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## ANNOUNCEMENT

The [California Advisory Handbook for Community and Military Compatibility Planning](#) is now available for download. It provides guidance to local governments, the military and developers on how to address land use activities near military installations and activities. [Read more...](#)

OPR is working to improve communication and encourage collaboration between local governments and the United States Military on land use planning and development issues. Read more about the following OPR activities and projects:

[Development Permit Notification to the Military \(SB 1462, 2004\)](#) – OPR has developed a mapping tool that local governments and developers can use to identify whether proposed planning projects are located in the vicinity of military bases and military airspace. This mapping tool will help local governments and developers comply with recent legislation that requires the military to be notified of certain development applications and general plan actions. This mapping tool is available NOW.

[Joint Land Use Studies](#) – OPR will undertake land use compatibility studies around four military installations and beneath the R-2508 Airspace Complex. Affected bases and local communities will collaborate in these studies to develop recommendations for ensuring the sustainable future of both the local communities and the military mission. These studies will begin in early 2006.

## Local and Tribal Intergovernmental Consultation (SB 18, 2004)

State planning law requires cities and counties to consult with California Native American tribes during the local planning process for the purpose of protecting Traditional Tribal Cultural Places. OPR's consultation guidelines, background information, and training session information are all available on-line. [Read More >>](#)

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## Small Business Advocate

### Dennis Trinidad

Dennis Trinidad serves as the Small Business Advocate under the direction of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR)

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### California Planners' 2006 Book of Lists

An electronic version of the California Planners' 2006 Book of Lists is now available. This reference includes a directory of local planning agencies, select state and federal agencies and the results of the 2005 local government planning survey. [Read more](#)

### 2006 Planning, Zoning and Development Laws

An electronic version of the Planning, Zoning and Development Laws 2006 is [now available](#). This compendium of state laws features the current text of land use related statutes, and summaries of recently adopted legislation and attorney general opinions.

### 2004 CEQA Guidelines Now Available

On September 7, 2004, the California Resources Agency adopted several amendments to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines. To view the full text of the newly amended CEQA Guidelines go to the Resources Agency's CEQA website <http://ceres.ca.gov/ceqa/> On the CEQA website, there is also a link to the specific changes to the 21 affected sections and 3 affected appendices.

### 2004 Planning Commissioner's Handbook

A publication of the Institute for *Local Self Government*, this handbook provides practical information for planning commissioners regarding the land use planning process. This 2004 update is organized into 11 sections covering topics such as meeting procedures, public participation, urban design, and legal, fiscal and environmental issues. It is available for purchase from the *Institute*, or download a free copy from [www.ilsg.org](http://www.ilsg.org)

### 2003 General Plan Guidelines

The final version of the [2003 General Plan Guidelines](#) is now available. Below are some of the highlights of this revised edition:

- Environmental Justice: AB 1553 (Keeley, 2001) requires OPR to include environmental justice in the General Plan Guidelines. These guidelines for environmental justice must also include transit oriented development (TOD). Environmental justice and TOD are discussed in Chapter 2. Specific data or policy suggestions are also integrated into Chapter 4 (Required Elements of the General Plan) and Chapter 6 (Optional Elements).
- Optional Elements: The 2003 General Plan Guidelines provides guidance on two new optional elements: water and energy.
- Public Participation: Chapter 8 is a new chapter on the role of community participation in the general plan process, including desired goals and tools to achieve those goals. Although not required by AB 1553, this chapter addresses important environmental justice concerns related to inclusiveness and process.
- Sustainable Development: The discussion of sustainability from the 1998 Guidelines has been revised and incorporated into the discussion of environmental justice.
- Format and Element Consolidation: Chapter 5 updates and combines several sections from the 1998 Guidelines and OPR's technical advisory, Element Consolidation, in order to discuss how cities and counties can create consistent, usable general plans.
- Annual Progress Reports: Planning agencies are required to monitor their progress in implementing their general plan and to report on their progress annually. The draft revised Guidelines explain this requirement and offer suggestions on how to prepare an annual progress report.

### Fire Hazard Planning: General Plan Technical Advice Series

The Office of Planning and Research in conjunction with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Regional Council of Rural Counties, and the California State Association of Counties has developed a publication entitled [Hazard Mitigation: Fire Hazard Planning and the General Plan](#).

## OPR Mission

THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF PLANNING AND RESEARCH (OPR) is a part of the Governor's Office that serves the following core functions:

- Research staff to the Governor
- Comprehensive statewide planning
- Interagency coordination
- Local agency planning assistance
- Management of state environmental review processes
- Promote innovation in government

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