Site Check: Update (2024)

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What is Site Check?

- **A free and public mapping tool** that helps users quickly find parcels where housing projects may qualify for streamlining and exemptions under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

- Launched July 2023

What is Site Check?

- Intended to help **accelerate** the production of housing by facilitating planning decisions and clarifying where existing streamlining options under CEQA may apply

What is Site Check? (Cont.)

- Funded by California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) as part of the technical assistance for SB 2, the Building Homes and Jobs Act

- Partnered with the Conservation Biology Institute (CBI) to develop the tool

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- **Reminder**: *The tool **CANNOT** be used to determine that a project is exempt from CEQA*. But we hope it can provide a helpful starting point and will make users more familiar with the various provisions that have been created to accelerate housing production in California.

Updates

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Data Updates

- Transit layers

- Earthquake-related layers

- Specific Plan layer
  - From September to October 2023, jurisdictions were asked to participate in a voluntary online survey to confirm existing specific plans and, if available, provide the latest geospatial boundary data for each specific plan under their purview.

New Datasets

- Building footprints
- Census Blocks
- OPR Land Use Categories

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- OPR staff collected and **interpreted** zoning code from public sources to categorize parcels statewide into thirteen general land use categories for **visualization** purposes

- Zoning code locally assigned is available per parcel

- Available on [California's State Geoportal here](#)

Disclaimer: OPR makes no representations about the accuracy of this classification, and it is provided here for informational purposes only. All users should independently confirm land use designations associated with parcels.

Legislation

- Recent additions to the "Other Resources" tab and section in the report
  - AB 2011
  - SB 6
- At this time, new legislation will continue to only be added to the same sections

Features

- Existing
  - Screening parcels by selected criteria
  - CEQA streamlining report by user-defined project
  - Pop-up windows
  - Feedback
  - Create link

- **This Update*****
  - Enhanced features
    - CEQA streamlining report by user-defined project
    - Pop-up windows
    - Feedback system
  - New Features
    - Print map option
    - Account system

Resources

- Updated factsheet
- Stand alone, updated walkthrough video available online

Thank you!

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