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Project Title: Tulare County Housing Element 2023-2031 Update (GPA 22-005)

Lead Agency: County of Tulare c/o Resource Management Agency Contact: Hector Guerra, Chief Environmental Planner

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City: Visalia Zip: 93277-9394 County: Tulare County

Project Location: County: Tulare City/Nearest Community: All unincorporated areas within the County

Cross Streets: Zip Code:

Assessor's Parcel No: Total Acres:

Latitude/Longitude: Section: Township: Range: Base: MDBM

Within 2 Miles: State Hwy: Waterways:

Airports: Railways: Schools:

Document Type:

- CEQA: [] NOP [] Draft EIR [] Early Cons [] Supplement/Subsequent EIR [] Neg Dec (Prior SCH No.) [] Mit Neg Dec [] Other:
NEPA: [] NOI [] EA [] Draft EIS [] FONSI
Other: [] Joint Document [] Final Document [] Other

Local Action Type:

- [] General Plan Update [] Specific Plan [] Rezone [] Annexation
[] General Plan Amendment [] Master Plan [] Pre-zone [] Redevelopment
[] General Plan Element [] Planned Unit Dev. [] Use Permit [] Coastal Permit
[] Community Plan [] Site Plan [] Land Division (Sub.) [] Other: Housing Element

Development Type:

- [] Residential: Units Acres
[] Office: Sq. ft. Acres Employees
[] Commercial: Sq. ft. Acres Employees
[] Industrial: Sq. ft. Acres Employees
[] Educational:
[] Recreational:
[] Water Facilities: Type MGD
[] Transportation: Type
[] Mining: Mineral
[] Power: Type MW
[] Waste Treatment: Type MGD
[] Hazardous Waste: Type
[] Other: Housing Element Update

Project Issues Discussed in Document:

- [x] Aesthetic/Visual [] Fiscal [x] Recreation/Parks [x] Vegetation
[x] Agricultural Land [x] Flood Plain/Flooding [x] Schools/Universities [x] Water Quality
[x] Air Quality [x] Forest Land/Fire Hazard [x] Septic Systems [x] Water Supply/Groundwater
[x] Archaeological/Historical [x] Geologic/Seismic [x] Sewer Capacity [x] Wetland/Riparian
[x] Biological Resources [x] Minerals [x] Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading [x] Growth Inducing
[] Coastal Zone [x] Noise [x] Solid/Waste [x] Land Use
[x] Drainage/Absorption [x] Population/Housing Balance [x] Toxic/Hazardous [x] Cumulative Effects
[] Economic/Jobs [x] Public Services/Facilities [x] Transportation/Traffic/Circulation [x] Other: Energy
[x] Other: Tribal Cultural Res. [x] Other: Greenhouse Gases [x] Other:

Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation: Zones: R-1 (Single Family Residential Zone), R-2 (Two Family Residential Zone), R-3 (Multi Family Residential), R-A (Rural Residential Zone), RO (Residential Estate), MR (Mountain Residential) PD-F-M (Planned Development Foothill Mobile Home), A-1 (Agriculture) AE-20 (Exclusive Agriculture 20 acre minimum), AE-40 (Exclusive Agriculture 40-acre minimum). General Plan Designations: UDBs (Urban Development Boundaries), UAB (Urban Area Boundary), HDB (Hamlet Development Boundary), RVLPL (Rural Valley Lands Plans), FGMP (Foothill Growth Management Plan), MFP (Mountain Framework Plan), County Circulation Element, Health and Safety and Environmental Resource Elements, Tulare County Comprehensive Airport Land Use Plan

Project Description: See Attached

The Housing Element is a comprehensive assessment of current and future housing needs for all segments of the County's population living in unincorporated areas, as well as a program for meeting those needs. In previous decades, significant economic and demographic changes in Tulare County have challenged the ability of local jurisdictions and the private sector to construct adequate and affordable housing. Rapidly rising home prices and continued population growth have contributed to the scarcity of affordable housing. The housing market has recovered from the collapse in the late 2000's with home prices currently reaching all-time highs during the 2023-2031 planning period for this Housing Element. Providing adequate housing—especially extremely low- and low-income housing—remains a significant challenge to both local governments and the private sector.

The Tulare County Housing Element serves as a policy guide to address these issues, as well as the comprehensive housing needs of the unincorporated areas of Tulare County during the 2023 to 2031 planning period and beyond. The provision of decent, safe, sanitary and affordable housing for current and future residents of the unincorporated areas of Tulare County is the primary focus of the Housing Element. Additionally, the Housing Element places special emphasis on certain segments of the population, such as the elderly, the disabled, single-parent households, teenage parents, large families, farmworkers, overcrowded households, residents of group quarters, ethnic or racial minorities, veterans, and the homeless; as these groups may have more difficulty in finding decent and affordable housing due to their special needs and the challenges presented by living in disadvantaged communities for many of those residents.

Overall, and in summary, the purpose of the Housing Element is to:

- Determine the existing and projected housing needs of residents of the unincorporated areas;
- Establish goals, objectives, policies, and programs that guide decision-making to address housing needs; and
- Implement actions that encourage the private sector to build housing, while ensuring that governmental policies do not serve as a constraint to housing production.

There are no proposed projects or proposed developments associated with updating the Housing element; the action is to merely to comply with applicable State housing planning requirements.

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> California Highway Patrol | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Public School Construction |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Caltrans Division of Aeronautics | <input type="checkbox"/> Pesticide Regulation, Department of |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Central Valley Flood Protection Board | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Utilities Commission |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cochella Valley Mtns. Conservancy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regional WQCB # 5F |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Delta Protection Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Clean Water Grants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fish & Wildlife Region # 4 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Quality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Food & Agriculture, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> SWRCB: Water Rights |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry & Fire Protection, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Tahoe Regional Planning Agency |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Services, Department of | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toxic Substances Control, Department of |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health Care Services, Department of | <input type="checkbox"/> Water Resources, Department of |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Housing & Community Development | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integrated Waste Management Board | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Native American Heritage Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Local Agency Formation Commission</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Agricultural Commissioner</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Resources Conservation District</u> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Association of Governments</u> | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>Tulare County Office of Emergency Services</u> |
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date: Wednesday, November 1, 2023 Ending Date: Tuesday, November 21, 2023

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Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  **Date:** 11/01/23
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Authority cited: Section 21083, public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code.