**Instructions**

Pages 1-3 are only needed when preparing a “checklist” IS. If the checklist will be used in the CEQA environmental document, proceed directly to Page 4 and use that as the beginning of the checklist and follow the guidance in the annotated outlines. Remove instructions before finalizing.

# CEQA Environmental Checklist

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND BACKGROUND

**Project Title:**

**Lead agency name:**       **Address:**

**Contact person:**       **Phone number:**

**Project sponsor’s name:**       **Address:**

**Project Location:**

**General plan description:**

**Zoning:**

**Description of project:**

Describe the whole action involved, including but not limited to later phases of the project, and any secondary, support, or off-site features necessary for its implementation.

**Surrounding land uses and setting:**

Briefly describe the project’s surroundings.

**Other public agencies whose approval is required** (e.g. permits, financial approval, or participation agreements)**:**

## NATIVE AMERICAN CONSULTATION

**Have California Native American tribes traditionally and culturally affiliated with the project area requested consultation pursuant to Public Resources Code (PRC) section 21080.3.1?** **[ ]  Yes** **[ ]  No**

**If yes, ensure that consultation and heritage resource confidentiality follow PRC sections 21080.3.1 and 21080.3.2 and California Government Code 65352.4**

Note: Conducting consultation early in the CEQA process allows tribal governments, lead agencies, and project proponents to discuss the level of environmental review, identify and address potential adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources, and reduce the potential for delay and conflict in the environmental review process. (See Public Resources Code section 21080.3.2.) Information may also be available from the California Native American Heritage Commission’s Sacred Lands File per Public Resources Code section 5097.96 and the California Historical Resources Information System administered by the California Office of Historic Preservation. Please also note that Public Resources Code section 21082.3(c) contains provisions specific to confidentiality.

## ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project. Please see the checklist beginning on page 4 for additional information.

[ ]  Aesthetics [ ]  Agriculture and Forestry

[ ]  Air Quality [ ]  Biological Resources

[ ]  Cultural Resources [ ]  Energy

[ ]  Geology/Soils [ ]  Greenhouse Gas Emissions

[ ]  Hazards and Hazardous Materials [ ]  Hydrology/Water Quality

[ ]  Land Use/Planning [ ]  Mineral Resources

[ ]  Noise [ ]  Population/Housing

[ ]  Public Services [ ]  Recreation

[ ]  Transportation [ ]  Tribal Cultural Resources

[ ]  Utilities/Service Systems [ ]  Wildfire

[ ]  Mandatory Findings of Significance

## DETERMINATION

**On the basis of this initial evaluation (choose one):**

[ ]  I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

[ ]  I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.

[ ]  I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.

[ ]  I find that the proposed project MAY have a "potentially significant impact" or "potentially significant unless mitigated" impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.

[ ]  I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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| Print Name |  | Signature |  | Date |

# CEQA Environmental Checklist

**DIST-CO-RTE:**       **PM/PM:**       **EA/Project No.:**

This checklist identifies physical, biological, social and economic factors that might be affected by the proposed project. In many cases, background studies performed in connection with the projects indicate no impacts. A NO IMPACT answer in the last column reflects this determination. Where there is a need for clarifying discussion, the discussion is included either following the applicable section of the checklist or is within the body of the environmental document itself. The words "significant" and "significance" used throughout the following checklist are related to CEQA, not NEPA, impacts. The questions in this form are intended to encourage the thoughtful assessment of impacts and do not represent thresholds of significance.

**Instructions**

Click on “Choose an item” under the CEQA Determination column to select the appropriate significance determination from the drop-down list. If discussions will be included after each resource table, follow the guidance provided in the annotated outlines.

## AESTHETICS

Except as provided in Public Resources Code Section 21099, would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista? | Choose an item. |
| b) Substantially damage scenic resources, including, but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway? | Choose an item. |
| c) In non-urbanized areas, substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of public views of the site and its surroundings? (Public views are those that are experienced from a publicly accessible vantage point). If the project is in an urbanized area, would the project conflict with applicable zoning and other regulations governing scenic quality? | Choose an item. |
| d) Create a new source of substantial light or glare which would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area? | Choose an item. |

## AGRICULTURE AND FOREST RESOURCES

In determining whether impacts to agricultural resources are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to the California Agricultural Land Evaluation and Site Assessment Model (1997) prepared by the California Dept. of Conservation as an optional model to use in assessing impacts on agriculture and farmland. In determining whether impacts to forest resources, including timberland, are significant environmental effects, lead agencies may refer to information compiled by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection regarding the state’s inventory of forest land, including the Forest and Range Assessment Project and the Forest Legacy Assessment Project; and the forest carbon measurement methodology provided in Forest Protocols adopted by the California Air Resources Board. Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use? | Choose an item. |
| b) Conflict with existing zoning for agricultural use, or a Williamson Act contract? | Choose an item. |
| c) Conflict with existing zoning for, or cause rezoning of, forest land (as defined in Public Resources Code section 12220(g)), timberland (as defined by Public Resources Code section 4526), or timberland zoned Timberland Production (as defined by Government Code section 51104(g))? | Choose an item. |
| d) Result in the loss of forest land or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | Choose an item. |
| e) Involve other changes in the existing environment which, due to their location or nature, could result in conversion of Farmland, to non-agricultural use or conversion of forest land to non-forest use? | Choose an item. |

## AIR QUALITY

Where available, the significance criteria established by the applicable air quality management district or air pollution control district may be relied upon to make the following determinations. Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non- attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard? | Choose an item. |
| c) Expose sensitive receptors to substantial pollutant concentrations?  | Choose an item. |
| d) Result in other emissions (such as those leading to odors) adversely affecting a substantial number of people?  | Choose an item. |

## BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Have a substantial adverse effect, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as a candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or NOAA Fisheries?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community identified in local or regional plans, policies, regulations or by the California Department of Fish and Wildlife or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service?  | Choose an item. |
| c) Have a substantial adverse effect on state or federally protected wetlands (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?  | Choose an item. |
| d) Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?  | Choose an item. |
| e) Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as a tree preservation policy or ordinance?  | Choose an item. |
| f) Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan? | Choose an item. |

## CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource pursuant to in §15064.5?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?  | Choose an item. |
| c) Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of dedicated cemeteries?  | Choose an item. |

## ENERGY

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Result in potentially significant environmental impact due to wasteful, inefficient, or unnecessary consumption of energy resources, during project construction or operation? | Choose an item. |
| b) Conflict with or obstruct a state or local plan for renewable energy or energy efficiency? | Choose an item. |

## GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Directly or indirectly cause potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving:i) Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? Refer to Division of Mines and Geology Special Publication 42. | Choose an item. |
| ii) Strong seismic ground shaking? | Choose an item. |
| iii) Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction?  | Choose an item. |
| iv) Landslides? | Choose an item. |
| b) Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil? | Choose an item. |
| c) Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?  | Choose an item. |
| d) Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?  | Choose an item. |
| e) Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative waste water disposal systems where sewers are not available for the disposal of waste water?  | Choose an item. |
| f) Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature? | Choose an item. |

## GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment? | Choose an item. |
| b) Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases? | Choose an item. |

## HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?  | Choose an item. |
| c) Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?  | Choose an item. |
| d) Be located on a site which is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?  | Choose an item. |
| e) For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?  | Choose an item. |
| f) Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?  | Choose an item. |
| g) Expose people or structures, either directly or indirectly, to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires?  | Choose an item. |

## HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements or otherwise substantially degrade surface or ground water quality?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Substantially decrease groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such the project may impede sustainable groundwater management of the basin? | Choose an item. |
| c) Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river or through the addition of impervious surfaces, in a manner which would:(i) result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site; | Choose an item. |
| (ii) substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner which would result in flooding on- or offsite; | Choose an item. |
| (iii) create or contribute runoff water which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff; or | Choose an item. |
| (iv) impede or redirect flood flows? | Choose an item. |
| d) In flood hazard, tsunami, or seiche zones, risk release of pollutants due to project inundation? | Choose an item. |
| e) Conflict with or obstruct implementation of a water quality control plan or sustainable groundwater management plan? | Choose an item. |

## LAND USE AND PLANNING

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Physically divide an established community?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Cause a significant environmental impact due to a conflict with any land use plan, policy, or regulation adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?  | Choose an item. |

## MINERAL RESOURCES

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Result in the loss of availability of a locally-important mineral resource recovery site delineated on a local general plan, specific plan or other land use plan?  | Choose an item. |

## NOISE

Would the project result in:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Generation of a substantial temporary or permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the vicinity of the project in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Generation of excessive groundborne vibration or groundborne noise levels?  | Choose an item. |
| c) For a project located within the vicinity of a private airstrip or an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels? | Choose an item. |

## POPULATION AND HOUSING

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?  | Choose an item. |
| b) Displace substantial numbers of existing people or housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?  | Choose an item. |

## PUBLIC SERVICES

Would the project result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the following public services:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Fire protection? | Choose an item. |
| b) Police protection? | Choose an item. |
| c) Schools? | Choose an item. |
| d) Parks? | Choose an item. |
| e) Other public facilities? | Choose an item. |

## RECREATION

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Would the project increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated? | Choose an item. |
| b) Does the project include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment? | Choose an item. |

## TRANSPORTATION

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Conflict with a program, plan, ordinance, or policy addressing the circulation system, including transit, roadway, bicycle and pedestrian facilities? | Choose an item. |
| b) Would the project conflict or be inconsistent with CEQA Guidelines section 15064.3, subdivision (b)? | Choose an item. |
| c) Substantially increase hazards due to a geometric design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)? | Choose an item. |
| d) Result in inadequate emergency access? | Choose an item. |

## TRIBAL CULTURAL RESOURCES

Would the project cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a tribal cultural resource, defined in Public Resources Code section 21074 as either a site, feature, place, cultural landscape that is geographically defined in terms of the size and scope of the landscape, sacred place, or object with cultural value to a California Native American tribe, and that is:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Listed or eligible for listing in the California Register of Historical Resources, or in a local register of historical resources as defined in Public Resources Code section 5020.1(k), or | Choose an item. |
| b) A resource determined by the lead agency, in its discretion and supported by substantial evidence, to be significant pursuant to criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resources Code Section 5024.1. In applying the criteria set forth in subdivision (c) of Public Resource Code Section 5024.1, the lead agency shall consider the significance of the resource to a California Native American tribe. | Choose an item. |

## UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Require or result in the relocation or construction of new or expanded water, wastewater treatment or storm water drainage, electric power, natural gas, or telecommunications facilities, the construction or relocation of which could cause significant environmental effects? | Choose an item. |
| b) Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project and reasonably foreseeable future development during normal, dry and multiple dry years? | Choose an item. |
| c) Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that it has adequate capacity to serve the project’s projected demand in addition to the provider’s existing commitments? | Choose an item. |
| d) Generate solid waste in excess of State or local standards, or in excess of the capacity of local infrastructure, or otherwise impair the attainment of solid waste reduction goals? | Choose an item. |
| e) Comply with federal, state, and local management and reduction statutes and regulations related to solid waste? | Choose an item. |

## WILDFIRE

If located in or near state responsibility areas or lands classified as very high fire hazard severity zones, would the project:

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Substantially impair an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan? | Choose an item. |
| b) Due to slope, prevailing winds, and other factors, exacerbate wildfire risks, and thereby expose project occupants to, pollutant concentrations from a wildfire or the uncontrolled spread of a wildfire? | Choose an item. |
| c) Require the installation or maintenance of associated infrastructure (such as roads, fuel breaks, emergency water sources, power lines or other utilities) that may exacerbate fire risk or that may result in temporary or ongoing impacts to the environment? | Choose an item. |
| d) Expose people or structures to significant risks, including downslope or downstream flooding or landslides, as a result of runoff, post-fire slope instability, or drainage changes? | Choose an item. |

## MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

| **Question** | **CEQA Determination** |
| --- | --- |
| a) Does the project have the potential to substantially degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, substantially reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory? | Choose an item. |
| b) Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? ("Cumulatively considerable" means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, the effects of other current projects, and the effects of probable future projects)? | Choose an item. |
| c) Does the project have environmental effects which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly? | Choose an item. |