

MARIPOSA COUNTY
NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

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Project Title: GPA 2024-071: 2024-2029 7th Cycle Housing Element Update

Project Location: Mariposa County

Description of Project: 7th Cycle Housing Element Update as required by the State of California.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Mariposa County Board of Supervisors

Name of Person (Applicant) Carrying Out Project: Mariposa County Planning Department

Exempt Status: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), CEQA Guidelines

Reason Why Project Is Exempt: This project was evaluated and found exempt pursuant to the Common Sense Exemption established by CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), 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 and therefore not subject to CEQA. The Housing Element does not authorize or obligate the County to carry out any physical development that is not already permitted ministerially. Although Housing Element Programs 2.1, 2.2, 3.3, 3.5, and 5.6 describe quantified objectives that relate to the physical development of housing or infrastructure, these are only potential goals with no approved entitlements and to evaluate the projects at this time would be speculative, therefore these projects will undergo their own environmental evaluation through the formal entitlement process. The obligation to meet the Regional Housing Needs Allocation of two (2) low-income housing units for Mariposa County can be accomplished ministerially, as described in the Accessory Dwelling Unit development strategy in the Housing Element. Additionally, the Housing Element also does not authorize or obligate the County to apply for any rezoning or General Plan amendment(s) to accommodate housing, other than the ongoing Development Code Update project (Housing Element Programs 2.4, 2.5, 2.8, 7.2, 7.3, and 7.4), which will require its own environmental evaluation prior to adoption. As a result, the Housing Element is in compliance with the current General Plan Environmental Impact Report and can be found exempt from CEQA.

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