

## APPENDIX A: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

As part of the Housing Element process, the County implemented the State's public participation requirements in Housing Element Law, indicated in Government Code Section 65583(c)(6)(B), that jurisdictions "...shall make a diligent effort to achieve participation of all economic segments of the community." Because the 2009-2014 Housing Elements was not completed or adopted until April of 2012, and development as a whole has been stagnant in those two years, much of the work done through a year-long public process is still valid. Additionally, with the dissolution of the RDA, limited county staff resources did not allow for an extension of a back to back series of public and Advisory Committee meetings.

Instead, county staff reached out, in 2014 and 2015, to all agencies, entities and Advisory Committee members referenced in the previous HE, asking for any changes that have occurred in their area of knowledge. With that input, sections were edited and prepared by spring of 2015 to begin packaging a draft 2014-2019 HE for the public hearing process. In the subsequent summer months the County experienced three major fires, and their aftermath, essentially derailing the Community Development, Social Services, Administrative Office, and the Board of Supervisors, from completing the adoption process in 2015.

This section documents the several methods used to solicit comprehensive and continued public and agency input and participation, between 2011 and 2016. In 2011 the Board of Supervisors appointed a 7-member Housing Element Advisory Committee. Monthly meetings were noticed and open to the public. A public workshop with the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors was held. This workshop was legally noticed and a press release was sent out to a variety of local media sources. For those interested in reviewing the Housing Element, the County distributed copies to local libraries had copies available at the front counter of the Community Development Department and other key county departments as well as posted on the County's website.

As listed on the following pages, the County's outreach program was designed to obtain input representing all income groups, non-profit and for-profit residential developers, social service providers and businesses. The following stakeholders contributed to the process:

### 2016 Housing Element Update Meeting's and Communications

- Audrey Knight, AICP, Principal Planner, County of Lake
- Danae Bowen, CDD Technician, County of Lake
- Edgar Perez, Lake County Department of Social Services Program Manager
- Cary Manning, Redwood Community Services Harbor Program Supervisor
- Lani Urquiza, Veterans Affairs
- Annette Adkins, Lake County Department of Social Services Housing Eligibility Worker
- Sheila Rockwell, US Dept. of Veteran Affairs, HUD-VASH Social Worker
- Bethany Riddle, Cornerstone Village
- Richard Birk, Habitat for Humanity, Lake County
- Reverend Shannon Kimbell-Auth, Pastor, United Christian Parish
- Bestsy Cawn, Essential Public Information Center

- Karen Shimizu, MPA, Director of Operations, Catholic Charities, Santa Rosa
- Jennifer Dodd, Lake Family Resource Center
- The Lake County Continuum of Care Task Force

### **2012 Lake County Housing Element Advisory Committee**

- Richard Birk, Habitat for Humanity, Lake County
- Gloria Flarherty, Lake Family Resource Center
- Linda Hedstrom, Housing and Economic Dev. Mgr., California Human Development
- Carol Hutshingson, Social Services Director, Lake County
- Reverend Shannon Kimbell-Auth, Pastor, United Christian Parish
- Andrew Rossoff, Legal Services of Northern California
- Eric Seely, Deputy Redevelopment Director, County of Lake
- Richard Coel, Community Development Director, County of Lake
- Kevin M. Ingram, Senior Planner, County of Lake

### **Major Contributors**

- Lake County Community Development Department
- Lake County Social Services Department
- Lake County Special Districts
- Lake County Administration Department
- State Office of Housing and Community Development

### **2011-2012**

The County held eight Advisory Committee meetings over a year to discuss housing issues and review sections of the draft Housing Element update. The County also held a public workshop with the Lake County Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors to allow the public an opportunity to come together and identify constraints and propose solutions to housing issues facing Lake County.

DATE Chronology	LOCATION/ Action	NATURE OF MEETING/ Issue
January 27, 2011	Lake County Courthouse, Lakeport, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #1</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting discussing demographic & employment characteristics and housing conditions.
February 3, 2011	Social Services Conference Center, Lakeport, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #2</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting discussing special housing needs including constraints and potential goals and policies.

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March 17, 2011	Social Services Conference Center, Lakeport, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #4</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting reviewing current housing programs, energy conservation measures and the presence and effects of both environmental and government constraints to housing availability.
April 7, 2011	Habitat for Humanity, Lower Lake, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #5</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting to review and revise a site inventory listing of available lands in the unincorporated communities suitable to affordable housing. Discussion of methods and policy measures geared towards the improvement of water and sewer infrastructure.
April 21, 2011	United Christian Parish, Lakeport, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #6</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting to review and revise a site inventory listing of available lands in the unincorporated communities, review of completed and remaining goals and implementation measures set forth in the 2004 Housing Element. Discussion on the need for an increase in cooperation between government entities and providers of affordable housing opportunities.
May 19, 2011	Habitat for Humanity, Lower Lake, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #7</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting to discussing goals, policies and implementation measures related to Available Sites/Affordable Housing Production, and Special Housing Needs. Re-evaluation of changes to the Site Inventory of potential affordable housing sites. Discussion on the proper zoning district for the permission by right to place emergency housing shelters.
July 14, 2011	United Christian Parish, Lakeport, CA	<b>Housing Element Advisory Committee Meeting #8</b> —County Staff and the Advisory Committee held a public meeting to discussing goals, policies and implementation measures

		related to Special Housing Needs, and the final review of the draft Housing Element Update. Discussion of the need to meet with Board of Supervisors and appropriate County Department Directors to discuss the need for an action plan related to improving water and sewer service. Compiled a list of questions to appropriate County Department Heads.
August 30, 2011	(Email Distribution)	<b>Written Response to Infrastructure Improvement Plan Questions</b> —Lake County Special Districts and Administration Department responded to inquiries from the Housing Element Advisory committee providing timelines and measures being pursued to improve water and sewer services in areas of the County currently operating under moratorium.
September 27, 2011	Lake County Courthouse, Lakeport, CA	<b>Joint Planning Commission &amp; Board of Supervisors Public Workshop</b> —Joint public workshop between the public, County Staff and the Advisory Committee held before both the Board of Supervisors and Planning Commission to present the draft Housing Element update. Review of key concepts in Housing Element.
March 27, 2012	Lake County Courthouse, Lakeport, CA	<p><b>Joint Planning Commission &amp; Board of Supervisors Public Hearing</b>—Joint public hearing between the public, County Staff to discuss revisions to Housing Element based comments from the California Department of Housing and Community Development Department. <i>Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to adopt the Housing Element Update</i></p> <p>Topics of Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Suitability of sites designated Medium Density Residential by the Lake County General Plan within the County's site inventory of lands suitable for the provision of future affordable housing for very low- and low-income households</li> <li>• Compliance with 2004 Housing Element program implementation measure HE-22 requiring the rezone of 50 acres to High Density Residential.</li> <li>• Universal Design Standards.</li> </ul>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Necessary improvement to constrained public water and sewer districts within the timeframe of the planning period.</li> </ul>
April 3, 2012	Lake County Courthouse, Lakeport, CA	<b>Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the Housing Element before the Board of Supervisors</b> —Lake County Housing Element Update adopted by the Lake County Board of Supervisors.
2012	RDA dissolved	Vacuum in dedicated comprehensive county-wide housing leadership.
Adopted June, 2013	Regional Housing Needs Allocation and Plan	Stagnant job and population growth, and continued economic slump, drastically changes housing needs profile from previous plan goals, from 3,000 affordable units down to 700 for the 2014-2019 timeframe.
2014 Began draft of comprehensive amendments to the zoning ordinance, w adopted January 2015	Gov.Code section 655839a)(5): Senate Bill 2, amending Sections 65582-65589:	Transitional & Supportive Housing: Emergency Shelters: Eliminating age restrictions on "Granny Units": Reducing parking std.s for multi-family housing: Density Bonuses for very low income affordable housing: Increasing Affordable housing in R-3 zones
January 2015	Communication with all agencies and participants	Mass e-mail and phone calls were conducted with specific sections pertaining to each recipient's knowledge base attached, seeking any known change in 2 years.
April 2015	Draft Updates	Sections updated, organizing for public input process, and hearings
June- September 2015	Rocky, Jerusalem and Valley Fire	Housing Element Update work suspended
October-January 2016	Valley Fire Recovery	With more than 1600 homes lost in fires over the summer, staff was occupied with emergency temporary housing issues. Contacted HCD regarding dilemma of radically revised baseline data, new homeless population, and best process forward with County HE.
February 2016	HE Update Meeting with service providers	All previous Advisory Committee members contacted; Dept. of SS contacted regarding appropriate and knowledgeable organizations.
March 2016	Draft Update prepared	All sections reviewed and revised using 2015, pre-fire data points, policies and programs
April 2016	Draft Update available for public review	Planning Commission Public Hearing 4/28/16 Internal Administrative review for all responsible agencies.
May 2016	Board of Supervisors	Continued Public Hearings and HE revisions for Final 2014-2019 submission to HCD
June 2016	HCD	
Summer 2016	HE Amendments	Valley Fire Update and Amendments

