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**Summary of the Office of Planning and Research's Outreach Process for SB 226**

This document summarizes the stakeholder outreach effort of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research in connection with the development of additions to the CEQA Guidelines addressing streamlining for infill projects pursuant to Senate Bill 226 (2011, Simitian). As part of the development process, OPR staff participated in hundreds of individual meetings, conversations, conference panels and public workshops. Highlights of that process are provided in the table below.

<b>October 4, 2011</b>	Governor Brown signs Senate Bill 226.
<b>October 6, 2011</b>	OPR convenes a small group of technical experts in land use planning, air quality analysis, transportation, and infill building to discuss possible approaches on the statewide performance standards.
<b>October 21, 2011</b>	OPR staff solicits early feedback on SB 226 and the guidelines proposal at the annual conference of the Environmental Section of the State Bar in Yosemite.
<b>November 3, 2011</b>	OPR convenes a small group of legal experts in conjunction with the UC Davis School of Law's "CEQA at 40" conference to solicit early input on legal issues raised by SB 226. Participants represented agency, petitioner and applicant perspectives.
<b>Mid-November 2011</b>	OPR hosts meetings and conference calls for planners, local governments, builders, environmental stakeholders and others to solicit input on OPR's policy objectives for the CEQA Guidelines update.
<b>Mid-December 2011</b>	OPR hosts focus-group discussions for stakeholders to solicit input on developing the performance standards.
<b>Early January 2012</b>	OPR previews preliminary direction for the guidelines and performance standards with various stakeholder groups.
<b>January 25, 2012</b>	OPR releases its Preliminary Discussion Draft of the update proposal for a 30-day review period. Notice of the release is posted on OPR's website and

	distributed through a listserv moderated by OPR and the Natural Resources Agency. Numerous professional, trade, local government and environmental organizations also posted notice of the release on their websites and newsletters.
<b>Mid-February 2012</b>	OPR meets with numerous stakeholders to answer questions about the preliminary proposal.
<b>February 21-23, 2012</b>	OPR conducts Public Workshops in Sacramento, Fresno and Los Angeles.
<b>February 24, 2012</b>	Comment period closes on the preliminary discussion draft.
<b>March 9, 2012</b>	UC Berkeley Law School hosts a convening of technical experts, academics, agency staff and attorneys for a facilitated discussion of OPR's preliminary proposal and public comments. A written report of the convening is available on-line at: <a href="http://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/bccj/Defining_Good_Infill.pdf">http://www.law.berkeley.edu/files/bccj/Defining_Good_Infill.pdf</a>
<b>March – April 2012</b>	OPR staff meets with stakeholders to clarify public comments and seek additional input.
<b>May 1, 2012</b>	OPR releases a revised draft of the proposal package for another 30-day review period.
<b>May 8, 2012</b>	OPR staff facilitates an interactive discussion on the revised proposal at the annual conference of the California Chapter of the Association of Environmental Professionals in Sacramento.
<b>May 21, 2012</b>	OPR staff presents the proposal to its bi-monthly Local Government Roundtable. Approximately 600 local government staff received notice of the event, and nearly 100 participated in this roundtable discussion.
<b>May – June 2012</b>	OPR staff meets individually with stakeholders to clarify public comments and seek additional input.
<b>June 13, 2012</b>	UCLA Law School hosts a convening of technical experts, academics, agency staff and attorneys for a facilitated discussion of OPR's revised proposal and public comments.
<b>June 25, 2012</b>	OPR completes its draft of the proposed additions to the CEQA Guidelines and transmits the proposal package to the Natural Resources Agency.

## **Organizations and Entities Consulted**

The following is a partial list of organizations and entities that OPR consulted during the development of its guidelines proposal:

- American Institute of Architects, Los Angeles
- American Lung Association
- American Planning Association, California Chapter
- Association of Environmental Professionals, California Chapter
- California Building Industry Association
- California Council for Environmental and Economic Balance
- California Environmental Justice Alliance
- California Infill Builders Association
- California League of Cities
- California State Association of Counties
- Californians for a Better Environment
- Center for Creative Land Recycling
- Change Lab Solutions (formerly Public Health Law and Policy)
- Climate Plan
- Endangered Habitats League
- Greenbelt Alliance
- Housing California
- Human Impact Partners
- MoveLA
- Natural Resources Defense Council
- Planning and Conservation League
- Public Advocates, Inc.
- Regional Asthma Management and Prevention
- San Francisco Neighborhoods Coalition
- Sierra Club
- Silicon Valley Leadership Group
- TransForm
- Staff of numerous cities, air districts, transportation agencies and metropolitan planning organizations