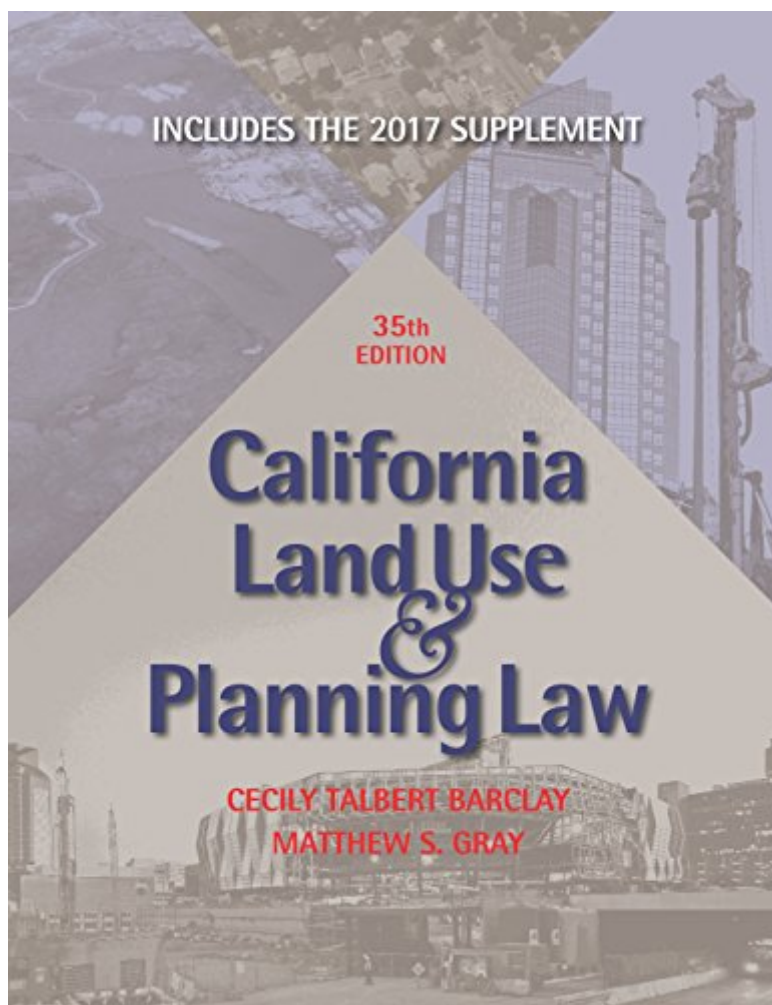


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- Description of the Legislature's further statutory extension in 2015 of tentative subdivision maps in some, but not all, California counties (chapter 5)
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- Discussion of the California Supreme Court's decision in *California Building Industry Association v. Bay Area Air Quality Management District* affirming that CEQA generally does not require an analysis of the impacts of the surrounding environment on the project (chapter 6)
- Discussion of the California Supreme Court's decision in *Center for Biological Diversity v. California Department of Fish & Wildlife* (the "Newhall" decision) in which the Court upheld use of CARB's goal of 29 percent reduction from "business as usual" as a significance threshold, but held that an individual project's 29 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions did not necessarily establish consistency with CARB's statewide goal (chapter 6)
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