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March 10, 2020

Karl Drexel, City Administrator  
Town of Fort Jones  
P.O. Box 40  
11960 East Street  
Fort Jones, CA, 96032

Dear Karl Drexel:

**RE: Fort Jones's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2014-2021) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the Fort Jones's housing element adopted February 10, 2020 and received for review on February 24, 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.

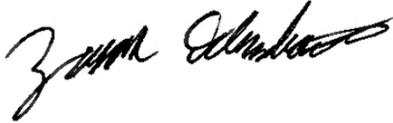
HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State Housing Element Law (Article 10.6 of the Gov. Code). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's January 16, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the Town of Fort Jones 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](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_Appendix_C_final.pdf) and [http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\\_6.26.15.pdf](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, Fort Jones meets the housing element requirements for these funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication Karl Drexel and Amy Sinsheimer provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the Town of Fort Jones 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 Hillary Prasad, of our staff, at (916) 263-1784.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Zachary Olmstead". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Zachary Olmstead  
Deputy Director