

Hakone Estate & Gardens  
CEQA Project Description

DD&A will prepare the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Hakone Gardens Master Plan in accordance with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and City of Saratoga (City). The primary issues to be addressed in the IS/MND are as follows: aesthetics, biological resources, hydrology/water quality, noise (during events), geotechnical hazards, traffic/access, and short-term construction effects (air quality, noise, traffic). The sequenced tasks to prepare the IS/MND, and approximate timing for each task, are presented below.

- Prepare Administrative Draft IS/MND for City review: 4-6 weeks after selection of preferred alternative.
- City and team review of Administrative Draft IS/MND: 3 weeks
- Revise Draft IS/MND based on City's comments: 2-3 weeks
- Prepare Screen-Check Public Draft IS/MND for final City review: 1 week
- Circulate IS/MND to public for 30 days: 4 weeks
- Respond to comments received: 2-3 weeks
- Prepare and adopt Final IS/MND.

Total time to complete CEQA review after the selection of the preferred alternative: 16-20 weeks