

Appendix C

City of Rancho Cucamonga Climate Action Plan
Consistency Review Checklist



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The City of Rancho Cucamonga (City) adopted a Climate Action Plan (CAP) on December 15, 2021. The CAP outlines strategies and measures that the City will undertake to achieve its proportional share of State greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets. The purpose of the CAP Consistency Checklist (Checklist), in conjunction with the CAP, is to provide a streamlined review process for new development projects that meet the definition of a “project” under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Analysis of GHG emissions and potential climate change impacts from new development is required under CEQA. The City’s CAP is a qualified GHG emissions reduction plan in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064(h)(3), 15130(d), and 15183(b), a project’s incremental contribution to a cumulative GHG emissions effect may be determined not to be cumulatively considerable if it complies with the requirements of a “qualified” CAP.

The City’s CAP includes strategies and measures targeting new development, the existing built environment, and City government operations. Collectively, the set of measures would achieve the City’s GHG reduction target for 2030 and make substantial progress toward the City’s 2040 target. The City has prepared this Checklist to facilitate the implementation of GHG reduction strategies and measures from the CAP that apply to new development projects (the following section, “Applicability and Procedures,” defines the projects that are required to complete this Checklist). In addition, projects that are consistent with the CAP’s growth projections (which are based on the General Plan) and implement the applicable strategies and measures of this Checklist will demonstrate compliance with the CAP and its achievement of the City’s 2030 reduction target.

Projects that comply with the CAP, as determined through completion of this Checklist, may rely on the CAP for the analysis of cumulative GHG emissions impacts as part of the CEQA process. Projects that do not comply with the CAP must prepare a comprehensive project-specific analysis of GHG emissions, including quantification of existing and projected GHG emissions and incorporation of the strategies and measures in this Checklist to the extent feasible. Cumulative GHG impacts would be significant for any project that does not comply with the CAP.

This Checklist may be updated periodically to incorporate new GHG reduction techniques or to comply with later amendments to the CAP, or changes in local, State, or federal law or regulation. Comprehensive updates to this Checklist will be coordinated with each CAP update. Administrative updates to the Checklist may occur regularly, as necessary for the purposes of keeping the Checklist up-to-date and clarifying its requirements. Periodic updates to the CAP approved by the City Council will also include updates to this Checklist to ensure consistent application of the included policies.

APPLICABILITY AND PROCEDURES

This Checklist is required for projects that are subject to CEQA.¹ General procedures for completing the Checklist are described below. Additional guidance is also provided under each of the questions in Steps 1 and 2 of the Checklist.

- The City’s Planning Department reviews development applications and makes determinations regarding environmental review requirements under CEQA.
- The applicant must provide written documentation and supporting evidence that demonstrates how the project would implement each applicable Checklist requirement described herein to the satisfaction of the Planning Department.
- The “Project Information” section should include sufficient detail about the project to support the responses to the Checklist questions.
- Measures identified as applicable to the project in the Checklist shall be required as conditions of project approval.
- Each Checklist question describes the circumstances in which a response of not applicable (N/A) is appropriate.
- For each N/A response, written documentation and evidence supporting that response shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Planning Department.
- If an N/A response is provided for reasons other than those specifically provided in the Checklist, supporting documentation and/or evidence justifying the response shall be provided, subject to Planning Department approval. The Planning Department may conclude that a project is inconsistent with the CAP if it determines that one or more N/A responses is not supported by adequate documentation and/or evidence.
- A No response to a question in Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency would render a project inconsistent with the CAP.
- Projects required to complete this Checklist but that cannot demonstrate compliance with the CAP using this Checklist shall prepare a separate, project-level GHG analysis as part of the project’s CEQA compliance.

¹ In this context, a project is any action that meets the definition of a “Project” in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Application Information

Contact Information

Project No. and Name: _____

Property Address and APN: _____

Applicant Name and Co.: _____

Contact Phone: _____ Contact Email: _____

Was a consultant retained to complete this checklist? Yes No

If Yes, complete the following:

Consultant Name: _____ Contact Phone: _____

Company Name: _____ Contact Email: _____

Project Information

1. What is the size of the project site (acres)? _____

2. Identify all applicable proposed land uses:

Residential (provide # of single-family dwelling units): _____

Residential (provide # of multi-family dwelling units): _____

Commercial (provide total square footage): _____

Industrial (provide total square footage): _____

Other (describe): _____

3. Provide a description of the project. This description shall be consistent with the basic project description used for the CEQA document. The description may be attached to the Checklist if there are space constraints.

Step 1: Land Use Consistency

Step 1 determines a project’s consistency with the growth assumptions of the CAP (which are based on the General Plan) by evaluating its consistency with the adopted land use designation of the City’s General Plan.

Step 1: Land Use Consistency		
Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as needed)</small>	Yes	No
<p>1. Is the proposed project consistent with the City’s adopted General Plan land use designation(s)?</p> <p>If “Yes”, proceed to Step 2.</p> <p>If “No”, proceed to Question 2 of Step 1</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>2. For projects not consistent with the adopted General Plan land use designation(s), does the project include a General Plan Amendment that would generate GHG emissions equal to or less than estimated emissions generated under the existing designation?</p> <p>If “Yes”, proceed to Step 2 and provide a comparison of estimated GHG emissions under both the adopted and the proposed designations.</p> <p>If “No”, the project’s GHG impact is potentially significant, and the project’s GHG emissions impacts must be analyzed in accordance with CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The project is also required to complete Step 2 of the Checklist and implement the applicable measures. Other measures to reduce the project’s GHG emissions may also be required as part of the project’s CEQA compliance.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

STEP 2: CAP MEASURES CONSISTENCY

The second step of CAP consistency review is to evaluate a project’s consistency with the applicable strategies and measures of the CAP. Each Checklist item is associated with specific GHG reduction strategies and measures in the City’s CAP.

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency			
Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as-needed)</small>	Yes	No	N/A
<p>1. Electric Vehicle Charging (Strategy 1.2)</p> <p>Will the project provide the following amount of “EV Ready”¹ and “EV Installed”² parking spaces?</p> <p><u>Residential</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>One- and two-family dwelling units and townhouses:</i> All off-street parking spaces would be “EV Installed”. <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Multifamily dwelling units:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 15% of parking spaces would be “EV Ready” or a minimum of 1 “EV Ready” space for 0-6 parking spaces, and ▪ 5% of spaces would be “EV Installed” or a minimum of 1 “EV Installed” space for 0-20 parking spaces. <p><u>Non-Residential</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> <i>Office and Industrial:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 10% of parking spaces would be “EV Ready” or a minimum of 1 “EV Ready” space for 0-9 parking spaces, and ▪ 5% of parking spaces would be “EV Installed” or a minimum of 1 “EV Installed” space for 0-20 parking spaces. <p>Note: Calculations for required number of EV spaces shall be rounded up to nearest whole number.</p> <p>Check “N/A” if the project does not include the land uses listed above or would not provide any on- or off-street parking spaces.</p> <p><u>Definitions</u></p> <p>¹“EV Ready” = pre-wired with dedicated 208/240 branch circuit installed in wall that originates at electrical service panel or sub-panel with a 40-ampere minimum overcurrent protection device and terminates into a cabinet, box, or enclosure, in a manner approved by the building official.</p> <p>²“EV Installed” = EV Ready plus installation of Level 2 electric vehicle supply equipment (EV charger).</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 1:</p> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/> <hr/>			

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency

Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as-needed)</small>	Yes	No	N/A
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2. Off-Road Equipment (Strategy 1.4)

Commercial and Industrial: For heavy-duty off-road vehicles and equipment (defined as equal to or greater than 50 horsepower) use associated with project operations, will the project use zero emissions technology (e.g., electricity) or zero emissions fuels (e.g., renewable diesel, hydrogen, biomethane)?

Check "N/A" if zero emission equipment and/or fuel options are not commercially available for the project's heavy-duty off-road equipment needs. To support a "N/A" response, the applicant shall demonstrate that a minimum of three off-road equipment fleet owners/operators/fuel providers in San Bernardino County or adjacent counties were contacted and responded that zero emission equipment and/or fuel options are not commercially available for the project's heavy-duty off-road equipment needs.

Check "N/A" if the project does not include a commercial or industrial use.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 2:

3. Construction Vehicles and Equipment (Strategy 1.6)

For heavy-duty vehicles and equipment (defined as equal to or greater than 50 horsepower) used in construction of the project, will a minimum of 50% of vehicles and pieces of equipment be powered by electricity or other zero emissions technology or fuels?

Check "N/A" if zero emission equipment and/or fuel options are not commercially available for the project's heavy-duty off-road equipment needs. To support a "N/A" response, the applicant shall demonstrate that a minimum of three off-road equipment fleet owners/operators/fuel providers in the San Bernardino County or adjacent counties were contacted and responded that zero emission equipment and/or fuel options are not commercially available for the project's heavy-duty off-road equipment needs.

Check "N/A" if the project does not require the use of heavy-duty construction equipment.

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 3:

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency

Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as-needed)</small>	Yes	No	N/A
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4. Zero Net Electricity (Strategy 3.1 and 3.2)

Residential and Non-Residential (except for projects located in the Neo-Industrial (NI) and Industrial Employment (IE) zoning districts): Will the project include an on-site renewable energy generation system that generates an amount of electricity equal to annualized building demand?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Check “N/A” if the project is located in the Neo-Industrial (NI) and Industrial Employment (IE) zoning districts and refer to question 5.

Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 4:

5. On-Site Renewable Energy Systems for Projects in the Neo-Industrial and Industrial Employment Districts (Strategy 3.3)

Neo-Industrial (NI) and Industrial Employment (IE) zoning districts: Will the project comply with Development Code Section 17.76.020, Development Criteria for Solar Systems, Subsection B., regarding on-site renewable energy systems?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Check “N/A” if the project is not within the NI or IE zoning districts, or if located in an NI or IE zoning district, the project would not include construction of a new building.

Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 5:

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency

Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as-needed)</small>	Yes	No	N/A
<p>6. Transportation Demand Management (Strategy 12.1) <u>Multi-Family Residential and Non-Residential</u>: will the project include all of the following strategies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide pedestrian connections between all internal uses and to all existing or planned external streets that abut the project site; close any gaps in existing pedestrian network along internal streets or external streets that abut the site. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide end-of-trip bicycle facilities including secure, weather-protected storage; bike parking; shower facilities; changing rooms; personal lockers. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide traffic calming measures, such as: designated areas where vehicles are prohibited; marked pedestrian crossings; curb extensions, speed tables, raised crosswalks/intersections, median islands, tight corner radii, roundabouts or mini traffic circles, planter strips with shade trees, chicanes. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide designated car-share, carpool, vanpool, and/or park-and-ride parking spaces.² <input type="checkbox"/> Do not exceed the minimum code requirement for parking capacity. <p>And include at least one of the following strategies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> For <u>Non-Residential</u> projects, provide employees with financial incentives for commuting to work by modes other than driving alone, such as public transit, carpool/vanpool, walk/bike, or teleworking. <input type="checkbox"/> For <u>Multi-Family Residential</u> projects, provide financial subsidies for using travel modes other than driving alone, such as free or discounted transit passes or other shared mobility services (e.g., bike- or scooter share; car-sharing programs) <input type="checkbox"/> For <u>Multi-Family Residential</u> projects, require tenants/owners to purchase/rent vehicle parking separate from the cost to purchase/rent a residential unit <input type="checkbox"/> Implement a car-sharing program (for residents and/or employees) <p>Check "N/A" if the project is a single-family residential project.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 6:

² The designated number of car-share, carpool, vanpool, and/or park-and-ride parking spaces shall be provided at a rate equal to or greater than CALGreen minimum requirements.

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency

Checklist Item <small>(Check the appropriate box, explain your answer, and attach supporting documentation and/or evidence as-needed)</small>	Yes	No	N/A
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7. Bike Lanes (Strategy 11.2)

Will the project implement bike lane improvements on the City’s roadway network consistent with the General Plan or other City plans or requirements?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Check “N/A” if the project is not required to implement any bike lane improvements or if required improvements are already in place.

Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 7:

8. Traffic Signal Timing (Strategy 13.1)

Will the project implement traffic signal timing improvements on key commute corridor on the City’s roadway network consistent with the General Plan or other City plans or requirements?

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Check “N/A” if the project is not required to implement any traffic signal timing improvements or if required improvements are already in place.

Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 8:
