



March 28, 2023

Board of Supervisors
County of Ventura
800 South Victoria Avenue
Ventura, CA 93009

SUBJECT: Receive and File the County of Ventura 2022 State-Mandated Annual Progress Report for the General Plan and Housing Element

RECOMMENDED ACTIONS:

RECEIVE and **FILE** the County of Ventura 2022 State-Mandated Annual Progress Report for the General Plan and Housing Element (Exhibit 1).

FISCAL IMPACTS/MANDATES:

The preparation costs for this report are funded through the Planning Division's adopted budget allocations for FY 2022-23.

DISCUSSION:

Government Code section 65400(a)(2) requires the preparation and filing of an annual report on the status of a county's general plan with its legislative body, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), and the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD), including a report regarding the housing element and the county's progress in meeting its share of the regional housing need. The County of Ventura 2022 State-Mandated Annual Progress Report (APR), included as Exhibit 1, provides an overview of the status of the County's 2040 General Plan and the 2021-2029 Housing Element.

Section A of the APR addresses the requirements from OPR and includes an overview of the County's 2040 General Plan implementation status, its consistency with state general plan guidelines, and a summary of recently completed or pending General Plan amendments including tribal consultation for these amendments. Section A of the APR

also includes the status of ongoing updates to certain area plans and the implementation of related programs. Section A focuses on the Planning Division efforts completed during the previous calendar year as part of the 2021-2023 Work Plan, approved by your Board in February 2021¹, and provides information regarding the proposed Three Year 2023-2026 Work Plan (Exhibit 1, Attachment 1). These work plans collectively reflect active and pending projects within the Planning Division and show how various General Plan, Housing Element and Area Plan programs are anticipated to be executed over the next three fiscal years.

Section B of the APR addresses the requirements from HCD related to the County's overall progress in fulfilling its share of the regional housing need and the implementation of housing element programs intended to alleviate constraints regarding the preservation and development of various housing types at all income levels.

The current 2021-2029 Housing Element addresses the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the 6th planning cycle, and was adopted by your Board on October 12, 2021, and certified by HCD on December 22, 2021, making the County the first jurisdiction in the entire region covered by the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) to receive certification from the state. As part of the SCAG region, the County's portion of the RHNA target for this cycle from October 16, 2021, through October 15, 2029, is 1,262 units.

The APR provides an update on building activity in the unincorporated County starting October 16, 2021 (i.e., the start of the 6th planning cycle) until December 31, 2022, providing your Board with a comprehensive analysis and aligning the RHNA planning period with the calendar and reporting year. The APR also evaluates approved land use entitlements for housing, links the approved building permits to the number of approved units, which in turn determines the County's progress in meeting its RHNA. As described in Exhibit 1, the County has successfully implemented housing development within the first reporting timeframe of the 6th planning cycle. This is indicated by the **380 new housing units** that were approved, resulting in the County meeting 30 percent of its overall RHNA target for the 2021-2029 Housing Element cycle within the first reporting year. Table 1 below summarizes this development activity by affordability category and compares it to the County's assigned RHNA targets.

¹ 2.5 Year 2021-2023 Work Plan, Board of Supervisors hearing of March 23, 2021. Complete packet available at: <https://ventura.primegov.com/portal/viewer?id=194045&type=2>

Table 1: RHNA Targets by Income Category (2021-2029 Housing Element Cycle)

	Lower Income			Moderate Income	Above-Moderate Income	Total Units
	Extremely-Low	Very-Low	Low			
2021-2029 Housing Need	159	160	225	250	468	1,262
Units Approved (2021*)	2	1	17	10	2	32
Units Approved (2022)	27	53	185	38	45	348
2021-2029 Housing Units Approved	29	54	202	48	47	380
% of RHNA Target	18%	34%	90%	19%	10%	30%
Remaining Housing Need	130	106	23	202	421	882

** For the year 2021, the data represented is from the beginning of the 2021-2029 6th Housing Element cycle, from October 16, 2021, through December 31, 2021.*

In addition, Section B also provides an update on anticipated development in the future years within this planning cycle, and provides an update on the housing assistance, rehabilitation and preservation programs implemented by the Community Development Division of the County Executive Office. In addition to the requirements above, the APR's Section B addresses new state law reporting requirements.

Furthermore, HCD requires that the County provide an update on the implementation status of each Housing Element program. Most notably, the programs listed in Section B were prioritized for timely and effective implementation during the first year of the planning cycle. The implementation status of those specific programs is included in the APR, along with additional details for all Housing Element programs (Exhibit 1, Attachment 2.4).

This letter was reviewed by the County Executive Office, the Auditor-Controller's Office, and County Counsel's Office. If you have any questions regarding this item, please contact me at (805) 654-2481, or Ruchita Kadakia, Housing and State Mandates Manager, at (805) 654-2414 or via email at Ruchita.Kadakia@ventura.org.



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ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit 1: County of Ventura 2022 State-Mandated Annual Progress Report, including attachments:

Attachment 1 – Planning Division Three Year 2023-2026 Work Plan

Attachment 2 – Copy of HCD Online Submittal Tables:

2.1 – Table A: Housing Development Applications Submitted

2.2 – Table A2: Annual Building Activity Report Summary

2.3 – Table B: Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress

2.4 – Table D: Housing Element Program Implementation Status

2.5 – LEAP Grant Reporting

2.6 – Housing Element Summary of Tables

Attachment 3 – County of Ventura Housing Successor Agency Annual Report for FY 2021-2022.