

SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA

County of Sacramento

Public Notice – Civil Division Requirements in Claims Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Effective September 1, 2023, the caption page of the first pleading in any case that alleges one or more claims pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (Pub. Res Code, §§ 21000, et seq.) shall clearly identify that the case is a CEQA case. The words "CEQA case" must appear on the caption page.

Additionally, if the CEQA claim relates to an infrastructure project governed by Public Resources Code sections 21189.80 et seq, the caption page must also state the code sections under which the CEQA cause of action is litigated and state "EXPEDITED REVIEW."

At the time the pleading is filed, the person presenting the pleading for filing must notify the clerk processing the filing that the case is a CEQA case and, if warranted, that it is entitled to expedited review under Public Resources Code section 21189.85. Once a notice of case assignment is generated, the petitioner must immediately deliver a courtesy copy of the pleading to the assigned department and contact the department clerk regarding scheduling a case management conference.