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Marisa Trejo, City Manager
City of Coalinga
155 West Durian
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Dear Marisa Trejo:

RE: City of Coalinga's 6th Cycle (2023-2031) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting the City of Coalinga's (City) housing element that was adopted August 15, 2024 and received for review on August 19, 2024. Pursuant to Government Code section 65585, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is reporting the results of its review.

HCD is pleased to find the adopted housing element in substantial compliance with State Housing Element Law (Gov. Code, § 65580 et seq) as of the date of this letter. The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element that HCD's May 2, 2024 review determined met statutory requirements.

Additionally, the City must continue timely and effective implementation of all programs including but not limited to the following:

- Program 1 (Regional Collaboration and Housing Opportunities)
- Program 3 (Homeless/Unhoused Needs)
- Program 6 (Affordable Housing Incentives)
- Program 7 (Support Funding for Farmworker Housing)
- Program 8 (Farmworker Preference in New Affordable Housing)
- Program 9 (Extremely Low-Income Households)
- Program 11 (Promote and Facilitate Accessory Units)
- Program 13 (Housing for a Variety of Needs)
- Program 14 (Environmental Hazard Mitigation)
- Program 16 (Zoning Code Amendments)
- Program 20 (Objective Design Standards)
- Program 21 (Land Use Controls)
- Program 23 (Code Enforcement)
- Program 29: (Improve Access to Resources)

The City must monitor and report on the results of these and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to Government Code section 65400. Please be aware, Government Code section 65585, subdivision (i) grants HCD authority to review any action or failure to act by a local government that it determines is inconsistent with an adopted housing element or housing element law. This includes failure to implement program actions included in the housing element. HCD may revoke housing element compliance if the local government's actions do not comply with state law.

For your information, some general plan element updates are triggered by housing element adoption. HCD reminds the City to consider 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: <https://www.opr.ca.gov/planning/general-plan/guidelines.html>.

Several federal, state, and regional funding programs consider housing element compliance as an eligibility or ranking criteria. For example, the CalTrans Senate Bill (SB) 1 Sustainable Communities grant, the Strategic Growth Council and HCD's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities program, and HCD's Permanent Local Housing Allocation consider housing element compliance and/or annual reporting requirements pursuant to Government Code section 65400. With a compliant housing element, the City now meets housing element requirements for these and other funding sources.

HCD appreciates the hard work and dedication the City's housing element team provided in preparation of the City's housing element. HCD 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 Government Code section 65400. If HCD can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Laurissa Wells, of our staff, at Laurissa.Wells@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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