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Chester Robertson, County Administrative Officer  
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**RE: County of Modoc's Failure to Submit a Timely 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update**

Dear Chester Robertson:

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) would like to remind the County of Modoc that it is subject to revise its Housing Element for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle planning period (6<sup>th</sup> cycle) pursuant to Government Code section 65588, subdivision (e).

The 6<sup>th</sup> cycle update was due August 31, 2019. However, that date has passed, and the County of Modoc has failed to submit and adopt an updated Housing Element. As a result, the County of Modoc's Housing Element does not comply with Housing Element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) and has been out of compliance since August 31, 2019.

The Permanent Local Housing Allocation program (PLHA) is a formula grant available to both entitlement and non-entitlement jurisdictions. The Notice of Funding Availability will be released in February 2020 with applications accepted over-the-counter beginning April 2020 through July 2020. Funding to eligible jurisdictions is available on a non-competitive basis, provided jurisdictions meet basic threshold requirements. Housing element compliance is one of threshold requirements. Without housing element compliance, the County of Modoc is ineligible to apply for and access these funds. In addition, other funding sources such as SB 2 Planning Grants, CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grants, and the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Gov. Code section 65400.

As a reminder, to meet the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle update requirements, the County of Modoc must submit a draft Housing Element to HCD for review, consider HCD's written findings, adopt the Housing Element, and submit it to HCD for review and certification. For more information, please visit our website at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/housing-element/docs/6th-web-he-duedate.pdf> or contact Robin Huntley at (916) 263-7422.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "Z" and a long, sweeping tail.

Zachary Olmstead  
Deputy Director