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ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION FORM

(To Be Completed By Applicant)

PURPOSE:

The California Environmental Quality Act, also known as CEQA, was enacted by the State of California in 1970 to establish statewide regulations for the environmental review of discretionary projects. The CEQA review process is intended to foster transparency and integrity in public decision-making while ensuring that land use decisions take into account the full impacts of development on natural and human environments. Before a discretionary project may be approved by the City, the Planning Services Division must determine the appropriate level of CEQA review and conduct the corresponding type of environmental analysis.

Under CEQA, a project's potential impacts on the environment will fall into one of the following categories:

- Statutory Exemption (SE)
- Categorical Exemption (CE)
- Negative Declaration (ND)
- Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)
- Sustainable Communities Environmental Assessment (SCEA)
- Sustainable Communities Environmental Impact (SCEIR), or
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

The purpose of this form is to assist Planning Services Division in determining the appropriate CEQA clearance for a project. Unless otherwise specified on the pages that follow, provide all application information in a narrative form or in a separate attachment to this Environmental Information Form. Any missing, incomplete, or inconsistent information will cause delays in the processing of your application.

PROJECT INFORMATION:

Project Address(es):

APN(s):

Project Title:

Location (Major intersection):

APPLICANT INFORMATION:

Name:

Mailing Address:

City, State, Zip Code:

Phone No.:

E-mail:

STAFF USE ONLY

Submitted date:

Accepted by:



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GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. Name and address of developer or project sponsor: _____

2. Address of project: _____
3. Assessor's Block and Lot Number: _____

4. Name, address, and telephone number of person to be contacted concerning this project: _____

5. List and describe any other related permits and other public approvals required for this project, including those required by city, regional, state and federal agencies: _____

6. Existing zoning district and General Plan designation: _____

7. Proposed use of site (project for which this form is filed): _____

PROJECT DESCRIPTION¹:

1. Site size (gross acres/square feet): _____
2. Square footage of structures/buildings: _____
3. Number of floors of construction, including below-ground level: _____
4. Amount of off-street parking provided: _____
5. Expected percent change in pervious surface area of the site: _____
6. Proposed scheduling (phasing): _____
7. Associated projects: _____
8. Anticipated phased development: _____
9. Anticipated incremental Development (net): _____
10. If residential, include the number of units, schedule of unit sizes, range of sale prices or rents and type of household size expected: _____

¹ Additional pages may be attached if more space is needed.



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11. If commercial, indicate the type, whether neighborhood, city, or regionally-oriented, square footage of sales area, and loading and trash facilities: _____
12. If industrial, indicate the type of project, estimated employment per shift, and loading facilities: _____

13. If institutional, indicate the major function, estimated employment per shift, estimated occupancy, loading facilities, and community benefits to be derived from the project: _____

14. If the project involves a Variance, Conditional Use Permit, or rezoning application, State this and indicate clearly why the application is required: _____

ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST:

Are the following items applicable to the project or its effects? Discuss below all items checked "Yes" (attach additional sheets as necessary).

- | | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Change in existing features of any bays, tidelands, beaches, lakes or hills, or substantial alteration of ground contours. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Change in scenic views or vistas from existing residential areas or public lands or roads. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Change in pattern, scale or character of general area of project. | | |
| 4. Significant amounts of solid waste or litter. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. Change in dust, ash, smoke, fumes or odors in vicinity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. Change in ocean, bay, lake, stream or ground water quality or quantity, or alteration of existing drainage patterns. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. Substantial change in existing noise or vibration levels in the vicinity. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Site on filled land or slope of 10 percent or more. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Use or disposal of potentially hazardous materials, such as toxic substances, flammables or explosives. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. Substantial change in demand for municipal services (police, fire, water, sewage, etc.). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. Substantially increase fossil fuel consumption (electricity, oil, natural gas, etc.). | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. Relationship to a larger project or series of projects. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |



ENVIRONMENTAL SETTING:

13. Describe the project site as it exists before the project, including information on topography, soil stability, plants and animals, and any cultural, historical, or scenic aspects. Describe any existing structures on the site, and the use of the structures. Attach photographs of the site.

14. Describe the surrounding properties, including information on plants and animals and any cultural, historical or scenic aspects. Indicate the type of land use (residential, commercial, etc.), intensity of land use (one-family, apartment houses, shops, department stores, etc.), and scale of development (height*, frontage, setback, rear yard, etc.). Attach photographs of the site.

*If the project will require a variance or waiver or reduction in a development standard pertaining to setback, stepback, or building height standards that will potentially result in an impact on adjacent properties, the City may require the applicant to provide and/or reimburse the City for the cost of a Shade and Shadow Study prepared by a qualified professional approved by the City.

15. Hazardous waste and substances disclosure. Is the development project and any alternatives proposed in this application contained on any lists compiled pursuant to § 65962.5 of the Government Code? Specify any lists: _____

If the project site is listed in ANY of the above databases, the project is ineligible for a CE, a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) is required, and the project may be subject to other restrictions or requirements.

Notwithstanding the checklist above, is the project proposed on land that is or was developed with a dry cleaning, automobile repair, gasoline station, or industrial / manufacturing use, or other similar type of use that may have resulted in site contamination? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, describe and provide a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA):



REQUESTED ENVIRONMENTAL CLEARANCE²

A. STATUTORY EXEMPTION (SE):

1. Identify the Class (CEQA Guidelines Section) for the SE which you believe the project qualifies and the reasons you believe it qualifies for the exemption: _____
2. Are you requesting a SE pursuant to AB 130³ (Public Resources Code § 21080.66)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If YES, please also complete the supplemental checklist in Appendix A.

B. CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION (CE):

1. Identify the Class (CEQA Guidelines Section) for the CE which you believe the project qualifies and the reasons you believe it qualifies for the exemption and is not negated by an exception pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2 and Public Resources Code § 21084: _____
2. If you are requesting a Class 32 CE, please provide written documents supported by substantial evidence (such as technical studies) regarding the project's potential Traffic, Noise, Air Quality and Water Quality impacts to support your position that the proposed project is eligible for the Class 32 CE and does not fall under any of the Exceptions pursuant to CEQA § 15300.2.
3. If the project is determined to be categorically exempt, the City must consider whether the exemption is negated by an exception pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, § 15300.2 and Public Resources Code § 21084. Such exceptions may apply under the following circumstances:
 - The project site is environmentally sensitive as defined by the project's location. A project that is ordinarily insignificant in its impact on the environment may in a particularly sensitive environment be significant.
 - The project and successive projects of the same type in the same place will result in cumulative impacts;
 - There are "unusual circumstances" creating the reasonable possibility of significant effects;
 - The project may result in damage to scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, historic buildings, rock, outcroppings, or similar resources, within an officially designated scenic highway, except with respect to

² Note that requesting an environmental clearance does not guarantee that the request will be accepted. The City may require additional studies and information, if necessary. The City reserves all rights to determine the appropriate CEQA clearance, including using multiple clearances and requiring an EIR if necessary.

³ Applicants are advised that all projects requesting a CE pursuant to AB 130 are subject to the Native American tribal consultation provisions specified in State Law. The applicant and all responding tribes shall enter into an enforceable agreement with specified measures pertaining to monitoring and the protection of tribal cultural resources.



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improvements required as mitigation for projects for which negative declarations or EIRs have been prepared;

•The project is located on a site that the Department of Toxic Substances Control and the Secretary of the Environmental Protection have identified, pursuant to Government Code § 65962.5, as being affected by hazardous wastes or clean-up problems; or

•The project may cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource.

C. **INELIGIBLE FOR STATUTORY OR CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION:** If the project does not qualify for and SE or CE, an Initial Study will be required.

D. **SB 131 (PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE § 21080.1) - "NEAR MISS":**

1. If the project qualifies for a "Near Miss" focus review pursuant to SB 131 (Public Resources Code § 21080.1), please identify the Statutory or Categorical Exemption: _____
2. Please identify the provision, condition, or eligibility criteria that the project does not meet: _____

3. Please identify what CEQA document will be prepared, and what environmental impact(s) will be studied that are caused solely by the unmet provision, condition, or eligibility criteria listed above: _____

CERTIFICATION:

I certify and declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the answers furnished above, and in the attached exhibits, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I hereby certify that I have fully informed the City of the nature of the Project for purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and have not submitted this application with the intention of segmenting a larger Project in violation of CEQA. I understand that should the City determine that the Project is part of a larger project for purposes of CEQA; the City may revoke any approvals and/or stay any subsequent entitlements or permits (including certificates of occupancy) until a full and complete CEQA analysis is reviewed and appropriate CEQA clearance is adopted or certified.

Print Name of Applicant: _____

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____