Project submitted to IRB via IRBManager

Compliance Officer initial review
Federal Human Subjects Regulations/Decision Charts/Cal Poly Policy

Not human subjects research

“No Review Required” notification

Minimal Review
project reviewed by Compliance Officer and/or IRB Chair

Projects allowed as “exempt” with no more than minimal risk
Projects not allowed as “exempt” with no more than minimal risk

Expedited Review
project reviewed by at least 2 IRB members

Projects not allowed as “exempt” with more than minimal risk
and/or not allowed as “expedited.”

Full Review
project reviewed by a quorum of the full IRB

Concerns and comments sent to proposer
Response from proposer

Approval notification
Research commences

Approval Denied notification
Research is not conducted

Proposer appeal/re-submit

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This diagram is intended to summarize the review process. For more detailed information, see: research.calpoly.edu/H5-hompage.