

**NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND
NOTICE OF INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS**

*California Department of Housing and Community Development
Division of Federal Financial Assistance
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These notices shall satisfy two separate but related procedural requirements for activities to be undertaken by the State of California, Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about October 10, 2026, HCD will submit a request to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the release of \$1,350,000 of Self-Help Homeownership Opportunity Program (SHOP) funds under the Housing Opportunity Program Extension Act of 1996, Section 11, to undertake a project known as the Orchardcrest Estates Project Phase II for the purpose of purchasing the final parcel(s) in Oroville, California.

The HCD, acting as the Responsible Entity (RE) for HUD under 24 CFR Part 58 on behalf of the Community Housing Improvement Program (CHIP). CHIP will use the FY 2024 SHOP funds solely for the acquisition of approximately nine acres constituting Phase II of the Orchardcrest Estates subdivision in Oroville, Butte County, California (Assessor's Parcel Number 030-170-080).

The Phase II property is located north of State Route 162 (Oroville Dam Boulevard), between 10th Street and Middlehoff Lane, within the City of Oroville Sphere of Influence. The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the entire Orchardcrest Estates project, including Phase II, which contains 92 single-family residential lots, two non-residential lots planned for park dedication, internal circulation roads, and a stormwater detention basin.

Future subdivision buildout will be undertaken by the developer using non-HUD sources. The SHOP award covers acquisition only. No HUD funds will be used for construction, infrastructure installation, grading, utility trenching, or other ground-disturbing work.

HCD has adopted the USDA EA in accordance with 24 CFR 58.52(a) because the USDA EA assessed the environmental effects of the entire Orchardcrest Estates development, and the HUD-assisted action, acquisition, is a non-construction action and does not alter the scope, location, or impacts previously analyzed.

Acquisition is comprised of \$200,000 of Home Loan Program (HLP) (reuse pool of SHOP funds administered by the Housing Assistance Council), \$1,150,000 in SHOP funds, and roughly \$2,050,000 of non-federal HAC acquisition financing.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

HCD has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR). The ERR will be made available to the public for review in person, electronically or by

U.S. mail. If in person the ERR may be viewed at the California Department of Housing and Community Development, Division of Federal Financial Assistance, 651 Bannan Street, Sacramento, CA 95811, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9 AM to 4 PM: An appointment and 24-hours notice is required, or for electronic or U.S. Mail, please submit your request by email to NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to HCD to the attention of Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief, by mail at the address above or by email at NEPAComments@hcd.ca.gov. All comments received by October 9, 2026, will be considered by HCD prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Comments should specify which Notice they are addressing.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

HCD certifies to HUD that Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief, in her capacity as Certifying Officer consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. HUD's approval of this certification satisfies their responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows HCD to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS

HUD will accept objections to HCD's Request for Release of Funds and Environmental Certification for a period of fifteen days following the submission date specified above or the actual receipt of its request (whichever is later) only if they are on the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the RE; (b) the RE has omitted a step or failed to make a determination or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58 or by CEQ regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, as applicable; (c) the RE has omitted one or more steps in the preparation, completion or publication of the Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Study per 24 CFR Subparts E, F or G of Part 58, as applicable; (d) the grant recipient or other participant in the development process has committed funds for or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before release of funds and approval of the environmental certification; (e) another Federal, State or local agency has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be mailed or emailed: if by mail addressed to Community Planning and Development Director, HUD San Francisco Regional Office, One Sansome Street, Suite 1200, San Francisco, CA 94104 or if by email to HUD Region IX, at RROFSFRO@hud.gov. Potential objectors should contact HUD via email at RROFSFRO@hud.gov to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

Jessica Hayes, Federal Recovery Branch Chief

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