

## Sources of Information for Evaluating Impacts for Topics under CEQA

### I. Aesthetics

Local General Plans – Policies regarding scenic corridors or unique visual resources

California Department of Transportation, California Scenic Highway Program

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/LandArch/scenic/scpr.htm>

### II. Agricultural Resources

California Department of Conservation Important Farmland Mapping Program

<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/dlrp/FMMP/>

United States Department of Agriculture – Natural Resource Conservation Service, local Soil Survey maps

### III. Air Quality

California Air Resources Boards <http://www.arb.ca.gov>

Bay Area Air Quality Management District

<http://www.baaqmd.gov/pln/ceqa/index.htm>

### IV. Biological Resources

California Department of Fish and Game

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/biogeodata/>

California Natural Diversity Data Base

[http://www.alibris.com/search/detail.cfm?S=R&bid=8632061413&cm\\_mmc=shopcompare-\\_-base-\\_-nonisbn-\\_-na](http://www.alibris.com/search/detail.cfm?S=R&bid=8632061413&cm_mmc=shopcompare-_-base-_-nonisbn-_-na)

U.S. Department of Fish and Wildlife Service

<http://www.fws.gov/endangered/>

Local city or county - Tree Preservation Policy or Ordinance

- Determine if site-specific wetland delineation has been prepared
- Determine if any biological studies have been conducted for specific species
- Determine if site is covered by a Habitat Conservation Plan

### V. Cultural Resources **\*\*Refer to CEQA Section 15064.5\*\***

California Office of Historic Preservation [http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page\\_id=21721](http://www.ohp.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=21721)

National Register of Historic Places

<http://www.nationalregisterofhistoricplaces.com/CA/San+Bernardino/state.html>

California Native American Heritage Commission

<http://www.nahc.ca.gov/ceqa.html>

## **VI. Geology and Soils**

California Geological Survey resources:

- Earthquake Fault Hazard Maps (Alquist-Priolo Zones)  
Maps available at local city or county  
<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/rghm/ap/index.htm>
- Strong Ground Shaking <http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/smip/shakemap.htm>
- Liquefaction Hazard Maps <http://www.conservation.ca.gov/cgs/shzp/>
- Landslide Hazard Maps [http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/rghm/landslides/ls\\_index.htm](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/rghm/landslides/ls_index.htm)
- Tsunamis  
[http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/geologic\\_hazards/Tsunami/About\\_Tsunamis.htm](http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/geologic_hazards/Tsunami/About_Tsunamis.htm)

U.S. Geological Survey

<http://www.usgs.gov/pubprod/>

Local General Plans – Safety element of the General Plan (geologic hazards)

Local city and county lists of unreinforced masonry buildings or other unsafe structures

## **VII. Hazards and Hazardous Materials**

California Department of Toxic Substances Control

Lists of hazardous materials sites (“Cortese”) and cleanup data bases

<http://www.calepa.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/CorteseList/default.htm>

Regional Water Board

Information on cleanup sites

Site specific information on soil, groundwater and soil vapor data

Local city or county health departments and/or fire departments

Information on leaking underground storage tanks and other hazardous materials concerns

Local General Plan – Safety Element for policies regarding use, storage and transport of hazardous materials.

## **VIII. Hydrology and Water Quality**

Basin Plan

State Board: California’s Plan for Non-Point Source Pollution Prevention

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/nps/protecting.html>

Impaired Water bodies (303(d) list)

Approved TMDLs <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov>

California Department of Water Resources – groundwater resource mapping

<http://www.publicaffairs.water.ca.gov/information/pubs.cfm>

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) - Flood Hazard Maps

<http://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>

<http://www.esri.com/hazards>

Local General Plan – Safety Element of the General Plan (flood hazards)

Local General Plan – Conservation Element of the General Plan (water quality)  
(Sometimes there will be a Water Resources Element).

Local water district, flood control district or irrigation district **IX. Land Use/Planning**

Local city or county

- Local General Plan – Land Use Element of the General Plan
- Specific Plans
- Local Coastal Plan (usually a County Plan)
- Zoning Ordinance
- Habitat Conservation Plan (usually applies to a County but may be a large landowner)

## **X. Mineral Resources**

California Geological Survey

Surface Mining And Reclamation Act (SMARA) Mineral land Classification

<http://www.consrv.ca.gov/CGS/minerals/mlc/index.htm>

Local city or county

- Local General Plan – Land Use and/or Conservation Element
- Specific Plans

## **XI. Noise**

Local General Plan – Noise Element of the General Plan

Local Noise Ordinance

Local Airport Plans

## **XII. Population and Housing**

Local General Plan – Housing Element of the General Plan

Regional government (council of government- COG) housing projections and allocations

## **XIII. Public Services**

Local General Plan – Safety Element of the General Plan

Local police and fire department and school district

California Departments of Parks and Recreation <http://www.parks.ca.gov/parkindex/>

## **XIV. Recreation**

Local General Plan – Open Space Element of the General Plan

Local parks and recreation department

## **XV. Transportation and Traffic**

Local General Plan – Circulation element of the General Plan

- Level of Service Thresholds
- Street width policies
- Policies regarding use of traffic calming devices
- Bicycle and pedestrian policies

Local ordinance

- Parking requirements by land use
- Density limits

Local public works department

- Street paving requirements
- Regional program for restoring pavement after road work or pipeline installation

California Department of Transportation <http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/oppd/pdwt/revised/p49.htm>

## **XVI. Utilities and Service Systems**

Water and/or wastewater district

Existing capacity, plans for expansion

Regional Water Quality Control Board

Basin Plan water quality standards

History of violations

Local public works department

Storm water drainage system design capacity

Existing capacity issues

Planned capital improvement programs

California Integrated Waste Management Board – landfill capacity <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov>