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August 6, 2021

Shawna Purvines, Deputy Director
Community Development Regional Agency
County of Placer
3091 County Center Drive
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Dear Shawna Purvines:

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

Thank you for submitting Placer County's (County) element adopted May 11, 2021 and received for review on May 25, 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 housing element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's February 18, 2021 review determined met statutory requirements.

The element includes the necessary rezone program identifying adequate sites to accommodate the County's regional housing need for lower-income households demonstrated by Program Action HE-1. The County will implement a Housing Opportunity Overlay Zone to rezone approximately 55.3 acres. This will accommodate the remaining Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 1,107 units for lower-income households. The County must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through annual progress reports required pursuant to Government Code section 65400.

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. 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

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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.

HCD appreciates the dedication and hard work you and the housing element team 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 Irvin Saldana, of our staff, at Irvin.Saldana@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannan West". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Unit Chief