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Kevin Mallen, County Administrator
County of Yuba
915 Eighth Street, Suite 115
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Dear Kevin Mallen:

RE: Yuba County's 6th Cycle (2021-2029) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Yuba's (County) housing element adopted September 7, 2021 and received for review on September 14, 2021. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's August 9, 2021 review determined met statutory requirements.

The County must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs including but not limited to the following:

- Program H-2.2.4 (Multifamily Housing in Plumas Lake Specific Plan): This Program commits the County by December 2027 to update land use designation in the Specific Plan to allow high density multifamily housing in a greater area of the County.
- Program H-3.1.6 (Revisions to County Zoning and Development Standards): This Program commits to revise the County's ADU ordinance, emergency shelter standards, reasonable accommodation procedures, and comply with the Employee Housing Act, By-Right Permanent Supportive Housing (AB 2162), Low Barrier Navigation Centers (Ab 101), emergency shelter by December 2021.
- Program H-6.2.1 (Fair Housing Program): This Program commits to implement other programs with a fair housing lens, biannual trainings for staff, to seek funding for infrastructure improvements in disadvantaged communities (by May 2022 and annually) and create an affordable homeownership program (by May 2023 to create the program and annually assist applicants).

The County must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585(i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities programs; and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the County meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the County to consider timing provisions and welcomes the opportunity to provide assistance. For information, please see the Technical Advisories issued by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research at: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf and http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf.

HCD appreciates the cooperation and dedication that Kevin Perkins, Planning Manager; Ian Scott, Planner I; and consultants Jennifer Gastelum, Amy Sinsheimer, and Lindsey Klein, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the County success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Hillary Prasad, of our staff, at Hillary.Prasad@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Paul McDougall".

Paul McDougall
Senior Program Manager