

GLOSSARY OF LAND USE AND PLANNING TERMS: Acronyms and Abbreviations

A	Agricultural	FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act (1990)	FHA	Federal Housing Administration
ADT	Average Daily Trips made by vehicles or persons in a 24-hour period	FHLMC	Federal Housing Loan Mortgage Company/"Freddie Mac"
ADU	Accessory Dwelling Unit	FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
af	Acre foot	FIA	Fiscal Impact Analysis (also Federal Insurance Administration)
AIA	American Institute of Architects	FIR	Fiscal Impact Report
AICP	American Institute of Certified Planners	FIRE	Finance, Insurance and Real Estate
ALUC	Airport Land Use Commission	FIRM	Flood Insurance Rate Map
APA	American Planning Association	FmHA	Farmers Home Administration
AQMD	Air Quality Management District.	FMV	Fair Market Value
ASCE	American Society of Civil Engineers	FNMA	Federal National Mortgage Association/ "Fannie Mae"
BAT	Best Available Technology	FPPC	Fair Political Practices Commission (California)
BID	Business Improvement District	FTA	Federal Transit Administration
BLM	Bureau of Land Management	FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
BMP	Best Management Practices	GHG	Greenhouse Gas
BMR	Below-Market Rate dwelling unit or interest rate	GIS	Geographic Information Systems
BRT	Bus Rapid Transit	GLA	Gross Leasable Area
C	Commercial zone/use of specified intensity	GMI	Gross Monthly Income
C	Commercial	GNMA	Government National Mortgage Association/"Ginnie Mae"
CAA	Clean Air Act	GPS	Global Positioning System
CAD	Computer Aided Design	HAP	Housing Assistance Plan
CARB	California Air Resources Board	HCD	California Department of Housing and Community Development
CalEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency	HCP	Habitat Conservation Plan
CBD	Central Business District	HIA	Health Impact Assessment
CC&Rs	Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions	HOA	Home Owners' Association
CDBG	Community Development Block Grant	HOV	High-Occupancy Vehicle
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act	HTF	Housing Trust Fund
CESA	California Endangered Species Act	HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
CFD	Mello-Roos Community Facilities District	I	Industrial
cfs	Cubic Feet per Second	ISTEA	Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act
CHFA	California Housing Finance Agency	JPA	Joint Powers Authority
CIP	Capital Improvements Program	LAFCO	Local Agency Formation Commission
CMP	Congestion Management Plan	LCP	Local Coastal Plan/Program
CNEL	Community Noise Equivalent Level	Ldn	Day-Night Average Sound Level
CPI	Consumer Price Index	LEED	Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design
COG	Council of Governments	LEED-ND	LEED for Neighborhood Development
CRA	Community Redevelopment Agency	LHA	Local Housing Authority
CSA	Community Service District	LOS	Level of Service
CUP	Conditional Use Permit	LRT	Light-duty Rail Transit
CWA	Federal Clean Water Act	M-1,2	Manufacturing Zone
dB	Decibel	MEA	Master Environmental Assessment
DFG	Department of Fish and Game	MEIR	Master Environmental Impact Report
DOE	Department of Energy (U.S.)	MF	Multifamily
DOT	Department of Transportation (U.S.)	MGD	Millions of Gallons per Day
DU	Dwelling Unit	MH	Manufactured Housing
EIR	Environmental Impact Report (California)	MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement (Federal)	MPD	Master Planned Community
EJ	Environmental Justice	MPO	Metropolitan Planning Organization
EPA	Federal Environmental Protection Agency	MSCP	Multi-Species Conservation Plan
ESA	Federal Endangered Species Act		
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration		
FAR	Floor Area Ratio		
FAUS	Federal Aid to Urban Systems		

MXD	Mixed Use Development	RFQ	Requests for Qualifications
NAHB	National Association of Home Builders	RHNA	Regional Housing Needs Assessment/Allocation
NAHRO	National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials	RLUIPA	Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act
NCCP	Natural Communities Conservation Plan	ROW	Right-of-Way
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act	RPA	Regional Planning Agency
NGO	Nongovernmental Organization	RTPA	Regional Transportation Planning Agency
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act	SFD	Single-Family Dwelling
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service	SLAPP	Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation
NOC	Notice of Completion (CEQA)	SRO	Single-Room Occupancy
NOD	Notice of Determination (CEQA)	STIP	State Transportation Improvement Plan
NOP	Notice of Preparation (CEQA)	TEA-21	Federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century
NPDES	National Pollution Discharge Elimination System	TDM	Transportation Demand Management
NRCS	National Resources Conservation Service	TDR	Transfer of Development Rights
OPR	Governor's Office of Planning and Research (California)	TMDL	Total Maximum Daily Load
P&Z	Planning and Zoning	TOD	Transit-Oriented Development
PC	Planning Commission	TOT	Transient Occupancy Tax
PCD	Planned Commercial Development	TSM	Transportation Systems Management
PDR	Purchase of Development Rights	UBC	Uniform Building Code
PHA	Public Housing Agency	UGB	Urban Growth Boundary
PHT	Peak Hour Traffic (or Peak Hour Trips)	UHC	Uniform Housing Code
PID	Planned Industrial Development	UMTA	Urban Mass Transportation Administration
PM	Particulate Matter	USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
PPB	Parts Per Billion	USDI	U.S. Department of the Interior
PPM	Parts per Million	USFS	U.S. Forest Service
PUD	Planned Unit Development	USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
QOL	Quality of Life	USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
R	Residential	VLF	Vehicle License Fee
R-1,2	Residential Zone/use of specified intensity	VMT	Vehicle Miles Traveled
RDA	Redevelopment Agency	WQMP	Water Quality Management Plan
RFP	Request for Proposal	ZLL	Zero Lot Line
		ZO	Zoning Ordinance

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