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## What is an EIR?

An EIR is a document that:

- Meets requirements of the **California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)** to analyze physical impacts of a proposed project;
- Has a scope of analysis shaped by public input and concerns;
- identifies ways to avoid or lessen environmental impacts through mitigation measures or impact-reducing alternatives;
- Informs decision-makers about potential impacts and the trade-offs between the proposed project and the alternatives.

## What does an EIR evaluate?

An EIR evaluation includes (but is not limited to):

- Air Quality & Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Aesthetics
- Archaeological Resources
- Biological Resources
- Energy Use
- Hazards
- Hazardous Materials
- Historic Resources
- Hydrology and Water Quality
- Noise
- Public Services
- Transportation

The EIR also evaluates the Cumulative Impacts of these factors and identifies Project Alternatives.