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Adam Fieseler, Planning Division Manager
Department of Resource Management
County of Shasta
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Dear Adam Fieseler:

RE: Review of County of Shasta's 6th Cycle (2020-2028) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Shasta's (County) draft housing element received for review on May 21, 2020, along with revisions received on June 22, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by a telephone conversation on June 16, 2020 with Beth Thompson, the County's consultant.

The draft element, incorporating the revisions submitted, meets the statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. The housing element will comply with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585, subdivision (g).

To remain on an eight-year planning cycle, the County must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date, no later than August 13, 2020. If adopted after this date, Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4) requires the housing element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For more information on housing element adoption requirements, please visit HCD's website at: http://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/housing-element-memos/docs/sb375_final100413.pdf

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the County should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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 program; SB 2 Planning Grants, as well as ongoing SB 2 funding (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 funding sources.

HCD appreciates the efforts Beth Thompson from De Novo Planning Group provided during the course of our review. We are committed to assisting Shasta County in addressing all statutory requirements of housing element law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at (916) 263-4849.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shannan West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Unit Chief