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Subject: Suggested revisions to the Appendix G Checklist

Please consider the following suggested revisions to the Appendix G Checklist.

Section VII. Geology and Soils Criterion d):

The currently proposed text reads:

“Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial direct or indirect risks to life or property?”

However, the California Building Code (CBC), based on the International Building Code and the now defunct Uniform Building Code, no longer includes a Table 18-1-B. Instead, Section 1803.5.3 of the CBC describes the criteria for analyzing expansive soils. In addition, the criterion does not include corrosive soils. I suggest the following revised proposed text:

“Be located on expansive or corrosive soils creating direct or indirect substantial risks to life or property?”

Section IX. Hazards and Hazardous Materials Criterion e):

The currently proposed text reads:

“For a project located within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard or excessive noise for people residing or working in the project area?”

The underlined “or excessive noise” is text proposed for addition into this criterion. However, Appendix G has an entire set of noise criteria under Section XIII. Noise. The addition of a noise element to the Hazards section creates unnecessary redundancy. I recommend deleting noise from the Hazards criterion because noise is better analyzed within the Noise section.

Thank you for your consideration of my recommendations.

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