

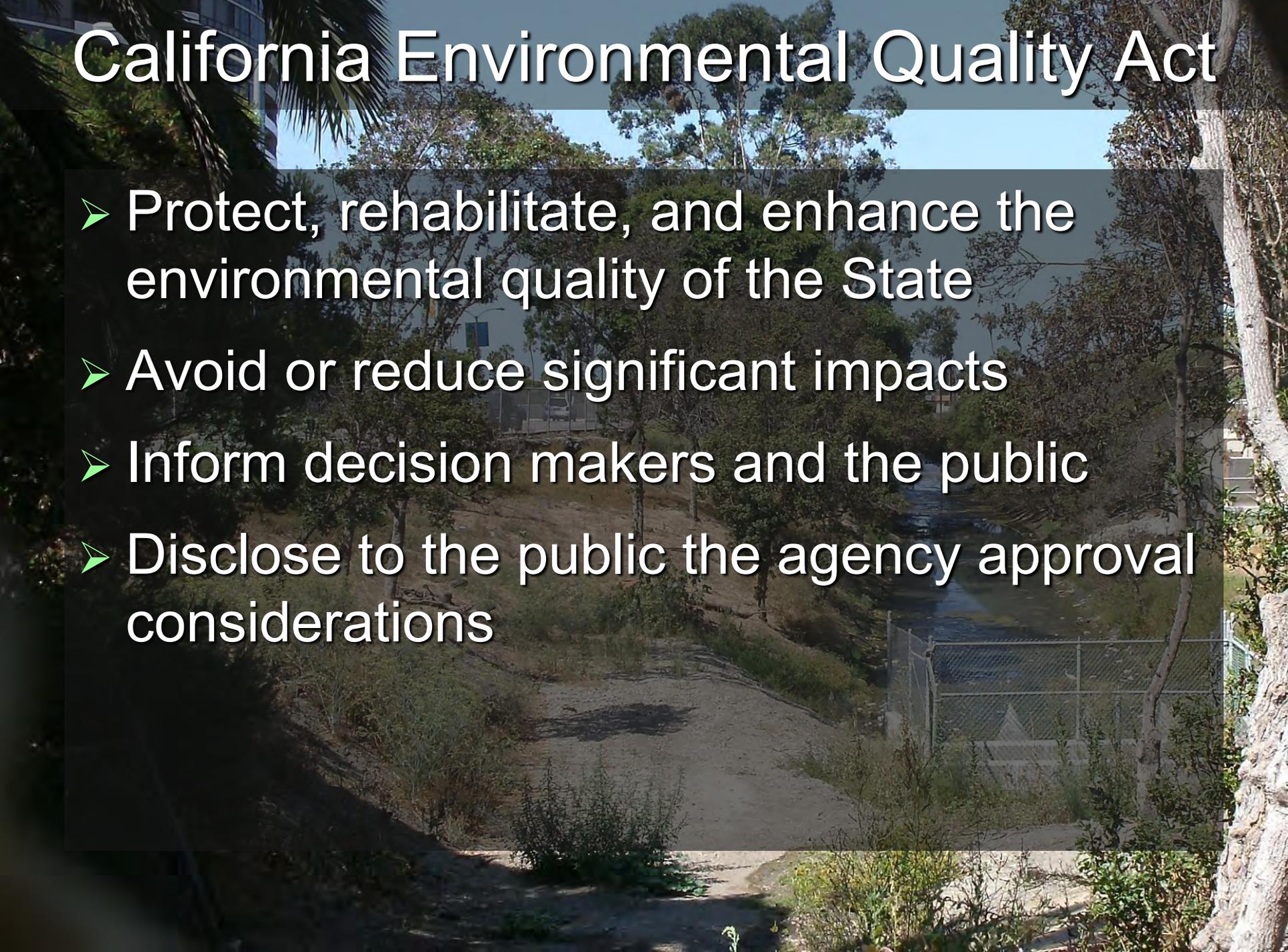
**OXFORD RETENTION BASIN
MULTIUSE ENHANCEMENT PROJECT**

**CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
QUALITY ACT
(CEQA) PROCESS**

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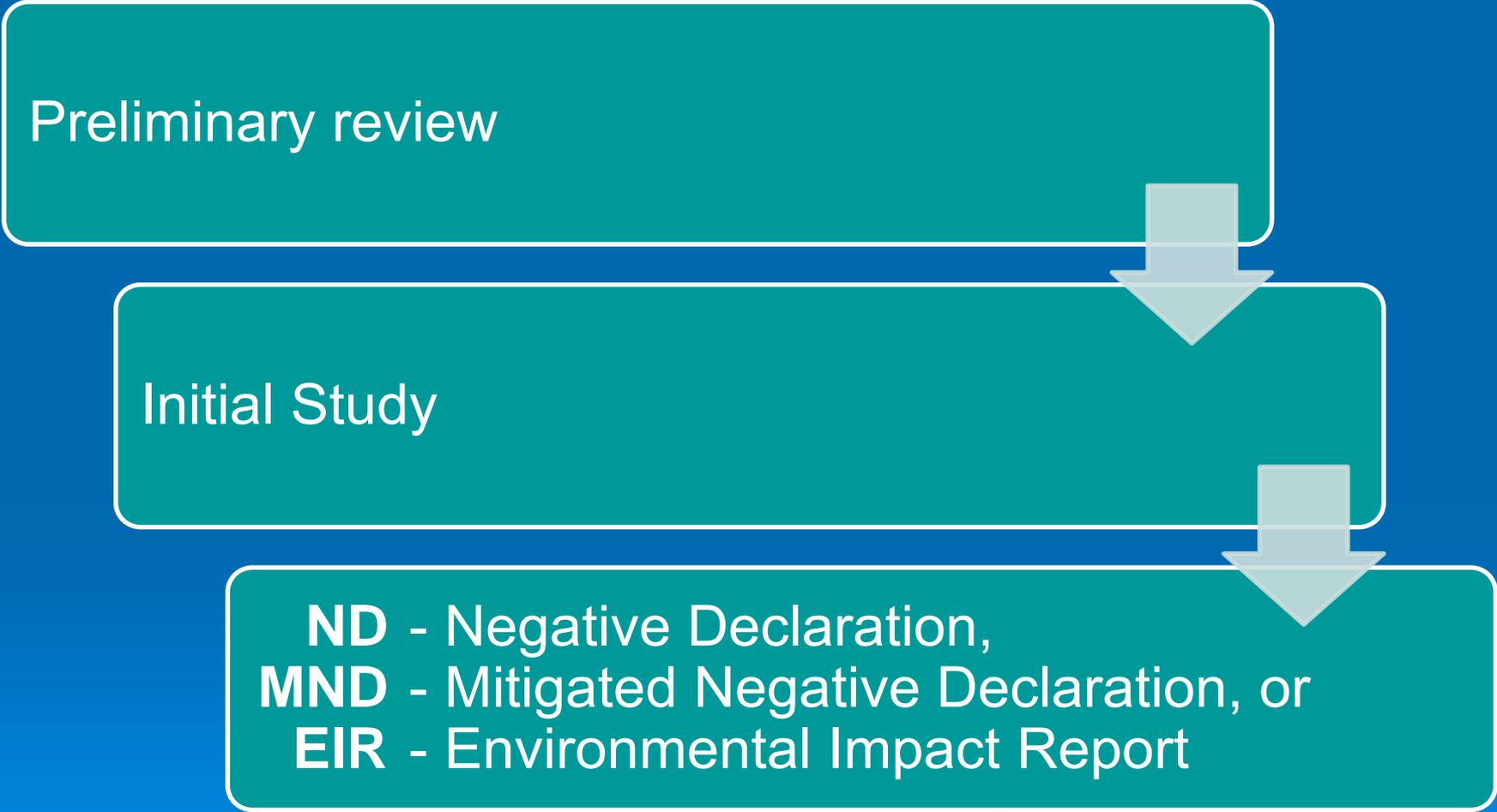
California Environmental Quality Act

The background of the slide is a photograph of a natural landscape. It features a stream or small river flowing through a wooded area. The trees are mostly green, suggesting a temperate climate. In the foreground, there's a sandy or light-colored bank. To the right, a chain-link fence runs along the edge of the stream. The overall scene is bright and clear, with a blue sky visible through the canopy.

- Protect, rehabilitate, and enhance the environmental quality of the State
- Avoid or reduce significant impacts
- Inform decision makers and the public
- Disclose to the public the agency approval considerations

CEQA General Process

Preliminary review

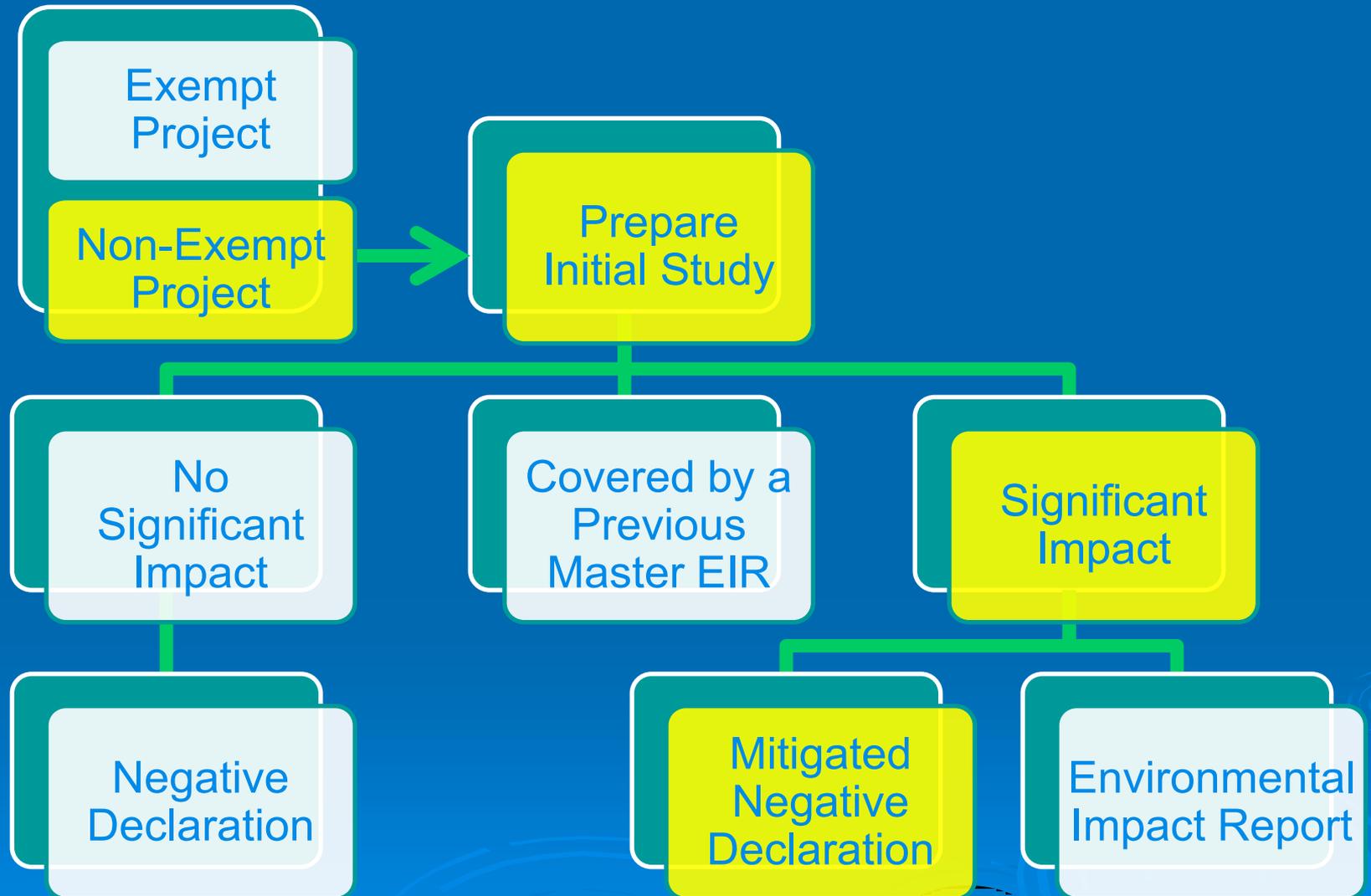


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Initial Study

ND - Negative Declaration,
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Preliminary Review and Initial Study



Baseline Conditions

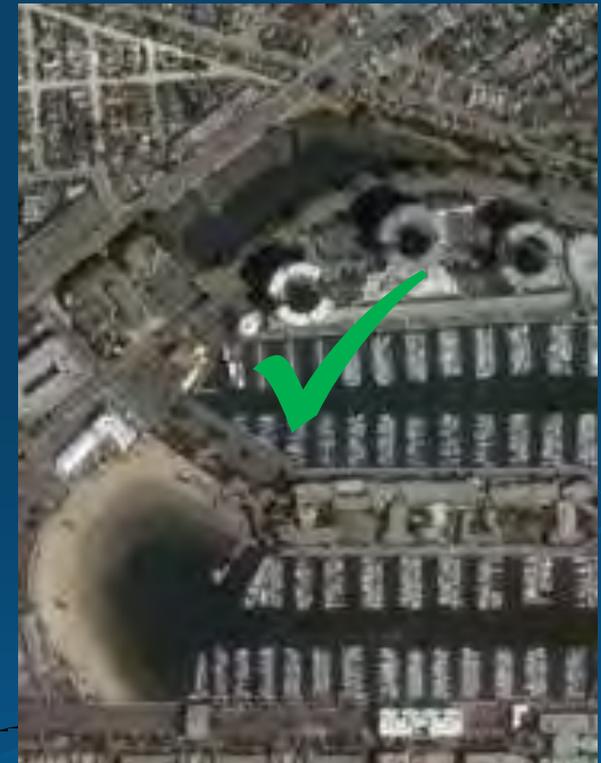
- Environmental setting at the start of an Initial Study or issuance of the Notice of Preparation



1956



1963



2010

Determining “Significant Impacts”

- Substantial adverse change in physical conditions
- Direct, indirect, and cumulative impacts
- No impacts
- Less than significant impacts
- All significant impacts mitigated to less than significant level

Less than Significant Impacts

- Aesthetics
- Air Quality/GHG
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Geology/Soils
- Hazards/
Hazardous
Materials
- Land Use/
Planning
- Noise
- Recreation
- Transportation
- Utilities
- Water Resources

Less than Significant - Example

- Removal of 400 non-native trees alone may be considered significant
- But replacement of these trees based on existing LCP as part of project= less than significant.



Less than Significant Impact with Mitigation Incorporation

- Interference with nesting herons, egrets, and other native birds during the breeding/nesting season.
- Removal of nests during project construction would be a violation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.

Mitigation Measures

- Mitigation is required only for significant impacts
- Avoid
- Minimize
- Restore or repair
- Compensate
- Reduce the impact over time



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Findings of Significance

- Mitigation measures or project modifications would avoid any significant effect on the environment

= Mitigated Negative Declaration

MND Public Review Period

- Circulate Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration
- 30 days: May 20 - June 18

May 2013

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Available Document Locations

- **Marina del Rey Library**
4533 Admiralty Way
Marina del Rey, CA 90292



- **County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works**
Programs Development Division, 11th Floor
900 South Fremont Avenue
Alhambra, CA 91803-1331

- **Online at:** <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/go/oxford>

Tips on How to Comment

- Reference the project by name
- Focus on the CEQA document itself
- Avoid topics not related to the project
- Identify your position, but avoid expressing only your opinion of the project
- Be specific; focus on environmental effects
- Base your comments on facts

Official MND Comments

➤ **Via postal mail to:**

County of Los Angeles
Department of Public Works
Programs Development Division, 11th Floor
Attention: Ms. Reyna Soriano
P.O. Box 1460
Alhambra, CA 91802-1460

➤ **Via e-mail to:**

rsoriano@dpw.lacounty.gov

Please include "Oxford Basin Project" in the subject line

➤ **Via comment card at meeting tonight:**
written comments only

Next Steps

- Preparation of Final MND
 - Response to Comments
 - All written comments will be addressed and included in the Final MND
- Certification of the MND and Project Approval
 - Board Approval - Anticipated Nov. 2013
- Environmental Permits
- Project Advertise & Award