

## Resources for CEQA and Caltrans VIA Process

### Caltrans Resources

#### SER Chapter 27-Visual and Aesthetics Review:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec3/community/ch27via/chap27via.htm>

#### FMHW VIA Manual:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/downloads/visual/FHWAVisualImpactAssmt.pdf>

#### Caltrans VIA Checklist:

[http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec3/community/ch27via/VIA\\_ChecklistGuidefinal.doc](http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec3/community/ch27via/VIA_ChecklistGuidefinal.doc)

#### Caltrans Officially Designated Scenic Highways:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/scenic/schwy.htm>

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### CEQA Resources

Caltrans SER Volume 1, Chapter 2 provides information and links regarding State laws and regulations including CEQA as they apply to transportation projects.

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/ser/vol1/sec1/ch2statelaw/chap2.htm>

CEQA (Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq.) and the CEQA Guidelines (California Code of Regulations section 15000 et seq.) are available on the "LUPIN" website: [www.ceres.ca.gov/planning](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/planning). The Public Resources Code is also available at: [www.leginfo.ca.gov](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov)

Various technical memos regarding CEQA from the Governor's Office of Planning and Research are available on the LUPIN website: [www.ceres.ca.gov/planning](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/planning)

A good basic book is *CEQA Deskbook: A Step-By-Step Guide on How to Comply with the California Environmental Quality Act*, Bass, Herson and Bogdan, Solano Press Books (2001). And, *Guide to CEQA (11<sup>th</sup> Edition)*, Remy, Thomas, Moose and Manley, Solano Press Books (2007).

A more thorough treatment can be found in *Practice Under the California Environmental Quality Act*, California Continuing Education of the Bar (updated annually).  
Website: <http://ceb.com>

### **CEQA Training at Caltrans and at several UC Extensions**

Caltrans internal training: Please check availability on the LMS website:  
<http://staffcentral.dot.ca.gov/lms/index.shtml>

The PowerPoint presentation from the Caltrans Visual Impact Assessment Training will be posted to Caltrans Landscape Architecture Program homepage:  
<http://www.dot.ca.gov/q/LandArch/>

UCLA Extension CEQA courses offered through open enrollment Winter 2009. Please check website at: <https://www.uclaextension.edu/index.cfm>. Go to this website and do a search under keyword *CEQA* and click on course listings.

UC Davis Extension CEQA courses offered through open enrollment Winter 2009-  
Please check website at:  
[http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/land\\_use\\_and\\_natural\\_resources/index.asp](http://extension.ucdavis.edu/unit/land_use_and_natural_resources/index.asp)  
Go to this website and click on A-Z course list and see those relating to CEQA topics.

UC Riverside Extension CEQA courses offered through open enrollment Winter 2009-  
Please check website at: <http://www.extension.ucr.edu/>  
Go to search and type in CEQA and find CEQA course listings.

### **Selected Books on Aesthetics and Visual Impact Assessments**

Dutton, Denis, 2009. *The Art Instinct: Beauty, Pleasure, and Human Evolution*. Bloomsbury Press, New York. An examination of why human beings evaluate the landscape aesthetically and what attributes of that perception are universal.

Graves, Maitland, 1951. *The Art of Color and Design*. McGraw-Hill, New York. Classical analytical approach to understanding visual character based on art theory.

Hopper, Leonard, editor, 2007. "Applying Visual Resource Assessment for Highway Planning" in *Landscape Architectural Graphic Standards*. Grant Jones, David Sorey, and Charles Scott. J. Wiley and Sons, New York. An update of the FHWA process by the firm that developed the original guidance.

Jakle, John, 1987. *The Visual Elements of Landscape*. University of Massachusetts Press. Amherst. Explores how humans perceive and cognitively map their environment.

Nasar, Jack, editor, 1988. *Environmental Aesthetics: Theory, Research, and Applications*. Cambridge University Press, New York. A wide-ranging compendium of research on visual perception.