



CITY OF PACIFIC GROVE
300 Forest Avenue, Pacific Grove, California 93950

AGENDA REPORT

TO: PLANNING COMMISSION
FROM: SARAH HARDGRAVE, SENIOR PLANNER
MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 8, 2009
SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON THE HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE
CEQA STATUS: NEGATIVE DECLARATION TO BE PREPARED

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive a status report on the 2007-2014 Housing Element Update and set October 22, 2009 as a special meeting date for a joint meeting of the Planning Commission and Housing Committee.

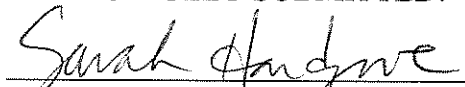
BACKGROUND:

The Housing Element is one of seven mandated elements of the General Plan under California Planning and Zoning Law. It is the only element of the General Plan that requires certification by the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). The Housing Element contains several major components: 1) a review of the jurisdiction's existing housing policies and programs with recommended revisions from the prior Housing Element; 2) a housing needs assessment to describe housing needs based on the demographics and housing stock characteristics of the jurisdiction; 3) an inventory of resources and land available for housing, including a site specific inventory of potential housing sites; and 4) a review of the regulatory framework and constraints to new housing. The City of Pacific Grove 2004 Housing Element Update was not certified by the State and the City is not currently in compliance with this requirement.

DISCUSSION:


On October 22, 2009, staff recommends the Planning Commission and Housing Committee hold a special joint meeting to review the existing housing goals, policies and programs in the 2001-2008 Housing Element and to provide input and recommendations on any changes or additions to the housing goals, policies and programs for the 2009-2014 Housing Element. This will include addressing Housing Element requirements enacted in State law since the last Housing Element cycle. On October 8, 2009, staff will provide a brief status update and preparation materials for the October 22, 2009 special joint meeting with the Housing Committee.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:



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