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September 4, 2020

Scott Collins, City Manager  
City of Morro Bay  
595 Harbor Street  
Morro Bay, CA 93442

Dear Scott Collins:

**RE: Morro Bay's 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2020-2028) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Morro Bay's (City) housing element adopted August 25, 2020 and received for review on September 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.

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 draft element that HCD's June 12, 2020 review determined met statutory requirements. HCD also received additional revisions on September 2, 2020. These revisions were made after HCD's previous review and do not negatively impact HCD's June 12, 2020 finding that the draft meets statutory requirements.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City 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, the City meets the housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the assistance Amy Sinsheimer from PlaceWorks provided throughout the course of the housing element review. HCD wishes the City 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 Jamillah Williams, of our staff, at [Jamillah.Williams@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:Jamillah.Williams@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Megan Kirkeby', with a small dot at the end of the signature.

Megan Kirkeby  
Deputy Director