

RESOLUTION NO. 8484

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF
THE CITY OF ORANGE ADOPTING GUIDELINES
RELATING TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT**

WHEREAS, State law requires each city to adopt guidelines outlining its administrative review process used to implement the rules and regulations contained in the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code Section 21000 et seq.). These local guidelines supplement the State's CEQA Guidelines.

WHEREAS, Orange first adopted environmental review guidelines on May 9, 1973, and later revised them on February 15, 1977; see attached City Council Resolution No. 4506. Because the City's guidelines are outdated, this update is needed to reflect current procedural policy.

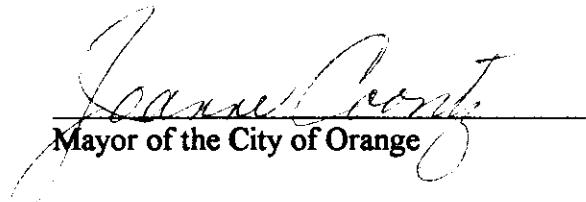
WHEREAS, the updated guidelines have been organized so that they are more readable and concise, and reference appropriate sections of the State CEQA Guidelines rather than repeat requirements. They outline the environmental review process, from determining whether an activity is subject to environmental review to preparing and processing required documentation through the public hearing process. They also outline the staff responsibilities in the review process and the approval authority.

WHEREAS, the notable changes from the 1977 guidelines include: 1) adding a description of Community Development Department staff responsibilities; 2) designating the Environmental Review Board as the Staff Review Committee to be consistent with the changes proposed in the comprehensive update to the City's Zoning Ordinance; 3) incorporating a description of the California State Department of Fish and Game requirements; and, 4) adding an appendix that contains examples of CEQA application, process flow charts, environmental forms, and environmental guides in order to clarify the process requirements.

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission, at its meeting of March 6, 1995, reviewed the proposed update of the City's Environmental Review Guidelines and recommended that the City Council approve the adoption of the document.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Orange that the updated City Environmental Review Guidelines, which are attached hereto and hereby incorporated herein, are adopted and shall be used to implement the rules and regulations contained in the California Environmental Quality Act.

ADOPTED THIS 13th DAY OF June, 1995.


Jeanne Coontz
Mayor of the City of Orange

ATTEST:

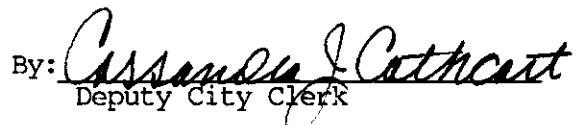
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I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Orange at a regular meeting thereof held on the 13th if June, 1995, by the following vote:

AYES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	MURPHY, BARRERA, MAYOR COONTZ, SPURGEON, SLATER
NOES:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSENT:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	COUNCILMEMBERS:	NONE

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