

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: City of Yreka 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

Project Applicant: City of Yreka

Project Location: The 2023-2031 Housing Element applies citywide

Project Summary: The Project is an update to the City of Yreka General Plan Housing Element that was previously adopted by the City in May 2014. The Element is updated in eight-year cycles with the current update referred to as the 6th Cycle. State Housing Law (Government Code Section 65580 [et. seq.]) requires that local governments must adequately plan to meet the existing and projected housing needs of all economic segments of the community, including accommodating its assigned Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The Housing Element identifies the City's housing needs and conditions, and establishes goals, objectives and policies that form the basis of the City's vision and strategy for housing in the City. The Housing Element establishes goals, objectives, policies, and programs to: encourage residential development to be affordable to a range of household incomes; encourage residential development to accommodate special needs groups; support the maintenance and improvement of existing housing stock; mitigate governmental constraints to the development of housing as required by state law; identify available financial and organizational resources for housing; identify adequate sites to accommodate the City's housing needs; encourage energy-efficiency in residential developments, and affirmatively further fair housing to prevent discrimination in housing.

No General Plan land use changes or zoning changes were necessary to accommodate Yreka's RHNA; future residential development is expected to occur in those areas already identified for residential uses. No areas have been identified for rezoning or upzoning. The Housing Element includes a number of new programs to address State housing law including future required updates to the Yreka Municipal Code, new programs to support affirmatively furthering fair housing, and tracking and reporting requirements.

Exempt Status: Project is exempt under CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3) known as the "common sense exemption".

Reasons why project is exempt: The 2023-2031 Housing Element would not result in any direct or indirect physical changes to the environment. The Housing Element update is strictly a policy document and does not provide entitlements to any specific land use projects. The Housing Element Update does not make any changes to the General Plan land use map and

would not modify any land use designations, allowed densities, or land use intensities established by the General Plan. The proposed project does not entitle, propose, or otherwise require the construction of new development or rehabilitation of existing development, but rather includes goals and policies to facilitate the development, preservation, and rehabilitation of housing consistent with existing and proposed uses identified in the General Plan and as mandated to be allowed under State law. All future housing development projects will be reviewed pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act. The revisions would not result in any changes to the intensities or densities of allowed uses beyond those allowed by the General Plan and those standards currently required by State law. Therefore, the Housing Element Update is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) as set forth in Section 15061(b)(3) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

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