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April 6, 2020

Richard Kuhns, County Administrative Officer
County of Trinity
11 Court St, Room 230
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Weaverville, CA 96093

Dear Richard Kuhns:

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

Thank you for submitting the County of Trinity's housing element adopted April 1, 2020 and received for review on April 2, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. The review was expedited to enable the jurisdiction to meet funding criteria for the SB 2 Planning Grants Program.

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 element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's March 11, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements.

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, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants; the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program; the 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 housing element compliance, the County meets the housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the effort of Kim Hunter, Director of Building and Planning, and the county's consultant, Nicole West, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the County of Trinity 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 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