

ARTICLE 64

SEC. 21-64 ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION.

64.1 General responsibilities:

- (a) The Board of Supervisors, as the body having general governmental powers in the County, hereby delegates to the Planning Commission or Zoning Administrator to the fullest extent permitted by state law the responsibility for preparing and certifying in their final form, all environmental documents for projects subject to County jurisdiction. The Board of Supervisors further delegates to the Planning Director the preliminary responsibility for certification of environmental documents for projects that a County Ordinance has authorized Planning Director approval. However, the Board of Supervisors may certify, recertify or otherwise modify any decision concerning the California Environmental Quality Act for a publicly initiated project. "Publicly initiated project" shall be defined as an activity proposed and directly undertaken by any public agency under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors, including but not limited to public works construction and related activities, clearing or grading of lands, improvements to existing public structures, enactment and amendment of Zoning Ordinances, grants or subsidies, and the adoption of and amendment of local General Plans or elements thereof. **(Ord. No. 1749, 7/7/1988)**
- (b) The Planning Commission's certification of the completeness of all environmental documents shall be final except as provided in Section 64.1(a).

64.2 Environmental protection guidelines: The Board of Supervisors shall by resolution adopt Environmental Protection Guidelines which shall establish the procedures to be followed in making environmental considerations for all projects subject to County jurisdiction.