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Acronyms

Acronym	Full Phrase
AADT	Annual average daily traffic
AD	Anno domini
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
AIRFA	American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978
APCD	Air pollution control district
ARPA	Archaeological Resources Protection Act
BC	Before Christ
BEA	Bureau of Economic Analysis
BIA	Bureau of Indian Affairs
BLM	Bureau of Land Management
BMP	Best management practice
ca.	circa
Cal-IPC	California Invasive Plant Council
CARB	California Air Resources Board
CDF	California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection
CDFG	California Department of Fish and Game
CERCLA	Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980
CERFA	Community Environmental Response Facilitation Act of 1992
CFR	Code of Federal Regulations
CHP	California Highway Patrol
CNDDDB	California Natural Diversity Database
CNEL	Community noise exposure level
CNPS	California Native Plant Society
CO	Carbon monoxide
CWA	Clean Water Act of 1972
D&S	Directives and standards
dBA	A-weighted decibels
DOF	California Department of Finance
DOI	US Department of the Interior
DM	US Department of the Interior Manual
DRMP	Draft resource management plan
EA	Environmental assessment
EIS	Environmental impact statement
EMT	Emergency medical technician
EO	Executive Order
EPA	US Environmental Protection Agency
EPCRA	Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986
ESA	Endangered Species Act
FMB	Foothills Metamorphic Belt

Acronym	Full Phrase
FMP	Fire management plan
FMU	Fire management unit
FR	Federal Register
FRCC	Fire regime condition class
GIS	Geographic information system
IF	intraformational
ITA	Indian Trust Assets
Jm	Mariposa slate
LND	Land Management and Development Program
Master Plan	New Melones Lake Area Master Plan of 1976
Mba	meta-basalt agglomerate
MIST	Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
msl	mean sea level
Mv	meta-volcanics
Mvs	meta-sediments
NAAQS	National Ambient Air Quality Standards
NAGPRA	Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act of 1990
NCES	National Center for Education Statistics
NEPA	National Environmental Policy Act of 1969
NFP	National Fire Plan
NHPA	National Historic Preservation Act of 1966
NMFS	National Marine Fisheries Service
NO	Nitric oxide
NO ₂	Nitrogen dioxide
NO _x	Nitrogen oxides
NPS	National Park Service
NRHP	National Register of Historic Places
O ₃	Ozone
Omc	Older metamorphics
ORV	Off-road vehicle
Pb	Lead
PG&E	Pacific Gas and Electric
PILT	Payment in lieu of taxes
PL	Public Law
PM	Particulate matter
PM _{2.5}	Particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in equivalent aerodynamic diameter
PM ₁₀	Particulate matter less than 10 microns in equivalent aerodynamic diameter
PMWMA	Peoria Mountain Wildlife Management Area

Acronym	Full Phrase
PU	Planning units
RCD TRMR	Records Management series Temporary Reclamation Manual Release
RIR	Resource inventory report
RMP	Resource management plan
ROW	Right-of-way
RTP	Regional transportation plan
RV	Recreational vehicle
SARA	Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act
SHPO	State Historic Preservation Office
SIP	State implementation plan
SMA	Special management area
SO ₂	Sulfur dioxide
SR	State Route
SRMA	Special recreation management area
SWRCB	State Water Resources Control Board
T&E	Threatened and endangered
TCID	Tuolumne County Irrigation District
TMDL	Total maximum daily load
USBR	US Bureau of Reclamation
USC	US Code
USDA	US Department of Agriculture
USFS	US Forest Service
VMP	Vegetation Management Plan
VRM	Visual Resource Management
WRCC	Western Regional Climate Center
WROS	Water Recreation Opportunity Spectrum
WUI	Wildland-urban interface