

ATTACHMENT G UDSP EIR 2025 ADDENDUM - APPENDIX C - CAP CHECKLIST

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CLIMATE ACTION PLAN CONSISTENCY REVIEW CHECKLIST

INTRODUCTION

The City of San Marcos (City) adopted an updated Climate Action Plan (CAP) in December, 2020. The CAP outlines strategies and measures that the City will undertake to achieve its proportional share of State greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction targets. The purpose of the CAP Consistency Checklist (Checklist), in conjunction with the CAP, is to provide a streamlined review process for all proposed development projects that are subject to discretionary review and/or trigger environmental review pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Analysis of GHG emissions and potential climate change impacts from new development is required under CEQA. The City's CAP is a qualified greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction plan in accordance with State CEQA Guidelines Section 15183.5. Pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Sections 15064(h)(3), 15130(d), and 15183(b), a project's incremental contribution to a cumulative GHG emissions effect may be determined not to be cumulatively considerable if it complies with the requirements of a CAP.

The purpose of this Checklist is to implement GHG reduction measures from the CAP that apply to new discretionary development projects. New development would demonstrate consistency with relevant CAP strategies and would not conflict with the City's ability to achieve the identified GHG reduction targets through implementation of applicable measures. Projects that are consistent with the CAP, as determined through the use of this Checklist, may rely on the CAP for the cumulative impact analysis of GHG emissions. Projects that are not consistent with the CAP must prepare a comprehensive project-specific analysis of GHG emissions, including quantification of existing and projected GHG emissions and incorporation of the measures in this Checklist to the extent feasible. Cumulative GHG impacts would be significant for any project that is not consistent with the CAP.

This Checklist may be updated periodically to incorporate new GHG reduction techniques or to comply with later amendments to the CAP or local, State, or federal law. Comprehensive updates to this Checklist will be coordinated with each CAP update. Administrative updates to the Checklist may occur regularly, as necessary for the purpose of keeping the Checklist up-to-date and implementable. Updates to the CAP Checklist associated with an update to the City's CAP would also require City Council approval and shall comply with CEQA.

APPLICABILITY AND PROCEDURES

This Checklist is required only for discretionary projects¹ that are subject to and not exempt from CEQA. Projects that are exempt from CEQA are deemed to be consistent with the City's CAP, and no further review is necessary, with the exception of a Class 32 "In-Fill Development Projects" categorical exemption (State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332), for which projects are required to demonstrate consistency with the CAP through this Checklist.

General procedures for Checklist compliance and review are described below. Specific guidance is also provided under each of the questions under Steps 1 and 2 of the Checklist.

- The City's Development Services Planning Division reviews development applications and makes determinations regarding environmental review requirements under CEQA.
- The specific applicable requirements outlined in the Checklist shall be required as conditions of project approval.
- The project must provide written documentation and supporting evidence that demonstrate how the proposed project would implement each applicable Checklist requirement described herein to the satisfaction of the Planning Division.
- If a question in the Checklist is deemed not applicable (N/A) to a project, written documentation and evidence supporting that conclusion shall be provided to the satisfaction of the Planning Division. Each Checklist question provides the scenario(s) where checking N/A may be acceptable. If a measure is deemed not applicable for reasons other than those outlined in each question, supporting evidence will need to be provided and would be subject to Planning Division approval. A project may be determined to be inconsistent with the CAP if the N/A response is deemed to be not supported by credible evidence.
- Development projects requiring discretionary review that cannot demonstrate consistency
 with the CAP using this Checklist shall prepare a separate, project-level GHG analysis as part
 of the CEQA document prepared for the project.

¹ In this context, a project is any action that meets the definition of a "Project" in Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

Application Information Contact Information SP24-0003, TA24-0004, CUP24-0005 (CubeSmart) Project No. and Name: 337 E. Carmel St., 220-201-90 Property Address and APN: Applicant Name and Co.: Gary Levitt (Carmel Enterprise, LLC) gary@seabreezeproperties.com Contact Phone: (858) 361-8555 Contact Email: Was a consultant retained to complete this checklist? ✓ Yes ☐ No If Yes, complete the following: Camille D'Ambrosio Contact Phone: (619) 992-3217 Consultant Name: camilledauthor@outlook.com Contact Email: Company Name: **Project Information** 2.7 acres 1. What is the size of the project site (acres)? 2. Identify all applicable proposed land uses: ☐ Residential (indicate # of single-family dwelling units): ☐ Residential (indicate # of multi-family dwelling units): ☐ Commercial (indicate total square footage): ☐ Industrial (indicate total square footage): 111,200 sf self-storage facility ☑ Other (describe): 3. Provide a description of the project proposed. This description should match the basic project description used for the CEQA document. The description may be attached to the Checklist if there are space constraints. Amendments to the Municipal Code and University District Specific Plan (UDSP), and a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow for a self-storage facility. The self-storage facility would consist of two buildings, a three-story, approximately 104,600 square foot building adjacent to E. Carmel Street and a one-story, approximately 6,600 square foot building to the rear of the first building. The existing CubeSmart self-storage facility located at 235 E. Carmel Street would relocate to this new facility, opening up a site closer to the heart of North City that can accommodate more mixed-use/pedestrian-oriented development. The new self-storage facility would be regulated by the Specific Plan, including building and site design, landscape, and screening requirements to maximize compatibility with the surrounding community.



The first step in this section evaluates a project's GHG emissions consistent with the City's *Guidance to Demonstrating Consistency with the City of San Marcos Climate Action Plan: For Discretionary Projects Subject to CEQA* (Guidance Document). New discretionary development projects subject to CEQA review that emit fewer than 500 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MTCO₂e) annually would not contribute considerably to cumulative climate change impacts as stated in the City's Guidance Document, and therefore, would be considered consistent with the CAP and associated emissions projections.

For projects that are subject to CAP consistency review, the next step in determining consistency is to assess the project's consistency with the growth projections used in the development of the CAP. This section allows the city to determine a project's consistency with the land use assumptions used in the CAP.

	Step 1: Land Use Consistency			
	ist Item ne appropriate box and provide an explanation and supporting documentation for your answer)	Yes	No	
1.	The size and type of projects listed below would emit fewer than 500 MTCO2e per year. Based on this threshold, does the proposed project exceed these characteristics? Single Family Housing: 36 dwelling units Multi-Family Housing: 55 dwelling units Coffice: 43,000 square feet Commercial Space: 20,000 square feet Regional Shopping Center: 18,000 square feet Hotel: 37 rooms Restaurant (Sit-Down): 6,500 square feet Restaurant (Drive-Thru, High Turnover): 2,400 square feet General Light Industrial: 58,000 square feet University: 263 students Mixed-Use: See Guidance to Demonstrating Consistency memorandum for methods to estimate mixed-use development thresholds Other: For project types not listed in this section the need for GHG analysis and mitigation will be made on a project-specific basis, considering the 500 MTCO2e per year screening threshold. If "Yes", proceed to Question 2 of Step 1. If "No", in accordance with the City's CAP screening criteria, the project's GHG impact		X	
2.	is less than significant and is not subject to the measures of the CAP. Is the proposed project consistent with the City's existing General Plan land use designation? If "Yes", proceed to Step 2. If "No", proceed to Question 3 of Step 1	×		
3.	For projects not consistent with the existing General Plan land use designation, does the project include a General Plan Amendment that would generate GHG emissions equal to or less than estimated emissions generated under the existing designation? If "Yes", proceed to Step 2 and provide estimated project emissions under both existing and proposed designation(s) for comparison. If "No", the project's GHG impact is potentially significant, and a GHG analysis must be prepared in accordance with the City's Guidance Document and applicable CEQA guidelines. The project must incorporate each of the measures identified in Step 2 to mitigate cumulative GHG emissions impacts, along with other mitigation measures as necessary based on a project specific GHG analysis Proceed and complete a project specific GHG analysis, and Step 2 of the Checklist.			



The second step of CAP consistency review is to evaluate a project's consistency with the applicable strategies and measures of the CAP. Each Checklist item is associated with a specific GHG reduction measure in the City's CAP. "N/A" should only be checked based on the direction provided in each Checklist Item question. All projects for which the measure is applicable must demonstrate that they would implement measures consistent with the Checklist Item, or fully substantiate how the item would be infeasible for project implementation. "N/A" responses are subject to Planning Division review and approval. If "No" is provided as a response to a question, the project would be determined to be inconsistent with the CAP and result in a significant GHG impact.

Step 2: CAP Measures Consistency	,		
Checklist Item (Check the appropriate box and provide an explanation for your answer. Please use additional sheets if necessary)	Yes	No	N/A
Project Design			
1. Electric Vehicle Charging Stations (Measure T-2)			
Multi-Family Residential and Non-Residential: Will the project install electric vehicle charging stations (Level 2 or better) in at least five percent of the total parking spaces provided on-site?		X	
Check "N/A" if the project is a single-family residential project or would not provide any parking.			
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 1: The project emits fewer than 500 MT CO2e/year and not subject to the me required to provide an electrical vehicle charging station and will not be do Typically customers of storage facilities are not parked there for long period would go unutilized at this location. EV charging stations are provided in other contents.	ing so beca ds of time s	use of the na o an EV cha	ature of the us
2. Bicycle Infrastructure (Measure T-8)			
Residential and Non-Residential Projects: If the following conditions are met, would the project pay its fair-share contribution to bicycle infrastructure improvements? Intersection or roadway segment improvements are proposed as part of the project and, The City's General Plan Mobility Element identifies bicycle infrastructure improvements at any intersection(s) or roadway segment(s) that would be improved as part of the project. Check "N/A" if the conditions above would not be met.	X		
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 2: E. Carmel Street will be improved with buffered bike lanes and enhanced p	arkway an	d widened si	dewalk
These improvements will either be implemented by this project or the adjacent			
Housing project depending on the timing of construction.		·	

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Checklist Item (Check the appropriate box and provide an explanation for your answer. Please use additional sheets if necessary)	Yes	No	N/A
3. Transportation Demand Management (Measure T-9)			
Residential and Non-Residential: Will the project comply with the City's Transportation Demand Management (TDM) Ordinance (Chapter 20.350 of the Municipal Code) and the TDM Policy? ²	×		
Check "N/A" if the project is a single-family residential project or is not subject to the City's TDM Ordinance.			
Please submit a project specific TDM Plan for staff review and evaluation the TDM Policy. The project is not required to provide a project-specific TDM because it em reduces GHG emissions by 80% compared to what otherwise could (refer to the GHG Analysis dated January 2025 by Ldn Consulting).	its fewer the	an 500MTC0 ered allowe	O2e/year and
Specific Plan which does comply with the City's TDM ordinance and			
mixed-use development, park-once strategies, enhancing bicycle/pe			
4. Reduce Parking Near Transit (Measure T-12)		III aoti aotai	
Multi-Family Residential: If located within a half-mile of a major transit stop ² , would the project provide at least 27 percent fewer parking spaces than required for the same use based on the City's municipal code parking requirements?			X
Check "N/A" if the project is a single-family residential or non-			
residential project.	1		1
residential project. Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 4:			

 $^{^2\ {\}hbox{City of San Marcos TDM Ordinance and Policy: https://www.san-marcos.net/departments/development-services/planning/ceqaresources-for-applicants-consultants}$

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Checklist Item (Check the appropriate box and provide an explanation for your answer. Please use additional sheets if necessary)	Yes	No	N/A
5. Water Heaters (Measure E-1)			
Residential: Will the project install one of, or a combination of, the following water heater types in place of natural gas water heaters? Electric heat pump water heater Instantaneous electric water heater Electric tank Solar water heater with heat pump water heater backup Solar water heater with electric tank backup Check "N/A" if the project is a non-residential project.			X
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 5:		ı	
This is not a residential project.			
6. Photovoltaic Installation (Measure E-2)			
Non-Residential: Will the project install photovoltaic systems with a minimum capacity of two watts per square foot of gross floor area?	×		
Check "N/A" if the project is a residential project or if installation of onsite photovoltaic would be infeasible.			
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 6: Solar panels would be installed over 21,778 s.f. of the rooftop area and are	anticinato	d to generate	
approximately 326,670 watts or an equivalent of 2.9 watts/sf.	antioipatet	a to generate	<u></u>

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Checklist Item (Check the appropriate box and provide an explanation for your answer. Please use additional sheets if necessary)	Yes	No	N/A
7. Landscaping Water Use (Measure W-1)			
Residential and Non-Residential: Will the project comply with the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance? ³ Check "N/A" if the project is not proposing any landscaping or is not subject to the City's Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.			
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 7:			
WELO REQUIREMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE			
Compost: 4 cubic yards/1000 sf 4 c.y./1000 s.f. provided			
Plant Water Use: Plant Factor 0.3, average 0.2 average provided			
Mulch; 4" layer 4" mulch provided			
Irrigation System: ET Controller with battery All provided			
backup; use drip <10' width; use submeter			
Single-Family Residential: Will the project plant a minimum of one tree per single-family residential unit? -or- Multi-Family Residential and Non-Residential: If the project is providing more than 10 parking spaces, will the project plant at least one tree per five parking spaces provided? Check "N/A" if planting the required number of trees on-site would be infeasible.			
Please substantiate how the project satisfies question 8:			
12 parking spaces are provided and 3 trees are proposed.			

³ City of San Marcos Landscape Manual: https://www.san-marcos.net/home/showdocument?id=13984