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LEAD AGENCY City of Wasco
PROJECT TITLE City of Wasco Housing Element Update

PROJECT APPLICANT City of Wasco
PHONE NUMBER (661) 758-7200
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 746 8th Street

CITY Wasco STATE CA ZIP CODE 93280

WORK ORDER # _____ 30-Day Posting 35-Day Posting 45-Day Posting Other _____

CONTACT PERSON Keri Cobb PHONE NUMBER (661) 758-7200

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- Notice of Public Hearing.....No Fee
- Other _____.....No Fee
- Environmental Impact Report (EIR).....\$3839.25
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 - DFG No Effect Determination (F&W letter must be attached).....No Fee
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- Notice of Exemption.....No Fee
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Bakersfield CA 93301
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County Clerk Fee
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APPENDIX E
CITY OF WASCO: HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE
CEQA CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION

June 2023

City of Wasco
Housing Element Update Categorical Exemption

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NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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To:
Office of Planning and Research
Post Office Box 3044, Room 113
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

Project Title:
City of Wasco Housing Element Update

Project Applicant and Location:
City of Wasco
Community Development Department
746 8th Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Kern County

Contact Person and Phone Number:
Keri Cobb
Community Development Director
(661) 758-7200

PROJECT LOCATION

The City of Wasco is a City located in the San Joaquin Valley, in Kern County, California, United States. Wasco is located 24 miles (39 km) northwest of the City of Bakersfield, at an elevation of 328 feet (100 m). Wasco is located on the floor of the San Joaquin Valley, at the intersection of California State Routes 43, which runs north-south, and 46, which runs east-west. The geographic area covered by the Housing Element falls within the City limits of Wasco. Figures I-1 and I-2 show Wasco's regional location and City boundaries.

EXISTING CITY CHARACTERISTICS

Land Use

The City of Wasco's Planning Area boundary encompasses incorporated and unincorporated territory in and around the City. In Wasco's case, the Planning Area and the sphere of influence (SOI) are one and the same; the Planning Area does not extend past the SOI. The City limit encompasses incorporated territory where land use is controlled by the City. Wasco's City limit encompasses an area of about 6,128 acres. Land use within Wasco's city limit includes residential, commercial, industrial, open space, public facilities, and vacant land. The City of Wasco's SOI includes approximately 5,616 additional acres of unincorporated land. Land uses within the unincorporated area of the SOI are predominantly agricultural and residential. Public facilities including police, fire, street, water, sewer, and administrative services are provided by the City of Wasco in its SOI.

City of Wasco
Housing Element Update Categorical Exemption 25091

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Section 21152(C), Public Resources Code

Demographics

In 2023, Wasco's projected population is 29,535 people with a population density of 3,146 people per square mile. According to the most recent American Community Survey 2021 Census data, the racial composition of Wasco consists of:

- Hispanic or Latino (of any race) 86.0%
- White Alone 6.3%
- Black or African American 5.5%
- Indian American and Alaska Native 0.3%
- Asian Alone 0.8%
- Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander 0.1%
- Two or More Races 0.9%

Employment

Wasco residents are employed in a variety of industries ranging from agricultural, retail, and professional services. In 2020, there were a total of 8,808 persons over the age of 16 in the Wasco labor force which represents about 46 percent of Wasco's total population of 19,102 residents. The top three industries which employ the greatest number of persons include the "agriculture, forestry, and fisheries" industry which is the industry that employs the greatest number of people in Wasco and employed 31.6 percent of the labor force followed by the "educational services, health care, and social assistance" industry, at 13.3 percent of the labor force and the "professional, scientific, management, and administrative" services at 9.3 percent of the labor force. Wasco State Prison was the largest employer in Wasco with 1,470 persons employed. The second largest employer was the Wasco Union Elementary School District with 725 employees, followed by Sunny Gem in third place with 250 employees.

Housing

According to the 2020 Census, the total number of housing units in Wasco was 6,859 and the overall vacancy rate was 5.7 percent. Single-family dwellings make up 78 percent of all housing units. The following table indicates the number and types of units in Wasco.

Type	Number	Percentage
Single-Family Detached	5,067	78%
Single-Family Attached	113	1.7%
Multi-Family 2-4 Units	281	4.3%
Multi-Family 5 or More Units	816	12.6%
Mobile Homes	187	2.8%
Vacant	395	
Total Housing Units	6,859	100.0%

The following table indicates the age of Wasco's housing stock. The highest number of units constructed in Wasco occurred between 1980-1989 (1,089 units). While the lowest number of housing units built occurred between 2010-2013 (205 units).

Decade Built	Wasco Number of Units
1939 or Earlier	463
1940 to 1949	441
1950 to 1959	974
1960 to 1969	524
1970 to 1979	607
1980 to 1989	1,089
1990 to 1999	921
2000 to 2009	1,157
2010 to 2013	205
2014 or Later	478
Total Units	6,859

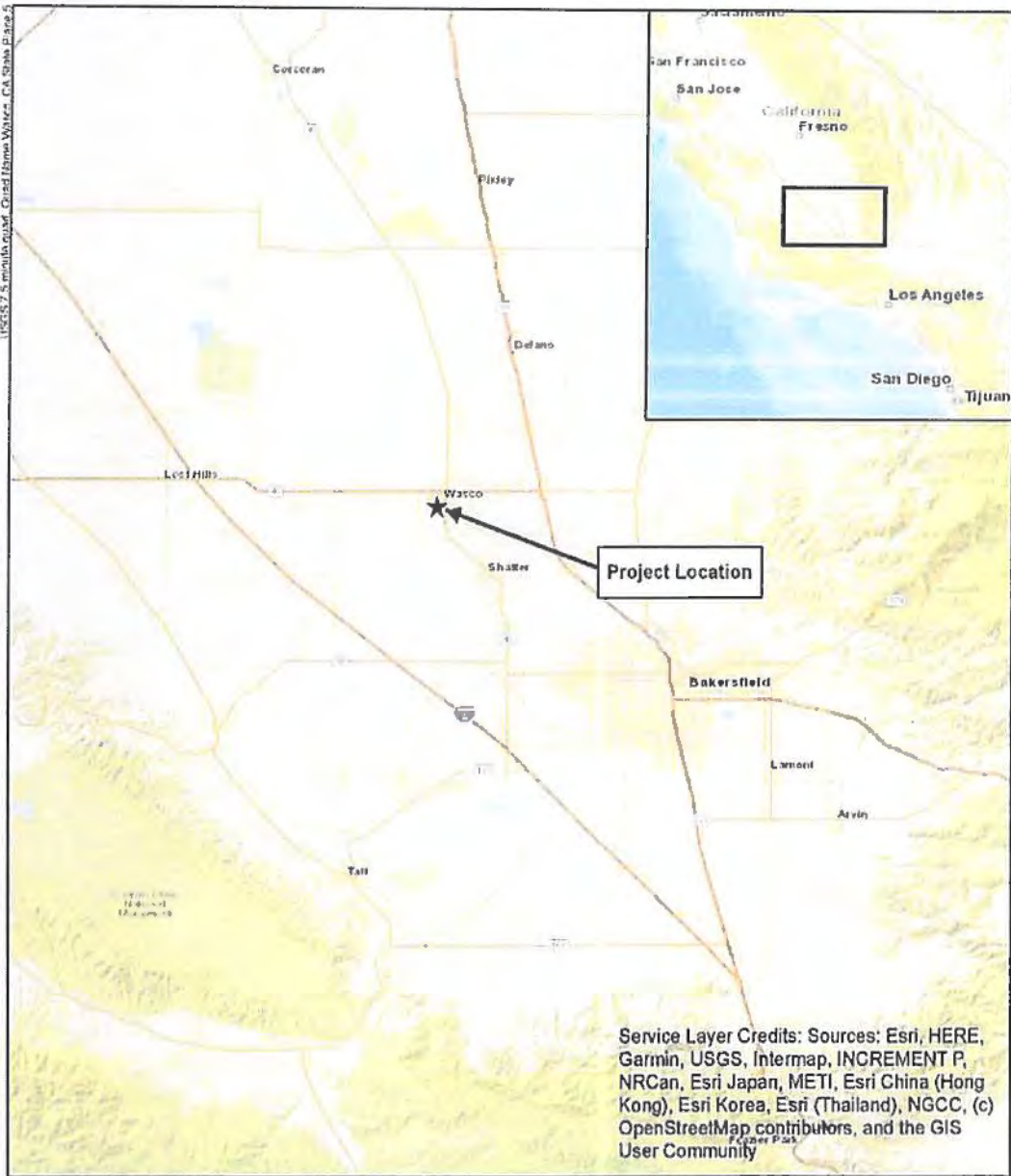


Figure I-1 - Regional Vicinity Map

City of Wasco 2023-2031 HEU



Map Date: 3/21/2023

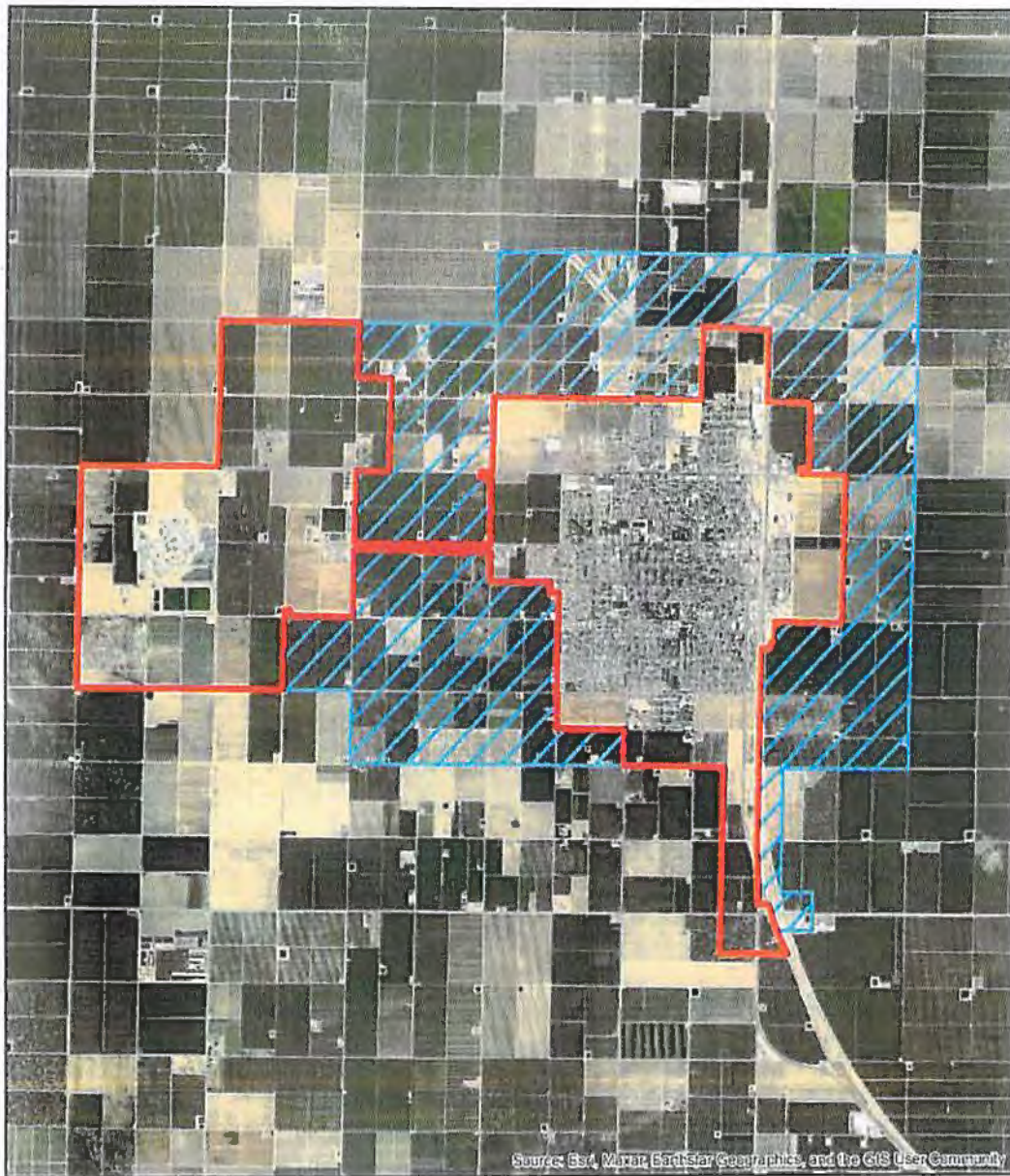




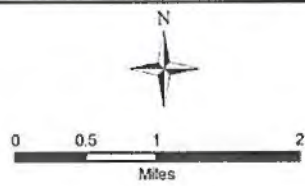
Figure I-2 - Project Location Map

City of Wasco 2023-2031 HEU

Legend

-  Wasco City Limits
-  Sphere of Influence

Map Date: 3/21/2023



DESCRIPTION OF NATURE, PURPOSE, AND BENEFICIARIES OF PROJECT:

The City of Wasco Housing Element is one of seven General Plan Elements that is mandated by California State law. It is intended to provide citizens and public officials with an understanding of the housing needs in the community and set forth an integrated set of policies and programs aimed at the attainment of defined goals. More specifically, the Housing Element is intended to:

- Provide comprehensive housing-related information through compilation of data from numerous sources.
- Provide an estimate of present and future housing needs and constraints by examining population characteristics and growth trends, as well as the current condition of the housing stock.
- Act as a tool for coordination between governmental bodies and the local building industry.
- Provide direction for future planning programs to ensure that sufficient consideration is given to housing goals and policies.
- Establish and portray community goals and policies relative to housing through the identification of existing stated and implicit goals and the identification of housing needs and problems.
- Establish and identify programs intended to attain and implement the community's goals and policies, taking into consideration the feasibility of those programs; and act as a meaningful guide to decision-makers considering housing-related issues.
- The beneficiaries of the Project include residents of Wasco, Kern County, and the State of California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project:

City of Wasco

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Kerri Cobb, Community Development Director, City of Wasco

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec 21080(b){1}; 15268
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b){3}; 15269(a); 15269(a);
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080 (b){4}; 15269(b)(c);
- Categorical Exemption, State Type, and section number: *California, CEQA Exemption 15061 (b)(3)*
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number:

Reasons why project is exempt:

This Project is exempt from CEQA because the Housing Element is a general, overarching guidance and policy document to promote equity for a City's housing supply, and does not dictate any specific measures to be taken in any single housing development. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the Project will result in a significant effect on the environment. As such, the commonsense

exemption would apply, and this Project would be considered exempt based on CEQA Exemption 15061 (b)(3) which states the following:

"The activity is covered by the commonsense exemption in that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.

" This is because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, as per the referenced exemption, based on the fully mitigated status of the project's impact on the local environment.

Therefore, because this Project is the preparation of a Housing Element for the City of Wasco that is meant to act as an overarching guidance and policy document to promote equity for the City's housing supply and does not dictate any specific measures to be taken in any single housing development, this Project is considered exempt based on CEQA Exemption 15061 (b)(3).

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Keri Cobb

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: 661-758-7250

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public Agency approving the project? (Yes No)

Signature Keri Cobb (Digitally signed by Keri Cobb
Date: 2023.07.13 16:11:29
0700) Date: 7-13-23 Title: Community Dev. Dir.
Signed by Lead Agency/Signed by Applicant



State of California - Department of Fish and Wildlife
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		ZIP CODE 93280

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

Local Public Agency School District Other Special District State Agency Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$4,051.25 \$ _____ 0.00
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$2,916.75 \$ _____ 0.00
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$1,377.25 \$ _____ 0.00
- Exempt from fee
 - Notice of Exemption (attach)
 - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$850.00 \$ _____ 0.00
- County documentary handling fee \$ _____ 50.00
- Other \$ _____

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SIGNATURE X <i>M. H.</i>	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE M. HERNANDEZ, KERN COUNTY CLERK, FSS
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