

Site Check: Learn How to Use the Tool

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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)
- Intended to help **accelerate** the production of housing by facilitating planning decisions and clarifying where existing streamlining options under CEQA may apply
- Launched July 2023



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



How to Use Site Check

- Recommended as the “first step” in determining how CEQA may apply to a housing project



How to Use Site Check (Cont.)

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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.



Walkthrough

- <https://sitecheck.opr.ca.gov/>



Resources

Please visit

<https://www.opr.ca.gov/ceqa/ceqa-housing.html>

for more information and guidance

Thank you!

Questions? Please email
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