



Housing Element Update

City of Yreka

Planning Commission Meeting

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Introductions

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Meeting Purpose

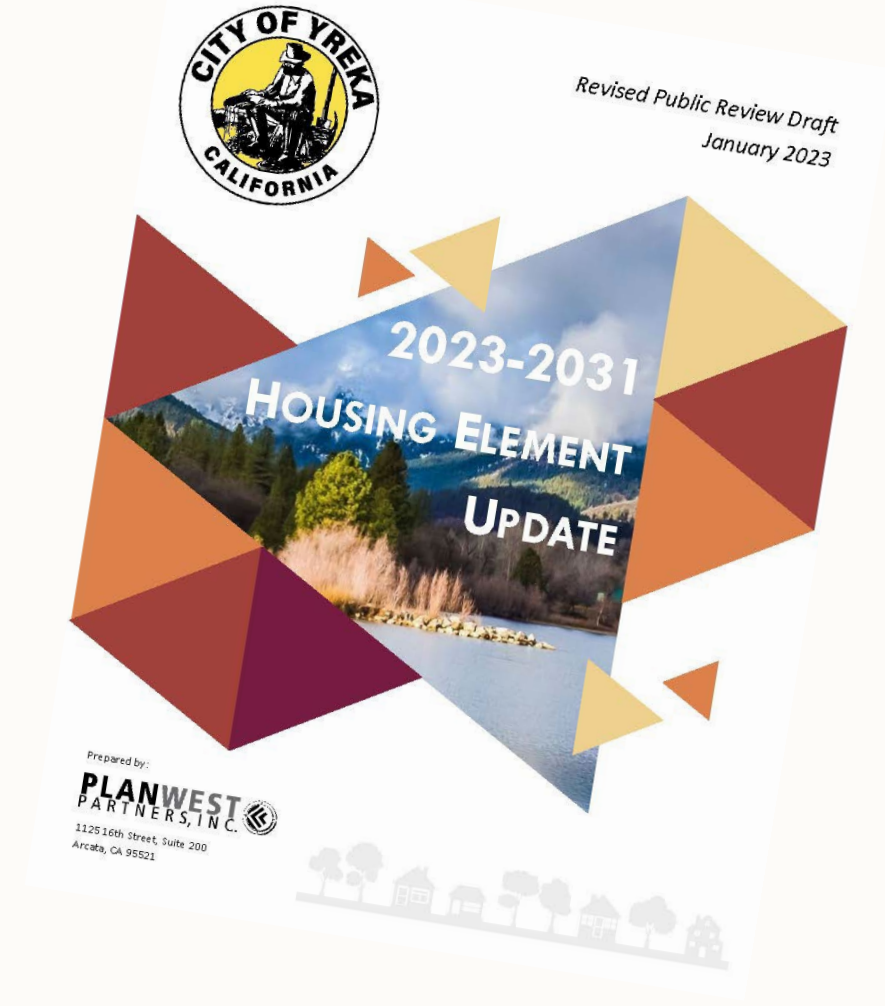
- Housing Element Update Overview
- Housing Element Update Process
- Housing Element Content and Recommendations
- Questions and Discussion



Housing Element Update Overview

Housing Element Basics

- An Element of the General Plan
- Updates required by State law in eight year "cycles."
- Currently preparing the 6th cycle Housing Element update (2023-2031)
- Updates prepared on a schedule prescribed by the State (February 15, 2023, adoption deadline)



Housing Element 101

What does a Housing Element do?

- Provides an assessment of both current and future housing needs for all income groups
- Identifies opportunities and constraints on housing production
- Establishes goals, policies, and programs to meet housing needs
- Updates City policies, programs, regulations, and procedures to reflect new State laws

Housing Element 101

Housing Element identifies strategies and programs that focus on:

- Conserving and improving existing housing
- Maximizing housing opportunities throughout the community
- Assisting in the provision of affordable housing
- Removing governmental and other constraints to housing investment
- Promoting fair and equal housing opportunities

New Housing Laws

Accessory Dwelling
Units and Junior
Accessory Dwelling
Units

Affirmatively Furthering
Fair Housing

Emergency and
Transitional Housing Act
of 2019

By-Right Permanent
Supportive Housing
Developments

Replacement Housing
for Housing Element
Inventory Sites

Housing Crisis Act of
2019

Evacuation Routes and
Safety Element Update
to Address Adaptation
and Resiliency

No Net Loss and
Housing Accountability
Act

Ministerial Streamlined
Approval Process for
Affordable Housing
Developments
(aka SB 35)

Surplus Land Act
Amendments

Housing Information
Transparency Act



Housing Element Update Process

How did we get here?



Public Engagement

- Outside Agency direct outreach and email groups
 - Continuum of Care
 - Siskiyou County
 - Karuk Tribal Housing Authority
- Posted in the newspaper, social media, and email newsletter
- Announcements in city meetings
- Information available on city website and the Yreka General Plan 2044 website

Next Steps:

Jan. 24th

Special Joint Meeting

Feb. 15th

HCD Filing Deadline

Feb. 7th

City Council Adoption

- Jan. 24th special joint meeting and Feb. 7th City Council meeting for adoption
- Revise Element based on Planning Commission, City Council, and additional community input
- Submit to State Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for certification

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Element Contents and Recommendations

Contents of the Housing Element

1. Introduction

- Guiding policy and principles, public participation, general plan consistency, looking ahead

2. Goals, Policies, and Programs

- Identifies goals, policies, and proposed implementation programs
- Includes several new implementation programs, and each is included to respond directly to identified Housing Needs, Constraints, and AFFH analyses, or as required by State law.

3. Analysis of Previous Housing Element

- Evaluation of previous Housing Element programs

Contents of the Housing Element (cont'd)

- **Appendices A and B - Needs Assessment and Assessment of Fair Housing**
 - Updated with new data to reflect conditions from 2014-2020 and projected housing needs. Also, Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) analysis.
- **Appendix C – Housing Sites Inventory**
 - Identifies potential sites to meet housing needs
- **Appendix D – Funding Resources**
 - Focuses on governmental funding programs that support housing development
- **Appendix E – Glossary**
- **Appendix F – Stakeholder Interviews**

Key Approaches to Address Yreka's Housing Needs

Provide additional support to all housing programs

Zoning code is a major constraint

Workforce housing

Small-scale, single-story housing for older and/or residents with disabilities

Housing is an economic development issue

Adaptive Re-Use

Updating regulations to meet State requirements

Improve housing information and the availability housing information for residents

Summary of Changes

- Four programs have been added
 - Water/Sewer Connections
 - ADU Updates
 - Streamlined Ministerial Approval (SB 35)
 - Update definition of “family”
- Seven programs have been revised
- Additional analysis in Housing Needs and AFFH
- Added Stakeholder Interview Input as a new appendix

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Questions and Discussion

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Thank You!