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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Department of Planning & Development Services

2024 Climate Action Plan Consistency Review Checklist

Introduction

The County of San Diego (County) 2024 Climate Action Plan (CAP) identifies strategies, measures, and actions to meet the County's targets to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by 2030 and 2045, consistent with the State's 2022 Scoping Plan for Achieving Carbon Neutrality and legislative GHG reduction targets and demonstrates progress towards the State's 2045 net zero GHG emissions goal. The CAP's attainment of the County's GHG reduction targets is the result of (1) several initiatives to be directly implemented by the County and (2) incorporating GHG-reduction features into the construction and operation of development projects (including County-initiated and privately-initiated projects).

The CAP has been prepared in accordance with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15183.5, which allows for public agencies to analyze and mitigate GHG emissions as part of a larger "plan for the reduction of greenhouse gases." The CAP, CAP Consistency Review Checklist (Checklist), and the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR) for the CAP collectively include the required elements of "a plan for the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions" set forth in CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5(b). Therefore, the CAP is a CEQA-qualified climate action plan.

The purpose of the Checklist is two-fold:

- Incorporate applicable CAP measures and actions into projects when they are not otherwise binding and enforceable, and
- Provide a streamlined environmental review process for GHG emissions analysis for projects that require and are not exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA and determined to be consistent with the CAP.

Refer to the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change (Guidelines) for discussion of the process County staff will follow to evaluate GHG emissions impacts for projects subject to CEQA. The Guidelines identify the County's adopted "threshold of significance" for GHG emissions impacts and explain the role of the Checklist in the streamlined environmental review process.

Checklist Applicability

The Checklist applies to discretionary projects that are subject to and not exempt from CEQA (referred to herein as projects). The Checklist is therefore a critical implementation tool for incorporating CAP measures and actions that are not otherwise binding and enforceable into development projects (including new development applications and expansions or renovations of existing development).

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Implementation of measures that do not apply to projects will occur through the implementation mechanisms identified in Chapter 5 of the CAP. Implementation of applicable CAP measures and actions by projects will help the County achieve incremental reductions towards the CAP targets, with additional reductions occurring through County initiatives and measures related to existing development that are implemented outside of the Checklist process.

Checklist Overview

The Checklist establishes a two-step process that project proponents shall follow to determine if projects are consistent with the CAP and whether they may have a significant cumulative impact under the County's adopted GHG thresholds of significance.

Step 1 of the Checklist assesses a project's consistency with the growth projections used in the CAP to estimate future GHG emissions from activities occurring in the unincorporated area and County facilities and operations. Because the CAP uses growth projections based on implementation of the adopted General Plan, the first step in determining a project's consistency with the CAP is to demonstrate its consistency with the regional categories and land use designations of the General Plan. All projects must demonstrate consistency with existing General Plan regional categories, land use designations, and the uses and development density and intensity allowed under the Zoning Ordinance.

If a project is consistent with the General Plan, then Step 2 of the Checklist should be completed. If a project is not consistent with the regional categories or land use designations of the General Plan, then it shall not use the CAP Consistency Checklist for CEQA streamlining.

Step 2 of the Checklist sets forth CAP measures and actions in the form of "consistency requirements" that project proponents are required to incorporate into their projects to demonstrate compliance with the CAP. Project proponents are required to demonstrate project consistency with the CAP consistency requirements or demonstrate why the requirements are not applicable to their project.

Projects that are consistent with the CAP, as determined using Steps 1 and 2 in this Checklist, may rely on the CAP for the cumulative impacts analysis of GHG emissions under CEQA. Projects that are not consistent with the CAP as determined by Steps 1 or 2 of the Checklist, shall not use the CAP Consistency Checklist for CEQA streamlining.

Checklist Completion and Review Procedures

General procedures for Checklist completion and review are described below, with more specific directions provided in Steps 1 and 2 of the Checklist.

- The County's Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS) reviews development applications
 and makes determinations regarding project environmental review requirements under CEQA. Procedures
 for CEQA can be found on the County's <u>Process Guidance & Regulations/Statutes Homepage</u>.
- 2. The project proponent shall complete the Checklist, and must provide substantial evidence to demonstrate project consistency with the CAP.
- 3. When completing Step 2 of the Checklist, the project proponent must provide substantial evidence demonstrating how each applicable CAP consistency requirement will be implemented by or incorporated into the project.

- 4. CAP consistency requirements determined to be applicable to the project in Step 2 of the Checklist shall be required as conditions of project approval.
- 5. Projects that cannot demonstrate consistency with the CAP using this Checklist are required to prepare a separate GHG analysis as part of the CEQA document prepared for the project and may be required to prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR). Refer to the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change (Guidelines) for a complete description of the County's procedural and content requirements for evaluating a project's GHG emissions under CEQA.

Checklist Updates

The Checklist may be administratively updated by the County from time to time to comply with amendments to State laws or court directives, or to remove measures that may become mandatory through future updates to State or local codes. Administrative revisions to the Checklist will be limited to changes that do not trigger a subsequent EIR or a supplement to the SEIR for the CAP pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15162. Administrative revisions, as described above, will not require approval by the Board of Supervisors (Board). All other changes to the Checklist require Board approval.

Comprehensive updates to the Checklist will be coordinated with each CAP update and will require Board approval. Future updates to the CAP and Checklist shall comply with CEQA.

	Application Information	
Contact Information		
Project No. and Name: Property Address and APN:	PDS2022-LDGRMJ-30446 Balasz Renorthern terminus of Artesian Breeze (APN 267-147-06-00)	
Applicant Name and Co.: Contact Phone:	Alex and Zsuzsi Balazs Contact Email:	
Nas a consultant retained to cor f Yes, complete the following:	mplete this checklist? □Yes ⊠No	
Consultant Name: Company Name:	Contact Phone: Contact Email:	
Project Information		
2. Identify all applicable p o Residential (in o Residential (in o Commercial (in	project site (acres [gross and net])? roposed land uses (indicate square footage [g dicate # of single-family dwelling units): dicate # of multi-family dwelling units): ndicate total square footage [gross and net]): cate total square footage [gross and net]):	2.41 pross and net]): 1
,	ndicate total acreage [gross and net]):	

 Provide a description of the project. This description should match the project description used for the CEQA document. The description may be attached to the Checklist if there are space constraints.

The project includes site grading and construction of a two-story 8,979-square-foot (sf) single-family residence with a basement, attached garage, and associated improvements on an approximately 2.41-acre project site. The project would also include a swimming pool, sports court, retaining walls, and associated hardscape/landscape improvements. In addition, the project would include a 603-sf lower-level garage and a 565-sf ground level garage, 270 sf of storage space, a 494-sf first flood deck, and a 508-sf second flood deck.

Construction of the project would include site grading and excavation for foundations and utilities, building construction, paving, and architectural coating. The project would require approximately 1,700 cubic yards (cy) of cut, 4,100 cy of fill, and 2,600 cy of import. Project construction would occur over a period of approximately 12 months.

Step 1: Demonstrate Consistency with the General Plan

The CAP uses growth projections based on implementation of the adopted General Plan to estimate future GHG emissions from activities occurring in the unincorporated area and County facilities and operations. Therefore, the first step in determining a project's consistency with the CAP is to demonstrate its consistency with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance.

All projects must demonstrate consistency with existing General Plan regional categories, land use designations, and zoning designations. If a project is consistent with the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance, then Step 2 of the Checklist should be completed. If a project is not consistent with the regional categories and land use designations of the General Plan and zoning designations, then it shall not use the CAP Consistency Checklist for CEQA streamlining.

Step 1: Demonstrate Consistency with the General Plan		
CAP Consistency Requirement	Yes	No
1. Is the proposed project consistent with the existing General Plan regional category and land use designations and the uses and development density and intensity allowed under the Zoning Ordinance?		

Provide substantial evidence supporting the project's General Plan consistency determination. Attach additional information as needed

The site is subject to the General Plan Designation and Zoning for the site of Rural Residential (RR). The project has been designed to be consistent with the land use designation.

If "Yes," proceed to Step 2: Demonstrate Consistency with CAP Measures and Actions

If "No," the project is not consistent with the CAP and shall not use the CAP Consistency Checklist for CEQA streamlining. Such projects are required to prepare preparation of a separate GHG analysis as part of the CEQA document prepared for the project and may be required to prepare an EIR. Refer to the County's Guidelines for Determining Significance for Climate Change (Guidelines) for a complete description of the County's procedural and content requirements for evaluating a project's GHG emissions under CEQA.

Step 2: Demonstrate Consistency with CAP Measures and Actions

The second step of the CAP consistency review is to demonstrate a project's consistency with applicable CAP measures and actions. Projects are required to demonstrate consistency with the CAP consistency requirements or demonstrate why the requirements are not applicable. For ease of reference, two sets of CAP consistency requirements are provided in this section: one set of requirements that applies to privately-initiated projects (Table 1), and a second set of requirements that applies to County-initiated projects (Table 2).

Table 1. CAP Consistency Requirements for Privately-Initiated Projects				
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Built Environment and Transportation	, ,			
Electrify Loading Docks If the project includes cold storage or refrigerated warehouse facilities, it must comply with the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended to require electric truck loading docks must be equipped with adequate infrastructure to deliver electricity to electric-powered truck refrigeration units (e-TRUs).	T-3 (T-3.1)			
Note: The County will amend the Code of Regulatory Ordinances by 2030, pursuant to CAP Action T-3.1. This requirement does not apply to projects unless the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has been amended and the amendments have gone into effect.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project, is not subject to the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended, or if the amendments are not in effect.				

Provide substantial evidence supporting the project's consistency determination. Attach additional information as needed.

The project is residential so no loading docks are proposed.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Require	ments for Pri	ivately-Initiat	ed Projects	
	Supporting	Project C	onsistency Deter	mination
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
2. Install Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure The project must comply with the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended to require (Tier 2) CALGreen or similar electric vehicle charging infrastructure installations and preferential parking for ZEVs for new multifamily residential and nonresidential construction.	T-3 (T-3.1)	×		
If the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has not yet been amended, the project shall achieve Tier 2 status as set forth in the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen), Appendix A4 Residential Voluntary Measures, Division A4.6, Tier 1 and Tier 2, Section A4.601.5, Tier 2, and Appendix A5 Nonresidential Voluntary Measures, Division A5.6, Voluntary Tiers, Section A5.601.3 CALGreen Tier 2.				
Note: The County will amend the Code of Regulatory Ordinances by 2026, pursuant to CAP Action T-3.1.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project or is not subject to CALGreen or the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended.				

The project consists of one new single-family residence. The Project will install Electric Vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure in compliance with the 2022 CALGreen requirements for Tier 2 standards as outlined in Appendix A4, Section A4.106.8 (Tier 2).

	Supporting	Project C	onsistency Deterr	mination
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
3. Increase Active Transportation				·i
f both of the following conditions are met, the project	T-5			\boxtimes
must incorporate sidewalk and bikeway improvements	(T-5.1)			i
rom the County's Active Transportation Plan.				i
Intersection or roadway segment				i
improvements are proposed and/or required as				i
part of the project, AND				i
2. The County's Active Transportation Plan				i
identifies sidewalks or on-road bikeway				i
facilities at intersection(s) or on roadway				i
segment(s) that would be improved as part of				i
the project.				i

The project does not include intersection or roadway segment improvements. Therefore, no sidewalk and bikeway improvements from the County's Active Transportation Plan would be required.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Require	ements for Pr	vately-Initiat	ed Projects	
	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Reduce Single-Occupancy Vehicle Trips When the County has adopted the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) ordinance and it has gone into effect, the project must comply with the ordinance.	T-6 (T-6.2)			
Note: The County will adopt the TDM ordinance by 2028, pursuant to CAP Action T-6.2. This requirement does not apply to projects unless the TDM Ordinance has been adopted and has gone into effect.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project, is not subject to the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended, or if the amendments are not in effect.				

The County has not yet adopted a TDM Ordinance.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Require	ments for Pri	vately-Initiat	ed Projects	
	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Energy	(
5. Electrify Buildings and Appliances The project must comply with the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended to incorporate all- electric appliances and equipment in new residential, commercial, and industrial construction or incorporate (Tier 2) CALGreen or similar energy efficiency requirements for existing development projects. If the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has not yet been amended, the project shall achieve Tier 2 status as set forth in the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen), Appendix A4 Residential Voluntary Measures, Division A4.6, Tier 1 and Tier 2, Section A4.601.5, Tier 2, and Appendix A5 Nonresidential Voluntary Measures, Division A5.6, Voluntary Tiers, Section A5.601.3 CALGreen Tier 2.	E-2 (E-2.1, E-2.2)			
Note: The County will amend the Code of Regulatory Ordinances by 2026 to establish requirements for existing development projects, pursuant to CAP Actions E-2.1 and E-2.2.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project or is not subject to CALGreen or the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended.				

The project will achieve Tier 2 status as set forth in the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code (CALGreen), Title 24, Part 11, Appendix A4 Residential Voluntary Measures, Division A4.6, Tier 2. The project will implement all applicable measures, including enhanced energy efficiency, installation of Level 2 Electric Vehicle Charging Stations, use of all-electric appliances, water-efficient landscaping and fixtures, and diversion of construction waste in compliance with Tier 2 standards per A4.6.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Requirements for Privately-Initiated Projects				
	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
6. Increase Renewable Energy The project must comply with the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended to incorporate (Tier 2) CALGreen or similar renewable energy requirements for new residential and nonresidential construction.	E-3 (E-3.1)			
If the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has not yet been amended, the project shall achieve Tier 2 status as set forth in the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen), Appendix A4 Residential Voluntary Measures, Division A4.6, Tier 1 and Tier 2, Section A4.601.5, Tier 2, and Appendix A5 Nonresidential Voluntary Measures, Division A5.6, Voluntary Tiers, Section A5.601.3 CALGreen Tier 2.				
Note: The County will amend the Code of Regulatory Ordinances by 2026, pursuant to CAP Action E-3.1.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project or is not subject to CALGreen or the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended.				

The project will ensure that the newly constructed residence complies with 2022 CALGreen Section A4.601.5, Tier 2 for energy efficiency.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Require	ements for Pr	ivately-Initiat	ed Projects	
	Supporting	Project C	onsistency Deter	mination
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Water and Wastewater	, ,	T	1	T
7. Increase Water Efficiency The project must comply with the County's Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended to require (Tier 2) CALGreen or similar water efficiency requirements and reduced outdoor water use for landscaping requirements.	W-2 (W-2.1, W- 2.2)	×		
Residential projects: If the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has not yet been amended, residential projects must comply with the requirements of the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen), Appendix A4 Voluntary Residential Measures by complying with at least three elective measures from Section A4.303, Section A4.304, and Section A4.305 Tier 2 Water Efficiency and Conservation Requirements.				
Nonresidential projects: If the Code of Regulatory Ordinances has not yet been amended, nonresidential projects must comply with the requirements of the 2022 California Green Building Standards Code, Title 24, Part 11 (CALGreen), Appendix A5 Voluntary Nonresidential Measures, Section A5.303.2.3.2 Tier 2 Water Efficiency and Conservation Requirements and three elective measures from Section A5.303, Section A5.304, and Section A5.305 Tier 2 Water Efficiency and Conservation Requirements.				
Note: The County will amend the Code of Regulatory Ordinances by 2026, pursuant to CAP Action W-2.1 and W-2.2.				
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project, is not subject to CALGreen or the Code of Regulatory Ordinances as amended.				

The project proposes to use three elective measures from 2022 CALGreen Sections A4.303, A4.304, and A4.305 as follows:

- A4.303.1 Kitchen Faucets will not exceed 1.5 gallons per min at 60 PSI or the latest standards to save water.
- A4.303.3 Install at least one qualified Energy Star dishwasher or clothes washer... the Project will install both to meet Energy Star.
- A4.304.1 A landscape water meter will be installed for irrigated areas less than 5,000

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Table 1. CAP Consistency Require	ments for Pri	ivately-Initiat	ed Projects	
	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Agriculture and Conservation				
8. Increase Tree Preservation If the County's program to preserve native trees is in effect, the project must comply.	A-2 (A-2.1)			
Check "N/A" if the project is not a privately-initiated project, is not subject to the native tree preservation program, or if the program is not in effect.				

The program to preserve native trees is not in effect.

Table 1. CAP Consistency Requir	ements for Pri	ivately-Initiat	ed Projects		
	Supporting	Project C	Project Consistency Determination		
CAP Consistency Requirement (Privately-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A	
9. Increase Tree Planting Single family residential: The project must comply with the tree planting requirements of the County's Landscaping Ordinance. Each new single family residential project shall include two trees per dwelling unit.	A-2 (A-2.2)	×			
Check "N/A" if the project is not subject to the Landscaping Ordinance					

The Project includes one single-family residence and will plant 13 trees.

	Supporting	Project C	onsistency Detern	nination
CAP Consistency Requirement (County-Initiated Project)	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Built Environment and Transportation	(,			
Use Electric-Powered or Zero Emission Construction Vehicles and Equipment The project must use electric-powered or other zero emissions vehicles and equipment during construction activities. This requirement applies to medium- and heavy-duty vehicles and equipment (defined as equal to or greater than 50 horsepower).	T-1 (T-1.1)			
Check "N/A" if the project is not a County-initiated project.				
Check "N/A" if the project does not require the use of medium- or heavy-duty construction vehicles or equipment.				
Check "N/A" if electric-powered or zero emission vehicles and equipment are not commercially available for the project's medium- and heavy-duty vehicle and equipment needs during construction. To support this "N/A" response, demonstrate that a minimum of three fleet owners/operators/fuel providers in San Diego County or adjacent counties were contacted and responded that electric-powered or other zero emission equipment and/or fuel options are not commercially available for the project's vehicle and equipment needs during construction.				

The project is not a County-initiated project.

CAP Consistency Requirement (County-Initiated Project)	Supporting CAP Measure (Action)	Project Consistency Determination		
		Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Energy	, ,			
2. Increase Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Use The project must comply with the County Facilities Zero Carbon Portfolio Plan by complying with the following: 1. Use electric appliances and equipment. Appliances and equipment powered by non-electric sources are not permitted. 2. Achieve Zero Net Energy (i.e., produce enough renewable energy to meet its own annual energy consumption requirements)	E-1 (E-1.1)			

The project is not a County-initiated project.

CAP Consistency Requirement (County-Initiated Project)	Supporting	Project Consistency Determination		
	CAP Measure (Action)	Consistent	Not Consistent	N/A
Water and Wastewater	` '			
Increase Water Efficiency The project must incorporate applicable measures identified in the County's Water Efficiency Plan.	W-1 (W-1.1)			\boxtimes

The project is not a County-initiated project.