SMA PERMITTING PROCESS OVERVIEW

1. Applicant Proposal
   - Consultation with the County Planning Department for Application Requirements

2. Application Assessment & Determination
   - Completed Application?
     - Yes: SMA Exempt?
       - Yes: SMA Minor Permit Issued or Denied by the Director
       - No: SMA Minor Permit?
         - Yes: Document Exemption by the Director
         - No: Short Form Assessment

3. SMA Major Permit Required
   - Refer for Agency Review
     - Additional Information Required?
       - Yes: Provide Additional Information
       - No: Public Notice

4. Public Hearing
   - Public Testimony Deliberation
   - Staff Evaluation & Report
   - Planning Director’s Recommendation
   - Final Decision by the County Authority

Source: Special Management Area (SMA) Permit System Project - Final Assessment Report, 2005