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RE: City of Rio Dell's Failure to Submit a Timely 6th Cycle Housing Element Update

Dear Kyle Knopp:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) would like to remind the City of Rio Dell that it is subject to revise its Housing Element for the 6th cycle planning period (6th cycle) pursuant to Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e).

The 6th cycle update was due August 31, 2019. However, that date has passed, and the City of Rio Dell has failed to submit and adopt an updated Housing Element. As a result, the City of Rio Dell's Housing Element does not comply with Housing Element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) and has been out of compliance since June 30, 2014.

The Permanent Local Housing Allocation program (PLHA) is a formula grant available to both entitlement and non-entitlement jurisdictions. The Notice of Funding Availability will be released in February 2020 with applications accepted over-the-counter beginning April 2020 through July 2020. Funding to eligible jurisdictions is available on a non-competitive basis, provided jurisdictions meet basic threshold requirements. Housing element compliance is one of threshold requirements. Without housing element compliance, the City of Rio Dell is ineligible to apply for and access these funds. In addition, other funding sources such as SB 2 Planning Grants, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants, and the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400.

As a reminder, to meet the 6th cycle update requirements, the City of Rio Dell must submit a draft Housing Element to HCD for review, consider HCD's written findings, adopt the Housing Element, and submit it to HCD for review and certification. For more information, please visit our website at: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/6th-web-he-duedate.pdf or contact Robin Huntley at (916) 263-7422.

Sincerely,

Zachary Olmstead
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