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Ms. Marissa Trejo, Interim City Manager  
City of Coalinga  
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Dear Ms. Trejo:

**RE: Coalinga's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2015-2023) Adopted Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Coalinga's housing element adopted March 3, 2016 which was received for review on April 27, 2016. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's February 1, 2016 review determined met statutory requirements.

The City of Coalinga, in coordination with Fresno Council of Governments (Fresno COG), elected to collectively prepare a multi-jurisdictional housing element (MJHE) for the fifth-cycle housing element update. The Department commends the City for working with other participating jurisdictions to form a comprehensive, singular, and flexible document that works for each agency individually, while providing consistency and a higher level of uniformity for the region.

Please note the City of Coalinga now meets specific requirements for State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Department's Housing Related Parks Program includes housing element compliance as a threshold requirement. Please see the Department's website for specific information about this and other State funding programs at [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan\\_grant\\_hecompl011708.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hecompl011708.pdf).

For your information, on January 6, 2016, HCD released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the Mobilehome Park Rehabilitation and Resident Ownership Program (MPRROP). This program replaces the former Mobilehome Park Resident Ownership Program (MPROP) and allows expanded uses of funds. The purposes of this new program are to loan funds to facilitate converting mobilehome park ownership to park residents or a qualified nonprofit corporation, and assist with repairs or accessibility upgrades meeting specified criteria. This program supports housing element goals such as encouraging a variety of housing types, preserving affordable housing, and

assisting mobilehome owners, particularly those with lower-incomes. Applications are accepted over the counter beginning March 2, 2016 through March 1, 2017. Information is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/financial-assistance/mobilehome-park-rehabilitation-resident-ownership-program/index.html> .

Please be aware, some other elements of the general plan must be updated on or before the next adoption of the housing element. The safety and conservation elements of the general plan must include analysis and policies regarding fire and flood hazard management (GC Section 65302(g)). Also, the land-use element must address disadvantaged communities (unincorporated island or fringe communities within spheres of influence areas or isolated long established "legacy" communities) based on available data, including, but not limited to, data and analysis applicable to spheres of influence areas pursuant to GC Section 56430. The Department urges the City to consider these 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/SB244\\_Technical\\_Advisory.pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/SB244_Technical_Advisory.pdf) and [http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final\\_6.26.15.pdf](http://opr.ca.gov/docs/Final_6.26.15.pdf).

The Department encourages the City to continue its engagement process with the public during implementation of the housing element. In addition, continued collaboration with other jurisdictions that participated in the MJHE will help the City in addressing local housing issues that have an impact throughout the region.

The Department appreciates the hard work Mr. Sean Brewer, Director of Community Development, and Ms. Chelsey Payne, the City's consultant, provided throughout the course of the housing element review. The Department 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 GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Tom Brinkhuis, of our staff, at (916) 263-6651.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Deputy Director