

FORM

**DS-375**

December 2024

## Preliminary Review Questionnaire

See [Information Bulletin \(IB\) 513](#) "Preliminary Review", for more information.

**When applying online, make sure to select the correct [review discipline\(s\)](#), or your preliminary review may be delayed.**

**1. Applicant Name:**

**2. Project Address:**

**3. Project Scope:**

**4. Are you requesting a "Will Serve" letter?** ☐ Yes ☐ No **If "Yes," for which service?** ☐ Water ☐ Wastewater

**If the "Will Serve Letter" is your only request, do not complete the rest of this questionnaire.**

**5. List specific policy questions, issues, or items needing clarification for your preliminary review. You may include up to 10 questions maximum as part of your Preliminary Review.**

Attempts to ask more than 10 questions will be rejected. For guidance on questions, please review [IB 513](#). For multiple discipline reviews, please indicate the review discipline you want to answer each question. If you need more room to list questions, please write "See Attachment" below and attach your questions to the end of this PDF. Do not upload a different file.

In addition to this Preliminary Review Questionnaire, you may upload additional documents to enable staff to respond (plans, calculations, reports, surveys, analysis, etc.). Additional documents must be uploaded at the time of application.

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Upon request, this information is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities.

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**6. Construction Permits Project Information**

Respond to the following questions if your Preliminary Review will include issues involving construction permits, such as building, grading or public Right-of-Way Permits.

**Will the existing/proposed building be sprinkled?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Have you done a means of egress analysis?** ☐ Yes ☐ No (If yes, provide plans.)

<b>Type of Construction (per CBC):</b>	Existing:	Proposed:
<b>Occupancy Classification (per CBC):</b>	Existing:	Proposed:
<b>Building Square Footage:</b>	Existing:	Proposed:

**Has the site been previously graded?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Provide the earthwork quantities for proposed grading** (cut, fill, import, export, in cubic yards):

**List any proposed public improvements:**

**7. Development Permit and Policy Approval Project Information**

Respond to the following questions if your preliminary review will include issues involving land use or property development regulations, such as subdivisions, use permits, land use plan amendments, etc.

**In which Community Planning area is the project located?**

**Will the request include a Community Plan Amendment?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**If yes, please describe the amendment:**

**What is the base zone of the project premise?** (Include the name of the Planned District, if applicable.)

**Does the project site have any structures that are over 45-years-old?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Could the premises be historically significant for any reason?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain:

**Is your project located in an area of sensitive biological resources, the City's Multiple Habitat Planning Area (MHPA), a wetland area, etc.?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Will your project generate new storm water runoff?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

**Will there be a request for Rezone?** ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, what zone is proposed?

**Proposed Parking Ratio:**

**List any deviation or variance requests:**

#### 8. Senate Bill (SB) 330 Checklist

The Housing Crisis Act of 2019 (SB 330) establishes a preliminary application process through which an applicant for a housing development project may obtain a vesting opportunity to allow for continued review under the ordinances, standards, and policies in effect when the preliminary application is deemed complete.

A housing development project is defined as any of the following:

- Residential units only (two or more units);
- Mixed-use developments consisting of residential and nonresidential uses with at least two-thirds of the square footage designated for residential use; or
- Transitional or supportive housing.

#### Eligibility

To be eligible for this opportunity, specific information is required for a preliminary application to be deemed complete. In addition to a response and/or documents listed in Sections 1 through 7 above, a response to the following criteria is required. Please provide it, with responses numbered according to the criteria listed below, as a separate attachment to the Preliminary Review application:

- A.** The specific location, including parcel numbers, a legal description, and site address, if applicable.

- B.** The existing uses on the project site and identification of major physical alterations to the property on which the project is to be located.
- C.** A site plan showing the location on the property, elevations showing design, color, and material, and the massing, height, and approximate square footage, of each building that is to be occupied.
- D.** The proposed land uses by number of units and square feet of residential and nonresidential development using the categories in the applicable zoning ordinance.
- E.** The proposed number of parking spaces.
- F.** Any proposed point sources of air or water pollutants.
- G.** Any species of special concern known to occur on the property.
- H.** Whether a portion of the property is located within any of the following:
  - A very high fire hazard severity zone, as determined by the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Section 51178.
  - Wetlands, as defined in the United States Fish and Wildlife Service Manual, Part 660 FW 2 (June 21, 1993).
  - A hazardous waste site that is listed pursuant to Section 65962.5 or a hazardous waste site designated by the Department of Toxic Substances Control pursuant to Section 25356 of the Health and Safety Code.
  - A special flood hazard area subject to inundation by the 1 percent annual chance flood (100-year flood) as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency in any official maps published by the Federal Emergency Management Agency.
  - A delineated earthquake fault zone as determined by the State Geologist in any official maps published by the State Geologist, unless the development complies with applicable seismic protection building code standards adopted by the California Building Standards Commission under the California Building Standards Law (Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 18901) of Division 13 of the Health and Safety Code), and by any local building department under Chapter 12.2 (commencing with Section 8875) of Division 1 of Title 2.
  - A stream or other resource that may be subject to a streambed alteration agreement pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1600) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code.
- I.** Any historic or cultural resources known to exist on the property.
- J.** The number of proposed below-market-rate units and their affordability levels.
- K.** The number of bonus units and any incentives, concessions, waivers, or parking reductions requested pursuant to Section 65915.
- L.** Whether any approvals under the Subdivision Map Act, including, but not limited to, a parcel map, a tentative map, or a condominium map, are being requested.
- M.** The applicant's contact information and, if the applicant does not own the property, consent from the property owner to submit the application.
- N.** For a housing development project proposed to be located within the coastal zone, whether any portion of the property contains any of the following:
  - Wetlands, as defined in subdivision (b) of Section 13577 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations.

- Environmentally sensitive habitat areas, as defined in Section 30240 of the Public Resources Code.
  - A tsunami run-up zone.
  - Use of the site for public access to or along the coast.
- O.** The number of existing residential units on the project site that will be demolished and whether each existing unit is occupied or unoccupied.
- P.** A site map showing a stream or other resource that may be subject to a streambed alteration agreement pursuant to Chapter 6 (commencing with Section 1600) of Division 2 of the Fish and Game Code and an aerial site photograph showing existing site conditions of environmental site features that would be subject to regulations by a public agency, including creeks and wetlands.
- Q.** The location of any recorded public easements, such as for storm drains, water lines, and other public rights of way.

## 9. Eligible Review Disciplines

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**DSD-Combined:** Reviews projects for water and sewer requirements, energy conservation requirements for single-family residences and the California Residential Code compliance for room additions.

**DSD-Downtown:** Reviews projects for consistency with the Downtown Community Plan, Downtown Design Guidelines, and planned district ordinances.

**DSD-Drainage & Grades:** Reviews ministerial grading and public right-of-way projects for conformance with policies and standards.

**DSD-Electrical:** Reviews construction permit projects for compliance with the California Electrical Code and the lighting requirements of the California Energy Efficiency Standards.

**DSD-Engineering:** Reviews all projects to determine public improvement and grading permit requirements including conformance with stormwater and special flood hazard area regulations.

**DSD-Environmental:** Provides interpretation on project-related environmental issues based on the applicant's project description (note: it is usually not possible to determine the type of environmental document required during the preliminary review process); determines the need for a site-specific survey and the location of potential historical resources.

**DSD-Fire Alarm:** Reviews projects for fire alarm systems compliance with the California Building Code and California Fire Code and applicable National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards.

**DSD-Fire Suppression:** Reviews projects for fire sprinkler systems, special extinguishing systems, and kitchen hood systems compliant with the California Building Code, California Fire Code, and applicable NFPA standards

**DSD-Geology:** Reviews projects for geotechnical compliance with the California Building Code and Land Development Code.

**DSD-HazMat:** Reviews projects for occupancy classification, control areas, and for any special hazard when hazardous materials are used or stored in compliance with the California Building Code and California Fire Code.

**DSD-Historic:** Applicants can seek early input from Historical Resources Board staff about whether the proposed modifications to designated or potentially historical sites comply with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the treatment of Historic Properties.

**DSD-Landscape:** Reviews projects for compliance with the Land Development Code for Landscaping and Brush Management Requirements.  
**DSD-Map Check**

**DSD-Map Check:** Reviews Final Maps, Parcels maps, Lot Line Adjustments, Dedications, Easements, Certificates of Correction, Certificates of Compliance, and other record drawings. Reviews applications for public right-of-way vacations and easement abandonments.

**DSD-Mechanical:** Reviews projects for compliance with the California Mechanical Code and the California Energy Efficiency Standards.

**DSD-Noise:** Reviews projects for compliance with the Land Development Code and Title 24 noise transmission control requirements.

**DSD-Planning Review:** Reviews projects for compliance with zoning, land use and property development regulations of the Land Development Code, Planned Districts, and some overlay zones (excludes the Downtown Community Plan area).

**DSD-Smoke Control:** Reviews projects for smoke control system compliance with the California Building Code.

**DSD-Structural:** Reviews projects for compliance with the California Building Code (e.g., means of egress, disabled accessibility, occupancy classification, type of construction, allowable areas, fire resistive construction, structural systems, and design regulations).

**DSD-Telecom WCF Review:** Reviews projects for compliance with land use and development regulations of the Land Development Code and for Spectrum Act Applications.

**DSD-Traffic Safety:** Reviews ministerial projects for compliance with street lighting, traffic control, and other traffic safety issues. Issues traffic control permits

**DSD-Transportation Development:** Performs discretionary reviews and reviews traffic studies for parking and right-of-way requirements.

**DSD-Water and Sewer:** Reviews discretionary projects for water and wastewater issues. Reviews ministerial grading and public right-of-way permits for impacts to water and wastewater facilities. Prepares Will-Serve letters. Reviews/approves Water and Sewer Studies

**Fire-Plan Review:** Reviews project for fire department access roadways and hydrant design and locations compliance with the California Building Code and California Fire Code.

**Planning-Facilities Financing:** Assesses permits for Facilities Benefit Assessments (FBA), Development Impact Fees (DIF), Housing Trust Fund Fees (HTF), and Regional Transportation Congestion Improvement Program Fees (RTCIP).

**Planning-Long Range Planning:** Reviews discretionary projects for consistency with policy documents (e.g. Community Plan, Local Coast Plan, General Plan, etc.) for process 3 Site Development Permit for Community Plan Implementation Overlay Area B and all process 4-5 decisions.

**Planning-MSCP:** Reviews projects for compliance with the Multiple Species Conservation Program.

**Planning-Park and Rec:** Reviews all projects for open space dedication requirements and impacts to open space.