Priya Desai

Assistant Planner

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SUMMARY

Assistant Planner with 2 years in current planning for a Central Valley city of 120,000. Handles site plan review and use permits under the zoning code, writes staff reports and CEQA exemptions, and presents smaller projects at public hearings. Holds a B.S. in City and Regional Planning and maps cases in ArcGIS Pro.

EXPERIENCE

Assistant Planner

09/2024 - Present

Kings River Planning and Development — Fresno, CA

City planning division handling current planning, design review and housing.

- Manage a caseload of 35 minor use permits, lot line adjustments and design reviews each year.
- Write staff reports and conditions of approval for 12 Planning Commission items in 2025.
- Draft CEQA categorical exemptions for 20 infill projects and route them for legal review.
- Lead site plan review meetings with engineering and fire staff, cutting resubmittals from 3 rounds to 2.

Planning Intern

06/2023 - 06/2024

Central Coast Planning Associates — San Luis Obispo, CA

Planning consultancy preparing housing elements and specific plans for small cities.

- Built ArcGIS Pro maps of zoning and vacant land for 3 housing element updates.
- Compiled Microsoft Excel tables of zoning code parking standards from 15 cities for a parking reform study.
- Recorded comments at 10 community workshops and coded 400 responses by theme.
- Proofread draft policy chapters and tables before delivery to city clients.

SKILLS

Current Planning

Zoning Code

Site Plan Review

Staff Reports • CEQA

Public Hearings

Design Review

ArcGIS Pro

Microsoft Excel

Communication Skills

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

06/2024

California Polytechnic State University

San Luis Obispo, CA

City and Regional Planning

CERTIFICATES

AICP Candidate

American Planning Association

10/2024