Public Resources Code Section 21102 requires that “No state agency, board, or commission shall request funds, nor shall any state agency, board, or commission which authorizes expenditure of funds, other than funds appropriated in the Budget Act, authorize funds for expenditure for any project, other than a project involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted or funded, which may have a significant effect on the environment unless such request or authorization is accompanied by an environmental impact report. Feasibility and planning studies exempted by this section from the preparation of an environmental impact report shall nonetheless include consideration of environmental factors.”

Public Resources Code Section 21150 requires that “State agencies, boards, and commissions, responsible for allocating state or federal funds on a project-by-project basis to local agencies for any project which may have a significant effect on the environment, shall require from the responsible local government agency a detailed statement setting forth the matters specified in Section 21100 prior to the allocation of any funds other than funds solely for projects involving only feasibility or planning studies for possible future actions which the agency, board, or commission has not approved, adopted, or funded.”

Specific procedures and timelines are also provided for in California Code of Regulations, Title 21 Section 1505 provides specific Commission circulation, review and timeline requirements.