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A. *Glossary*

Area of Concern (AOC)

The Area of Concern is also the project area, it is the location within the boundaries that are considered for a particular plan or study.

Agricultural Protection Zoning

Agricultural protection zoning ordinances protect the agricultural land base by limiting non-farm uses, prohibiting high-density development, requiring houses to be built on small lots, and restricting subdivision of land into parcels that are too small to farm.

Best management practices

Management practices (such as nutrient management) or structural practices (such as terraces) designed to reduce the quantities of pollutants-- such as sediment, nitrogen, phosphorus, and animal wastes -- that are washed by rain and snow melt from farms.

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

The Chief Administrative Officer is a government official, either elected or appointed by a jurisdiction. The duties of the CAO are determined by their jurisdiction, but may include administrative managing and coordinating of offices and departments, policy advising, preparation and distribution of materials for meetings.

County Service Area

A geographic sub-area of a County used for the planning and delivery of parks, recreation, and/or other human services based on an assessment of the service needs of the population in that area.

Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

A report required of general plans by the California Environmental Quality Act and which assesses all the environmental characteristics of an area and determines what effects or impacts will result if the area is altered or disturbed by a proposed action. (See "California Environmental Quality Act.")

Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

The equivalent of an environmental impact report, but prepared under federal law.

Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM)

For each community, the official map on which the Federal Insurance Administration has delineated areas of special flood hazard and the risk premium zones applicable to that community.

Farmland Security Zone

A farmland security zone is an area created within an agricultural preserve by a board of supervisors upon request by a landowner or group of landowners. Farmland security zones offer landowners greater property tax reduction. Land restricted by a farmland security zone contract is valued for property assessment purposes at 65 percent of its Williamson Act valuation, or 65 percent of its Proposition 13 valuation, whichever is lower.

Level of Service (LOS) Standard, Traffic

A scale that measures the amount of traffic that a roadway or intersection can accommodate, based on such factors as maneuverability, driver dissatisfaction, and delay.

Maximum Credible Earthquake

The maximum credible earthquake is defined as the earthquake which produces the greatest levels of ground motion at the site as a result of the largest magnitude earthquake that could reasonably occur along the recognized faults or within a particular seismic source.

Mean Sea Level

The average mean height of the sea, with reference to a suitable reference surface.

Municipal Service Review

A review of the municipal services provided in the county or other appropriate area such as a proposed incorporation area designated by LAFCO's Commission.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

A federal law very similar to CEQA which requires its own environmental review process.

Right-to-Farm Law

A local government ordinance protects farmers from nuisance complaints for standard farming practices.

Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

The equivalent continuous noise level of an event including all the actual noise then referenced to a notional duration of 1 second.

Special Flood Hazard Area

A categorization of the different risk areas associated with floods, used in determining premiums for flood insurance. "V" is the most hazardous.

Sphere of Influence

The probable ultimate physical boundaries and service area of a city as determined by the local agency formation commission (LAFCO) of each county.

Transfer of development rights

A procedure in which the right to develop one property, a sending site, is transferred to another property, a receiving site. As a result of the transfer, the owner of the sending site receives compensation, even though no additional development occurs at that site. Conversely, the owner of the receiving site can develop that site in a manner that would not otherwise be allowed.

Tax Rate Area

An area within a county that is taxed at a particular rate, usually resulting from the number of public services in the area such as fire and police protection.

Urban growth boundary (UGB)

A boundary around a given municipality or developed area beyond which urban development is prohibited.

Urban Service Area (USA)

City land (developed, undeveloped or agricultural), either incorporated or unincorporated, that is served by urban services (police, fire, water and sanitation) or that is proposed to be served by urban services in the near future. Because land must be annexed to a city's USA before urban-scale development is allowed, USA boundaries encourage orderly city growth. Compare to Urban Growth Boundary (UGB).

B. Acronyms

$\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$	micrograms per cubic meter
$\mu\text{N}/\text{m}^2$	micro-Newtons per square meter
μPa	micro-Pascals
AB	Assembly Bill
ACHP	Advisory Council on Historic Preservation
ADA	American with Disabilities Act
AFRP	Anadromous Fish Restoration Program
ALUC	Butte County's Airport Land Use Commission
ALUCP	Butte County Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan
ANSI	American National Standards Institute
AOC	Area of Concern
APZ	Agricultural Protection Zoning
ARB	California Air Resources Board
AR-MH	Agricultural-Residential--Mobile Home
AR-XX	Agricultural-Residential Zones
ASCS	County's Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Services
A-SR	Agricultural-Suburban Residential
AST	aboveground storage tank
AVA	Abandoned Vehicle Abatement
A-XXX	Agricultural Zones
BAE	Bay Area Economics
BBWUA	Butte Basin Water Users Association
BCAG	Butte County Association of Governments
BCAQMD	Butte County Air Quality Management District
BCEHD	Butte County Environmental Health Division
BCFD	Butte County Fire Department
BCOE	County Office of Education

BCSO	Butte County Sheriff's Office
BCZO	Butte County Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance
BLM	United States Bureau of Land Management
BMO	Basin Management Objective
BMPs	best management practices
CAA	Clean Air Act
CAAQS	California ambient air quality standards
CAO	Chief Administrative Officer
CAP	Clean Air Plan
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CARD	Chico Area Recreation and Park District
CBC	California Building Code
CBEDS	California Basic Educational Data System
CCAA	California Clean Air Act
CCR	California Code of Regulations
CDF	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game (also DFG)
CDO	Civil Disaster Office
CEC	California Energy Commission
CEPA	California Environmental Protection Agency
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CEQA	California Environmental Quality Act
CESA	California Endangered Species Act
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
cfs	cubic feet per second
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CIP	Capital Improvement Program
CIWMB	California Integrated Waste Management Board
CIWMP	Butte County Integrated Waste Management Plan
CLUP	Comprehensive Land Use Plan
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database

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CNEL	community noise equivalent level
CNPS	California Native Plant Society's
CO	carbon monoxide
CRHR	California Register of Historical Resources
CSA	County Service Area
CSUC	California State University, Chico
CTTP	Census Transportation Planning Package
CUPA	Certified Unified Program Agency
CWA	Clean Water Act
CWM	comprehensive watershed management
C-X	Commercial Zones
dB	decibels
dba	A-weighted decibels
DHS	Department of Health Services
DMG	Data Mining Group
DOF	California Department of Finance
DOT	Federal Department of Transportation
DRD	Durham Recreation and Park District
DSD	California Department of Water Resources Division of Safety of Dams
DTSC	Department of Toxic Substances Control
DWR	State Department of Water Resources
DWRC	Butte County Department of Water and Resource Conservation
DZA	deep Zone Aquifer
ECC	Emergency Command Center
EDD	California Employment Development Department
EFH	Essential fish habitat
EHS	Environmental Health Services Division
EIR	Environmental Impact Report
EIS	Environmental Impact Statement

EMD	Emergency Medical Dispatch
ENRRE	Energy, Natural Resources, and Recreation Element
EPA	(United States) Environmental Protection Agency
ERCs	Emissions Reduction Credits
ESA	Federal Endangered Species Act
ETAW	Evapotranspiration of Applied Water
EWMP	Efficient Water Management Practice
FAA	Federal Aviation Administration
FARES	First American Real Estate Solutions
FBFM	flood boundary and floodway maps
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FERC	Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
FHWA	Federal Highway Administration
FHWA-RD	FHWA Highway Traffic Noise Prediction Model
FIRMs	Flood Insurance Rate Maps
FIS	Flood Insurance Study
FMMP	Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program
FPC	Federal Power Commission
FR	Federal Register
FRA	Federal Railroad Administration
FRRD	Feather River Recreation and Park District
FR-XXX	Foothill Recreational Zones
FSZ	Farmland Security Zone
FTA	Federal Transit Administration
FTIP	Federal Transportation Improvement Program
GPA	General Plan Amendment
gpd	gallons per day
HCD	California Department of Housing and Community Development
HCI	Hydrologic Consultants, Inc.
HDPE	high density polyethylene

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HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
HMP	hazard mitigation plan
HUD	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Hz	Hertz
I/SE	Imminent and Substantial Endangerment
ICASP	Interregional California Aviation System Plan
IDR	Interdepartmental Development Review
ISO	Insurance Service Office
IZA	Intermediate Zone Aquifer
JTD	Joint Technical Document
LAFCO	Butte County Local Agency Formation Commission
LEA	Local Enforcement Agency
LOS	Level of Service
LP	Louisiana Pacific
LPG	liquid propane gas
LRA	Local Responsibility Area
LTF	Butte County Integrated Waste Management Local Task Force
MAF	million acre-feet
MBTA	Migratory Bird Treaty Act
MCE	maximum credible earthquake
MGD	million gallons treated per day
MHFP	Multi-Hazard Functional Plan
MHMP	Draft Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan
MHP	Mobile Home Park
MMI	Modified Mercalli Intensity
MO	Management Objective
MOA	memorandum of agreement
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPI	minutes per inch

M-R	Mountain or Recreation Subdivision – Residential
MRF	Materials Recovery Facility
MRZ	Mineral Resource Zones
msl	mean sea level
MSR	Municipal Service Review
MW	million megawatt
NAAQS	national ambient air quality standards
NAC	noise abatement criteria
NCSP	North Chico Specific Plan
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act
NFIP	National Flood Insurance Program
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NLR	noise level reduction
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NO	Nitric oxide
NO ₂	nitrogen dioxide
NOA	Naturally-occurring asbestos
NOI	notice of intent
NON	Notice of Noncompliance
NO _x	oxides of nitrogen
NO _x	nitrogen oxides
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program
NPL	National Priority List
NPO	Non-profit Organization
NPRA	National Park and Recreation Association's
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service
NRFPF	Napa River Flood Protection Project
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
NTA	Notice to Apply for a Permit
NTC	Notice to Comply

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NWPs	Nationwide permits
O ₃	ozone
OES	State Office of Emergency Services
OHWM	ordinary high-water mark
OSHA	Occupational Health and Safety Administration
OWTS	on-site wastewater treatment systems
PCE	perchloroethylene
PCP	pentachlorophenol
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric Company
PID	Paradise Irrigation District
PM ₁₀	particulate matter less than 10 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter
PM _{2.5}	particulate matter less than 2.5 micrometers in aerodynamic diameter
POPI	Pacific Oroville Power, Inc.
ppb	parts per billion
ppm	parts per million
P-Q	Public, Quasi-Public
PRC	Public Resources Code
PRD	Paradise Recreation and Park District
PRPs	potentially responsible parties
PUD	Planned Unit Development
RAO	Remedial Action Order
RBP	Research & Business Park Zone
R-C	Resource Conservation
RCD	Butte County Resource Conservation District
RCRA	Resource Conservation and Recovery Act
RI	Remedial Investigation
RMP	Resource Management Plan
RMP	Risk Management Plan
ROC	Reactive Organic Compounds

ROG	reactive organic gases
R-P	Residential-Professional Office
RP	Responsible Parties
RRD	Richvale Recreation and Park District
RTF	Right-to-Farm
RTIP	Regional Transportation Improvement Program
RTP	Regional Transportation Plan
RV	Private recreational vehicle
RWQCB	California Regional Water Quality Control Board
R-X	Residential Zones
SACOG	Sacramento Area Council of Governments
SB	Senate Bill
SCOR	Sewage Commission – Oroville Region
SDWA	Safe Drinking Water Act
SEL	sound exposure levels
SEMS	Standardized Emergency Management System
SFHAs	Special Flood Hazard Areas
S-H	Scenic Highway
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SIPs	state implementation plans
SMARA	California’s Surface Mining and Reclamation Act
SMGB	State Mines and Geology Board
SMP	smoke management programs
SMSA	standard metropolitan statistical area
SO ₂	sulfur dioxide
SOI	Sphere of Influence
SPL	sound pressure level
SR	State Route
SRA	State Responsibility Area
SRNWR	Sacramento River National Wildlife Refuge
SR-X	Suburban Residential Zones

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STIP	State Transportation Improvement Program
SVAB	Sacramento Valley Air Basin
SVE	soil vapor extraction system
SWANCC	United States Army Corps of Engineers
SWMP	Storm Water Management Program
SWPPP	stormwater pollution prevention plan
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
SZA	Shallow Zone Aquifer
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TACs	Toxic air contaminants
TAF	thousand acre-feet
TCE	tetrachloroethylene
TCE	trichloroethylene
TCMs	transportation control measures
TDF	travel demand forecasting
TDR	Transfer of development rights
TMF	Technical, Managerial, and Financial
TM-XXX	Timber-Mountain Zones
TOT	Transient Occupancy Tax
TPZ-160	Timber Preserve
TRA	Tax Rate Area
TRB	Transportation Research Board
U	Unclassified
UGBs	Urban growth boundaries
UPRR	Union Pacific Railroad
USA	Urban Service Area
USACOE	United States Army Corps of Engineers (also ACOE)
USBR	United States Bureau of Reclamation
USDA	U.S. Department of Agriculture
USFS	United States Forest Service
USFWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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USGS	U.S. Geological Survey
VLF	vehicle license fees
VOCs	Volatile Organic Compounds
WDR	Waste Discharge Requirement
WP	Watershed Protection
WPRR	Western Pacific Railroad Co.