SOCIAL & COMMUNITY IMPACTS DECISION MATRIX

The following decision matrix is an approach that uses a series of questions with Yes/No answers to provide direction on when additional analysis and documentation is appropriate for a proposed project. If additional documentation is necessary, consider all potential sources of impacts to protected populations in the analysis.

1) Are any protected populations present within the proposed limits of the project’s impacts?
   No – Document findings on CE documentation form and include demographic data; findings should be confirmed by using at least two information sources. No further analysis is required.
   Yes – Proceed to question 2.

2) Does the project require permanent right-of-way acquisition?
   No – Document findings on CE documentation form and include demographic data; findings should be confirmed by using at least two information sources. No further analysis is required.
   Yes – Proceed to question 3.

3) Does the proposed project require any relocation of real and/or personal property?
   No – Document findings on CE documentation form and include demographic data; findings should be confirmed by using at least two information sources. Proceed to question 4.
   Yes – An EJ memo is likely required. If so, describe the project impacts and analyze their severity. Proceed to question 5.

4) Does the permanent right of way acquisition require more than 10 percent of any parcel?
   No – Document findings on CE documentation form and include demographic data; findings should be confirmed by using at least two information sources. No further analysis is required.
   Yes – Proceed to question 5.

5) Does the proposed project require displacement of more than 10 residences or businesses?
   No – An EJ memo is required. Describe and analyze the proposed project’s potential impacts in the form of an EJ Memo.
   Yes – This project will require a discipline report and public outreach to make an environmental justice determination.

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