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Mr. Steve Dunncliff, Director  
Department of Planning and Building Services  
County of Mendocino  
860 North Bush Street  
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Dear Mr. Dunncliff:

**RE: County of Mendocino's 5<sup>th</sup> Cycle (2014-2019) Draft Housing Element**

Thank you for submitting Mendocino County's draft element update which was received for review on January 23, 2015, along with revisions received on March 16 and March 23, 2015. Pursuant to Government Code (GC) Section 65585(b), the Department is reporting the results of its review. Our review was facilitated by various communications including a conversation with Andy Gustavson, Graham Hannaford and Scott Perkins on March 3, 2015. In addition, the Department received comments from Angelica M. Millan, Managing Attorney, Legal Services of Northern California, pursuant to GC Section 65585(c).

The draft element with revisions meets the statutory requirements of State housing element law. The element will comply with State housing element law (GC, Article 10.6) when the draft and revisions are adopted and submitted to the Department, in accordance with GC Section 65585(g).

The Department conducted a streamlined review of the draft housing element based on the County of Mendocino meeting all eligibility criteria detailed in the Department's Housing Element Update Guidance.

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

The Department appreciates the hard work and dedication the County provided in preparation of the housing element and looks forward to receiving Mendocino County's adopted housing element. If you have any questions or need additional technical assistance, please contact Greg Nickless, of our staff, at (916) 274-6244.

Sincerely,

Paul McDougall  
Housing Policy Manager