



Land Use & Natural Resource Committee

Item #13-8-5 Information

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Briefing on Status of Housing Element Updates

Issue: What is the status of the 2013-21 housing element updates in the six-county region?

Recommendation: This is for information only.

Discussion: The deadline for the housing element updates by the cities and counties in the SACOG region is approaching. Under the new requirements of SB 375, the 22 cities and six counties in the region have until October 31, 2013 to complete a draft update of their housing elements. All jurisdictions are given an additional 120 days beyond this date for the HCD review process and final adoption. Each jurisdiction must submit its draft element to the Housing and Community Development Department for review and comment, respond to comments, and then adopt the revised element within this timeframe. Jurisdictions that do not meet this timeline are subject to another housing element update due in four years; jurisdictions that meet the timeline will have their next housing elements due in eight years.

To date, according to HCD's website <http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/status.pdf> 11 out of the 28 jurisdictions in the region have submitted their draft elements to HCD. Six of those jurisdictions have received letters that they have met HCD requirements (El Dorado County, Placer County, Sacramento County, Yolo County, Citrus Heights and Live Oak). Most of the remaining jurisdictions are continuing to work on their updates, and a small number, mostly very small jurisdictions, are struggling with finding the resources to produce their updates.

In discussions with housing planners, they are generally finding the process easier than the prior 2006-13 updates because: (1) they need to mainly highlight differences from their prior elements; (2) their housing allocations were similar to or lower than the prior 2006-13 period; (3) some of the required data was provided to them by SACOG; and (4) HCD has streamlined the update requirements and review process.

For additional background information, visit the RHNA website at <http://www.sacog.org/rhnp/rhna.cfm>

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