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Kevin Caldwell, Community Development Director
Community Development Department
City of Rio Dell
675 Wildwood Avenue
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Dear Kevin Caldwell:

RE: Review of the City of Rio Dell's 6th Cycle (2019-2027) Draft Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Rio Dell's (City) draft housing element received for review on September 28, 2020, along with revisions received on October 6 and 7, 2020. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, subdivision (b), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review. This review was expedited to facilitate meeting funding requirements.

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 it is adopted, submitted to and approved by HCD, in accordance with Government Code section 65585, subdivision (g).

Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4), requires a jurisdiction that failed to adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date to revise its element every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the applicable due dates. The City did not meet the requirements of Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e)(4); therefore, it is subject to the four-year revision requirement until the City has adopted at least two consecutive updated revisions by the applicable due dates. The next opportunity to adopt on time will be on or before August 31, 2023.

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City should continue to engage the community, including organizations that represent lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

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 City meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the diligence you and Cynthia Walsh from PlaceWorks provided during the course of our review. We are committed to assisting the City in addressing all statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at (916) 263-4849.

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