

SACRAMENTO COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

INITIAL STUDY CHECKLIST

SAMPLE PROJECT GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT, COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT, REZONE, AND USE PERMIT

98-GPB-CZB-UPP-0000

	Potentially Significant ¹	Less Than Significant with Mitigation ²	Less Than Significant or No Impact ³	Comments
1. LAND USE - Would the project:				
a. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project (including but not limited to a general plan, specific plan or zoning ordinance) adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				
b. Physically disrupt or divide an established community?				
2. POPULATION/HOUSING - Would the project:				
a. Induce substantial unplanned population growth in an area either directly (e.g., by proposing new homes and businesses) or indirectly (e.g., through extension of infrastructure)?				
b. Displace substantial amounts of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				
3. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:				
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, Farmland of Statewide Importance or areas containing prime soils to uses not conducive to agricultural production?				
b. Conflict with any existing Williamson Act contract?				
c. Introduce incompatible uses in the vicinity of existing agricultural uses?				

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4. AESTHETICS - Would the project:				
a. Substantially alter existing viewsheds such as scenic highways, corridors or vistas?				
b. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				
c. Create a new source of substantial light, glare or shadow that would result in safety hazards or adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				
5. AIRPORTS - Would the project:				
a. Result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the vicinity of an airport/airstrip?				
b. Expose people residing or working in the project area to aircraft noise levels in excess of applicable standards?				
c. Result in a substantial adverse effect upon the safe and efficient use of navigable airspace by aircraft?				
d. Result in a change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location, that results in substantial safety risks?				
6. PUBLIC SERVICES - Would the project:				
a. Have an adequate water supply for full buildout of the development?				

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b. Have adequate wastewater treatment and disposal facilities for full buildout of the development?				
c. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				
d. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the construction of new water supply or wastewater treatment and disposal facilities or expansion of existing facilities?				
e. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of storm water drainage facilities?				
f. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of electric or natural gas service?				
g. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of emergency services?				
h. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of public school services?				
i. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of park and recreation services?				
7. TRANSPORTATION/TRAFFIC - Would the project:				

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a. Result in a substantial increase in peak hour vehicle trip-ends that could exceed, either individually or cumulatively, a level of service standard established by the County?				
b. Result in a substantial adverse impact to access and/or circulation?				
c. Result in substantial adverse impact due to inadequate parking capacity?				
d. Result in a substantial adverse impact to public safety?				
e. Conflict with adopted policies, plans, or programs supporting alternative transportation (e.g., bus turnouts, bicycle racks)?				
8. AIR QUALITY - Would the project:				
a. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is in non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard?				
b. Expose sensitive receptors to pollutant concentrations in excess of standards?				
c. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				
9. NOISE - Would the project:				

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a. Result in exposure of persons to, or generation of, noise levels in excess of standards established by the local general plan, noise ordinance or applicable standards of other agencies?				
b. Result in a substantial temporary increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity?				
10. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY - Would the project:				
a. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or substantially interfere with groundwater recharge?				
b. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the project area and/or increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner that would result in flooding on- or off-site?				
c. Develop within a 100-year floodplain as mapped on a federal Flood Insurance Rate Map or within a local flood hazard area?				
d. Place structures that would impede or redirect flood flows within a 100-year floodplain?				
e. Expose people or structures to a substantial risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				
f. Create or contribute runoff that would exceed the capacity of existing or planned stormwater drainage systems?				

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g. Create substantial sources of polluted runoff or otherwise substantially degrade ground or surface water quality?				
11. GEOLOGY AND SOILS - Would the project:				
a. Expose people or structures to substantial risk of loss, injury or death involving 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?				
b. Result in substantial soil erosion, siltation or loss of topsoil?				
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, soil expansion, liquefaction or collapse?				
d. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal systems where sewers are not available?				
e. Result in a substantial loss of an important mineral resource?				
f. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site?				
12. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES - Would the project:				
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on any special status species?				

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b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other sensitive natural community?				
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on wetlands designated as jurisdictional waters of the United States as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act?				
d. Have a substantial adverse effect on the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species?				
e. Adversely affect or result in the removal of native or landmark trees?				
f. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources?				
g. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan or other approved local, regional, state or federal plan for the conservation of habitat?				
13. CULTURAL RESOURCES - Would the project:				
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource?				
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on an archaeological resource?				
c. Disturb any human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				
14. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS - Would the project:				

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a. Create a substantial hazard to the public or the environment through the routine transport, use or disposal of hazardous materials?				
b. Expose the public or the environment to a substantial hazard through reasonably foreseeable upset conditions involving the release of hazardous materials?				
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				
d. Be located on a site that is included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5, resulting in a substantial hazard to the public or the environment?				
e. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response or emergency evacuation plan?		4		

¹ **Potentially Significant** indicates there is substantial evidence that an effect MAY be significant. If there are one or more “Potentially Significant” entries and Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is required. Further research of a potentially significant impact may reveal that the impact is actually less than significant or less than significant with mitigation.

² **Less than Significant with Mitigation** applies where an impact could be significant but specific mitigation has been identified that reduces the impact to a less than significant level.

³ **Less than Significant or No Impact** indicates that either a project will have an impact but the impact is considered minor or that a project does not impact the particular resource.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

LAND USE CONSISTENCY	Current Land Use Designation	Consistent	Not Consistent	Comments
General Plan				
Community Plan				
Land Use Zone				