

**ADDENDUM
to the
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

for

**Calaveras County
Housing Element Update**

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ADDENDUM TO A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION

PROJECT: 2015 Update to the Calaveras County Housing Element

LEAD AGENCY: Calaveras County (Planning Department)

INTRODUCTION AND REGULATORY GUIDANCE

An Addendum to the Final Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for 2010 Calaveras County Housing Element Update has been prepared by the Calaveras County Planning Department. It will disclose changes in project information, conditions, and related mitigations that would not require the preparation of a subsequent MND (per described in California Code of Regulations (CCR) §15162). An Addendum may be prepared if only minor technical changes or additions are necessary or if none of the conditions described in CCR §15162, calling for the preparation of a subsequent EIR or negative declaration, have occurred.

It is not necessary to circulate an Addendum for public review. It will be included as part of the final adopted MND, under CCR §15164(c), and will be filed with the Office of Planning and Research/State Clearinghouse (OPR). This document has been prepared in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), Public Resources Code §21000 *et seq.*, and the State CEQA Guidelines, CCR §15000 *et seq.*

The Project Description and Summary of Mitigation Measures sections below reflect changes as specified in the Corrections and Additions section of this document.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

The 2015 Update to the Calaveras County Housing Element makes only minor changes to the Housing Element prepared in 2010. These changes include an update to the statistics and data relating to housing in the County, minor modifications to the language of the goals, policies, and programs for clarification, and removal of some policies and programs that have been accomplished since adoption of the 2010 Update. There are no changes in the land use maps or policies that would increase density. The Negative Declaration prepared for the 2010 Update indicated that there would be no significant environmental impacts associated with the goals, policies and implementation programs adopted with that update.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS:

The Notice of Determination for the originally certified MND on this project was filed on June 24, 2010 (SCH #2010052042). This Addendum will be appended to the originally certified Final MND following approval by the Calaveras County Board of Supervisors and filing of the Notice of Determination. This Addendum to the MND for the 2014 Calaveras County Housing Element Update, along with a copy of the original MND and all supporting documents for this project, will be available at the:

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Hours: 8 am – 4 pm, Monday thru Friday, excluding Holidays

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:
2014-067 CALAVERAS COUNTY HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

PURPOSE OF PROJECT

Update the Housing Element of the General Plan to meet the mandated timeframe by the State of California for regular updates, pursuant to California Government Code §65588.

SCOPE OF PROJECT

The proposed project will:

- Provide updated information regarding housing data based on most recently available data.
- Modify the text of the goals, policies and implementation programs to clarify their intent.
- Delete implementation programs that have been satisfied.

SUMMARY OF MITIGATION MEASURES TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS ADDENDUM

There were no mitigation measures identified in the Negative Declaration prepared for the 2010 Housing Element Update because there were no significant impacts identified.

SUBSEQUENT NEGATIVE DECLARATION NOT REQUIRED

Section 15164 of the California CEQA Guidelines provides for the preparation of an addendum to an Environmental Impact Report or Negative Declaration in none of the conditions described in Section 15162 have occurred.

FINDINGS FOR CONFORMANCE WITH SECTION 15162

- a. *When an EIR has been certified or negative declaration adopted for a project, no subsequent EIR shall be prepared for that project unless the lead agency determines, on the basis of substantial evidence in the light of the whole record, one or more of the following:*

- 1. Substantial changes are proposed in the project which will require major revision of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*

The proposed changes to the Housing Element of the General Plan are minor. The bulk of the document is informational, providing a range of data related to housing availability and needs in the community. This data has been updated from the data available at the time of adoption in 2010 with the most recently available data. No significant changes have been identified and as a result there are no new significant environmental effects.

The text of some of the policies and programs has been amended, but those changes do not substantially change the intent or purpose of the policies and programs. The changes are primarily semantic changes to make the policies more understandable.

- 2. Substantial changes occur with respect to the circumstances under which the project is undertaken which will require major revisions of the previous EIR or negative declaration due to the involvement of new significant environmental effects or a substantial increase in the severity of previously identified significant effects;*

There have been no substantial changes in circumstances associated with housing demand or supply in the past four years. Population has remained stagnant during this timeframe and housing prices have also been relatively stable. Population growth is also expected to be slow, and well within the expected growth projections of the current General Plan.

- 3. New information of substantial importance, which was not known and could not have been known with the exercise of reasonable diligence at the time the previous EIR was certified as complete or the negative declaration was adopted, shows any of the following:*
 - A. The project will have one or more significant effects not discussed in the previous EIR or negative declaration;*

There are no new significant effects resulting from the update of the Housing Element that were not discussed in the 2010 negative declaration. The negative declaration thoroughly discussed each potential impact area and concluded that no impact would result from the adoption of the 2010 Housing Element. This update does not authorize any additional density, change any land use designations, nor create any new programs that could create a new potential for environmental effects.

- B. Significant effects previously examined will be substantially more severe than shown in the previous EIR [or negative declaration];*

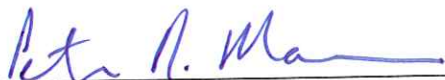
No significant environmental effects were identified in the negative declaration. As discussed above, no new significant environmental effects would result from this update.

- C. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative;*
- D. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative*

There were no measures or alternatives identified in the negative declaration that were determined to be infeasible nor any that the County declined to adopt.

This Addendum to the Negative Declaration for the 2010 Calaveras County Housing Element Update, along with the previously adopted Negative Declaration (SCH #2010052042), will now constitute the Final Negative Declaration for the 2015 Calaveras County Housing Element Update (Project #2014-067).

Pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the California Environmental Quality Act, the Calaveras County Planning Department has independently reviewed and analyzed the information contained in the Addendum to the Negative Declaration for the proposed project and finds that this document reflects the Department's independent judgment.



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