

Senate Local Government Committee

A Land Use Bookshelf

Too many people to see. Never enough time to read. Tough decisions coming up. If you only have a little space left on your bookshelf, get these land use books:

Guide To California Planning, 2nd edition by William Fulton (Solano Press Books, 1999). A reporter trained as a planner explains the basics of California land use, along with its sometimes nasty politics.

Understanding Development Regulations by Robert E. Merritt and Anne R. Danforth (Solano Press Books, 1994). Ignore the boring title and get quick answers to 205 questions about developing property.

Curtin's California Land Use and Planning Law by Daniel J. Curtin, Jr. (Solano Press Books, 2000). Dan's 20th edition is the best reference book to back up the other summaries.

General Plan Guidelines by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR, 1998). Getting ready to revise your general plan? The courts say that OPR's Guidelines are just advisory but you would ignore them at your peril.

Planning, Zoning, and Development Laws by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research. Get direct Internet access to the state law:

www.ceres.ca.gov/planning/pzd/1998/

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