



**COUNTY OF PLACER**  
**Community Development Resource Agency**

**ENVIRONMENTAL  
COORDINATION  
SERVICES**

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**MINOR LAND DIVISION  
ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONNAIRE**

**I. GENERAL**

- Describe your project in detail including the number of proposed parcels, their size and how the building site for each parcel will be accessed.  
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- Describe existing uses and facilities onsite (buildings, wells, septic systems, parking, etc) \_\_\_\_\_
- Is adjacent property in common ownership?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate acreage \_\_\_\_\_ and Assessor's Parcel Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_
- Indicate all historic uses of the property to its first known use and show areas of such use on site plan (ie. animal enclosures, livestock dipping areas, carcass burial locations, chemical mixing structures, fuel tanks, crop areas, mining shafts, buildings, processing areas, storage, hazardous waste, spoils piles, etc.):
  - Residential uses?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe uses: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Commercial agriculture uses?  Yes  No  
If yes, what types of uses have occurred?  Animal Husbandry  Crops  Other  
Describe use, era/decade, associated pesticides, herbicides, or other hazardous materials storage or use: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Mining uses?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe types, features, and any related uses: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Commercial uses?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe types and any related uses: \_\_\_\_\_
- Is any portion of the site under a Williamson Act contract?  Yes  No  
If yes, indicate contract name and number: \_\_\_\_\_

**II. GEOLOGY & SOILS**

1. Have you observed any building or soil settlement, landslides, slumps, faults, steep areas, rock falls, mud flows, avalanches or other natural hazards on this property or in the nearby surrounding area?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Describe how much grading and/or site disturbance is proposed. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Will the project result in cuts and fills of more than 250 cubic yards of material?  Yes  No  
If yes, answer the following questions:
  - a. How many cubic yards of material will be moved onsite or as part of any road construction? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. How many cubic yards of material will be imported or exported? \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. What is the maximum proposed height and slope of any fill or excavation/cut? \_\_\_\_\_
  - d. Are retaining walls proposed?  Yes  No  
If yes, identify location, type, height, etc \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - e. Is there a potential for any blasting during construction?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_
  - f. How much of the area (including home construction) is to be disturbed by grading activities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
  - g. Would the project result in the direct or indirect discharge of sediment into any lakes or streams?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are any offsite road and/or drainage improvements proposed or required?  Yes  No  
If yes, explain and show on site plan \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**III. DRAINAGE, HYDROLOGY & WATER QUALITY**

1. Where is the nearest on or off-site body of water such as a waterway, river, stream, pond, lake, canal, irrigation ditch, or year-round drainage-way? Include name, if applicable \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Would any run-off of water from the project enter any offsite canal/stream or watershed drainage?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Would the project result in the physical alteration of a stream or a body of water?  Yes  No  
If yes, how? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Are any areas of the property subject to flooding or inundation?  Yes  No  
If yes, accurately identify the location on the site plan. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**IV. VEGETATION AND WILDLIFE**

- All projects disturbing wetlands, streams, vernal pools, or marshes are required to notify the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and federal permits may be required prior to land disturbance activities. In addition, consultation with the California Department of Fish and Game, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, and/or the Central Valley Regional Water

Quality Control Board may be required depending on the types of vegetation and wildlife resources affected by project-related activities. See attached state and federal natural resource permitting information guidance document for more information.

1. Estimate how many native protected trees as defined by the Placer County Tree Ordinance of 6-inches diameter or larger would be removed by the ultimate development of this project as proposed: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
If oak trees (*Quercus* sp.) are present, estimate how many individual oak trees 5 inches diameter or larger would be removed by ultimate development of this project as proposed. \_\_\_\_\_
2. List all species of plants or animals found in the project area \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**V. FIRE PROTECTION**

1. How distant are the nearest fire protection facilities? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there offsite access limitations that might limit fire truck accessibility (i.e. steep grades, poor road alignment or surfacing, substandard bridges, etc.)?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VI. NOISE**

- Project sites near a major source of noise, and projects which will result in increased noise, may require a detailed noise study prior to environmental determination.
1. Is the project near a major source of noise (i.e. major roads, highways, airports, or train tracks)?  Yes  No  
If yes, name the source(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**VII. AIR QUALITY**

- Specific air quality studies may be required by the Placer County Air Pollution Control District (APCD). It is suggested that applicants with residential projects containing 20 or more units, industrial, or commercial projects contact the APCD before proceeding.
1. Are there any sources of air pollution within the vicinity of the project (i.e. factories or highways)?  Yes  No  
If yes, name the source(s): \_\_\_\_\_

**VIII. WATER SUPPLY**

1. List all water sources (provider or system) proposed for the project.  
Domestic \_\_\_\_\_  
Irrigation \_\_\_\_\_  
Fire Protection \_\_\_\_\_
2. Are there any wells, drilled or hand-dug, on the site?  Yes  No  
If yes, describe approximate year well was constructed, depth, annular seal, yield, contaminants, etc \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Is this project located within a public water district?  Yes  No  
If yes, provide the district name here: \_\_\_\_\_
4. If yes, what is the distance from the closest property corner to the nearest water main? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Will the project be grading/trenching offsite to construct a water line?  Yes  No

If yes, describe distance and impacts to roadways, adjacent properties, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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Show existing and proposed well sites and label type of well on the site plan.

**IX. AESTHETICS**

1. Describe adjacent land use and explain how the proposed project is consistent / compatible with these uses and densities

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**X. ARCHAEOLOGY/HISTORY**

1. Are there any historical, archaeological or culturally significant features on the site (i.e. old foundations, structures, Native American habitation sites, Indian grinding stones, etc.)?  Yes  No

If yes, explain \_\_\_\_\_

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**XI. SEWAGE**

1. What is the proposed method of sewage disposal? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Is this project located within a public sewer district?  Yes  No

If yes, provide the district name here: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Is there a public sewer in the area?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the distance from the closest property corner to the nearest sewer line?

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4. Will the project be grading offsite to construct public sewer including paved access to all sewer manholes?  Yes  No

If yes, describe distance and impacts to roadways, adjacent properties, etc. \_\_\_\_\_

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**XII. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

▪ "Hazardous materials" include, but are not limited to, hazardous substances, hazardous waste, or any material which a handler or the administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing that it would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment (i.e. oils, lubricants, and fuels).

1. a. Has the site ever stored or used hazardous materials, including pesticides and herbicides?  Yes  No

If yes, describe \_\_\_\_\_

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b. Are these materials stored in underground tanks?  Yes  No

If yes, contact the Environmental Health Division at 530-745-2300 for additional requirements.

**XVI. TRANSPORTATION/CIRCULATION**

1. Does the proposed project front on a County road or State Highway?  Yes  No

If yes, what is the name of the road? \_\_\_\_\_

If no, what is the name of the private access road and County road or State Highway to which it connects? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. What road standards are proposed within the development? \_\_\_\_\_  
Show typical street section(s) on the tentative parcel map plan.
3. Will new roadway/driveway access onto County roads be constructed with the project?  Yes  No

**XVII. CERTIFICATION**

I hereby certify that the statements furnished above and in the attached exhibits present the data and information required for this initial evaluation to the best of my ability, and that the facts, statements, and information presented are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Environmental Questionnaire (EQ) Filing Instructions:**

- Pursuant to the policy of the Board of Supervisors, this office cannot accept applications on tax delinquent property or property with existing County Code violations.
  - For information regarding projects with effects that are normally significant, refer to Chapter 18.12.050 of the *Placer County Environmental Review Ordinance*. Applicants are encouraged to contact the staff planner assigned to the project at the earliest opportunity to determine possible need and scope of additional environmental studies.
  - If you are applying for a Conditional Use Permit, Subdivision over 4 lots, General Plan amendment, Specific Plan and/or Rezoning, you must schedule a pre-development meeting before this Environmental Questionnaire can be accepted. Please contact the Planning Department at 530-745-3000 for scheduling.
  - Please submit the following to the community development technician or planner at:  
Community Development Resource Agency  
3091 County Center Drive, Auburn CA 95603      530-745-3000      fax 530-745-3080
1. 20 copies of the Environmental Questionnaire
  2. 1 copy of Initial Project Application
  3. EQ filing fee
  4. Maps
    - Twenty (20) 8.5" x 11" maps (If **folded** to that size, must include one reduced to 8.5" x 11")
    - For subdivisions, all information required by Section 16.12 of the Subdivision Ordinance for tentative map submittals must be included in addition to the information listed below.
      - Boundary lines and dimensions of parcel(s).
      - Existing and proposed structures and their gross floor area in square feet, parking areas with spaces delineated, distance between structures and distance from property lines.
      - Area of the parcel (in square feet or acres).
      - Names, locations and widths of all existing traveled ways, including driveways, streets, and rights-of-way on, or adjacent to the property.
      - Locations and widths of all proposed streets, rights-of-way, driveways, and/or parking areas.
      - Approximate location and dimensions of all proposed and existing easements, wells, leach lines, seepage pits, mining shafts, or other underground structures.
      - Location and dimensions of all proposed easements for utilities and drainage.
      - Location of all creeks, drainage channels, riparian areas, and a general indication of the slope of the land and all trees of significant size.
      - Accurately plot, label, and show exact location of the base and drip lines of all protected trees (native trees 6" dbh or greater, or multi-trunk trees 10" dbh or greater) within 50 feet of any development activity (i.e. proposed structures, driveways, cuts/fills, underground utilities, etc.) pursuant to Placer County Code, Chapter 36 (Tree Ordinance). Note: A tree survey prepared by an I.S.A. certified arborist may be required. Verify with the Planning Department prior to submittal of this application.
      - North arrow and approximate scale of drawing.
      - Vicinity map which shows the location of the subject property in relation to existing County roads and adjacent properties sufficient to identify the property in the field for someone unfamiliar with the area. The distance to the closest intersection of County roads should be shown to the nearest 1/10th of a mile.
      - Assessor's parcel number, section, township and range, and a copy of the Assessor's map(s) outlining the subject parcel(s).
      - Name(s) of property owner(s) and applicant, if any.
      - An indication of any adjacent lands in the same ownership.
      - Existing and proposed grading, including grading necessary for driveways and building pads.
  5. Additional Information – Please be advised that additional information may be required after submittal of this application. Placer County will notify you within 30 days if any of the following information will be required. It is the applicant's responsibility to provide this information in a timely manner as determined necessary by the County.
    - Preliminary Drainage Report
    - Preliminary Grading Plan
    - Preliminary Water Quality Control Plan
    - Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I)
    - Noise Study

Placer County staff is ready to assist you in any way we can and are available to meet with you to discuss your specific project in more detail. Please contact EJ Ivaldi, Environmental Coordinator, at 530-745-3147 for further information regarding this process and the information required for review of your application.