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Paula Daneluk, Director
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Dear Paula Daneluk:

RE: County of Butte's 6th Cycle (2022-2030) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Butte's (County) draft housing element update that was received for review on July 21, 2022 along with revisions on October 10 and 19, 2022. 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 conversation on September 6 and 27, 2022 with Curtis Johnson, Assistant Director; Dan Breedon, Planning Manager; Mark Michelena, Senior Planner; Tristan Weems, Associate Planner; and consultants Cynthia Walsh, Lucy Rollins and Jennifer Gastelum. In addition, HCD considered comments from Butte Environmental Council pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (c).

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 Gov. Code) when draft revisions are made available to the public (see below) and the element is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585.

HCD understands the County has not made the October 19, 2022 draft revisions available to the public prior to submittal to HCD. Please note that new public participation requirements pursuant to AB 215 (Chapter 342, Statutes of 2021) require the County to post draft revisions on its internet website and email a link to the draft revision to all individuals and organizations that have previously requested notices relating to the local government's housing element at least seven days before submitting the draft revision to the department.

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.

Pursuant to Government Code section 65583.3, subdivision (b), the County must utilize standards, forms, and definitions adopted by HCD when preparing the sites inventory. Please see HCD's housing element webpage at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/index.shtml> for a copy of the form and instructions. The County can reach out to HCD at sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov for technical assistance. Please note, upon adoption of the housing element, the County must submit an electronic version of the sites inventory with its adopted housing element to sitesinventory@hcd.ca.gov.

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 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 will meet housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

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: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication of the housing element team in preparation of the County's housing element and looks forward to receiving the County's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Jose Ayala, of our staff, at Jose.Ayala@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Paul McDougall
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