



# EIA INFORMATION FORM P-1(D)

Development Services

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## APPLICATION INFORMATION

*This submittal form is to be completed as part of your application with the City of Carlsbad. Your project cannot be reviewed until Part A is completed. Part B is to be completed ONLY if further environmental review and documentation is required (i.e., Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Negative Declaration).*

State law requires that environmental review be conducted and information be made available before decisions are made and before actions are taken. Implementation of this law, called the California Environmental Quality Act, Public Resources Code §§ 21000 et seq. (CEQA), requires the city to perform an environmental assessment of every project by way of a multi-step decision tree. First, the city must determine whether the proposed activity is subject to CEQA. Second, assuming CEQA applies, the city must decide whether the activity qualifies for one of the exemptions that excuse otherwise covered activities from CEQA review. Finally, assuming no applicable exemption, the city must undertake full review and prepare an environmental document. To successfully navigate through the three tiers, the Applicant/Property Owner/Agent must work with the city to document the environmental assessment.

BY SIGNING BLEOW, I/We that this form must be completed as part of the application and will be utilized by the city to expedite the project application process. I/We hereby certify that the statements furnished in the attached information and any exhibits attached hereto present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**NAME OF PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**BRIEF SUMMARY OF PROJECT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LOCATION:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT:**      Applicant    Property Owner    Agent

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*NOTE: Except where circumstances dictate a different processing timeline pursuant to state law, the city will formally begin the formal evaluation of the project after deeming the Land Use Review Application as complete and determining the project is subject to CEQA.*

## PART A. Requested Environmental Clearance (All Projects)

- DON'T KNOW / UNKNOWN.** It is unknown how CEQA applies to this project.
- CEQA APPLICABILITY – NOT A PROJECT.** The requested activity associated with the application package is NOT a “project” as defined by CEQA (Public Resources Code § 21065; CEQA Guidelines § 15378).

Applicable Public Resource Code or CEQA Guidelines Sec.: \_\_\_\_\_

- EXEMPT FROM ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW.** An Applicant, Property Owner, or Agent contemplating using a CEQA exemption should carefully review both the Public Resources Code and the State CEQA Guidelines to determine whether specific criteria apply that may or may not be applicable to their proposed project. To assist the city in assessing whether the proposed project is exempt from further review, the Applicant, Property Owner, or Agent may be asked to **provide written explanation** and substantiate the requested exemption (see below).

- Ministerial. The requested activity is exempt from further CEQA review because it is specifically excluded from CEQA consideration as defined by the State Legislature. These exemptions are delineated in Public Resource Code §§ 21080 et seq. and CEQA Guidelines.

Applicable section: \_\_\_\_\_

- Categorical. The requested activity is exempt from further CEQA review because it belongs to a list of classes of projects that generally are considered not to have potential impacts on the environment. Categorical exemptions are identified by the State Resources Agency and are defined in the CEQA Guidelines §§ 15300-15333. *ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MUST BE ATTACHED.* Written evidence must include why the requested exemption is not negated by some sort of an exception to the exemption, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15300.2 and Chapter 19.04 of the Carlsbad Municipal Code.

- Other type of exemption, such as Agricultural Housing, Affordable Housing, and exemption for residential projects in a specific plan, etc. (Article 12.5 of the CEQA Guidelines; § 15182; § 15183; Public Resources Code § 21155.1; etc.) *ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION AND/OR CHECKLIST MUST BE ATTACHED.*

- ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED.** Environmental review is required under CEQA because the project does not qualify for an exemption. This Environmental Information Form will be used to assist staff in determining what type of environmental documentation (i.e., Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Negative Declaration) will be required to be prepared, per CEQA and Chapter 19.04 of Carlsbad’s Municipal Code. The city will typically complete its initial environmental study thirty days after an application is determined complete, consistent with Public Resources Code § 21080.2; CEQA Guidelines § 15102, unless the timeframe is extended.

## PART B. Property and Project Screening Information (If Applicable)

*This section is to be completed only if further environmental review and documentation is required (such as an Environmental Impact Report, Mitigated Negative Declaration, or Negative Declaration. After your Land Use Review Application is complete, the City Planner will request the preparation of an Initial Study, which will rely, in part, on the information provided in this form. If you believe that a previously completed CEQA document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project, a Petition for Use of Prior CEQA Document or tiering checklist (as required by CEQA) may be filed which will be reviewed and considered. It is important to note that the details of the request must be carefully evaluated and Planning staff's recommendation or decision for environmental review may change.*

*NOTE: If you have any questions regarding what constitutes an environmental resource of concern, Planning staff may be contacted for further information. The clarity and accuracy of the information you provide is critical for purposes of quickly determining the specific environmental effects of your project.*

### 1. Describe each item as it relates to the PROJECT SITE:

a. Existing land uses / structures: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Topography / slope: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Vegetation: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Wildlife: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Surface waters: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Cultural / historical resources: \_\_\_\_\_

g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Describe each item as it relates to the SURROUNDING AREA:

a. Existing land uses / structures: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Topography / slope: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Vegetation: \_\_\_\_\_

d. Wildlife: \_\_\_\_\_

e. Surface waters: \_\_\_\_\_

f. Cultural / historical resources: \_\_\_\_\_

g. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

3. 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.

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4. What steps can be taken to mitigate any adverse effects that may result from this project? List the adverse effect first, then the mitigation measure(s) to reduce that effect.

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

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

- |   | Yes                      | No                       |
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| 16. Site with tree groves, rock outcroppings, or similar resources.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. Site with sensitive plant or animal habitats, defined by the California Endangered Special Act (Fish and Game Code §§ 2050 et. seq.) or the Federal Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. §§ et. seq.); or sensitive, rare, candidate species of special concern; endangered or threatened biological specials or their habitat (specifically including sage scrub habitat for the California Gnatcatcher); or the site is immediately adjacent to a corridor or larger area which has wildlife movement. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. Site has known archaeological or cultural resources from either historic or prehistoric periods.  | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. Site has buildings or structures, including houses, garages, barns, commercial structures, etc. with extant architecture that are usually more than 45 years old.   | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*NOTE: The city requires completion of this form for informational purposes. An affirmative response to any of the items does not necessarily trigger special or additional CEQA review. Any environmental studies (i.e., biological, cultural resource, traffic, noise) that are necessary to substantiate a “no impact” or “yes impact” determination should be submitted as an attachment to this Environmental Information Form to help expedite the city’s environmental review but **IS NOT** required to complete your application. Formal environmental review does not begin the Land Use Review Application is determined to be complete.*

A few statutes or ordinances require agencies to make decisions on permits within time limits that are so short that review of the project under CEQA time limits would be difficult. To enable the city to comply with the Permit Streamlining Act and CEQA, the case planner will deem an application for a project not received for filing under the statute or ordinance until such time that progress toward completing the environmental documentation required by CEQA is sufficient to enable the city to finish the CEQA process within the shorter permit time limit.

*This form must be stapled/attached to the application and shall be effective until replaced or revoked in writing.*