

The Mother Lode Chapter of the Sierra Club Smart Growth Checklist

- 1) Is the project located in an infill location, within the existing urban footprint, or within an adopted urban growth boundary? (Infill is defined as having urban development on at least three sides.)

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 2) Will the project be served by public transit?

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 3) Is the project pedestrian-friendly and bicycle-friendly?

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 4) Does the project minimize vehicle miles traveled?

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 5) Does it have a substantial mixed-use portion, combining residential, professional and retail?

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 6) Is there an emphasis on neighborhood retail shopping, rather than freeway-based big box stores?

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 7) Are residential densities high? (In a suburban setting, 15 dwelling units per net residential acre is excellent.)

Yes No Maybe N/A

- 8) Does it have an inclusionary component for affordable housing? Are a significant number of the dwelling units reserved for those with very low, low, and moderate incomes? (In general, an inclusionary percentage of 15% is considered adequate)

Yes No Maybe N/A

9) Does the project fully mitigate for or avoid impacts to sensitive species and for vernal pools, wetlands, stream corridors and other sensitive habitats?

Yes No Maybe N/A

10) Are impacts to farmland mitigated?

Yes No Maybe N/A

11) Is there an identified water supply for the project beyond what is required for other planned growth served by the same water supply? Will the new development pay for any costs associated with the additional supply, delivery and treatment?

Yes No Maybe N/A

12) Does it promote water conservation (e.g. make use of recycled water in landscaping)

Yes No Maybe N/A

13) Does the project promote alternative and renewable energy? (e.g. solar panels, energy- efficient design)

Yes No Maybe N/A

14) Is the project outside the 100-year floodplain and not otherwise subject to catastrophic flooding?

Yes No Maybe N/A

15) Will the development pay for itself; that is, fund its own infrastructure costs?

Yes No Maybe N/A