# Staff Report

Meeting Date: November 14, 2023

To: Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors

From: Hailey Lang, Planning Director

Subject: Adoption of the Final 2023-2031 Housing Element

## Discussion

The County of Siskiyou has prepared the 2023-2031 Housing Element update in compliance with State Housing Element Law. The Housing Element outlines current and future housing needs and proposed actions to facilitate the provision of housing to meet those needs at all income levels. The purpose of the Housing Element is to establish specific goals, policies, and objectives relative to the provision of housing and to adopt an action plan toward this end. In addition, the element identifies and analyzes housing needs and resources and constraints to meeting those needs.

**Housing Element Adoption and Public Engagement Timeline**

In developing the 6th Cycle Housing Element, the County conducted the following efforts:

1. Public Outreach, Analysis, and Housing Element Updates – Community input activities, data analysis and writing of the updated document. This included two community meetings and an online survey (April-June 2022).
2. Public Comment & County Review – Public comment period and public meetings in 2022 to consider the Housing Element draft: Public Comment Period (October 7th-December 6, 2022); Planning Commission (October 19, 2022); Board of Supervisors Meeting (December 6, 2022).
3. Formal HCD Review and Draft Revisions – HCD conducted a statutory 90-day review of the adopted Housing Element, as approved by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors, and which includes public comments (December 2022-March 2023). After the initial draft submittal (Version 1) to HCD on December 21, 2022, the County received comments from HCD on its initial draft (March 21, 2023). In response to those comments, the County posted a revised draft (Version 2) to solicit more comments (June 1,2023-June 7,2023); the County received additional comments from HCD on the revised draft (August 10, 2023). In response to these comments, the County posted an additional revised draft (Version 3) to solicit more comments (October 4, 2023-October 7,2023).
4. Housing Element Approval – HCD approved the Final Housing Element (October 16, 2023), which authorizes the County to adopt the Final Housing Element.
5. Housing Element Adoption – the County will adopt the Housing Element after considering HCD comments, November 2023.

Most of the Federal and State agencies require assurances or certificates of compliance on state housing element being current. Failure to maintain an updated Housing Element would be reportable to Department of Water Resources, Department of Toxic Substances, California Housing and Community Development, CalFire, CalOES, CalTrans and Federal Agencies of USDA, EPA, EDA, USFS, FEMA.

## Public Comment

During the development of the draft Housing Element, staff received a number of comments. After the initial draft was submitted to HCD on December 21, 2023, staff received no additional comments. No comments were received during the second public comment period (June 1, 2023-Juny 7,2023) and no comments were received during the third public comment period (October 4, 2023-October 10, 2023).

## Recommended Action

As detailed in the attached Resolution, the Board moves to adopt the Final 2023-2031 Housing Element.

## Recommended Motions

I move to adopt the Resolution and hereby taking the following actions:

1. Adopt the Final 2023-2031 Housing Element.

## Attachments

1. Draft Resolution
2. Final 2023-2031 Housing Element
3. Revision letter from County to HCD dated June 12, 2023
4. HCD letter dated August 10, 2023
5. Revision letter from County to HCD dated October 11, 2023
6. HCD letter dated October 16, 2023