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Ms. Lynn Goldberg, Director  
Planning and Building Department  
City of Calistoga  
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Calistoga, CA 94515

Dear Ms. Goldberg:

**RE: City of Calistoga's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2015-2023) Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting the City of Calistoga's draft housing element update which was received for review on October 13, 2013, along with additional revisions received on December 1, 3 and 5 2014. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by various communications with you including a telephone conversation on November 25, 2014.

The revised draft element meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The element will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when adopted and submitted to the Department, in accordance with GC Section 65585(g). The Department's review noted the element contained pre-approved housing need data provided by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG).

To remain on an eight year planning cycle, pursuant to Senate Bill 375 (Chapter 728, Statutes of 2008) the City must adopt its housing element within 120 calendar days from the statutory due date of January 31, 2015 for ABAG localities. If adopted after this date, GC Section 65588(e)(4) requires the element be revised every four years until adopting at least two consecutive revisions by the statutory deadline. For information, visit our website at: [http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he\\_review\\_adoptionsteps110812.pdf](http://www.hcd.ca.gov/hpd/hrc/plan/he/he_review_adoptionsteps110812.pdf).

Public participation in the development, adoption and implementation of the housing element is essential to effective housing planning. Throughout the housing element process, the City must continue to engage the community, including organizations representing lower-income and special needs households, by making information regularly available and considering and incorporating comments where appropriate.

The Department looks forward to receiving Calistoga's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Hilda Sousa, of our staff, at (916) 263-1784.

Sincerely,

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