

STAFF REPORT TO: AMADOR COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
FOR MEETING OF: MAY 12, 2015

Item 4 - Public Comment on the 2021-2029 Draft Housing Element Update to the Amador County General Plan

The Housing Element is a comprehensive document that reviews the existing and future housing needs for Amador County and promotes the development of such housing for an 8-year period for all economic segments of the community with emphasis on encouraging the development of affordable housing to meet the demands identified in the most recent Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). The RHNA is prepared by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) based on growth projections for the respective areas. Countywide, the projected housing need across all income groups for the 2021-2029 cycle is 741 units, with 377 of those units allocated for the unincorporated area.

The Housing Element is an intense analysis of factors that influence the potential for housing development including demographics, land use policies, government and non-government constraints, infrastructure, etc., with the ultimate purpose of ensuring that each jurisdiction has adequate sites available for the very low, low, below moderate, and above moderate income categories.

The Housing Element is required by State law to function as an essential part of the General Plan and be consistent between the other General Plan Elements. The 2021-2029 draft Housing Element proposes updates to the goals, policies, and programs of the current Housing Element adopted in 2014.

A public workshop to discuss housing policies was conducted on March 10, 2022, as part of this update. The workshop was aimed at stakeholder agencies and organizations as well as the general public. The draft Housing Element includes programs to address a number of the concerns expressed in the workshop. Two public comment sessions on the draft were held on November 16 and 19, 2022, with a third public comment session being scheduled during the December 13, 2022 Planning Commission meeting.

Planning Commission Action: There is no requested action. Following a review of submitted comments, the draft will be forwarded to HCD for review and comments (90 days), then presented to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors for adoption.