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Mr. Jim Arkens, County Administrator
Sutter County
1160 Civic Center Boulevard, Suite A
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Dear Mr. Arkens:

RE: Sutter County's 5th Cycle (2013-2021) Adopted Housing Element

Thank you for submitting Sutter County's housing element adopted February 25, 2014 which was received for review on February 28, 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(h), the Department is reporting the results of its review.

The Department is pleased to find the adopted housing element in full compliance with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6). The adopted element was found to be substantially the same as the revised draft element the Department's January 9, 2014 review determined met statutory requirements.

The element now identifies adequate sites to accommodate Sutter County's regional housing need for lower-income households demonstrated by Program 2.3-3 to rezone at least 9.41 acres to R-4 by October 31, 2014 with minimum densities of 20 units per acre. The County must monitor and report on the results of this and other programs through the annual progress report, required pursuant to GC Section 65400.

Please note, Sutter County now meets specific requirements for several State funding programs designed to reward local governments for compliance with State housing element law. For example, the Housing Related Parks and Local Housing Trust Fund Programs both include housing element compliance either as a threshold or competitive factor in rating and ranking applications. Specific information about these and other programs is available on the Department's website at http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/loan_grant_hcompl011708.pdf.

The Department appreciates the efforts and assistance of the County in the preparation and adoption of the housing element. The Department wishes Sutter County success in implementing its housing element and looks forward to following its progress through the General Plan annual progress reports pursuant to GC Section 65400. If the Department can provide assistance in implementing the housing element, please contact Barbara Field, of our staff, at (916) 263-1733.

Sincerely,

 for
Glen A. Campora
Assistant Deputy Director

cc: Danelle Stylos, Director, Development Services Department