**CEQA & ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE FORM**

This form is required at the time of Application submittal. For projects requesting funding for only the implementation phase of the project, CEQA must be complete before the Ocean Protection Council (OPC) will consider the project at a public meeting.

Projects must comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000; 14 California Code of Regulations section 15000 *et seq*.) and, if appropriate, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). These laws require public agencies to consider the environmental impacts of their decisions before the decision is made. A public agency (state, local or federal) must act as lead agency for environmental review of the project proposed in the application. The OPC cannot serve as a lead agency for CEQA. It is the responsibility of the applicant to identify a lead agency and ensure compliance under CEQA. Please complete the form below and submit with your application for funding.

[ ]  **The project is exempt from CEQA. Please provide a brief explanation below (e.g. the project is categorically exempt [please include which exemption], does not qualify as a “project” under CEQA, etc.).**

**Link to the Notice of Exemption:**

[ ]  **The project requires environmental review under CEQA. Please provide the information requested below.**

**Lead Agency Name:**

**Lead Agency Representative, Title:**

**Contact Information (phone, email):**

**What type of CEQA document has been, or is being prepared?**

[ ]  Mitigated Negative Declaration/Negative Declaration

[ ]  Environmental Impact Report

**Link to the CEQA Document (draft is acceptable if the final is not available):**

**Link to the Notice of Determination:**

**If CEQA is in progress, please provide an estimated date by which the lead agency will approve the CEQA document:**

Resources: State CEQA Guidelines: <https://resources.ca.gov/admin/Legal>

 State CEQA Clearinghouse and Planning Unit: <https://opr.ca.gov/sch/>