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Kim Hunter, Director of Building & Planning
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Dear Kim Hunter:

RE: Review of the County of Trinity's 6th Cycle (2019-2024) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Trinity's (County) draft housing element update received for review on February 19, 2020, along with revisions received on March 4, 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 February 27, 2020 with you, and the County's consultants Nicole West and Jennifer Gastelum. The review was expedited to enable the jurisdiction to meet funding criteria for the SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

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

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 must continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special-needs households, by making information regularly available while considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. Housing element compliance is a threshold criteria to receive SB 2 Planning Grant funding. HCD received the County's SB 2 Planning Grant application and is placing the County's application on hold pending determination of housing element compliance. To ensure the awarding of grant funding, in addition to other program requirements, the County's housing element must be determined to be compliant with sufficient time to meet the encumbrance deadline of June 30, 2020. A determination of compliance after February 2020 puts the county's award of SB 2 Planning Grant Program funding at risk of not meeting the encumbrance deadline. Additional guidance can be obtained from the SB 2 Planning Grant Team at SB2PlanningGrant@hcd.ca.gov.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the county's consultants, Nicole West and Jennifer Gastelum, provided in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving the County of Trinity's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need technical assistance, please contact Divya Ram, of our staff, at (916) 263-7442.

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 Manager