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Richard Egan, County Administrative Officer
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LASSEN COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PLANNING AND BUILDING SERVICES

Dear Richard Egan,

RE: Lassen County's 6th Cycle (2019-2024) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Lassen County's Housing Element adopted August 27, 2019 and received for review on September 6, 2019. 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 Government Code). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element HCD's June 27, 2019 review determined met statutory requirements. HCD's finding was based on, among other reasons, the county's commitment to review and revise its processes to allow accessory dwelling units with a ministerial review.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by Housing Element adoption. HCD reminds Lassen 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, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; and the SB 2 Planning Grants as well as ongoing SB 2 funding consider Housing Element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400. With Housing Element compliance, Lassen County meets the Housing Element requirements for these funding sources.

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HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication Mr. Stefano Richichi, the county's associate planner, and consultants Jennifer Gastelum and Amy Sinsheimer provided throughout the course of the Housing Element review. HCD wishes Lassen County success in implementing its Housing Element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the Housing Element, please contact Sohab Mehmood, of our staff, at (916) 263-1968.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shannan West". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Shannan" and the last name "West" clearly distinguishable.

Shannan West
Land Use & Planning Manager