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**Water Rights Application Process (General Process)**

1. **Receive Application**
2. Does the Application meet the requirements of Water Code §1260 and have all applicable fees required by WC1525 & PRC §10005 been submitted?
   - NO: Reject and cancel Application (Water Code §§1255, 1271, 1276, 1317, 1324, 1335, 1350, 1535)
   - YES: Assign Application number, Enter into database.
3. Does the Application conflict with the Declaration of FAS?
   - NO: Notify applicant that Application was rejected.
   - YES: Begin CEQA Process (See chart)
4. Issue Public Notice and direct applicant to post/publish it.
5. Did the applicant post (Minor Projects) or publish in Newspaper (Major Projects) Water Code §1275?
   - NO: Notify applicant of defects within 30 days.
   - YES: Is Application complete?
8. Did applicant correct defects within 60 days?
   - NO: Assign Application number.
   - YES: Begin CEQA Process (See chart)
10. Did the applicant post (Minor Projects) or publish in Newspaper (Major Projects) Water Code §1275?
11. Were acceptable protests filed against the Application (See Protest Process Chart)?
12. Was supplemental information provided?
13. Can Application be appropriately conditioned?
14. Were all protests resolved?
15. Should protest be rejected or Application approved?
16. Complete CEQA Process (See CEQA Process Chart)
17. Complete Draft CEQA document (See CEQA process chart)
18. SWRCB holds hearing (major project) or Division holds field investigation and decision is issued (See Hearing Process Chart)
19. Does the Application conform with applicable water quality control plans (Water Code §1258)?
20. Is the Application in the public interest? *(Water Code §1257)*
22. Was supplemental information needed to process Application?
   - NO: Notify applicant that Application was rejected.
   - YES: Complete CEQA Process (See CEQA Process Chart)
23. Completes CEQA Process
24. Should CEQA mitigation measures with the SWRCB's be imposed?
25. Draft mitigation measures as enforceable permit conditions
26. Complete CEQA Process (See CEQA Process Chart)
27. Complete Draft CEQA document (See CEQA process chart)
28. SWRCB holds hearing (major project) or Division holds field investigation and decision is issued (See Hearing Process Chart)
29. Did the applicant post (Minor Projects) or publish in Newspaper (Major Projects) Water Code §1275?
30. Were acceptable protests filed against the Application (See Protest Process Chart)?
31. Has all applicable CEQA fees been paid?
32. Issue Permit

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