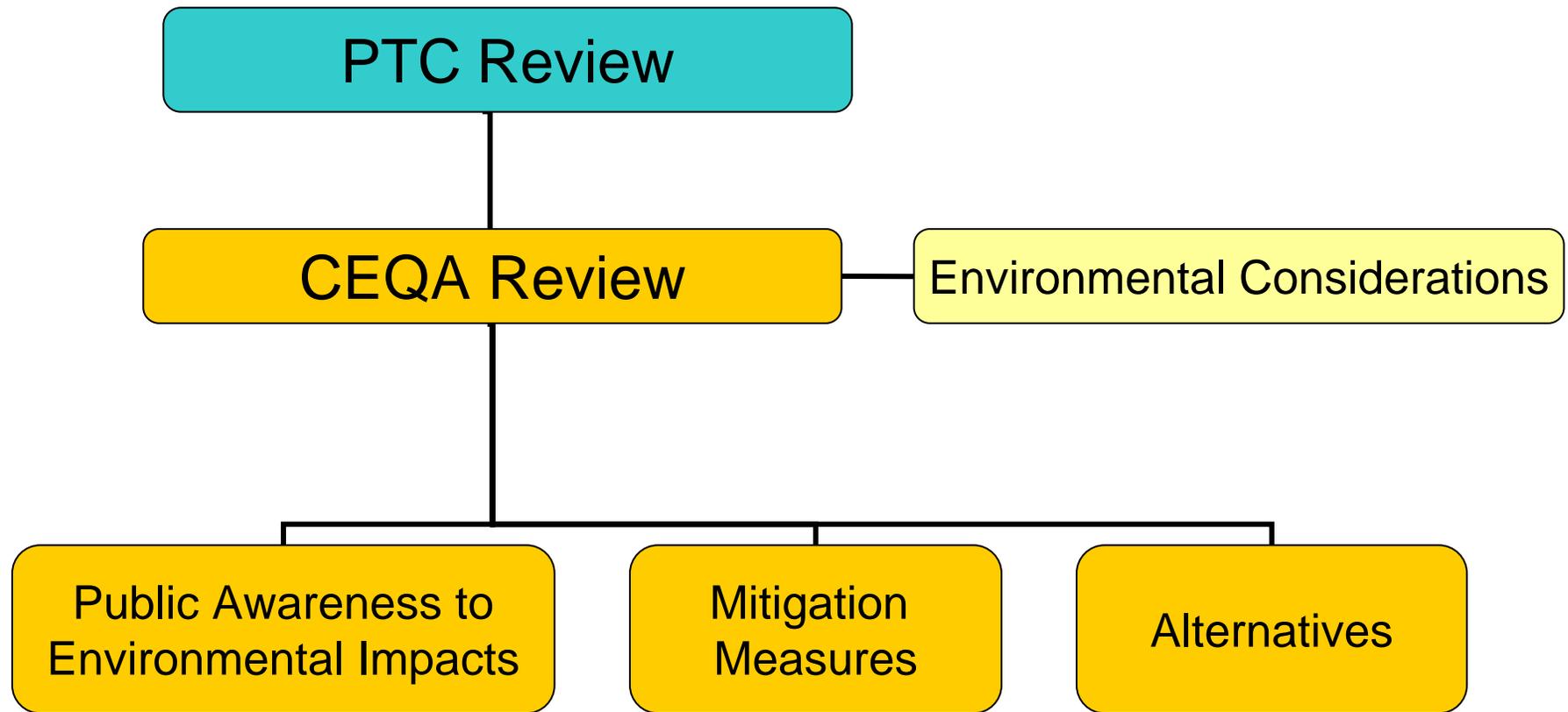
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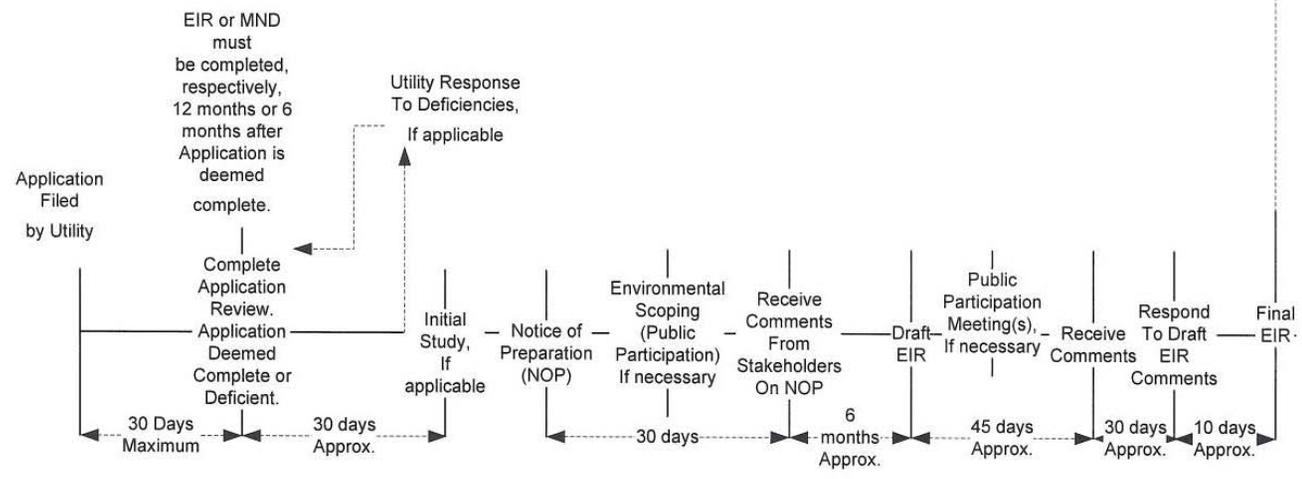
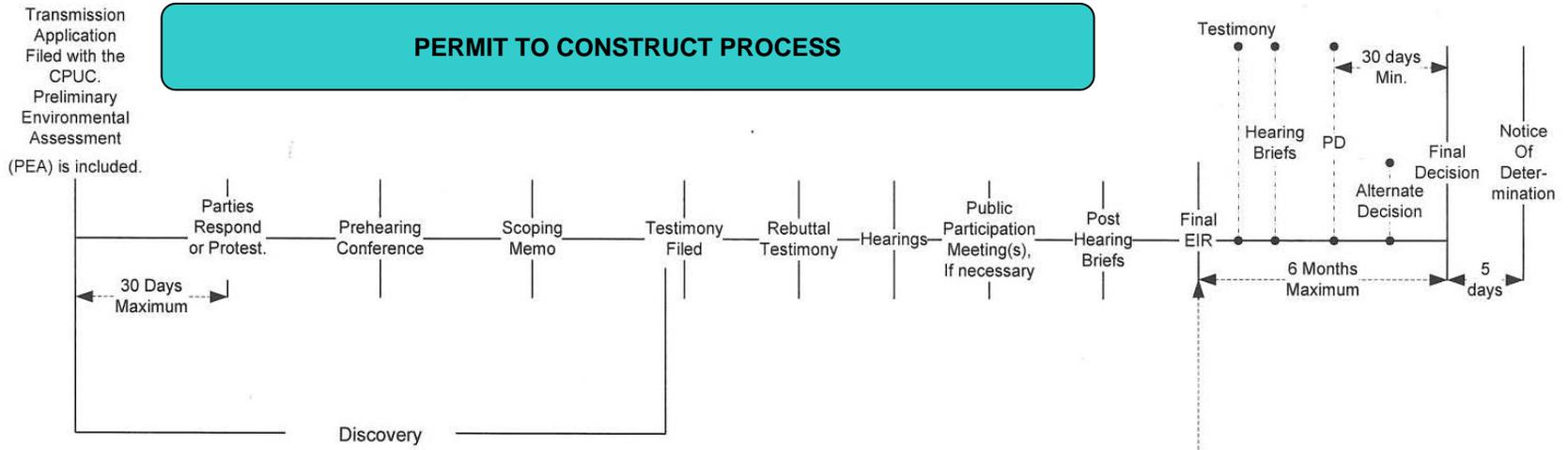
# Workshop Outline

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- CPUC Review Process
  - Permit to Construct (PTC) Review
    - Environmental (CEQA) Review
- CEQA Overview
- CEQA Process Schedule
- How to Get Involved

# CPUC Review Process





**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT PROCESS**



# CEQA Review

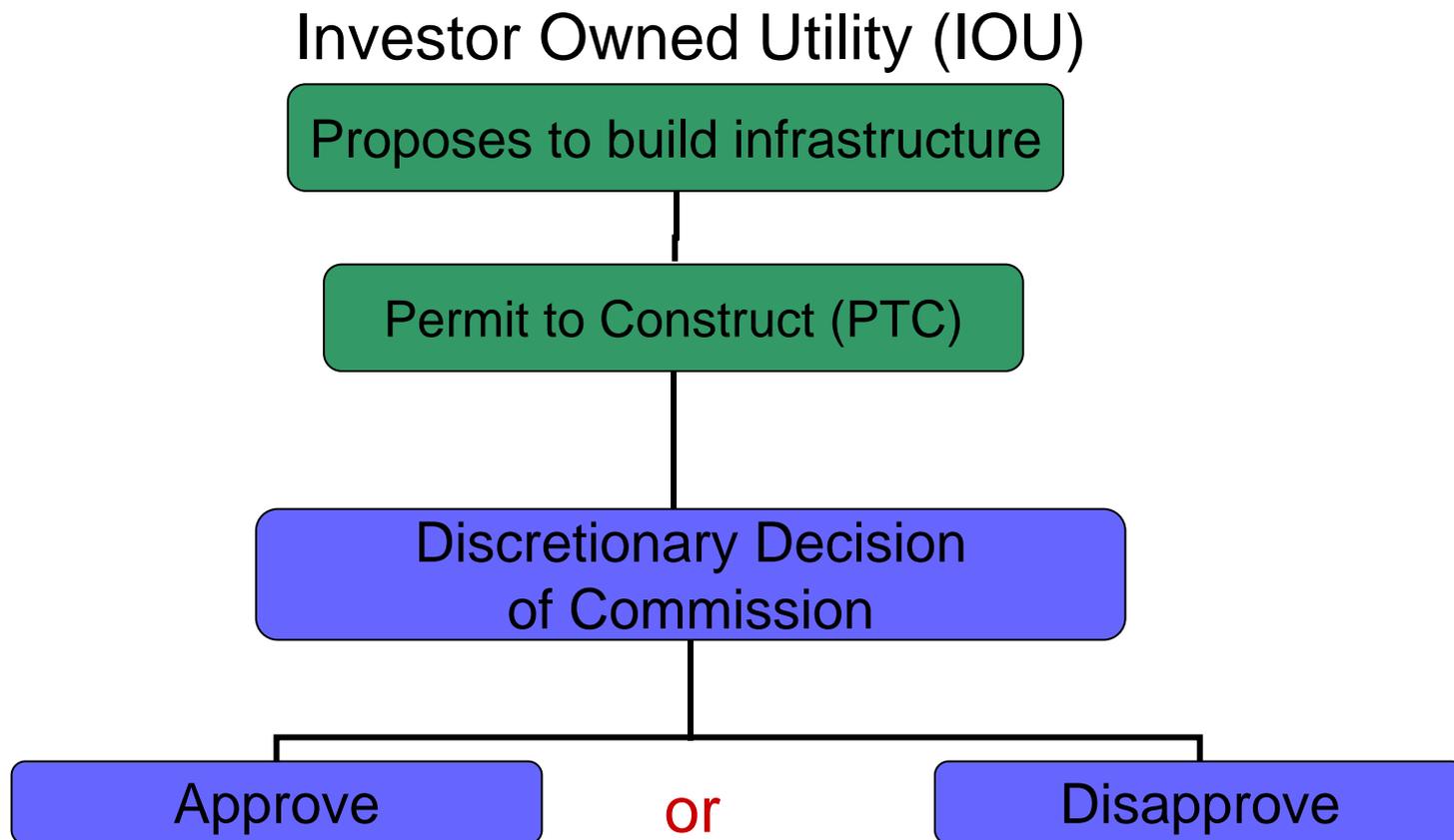
CEQA ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW	SECTION 1001/GO 131-D REVIEW
<p><b>Application filed May 30:</b> Application includes the utility's Proponent's Environmental Assessment (PEA) of the proposed project's environmental impact, identifying the utility's preferred project alternative.</p>	
<p><b>Completeness review</b> - CPUC staff review the application and the PEA for completeness.</p> <p><b>Agency consultations</b> – CPUC staff meet with agencies.</p> <p><b>Public workshops</b> – CPUC staff may hold workshops to explain the CEQA process.</p> <p><b>Notice of Preparation (NOP)</b> – CPUC staff issue NOP giving public notice of the environmental review and inviting public participation.</p> <p><b>Public scoping process</b> – CPUC staff conduct meetings to solicit information on the impacts of the proposed project and alternatives, and other suggested alternative routes and/or sites. Interested persons may also submit written comments on these scoping issues.</p> <p><b>Comments on NOP</b> – Interested persons may submit written comment to the CPUC staff, including proposed alternatives to the project and alternative routes.</p> <p><b>Draft EIR</b> – CPUC staff issue Draft EIR assessing environmental impact of the proposed project and alternatives, identifying mitigation measures for each, and identifying the environmentally preferred alternative.</p> <p><b>Public meetings on Draft EIR</b> – CPUC staff conduct public meetings to discuss Draft EIR.</p> <p><b>Public comments on Draft EIR</b> – Interested persons may submit comments stating any objections to the DEIR</p> <p><b>Final EIR</b> – Final EIR, responding to public comments on the Draft EIR, is issued and submitted into the formal record of the proceeding.</p>	<p><b>Protests/responses filed</b> – due within 30 days of the application filing date (GO 131-D § XII) (<i>protest date in A.08-05-039 extended to July 9 by ALJ ruling</i>)</p> <p><b>Public Participation Hearings (PPH)</b> – to hear public comment. Public statements are not sworn or subject to cross-examination. May be scheduled at outset, prior to CPUC vote, or other appropriate point in the process, as determined by ALJ and assigned Commissioner.</p> <p><b>Prehearing conference (PHC)</b> – to discuss scope of issues to be addressed, need for evidentiary hearing and schedule for the proceeding, and other procedural matters.</p> <p><b>Scoping memo</b> – The Assigned Commissioner issues scoping memo determining the issues, schedule and other procedural matters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Generally, <b>evidentiary hearing</b> will be limited to matters other than the environmental issues addressed in the CEQA process.</li> <li>• Whether or not evidentiary hearings are set, the schedule may provide for the filing of <b>briefs</b>.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Proposed and alternate decisions</b> – The ALJ issues proposed decision. The Assigned Commissioner may concurrently issue an alternate decision. Other Commissioners may subsequently issue alternative decisions.</p>	
<p><b>Comment on proposed and alternate decisions</b> – Generally, all proposed and alternate decisions are subject to 30 days for public review and parties' comment before the CPUC may vote on them.</p>	
<p><b>CPUC vote</b> – The CPUC votes on the proposed and any alternate decisions at a public business meeting.</p>	

# PTC Review



# Application Process

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# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 1)

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**Utility Files Application**

**CPUC and its Environmental Consultant Review**

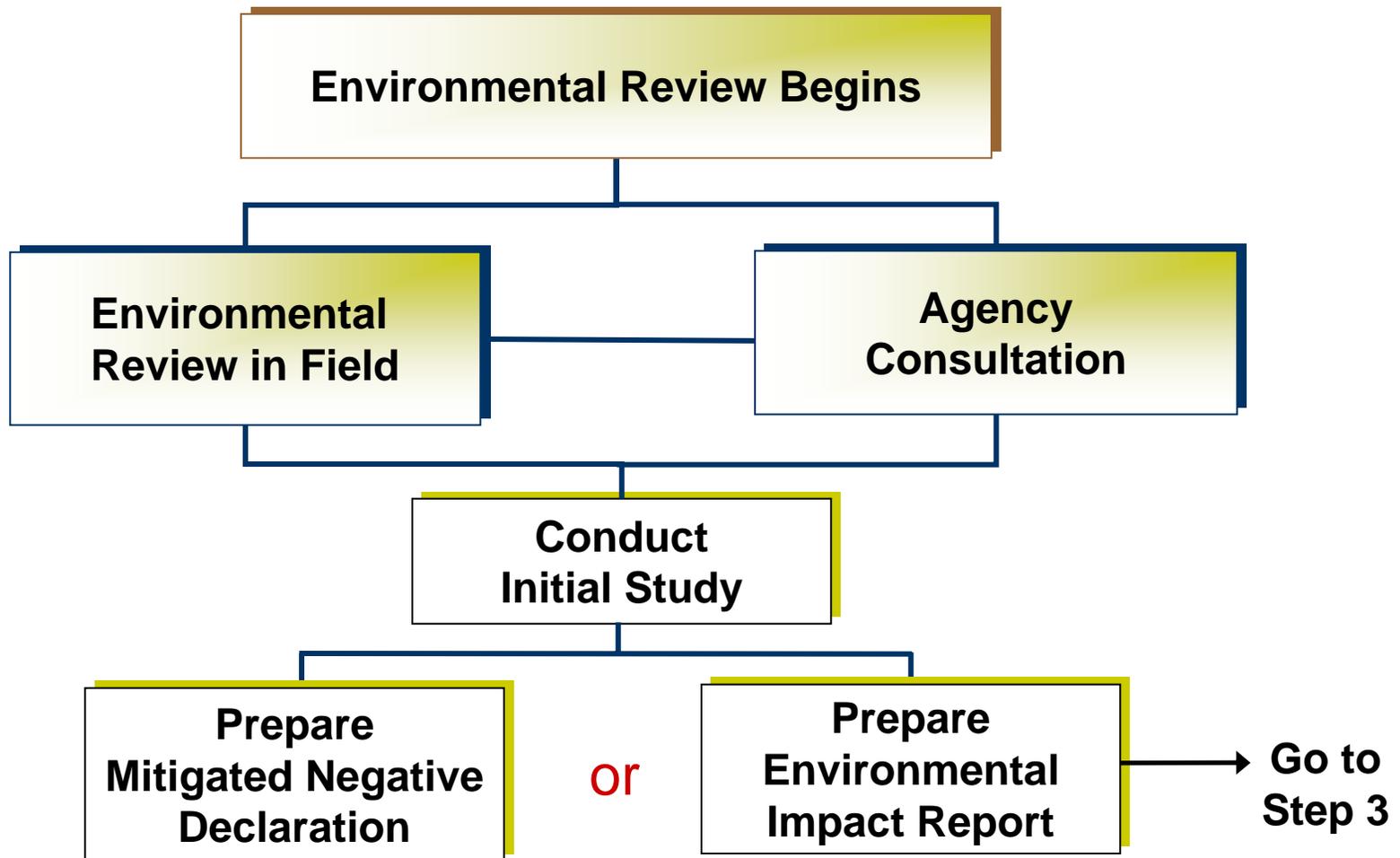
**Application  
Deemed Complete**

**Environmental  
Review Begins**

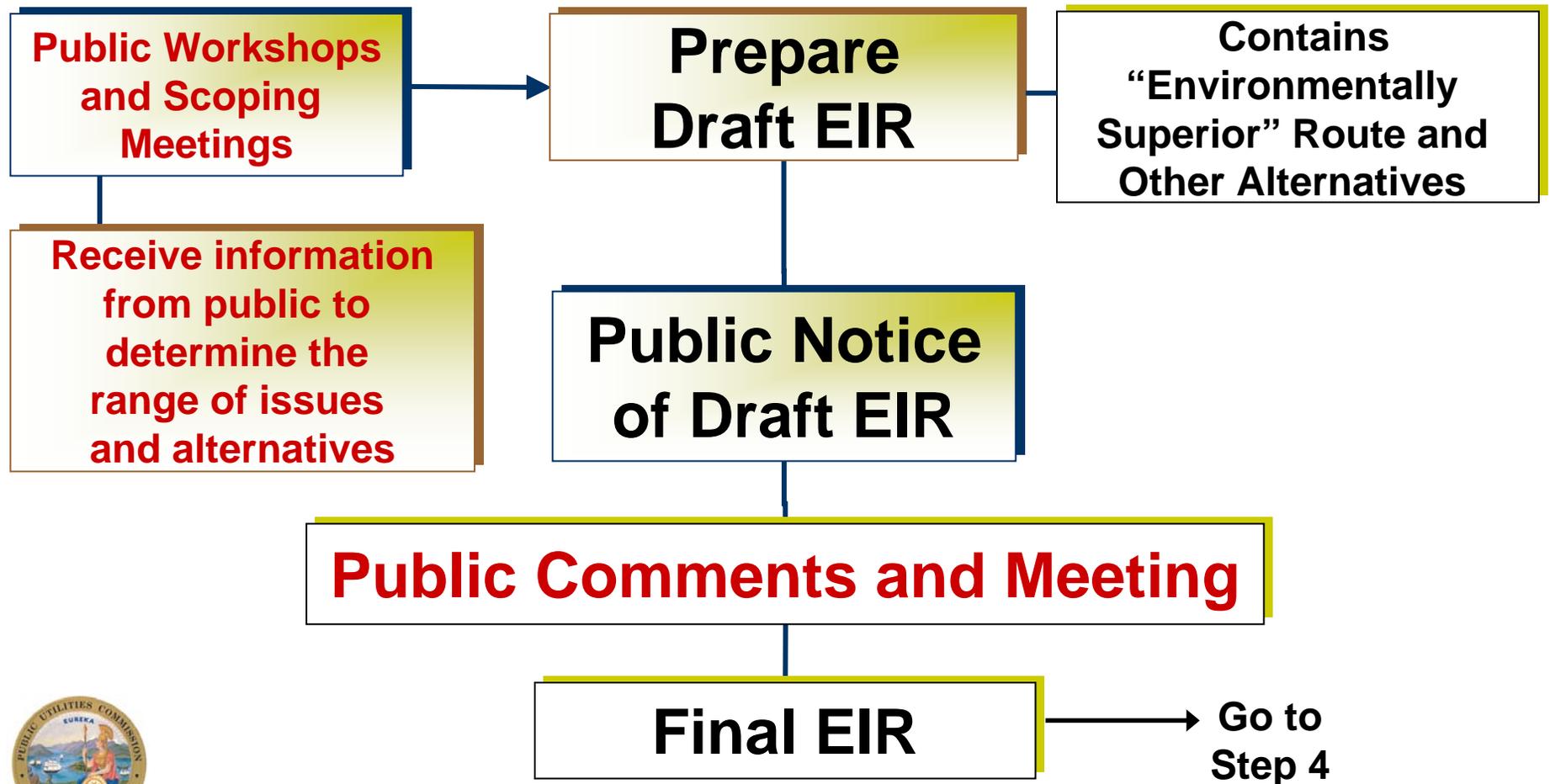
→ **Go to  
Step 2**



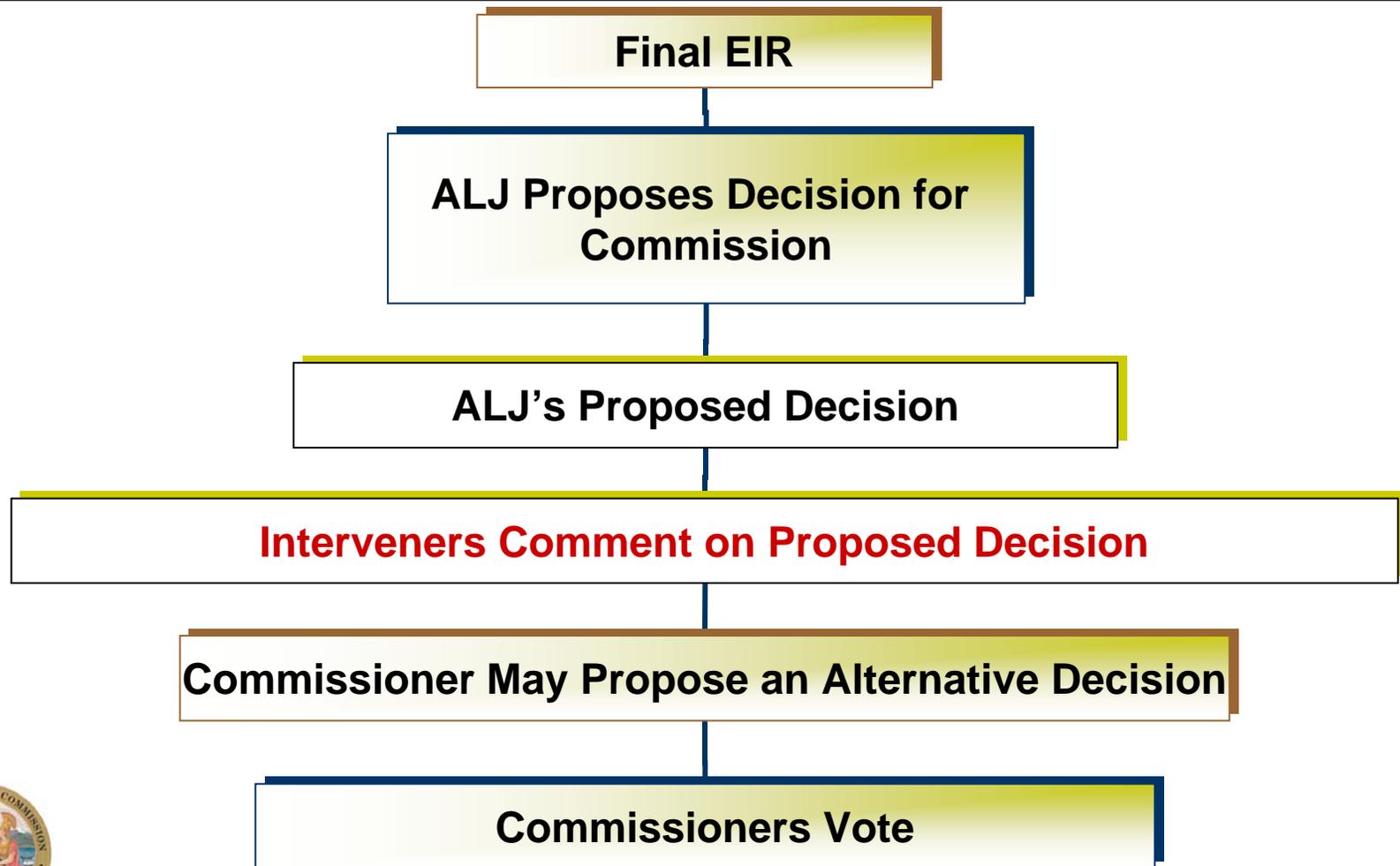
# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 2)



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 3)



# Basic Application and Environmental Review Processes (Step 4)



# To Get Involved in the PTC Process

## *Get on the Service List*

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- Go to:  
[http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service\\_lists/sl\\_index.htm](http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/published/service_lists/sl_index.htm)
- Information you need:
  - Project Name: Presidential Substation Project
  - Proceeding Number: A.08-12-023
  - Administrative Law Judge: Janice L. Grau
- Questions
  - (415) 703-2021 or [process\\_office@cpuc.ca.gov](mailto:process_office@cpuc.ca.gov)



# CEQA Overview

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- The California Environmental Quality Act
  - Inform decision makers and the public about the potential significant environmental effects of a proposed project
  - Identify ways that environmental damage can be avoided or significantly reduced
  - Prevent significant, avoidable damage to the environment through the use of alternatives or mitigation measures
  - Disclose to the public the reasons why a governmental agency approved the project if significant environmental effects are involved
- Focus on physical impacts to the environment

# CEQA: Project Description

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## □ Construction

- What would be built
- How would the project be built
  - Construction methodology
  - Equipment required
  - Workers required
- Project schedule

## □ Operations

- How would the project be operated
- Operational personnel required

## □ Maintenance

- How is the project maintained
- When is maintenance performed
- Maintenance personnel required

# CEQA: Resource Areas

<b>Aesthetics</b>	<b>Land Use and Planning</b>
<b>Agricultural Resources</b>	<b>Mineral Resources</b>
<b>Air Quality</b>	<b>Noise</b>
<b>Biological Resources</b>	<b>Population and Housing</b>
<b>Cultural Resources</b>	<b>Public Services</b>
<b>Geology, Soils, and Seismicity</b>	<b>Recreation</b>
<b>Hazards and Hazardous Materials</b>	<b>Transportation and Traffic</b>
<b>Hydrology and Water Quality</b>	<b>Utilities and Service Systems</b>

# For Each Resource Area . . .

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- Define and Describe Existing Setting
  - Environmental setting
  - Regulatory setting
- Establish Thresholds of Significance
  - What defines a “significant” impact
- Identify Impacts and Mitigation Measures
  - Applicant Proposed Measures
  - CPUC Mitigations
  - Significance after mitigation

# CEQA: Project Alternatives

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- ❑ Must identify a range of reasonable alternatives
- ❑ Must be feasible
  - Legal, regulatory, technical
- ❑ Must meet most basic project objectives
- ❑ Must avoid or substantially lessen significant effects of the project
- ❑ May be more costly

# Alternatives may include . . .

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- Considered by the Applicant, developed by CEQA team, suggested by public/agencies
- Alternative locations
- Route variations
- “Non-wires” alternatives
  - Energy conservation / demand management
  - Renewable energy resources
- “No Project” alternative

# CEQA: Cumulative Impacts

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- Consider past, present, reasonably foreseeable projects
- Projections in adopted General Plan
- Within same geographic scope
- Incremental effect of Proposed Project
  - Individually small
  - May be cumulatively significant

# To Get Involved in the CEQA Process

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- You're on the Right Track!
  - Please stay for the Scoping Meeting
- Scoping Process
  - Notice of Preparation sent on February 17, 2009
  - Comment Period closes on March 19, 2009 at 5:00 p.m.
  - How to comment:
    - At this Scoping Meeting, via Email and/or Comment Letter
- Draft EIR
  - DEIR anticipated June 2009
  - How to comment:
    - At the Comment Meeting, via Email and/or Comment Letter

# Project Information

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