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July 17, 2020

Wendy G. Tyler, County Administrator
County of Colusa
220 12th Street
Colusa, CA 95932

Dear Wendy G. Tyler:

RE: County of Colusa's 6th Cycle (2020-2028) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the County of Colusa's (County) housing element adopted June 30, 2020 and received for review on July 8, 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.

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 May 12, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements.

The housing element identifies sites smaller than one-half acre to accommodate housing for lower-income households. Absent the analysis required by Government Code section 65583.2, subd. (c)(2)(A) and (B), HCD did not consider these sites toward accommodating any portion of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for lower-income households. The County should not consider them adequate, available or additional sites pursuant to Government Code section 65863 (No-Net Loss Law).

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the County of Colusa 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 hard work and dedication Greg Plucker, Community Development Director, and Kent Johanns, Associate Planner, 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 Robin Huntley, of our staff, at (916) 263-7422.

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 Unit Chief