

## **General Plan Annual Report and Housing Element Annual Report for 2021**

## **INTRODUCTION**

#### **Purpose of the General Plan**

Government Code Section 65300 et seq. requires that each city and county in California prepare and adopt a comprehensive general plan, following guidelines provided by the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR). Each local general plan is a long-range policy document intended to guide physical, economic, and environmental growth. The County's plan, which has been approved by the Board of Supervisors, expresses the County's vision for the future and serves as the roadmap for achieving each unincorporated community's desired quality of life. It is an assessment of current and future needs, and the resources required to implement the established goals and policies. As the needs of the County change, the Planning Department – with extensive citizen input, and review and recommendation by the Planning Commission – makes recommendations to the Board of Supervisors to amend the General Plan to reflect the direction for the future.

#### Purpose of the General Plan Annual Report and Housing Element Annual Report

The intent of the General Plan Annual Report is to demonstrate the County's compliance with the requirements of Government Code Section 65400 which mandates that the County prepare an annual report on the status of the General Plan and progress in its implementation. This report describes planning activities that were in process in 2021 or are anticipated in the short-term planning horizon to achieve full consistency between general plan policies and County development regulations, as well as recent state legislation. This document does not create or alter policy; it is a reporting document. The content is provided for informational purposes only and is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) per Guidelines Section 15306.

The Housing Element Annual Report provides information on the status of the housing element of the County's general plan and progress in its implementation using forms and definitions adopted by the Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD). A copy of the General Plan Annual Report and the Annual Progress Report (APR) forms must be sent to OPR and to State HCD by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Providing a copy of the APR forms to State HCD fulfills a statutory requirement to report certain housing information, including the County's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in state law.

## THE ALAMEDA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN

#### **Structure of the County General Plan**

The County's General Plan consists of several documents described in more detail below. Three Area Plans – the Eden Area General Plan, the Castro Valley General Plan, and the East County Area Plan – contain land use and circulation elements for their respective geographic areas, as well as area-specific goals, policies, and actions pertaining to open space, conservation, safety, and noise. Each Area Plan also contains a land use diagram which designates the type, distribution and general intensity of land uses allowed within the plan area. The Eden Area comprises the communities of Ashland, Cherryland,

Hayward Acres, San Lorenzo, and Fairview. The Castro Valley Area includes the Castro Valley urban area and the surrounding canyonlands. The remaining unincorporated area makes up the East County. The countywide Housing, Conservation, Open Space, Noise, Safety, and Scenic Route Elements contain goals, policies, and actions that apply to the entire unincorporated area.

#### Compliance with State Law and the General Plan Guidelines

State law mandates that each city and county adopt a general plan containing at least seven "required" elements: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Open Space, Conservation, Safety, and Noise. In addition, Senate Bill 1000 (2016) requires cities and counties that have disadvantaged or low-income communities, as defined in the legislation, to incorporate environmental justice policies into their general plans either in a separate element or by integrating related policies and objectives throughout the other elements. This update must happen "upon the adoption or next revision of two or more elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018." The County entered into a contract with a consultant in the fall of 2021 to begin work on the Environmental Justice element. The document is expected to be approved by the Board of Supervisors by early 2023.

Additional "optional" elements may be included at the discretion of the local jurisdiction. Each local jurisdiction is allowed broad discretion with regard to how its general plan is organized. The general plan does not need to be arranged in seven or eight distinct elements as long as the content necessary for each of the required elements is included in the general plan. The table below indicates how the topics that are to be addressed in each of the required elements are distributed in the County's general plan documents.

		State Required Elements							
County General Plan Documents	Date of Last Major Revision	Land Use	Circulation	Housing	Conservation	Open Space	Safety	Noise	Envir. Justice
AREA PLANS									
Castro Valley General Plan	March 2012	Χ	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
East County Area Plan	May 2002	Χ	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
Eden Area General Plan	March 2010	Х	Х		Х	Х	Х	Х	
COUNTYWIDE ELEMENTS									
Housing Element	May 2015			Х					
Conservation Element	January 1976				Х				
Open Space Element	May 1973					Х			
Safety Element	January 2013						Х		
Noise Element	January 1976							Х	
Environmental Justice Element	Est. early 2023								Χ
Ashland & Cherryland Community Health & Wellness Element	December 2015	5 Optional Element							
Community Climate Action Plan	February 2014	Optional Element							
Scenic Route Element	May 1966	Optional Element							
Park and Recreation Element	June 1956	Optional Element							
(An "X" indicates that the County document addresses topics related to the state required element.)									

## **GENERAL PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The County General Plan is implemented through a variety of means, for example:

- Planning Department staff reviewing applications for development within the unincorporated area consult the land use designation for the subject site on the land use diagram in the appropriate Area Plan, as well as applicable goals, policies and programs in all general plan elements to ensure the development is consistent with the vision established in the General Plan for each unincorporated community.
- Planning staff preparing specific plans and planning-related ordinances ensure these documents are consistent with the General Plan prior to approval by the Board of Supervisors.
- As appropriate, specific programs are implemented to address particular general plan policies or programs.
- County staff from other departments and agencies may take on responsibility for implementing certain general plan policies and programs when their implementation falls outside the purview of the Planning Department.
- General Plan policies are taken into consideration in the design of county projects, such as Public Works Agency infrastructure projects.

#### **Relationship between the General Plan and Specific Plans**

A specific plan is a tool for implementing the general plan. It establishes a link between policies of the general plan and individual development proposals by providing standards for development within a defined area. While a local jurisdiction has some discretion regarding the issues addressed in a specific plan, the plans must comply with Government Code Section 65450 et seq. These provisions require that a specific plan be consistent with the adopted general plan. The County has adopted several specific plans for designated areas within the Unincorporated County.

Adopted County Specific Plans							
SPECIFIC PLAN	YEAR OF LAST	CORRESPONDING					
	MAJOR REVISION	AREA PLAN					
Ashland and Cherryland Business District	2015	Eden Area General Plan					
Castro Valley Central Business District	1992	Castro Valley General Plan					
Fairview Area	2021	Eden Area General Plan					
Madison Avenue	2006	Castro Valley General Plan					
San Lorenzo Village	2004	Eden Area General Plan					
Little Valley	1997	East County Area Plan					

#### Specific Plans Undergoing Revision

The Board of Supervisors approved an updated Fairview Area Specific Plan on June 3, 2021. Planning staff worked with Fairview community members for several years to ensure that the Specific Plan addresses the community's concerns. The Plan provides land use, circulation, environmental, safety, infrastructure, and implementation policies for the Fairview area. It includes specific development standards to protect Fairview's environment and distinctive character.

Toward the end of 2021, a consultant began work to revise and update the Castro Valley Central Business District Specific Plan to bring the Specific Plan into conformance with the Castro Valley General Plan.

The San Lorenzo Village Specific Plan will be next in line for an update after completion of the Castro Valley Central Business District Specific Plan.

#### 2021 GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENTS

Government Code Section 65358(b) generally limits amendments of the mandatory elements of a local jurisdiction's general plan to four times per calendar year. Each amendment may include more than one change to the general plan; therefore, local jurisdictions may group together several proposals for changes to be considered at the same meeting no more than four times during the year. There were no general plan amendments approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2021.

## **GENERAL PLAN PROJECTS 2021-2023**

#### Resource Conservation, Open Space, and Agriculture Elements (ROSA)

The County is in the process of revising its Resource Conservation and Open Space Elements; and is developing a new optional Agriculture Element to the General Plan. These combined countywide elements will be known collectively as ROSA and will supersede the existing Conservation, Open Space, Park and Recreation, and Scenic Route Elements. Staff will continue to work with the consultant to update previous draft documents. Work on the ROSA elements has been delayed as staff assigned to the project have been working on the development of solar policies, proposed amendments to Measure D (the Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative, 2000), and other projects.

#### **Housing Element Update**

State law requires each local jurisdiction to revise its housing element every eight years. All cities and counties within a region must update their housing elements on the same eight-year cycle. The next cycle for the Bay Area will be from 2023-2031. The deadline to complete the final housing element is January of 2023. However, due to the loss of staff over the past year, Planning Department staff is behind schedule in the preparation of the document to meet this deadline. Staff is working diligently to complete the document as close as possible to the deadline.

The Housing Element must include an inventory of sites available for residential development and an estimate of the number of additional housing units that could be constructed on each parcel, based on the zoning, general plan designation, and physical conditions on the site; to demonstrate that there is adequate capacity to accommodate the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) assigned to the County. Recent state legislation placed substantial restrictions on the sites that can be included in the site inventory in future housing element updates. These restrictions include limits on the reuse of inventory sites not developed in the previous housing element cycle and the use of non-vacant sites, and are likely to significantly impact the County's ability to identify adequate sites to meet its RHNA goals given the limited amount of vacant land available within the County's Urban Growth Boundary.

The RHNA is based on estimates produced by the State Department of Finance (DOF) of the level of residential construction necessary to accommodate projected population growth during the planning period and to make up for current deficiencies in housing supply for existing residents. DOF determines the housing need for each region in the state and the Council of Governments for each region allocates a share of the regional housing need to each city and county in the region. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is responsible for determining the RHNA for each local jurisdiction in the San Francisco Bay Area.

The Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan for the 2023-2031 Housing Element cycle was approved by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Board on December 16, 2021 and by State HCD on January 12, 2022. For Unincorporated Alameda County, the draft RHNA is a total of 4,711 new housing units, 2.66 times higher than the RHNA of 1,769 units for the current 2015-2022 Housing Element cycle. A detailed explanation of the County's current RHNA and progress toward meeting it is provided in the "Housing Element Implementation" section beginning on page 8 of this report.

Preparation of the 2023-2031 Housing Element is funded by a grant of \$500,000 from the State through the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Grants Program which provides one-time grant funding to local jurisdictions for preparation and adoption of planning documents and process improvements that accelerate housing production to facilitate compliance in fulfilling each jurisdiction's Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) for the upcoming housing element cycle.

#### **Environmental Justice Element**

SB 1000 (2016) requires cities and counties that have disadvantaged or low-income communities, as defined in the legislation, to incorporate environmental justice policies into their general plans either in a separate element or by integrating related policies and objectives throughout the other elements. There are 15 census tracts in the unincorporated area that meet the definition of low-income communities. These census tracts are located in Ashland, Cherryland, Hayward Acres, the southern and western portions of Castro Valley, and the central portion of San Lorenzo.

The environmental justice requirements must be addressed "upon the adoption or next revision of two or more elements concurrently on or after January 1, 2018." At a minimum, the environmental justice element must address seven topics specified in the legislation:

- Reduce pollution exposure and improve air quality
- Promote equitable access to public facilities
- Promote equitable food access
- Promote equitable access to safe and sanitary homes
- Promote equitable access to physical activity
- Promote "civil" engagement in the public decision-making process
- Prioritize improvements and programs that address the needs of disadvantaged communities

In December 2015, the Board of Supervisors approved the *Ashland and Cherryland Community Health and Wellness Element (CHWE)* as an Element of the County General Plan. The CHWE was prepared through a partnership between the Alameda County Community Development Agency (CDA) and Department of Public Health (DPH) and involved substantial community outreach and engagement. The CHWE is based on the principles of equity, accountability, collaboration, diverse resident participation, and the development of local assets and resources that support the community's vision of health and wellness; and was informed by the findings of a community health profile that described the status of health and wellness in Ashland and Cherryland at that time.

Because the existing CHWE meets many of the requirements of SB1000, the CHWE will serve as the basis for the Environmental Justice Element compliant with SB1000. The transition of the CHWE into the Environmental Justice Element will continue the partnership between CDA and the Public Health Department. The geographic area covered by the document will be expanded to include the low-income census tracts that have been identified outside of Ashland and Cherryland. The policy work will build on the goals, policies and actions in the existing CHWE, and fill any gaps to ensure that all SB1000

requirements are addressed, plus any additional topics identified through community input. In October of 2021, the County entered into a contract with a consultant to assist with the community engagement process and preparation of the Environmental Justice Element. The project began with the compilation of relevant demographic and health data, and the community engagement process will be initiated in the Spring of 2022. Staff anticipates completion of the document in early 2023.

#### Safety Element and Community Climate Action Plan

The County's Safety Element and Community Climate Action Plan are both due to be updated as described below. Because there is considerable overlap in the areas of climate adaptation and greenhouse gas emission reduction measures, staff proposes to combine the two elements into one project so the two topics can be addressed using a more comprehensive approach. An RFP was issued in November of 2021 for the project and a consultant was selected in January of 2022. The project is expected to be completed in November of 2023.

#### Safety Element Revisions

A full update of the Safety Element was last adopted by the County Board of Supervisors on January 8, 2013. To comply with Senate Bill 379 (2016), the County must revise the Safety Element to address climate adaptation and resilience in the unincorporated area of the County. As prescribed by SB 379, the process will require preparation of a vulnerability assessment to identify the risks climate change poses to the unincorporated area; adaptation and resilience goals, policies, and objectives to respond to the identified risks; and implementation measures to carry out the goals, policies, and objectives.

Other recent state legislation requires that the County update its Safety Element to address the risk for fire on lands classified as State Responsibility Area (SRA) or very high fire hazard severity zones and emergency evacuation routes with each Housing Element revision. These revisions must be completed at the same time as the revised Housing Element to help inform the selection of appropriate housing sites for the Housing Element sites inventory. The revised Safety Element will comply with all state requirements and will include updates to the information and maps in all sections of the document to reflect all changes since the last comprehensive update.

#### Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP)

In February 2014, the Board of Supervisors incorporated the County Community Climate Action Plan (CCAP) into the County General Plan as an optional element. General plan element status gives the goals of the CCAP equal standing with those of all other general plan documents. The existing CCAP outlines a course of action to reduce community-wide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions generated within the unincorporated areas of the County. Successful implementation of the CCAP has reduced GHG emissions to 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2021 and set the County on a path toward reducing emissions to 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, as required by AB 32.

The revised CCAP will set goals and climate action planning measures for 2023 onward, including contributing to the State objective of carbon neutrality by 2045. The update of the CCAP will respond to changes being incorporated in "CAP 2.0's;" the next iteration of CAPs since the first-generation CAPs, including the County's CCAP. The various CAP 2.0's that have been adopted and are being prepared by other jurisdictions in Alameda County and throughout California include consideration of new topics such as life-cycle GHG accounting, net zero GHG targets, equity and environmental justice in climate planning, and the interplay between climate mitigation and climate adaptation.

#### **Ballot Measure to Amend Measure D**

In November 2000, the Alameda County electorate approved the Save Agriculture and Open Space Lands Initiative (Measure D). The Initiative amended portions of the East County Area Plan (ECAP) and Castro Valley General Plan (CVGP) to effectively lock in limitations on development on parcels with general plan designations of Large Parcel Agriculture (LPA) or Resource Management (RM). Over the past several years, there has been a great deal of discussion about potential amendments to Measure D to increase the Floor Area Ratio allowed for agricultural buildings and equestrian facilities on properties with the general plan land use designations of LPA or RM.

On properties with general plan designations of Large Parcel Agriculture (LPA) or Resource Management (RM), Measure D currently allows a maximum building intensity of .01 FAR, but not less than 20,000 square feet, for non-residential buildings. Also, only on properties designated LPA, an additional FAR of .025 is allowed for greenhouses. FAR is a ratio of the gross building square footage permitted on a parcel to the square footage of the parcel. A maximum of 12,000 square feet is allowed for residential and residential accessory uses in both designations.

At its July 6, 2021 meeting, the Board Transportation & Planning Committee directed staff to prepare a measure for the November 2022 ballot that would apply the .025 FAR now allowed for greenhouses in the LPA designation to all types of agricultural buildings only on properties designated LPA, which includes most of the agricultural parcels in East County. In addition, the ballot measure would allow a .025 FAR for covered equestrian arenas up to a maximum of 60,000 square feet, with a minimum of 20,000 square feet allowed for arenas on small parcels. The additional FAR for covered equestrian arenas would be allowed on parcels designated LPA and RM in East County and the Castro Valley Canyonlands.

#### South Livermore Valley Technical Modification to Measure D

In the Spring of 2021, Alameda County initiated amendments to the East County Area Plan (ECAP) through a technical modification to allow a Floor Area Ratio of .025 for agricultural buildings in the South Livermore Valley Plan Area (SLVPA) and to add a definition for "agricultural building" to the County Zoning Ordinance. The ECAP land use designation for properties within the South Livermore Valley Plan Area (SLVPA) is Large Parcel Agriculture (LPA). On properties with the LPA designation, ECAP (as amended by Measure D) allows a maximum Floor Area Ratio (FAR) of .01, but not less than 20,000 square feet, for non-residential buildings. The LPA designation also allows an additional FAR of .025 for greenhouses. A maximum of 12,000 square feet is allowed for residential and residential accessory uses. The proposed amendment to ECAP would apply the .025 FAR now allowed for greenhouses to all agricultural buildings within the LPA land use designation in the SLVPA. The CEQA analysis for the project began in the fall of 2021. The proposed modifications are expected to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for consideration by the end of 2022.

## HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION

#### **Housing Element Reporting Requirements**

State law requires the County to prepare an annual progress report (APR) on the status of the housing element of its general plan and progress in its implementation using forms and definitions adopted by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (State HCD) and submit the forms to the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) and to State HCD by April 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Every year since 2017, state legislation has added new requirements which are addressed in the 2021 report. These new requirements include capturing and reporting information at all stages of the permit process and the steps the County is taking to implement the Housing Element. The APR contains information regarding housing development applications submitted, new construction activity, entitlements, permits, completed units, and progress toward fulfilling regional housing need at all affordability levels. The APR also includes the status of program implementation. The County is required to report on commercial development bonuses, units rehabilitated (preserved or acquired), and sites identified or rezoned to accommodate shortfall housing needs, however, there is no information to report in these categories for 2021.

A copy of the 2021 APR was sent to OPR and State HCD on April 1, 2022. Providing a copy to State HCD fulfills a statutory requirement to report certain housing information, including the County's progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and local efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing, as defined in Government Code Sections 65583(c)(3) and 65584.

#### **Regional Housing Needs Allocation**

The report addresses the County's residential building activities in 2021 and progress toward meeting its Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) goals, and describes the County's progress in implementing its Housing Program as described in the adopted Housing Element. The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) for the unincorporated area of Alameda County for the current housing element planning period of 2015-2023 is 1,769 new housing units, an average of 253 units per year. This need is further segmented into four broad income categories: very-low income (430 units), low income (227 units), moderate-income (295 units), and above-moderate income (817 units). The County's progress toward meeting these goals is summarized in the table below. The RHNA is based on estimates produced by the State Department of Finance (DOF) of the level of residential construction necessary to accommodate projected population growth during the planning period and to make up for current deficiencies in housing supply for existing residents. DOF determines the housing need for each region in the state and the Council of Governments for each region allocates a share of the regional housing need to each city and county in the region. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is responsible for determining the RHNA for each local jurisdiction in the San Francisco Bay Area. SB 35 (Wiener, 2017) allows a streamlined approval process for residential developments that meet certain defined criteria in jurisdictions that have not met their RHNA targets.

The APR lists the housing units for which building permits were issued from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021 and compares the number of building permits issued to the unincorporated County's share of regional housing need by income level for the current housing element period. During 2021, the County issued building permits for a total of 75 units, which includes 23 single family residences and 47 accessory dwelling units. Permits were also issued for one five-unit multifamily project. No permits were issued for two to four-unit buildings. These numbers represent a 19% increase over the total number of housing units issued permits in 2020 but is still well below the number of units permitted in previous

years within the current housing element cycle. The table below shows that the number of remaining dwelling units needed to achieve the 2015-2023 RHNA is 1,148 units or 65% of the total RHNA units.

		Units by Income Level					
Building/Project Type	Total Units	Very Low	Low	Moderate	Above Moderate		
Single Family Residences	23				23		
Two – Four Unit Buildings							
Multifamily (5 or more units)	5				5		
ADUs/Manufactured Home	47		47				
Substantial Rehabilitation							
RHNA Credits, 2021	75		47		28		
RHNA Credits, prior years	546	126	151	21	248		
Total RHNA Credits, 2015-2023	621	126	198	21	276		
RHNA	1,769	430	227	295	817		
Remaining RHNA	1,148	304	29	274	541		
Percent Met	35%	30%	87%	7%	34%		
Percent Remaining	65%	70%	13%	93%	66%		

**Residential Units Permitted by Affordability Level 2015-2023** 

Source: ABAG, *Regional Housing Needs Assessment, 2015*; Alameda County Department of Public Works, Building Inspections Division for the number of dwelling units issued permits during the period January 1, 2021-December 31, 2021. Primary unit income categories based on a household of four members and the secondary units are based on a household of two members. All units' income categories are based on four-person area median income, which is annually revised by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

## **Affordability Determination**

Housing affordability for each income category was determined using the Housing Affordability Calculator provided on the State HCD website (https://www.hcd.ca.gov/community-development/annualprogress-reports.shtml). According to State HCD, a housing expense is generally considered affordable when less than 30 percent of a household's gross income is used for housing. In addition to rent or mortgage payments, housing expense can include property taxes, private mortgage insurance, homeowner's insurance, maintenance, and utilities. In Alameda County in 2021, a moderate income for a household of four was calculated to be \$150,700 per year (120% of the area median income of \$125,600). Thirty percent of the gross monthly income for a household of four earning \$150,700 would be \$3,768. Thirty percent of the gross monthly income for a low-income household of four earning \$109,600 per year would be \$2,740. The following table contains the 2021 income limits for Alameda County calculated by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

Number of Persons in Household:		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Acutely Low	13200	15100	16950	18850	20350	21850	23350	24900
	Extremely Low	28800	32900	37000	41100	44400	47700	51000	54300
Alameda County Area Median Income:	Very Low Income	47950	54800	61650	68500	74000	79500	84950	90450
\$125,600	Low Income	76750	87700	98650	109600	118400	127150	135950	144700
	Median Income	87900	100500	113050	125600	135650	145700	155750	165800
	Moderate Income	105500	120550	135650	150700	162750	174800	186850	198900

### **Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs)**

Since 2016, the state legislature has passed several bills intended to reduce restrictions on the development of ADUs. As a result of the legislation, the Planning Department has seen a substantial increase in the number of inquiries and applications for ADUs throughout the unincorporated area. In 2016, a building permit was issued for only one ADU in the unincorporated area; in 2018, eight ADUs received building permits; in 2019, permits were issued for 20 ADUs; in 2020, permits were issued for 44 ADUs; and in 2021, permits were issued for 47 ADUs.

ADUs offer benefits that address common development barriers such as affordability and provide housing units for singles, couples, small families, young professionals, and seniors. Due to their relatively low cost to develop and small size compared to other types of housing, ADUs are often affordable to very low- or low-income households. With interest in ADUs continuing into 2021, ADUs have become an important source of low-income housing in the unincorporated area.

## CONCLUSION

The County's 2021 APR complies with the submission requirements in State law and is consistent with the guidelines set forth by State HCD regarding implementation of the Housing Element. The Planning Department will continue to track the County's progress in implementing the major programs in the various elements of the Housing Element.

#### Attachments

2021 Alameda County Housing Element Annual Progress Report Select Tables

- Table B Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress (Summary of Tables A & A2)
- Table D Program Implementation Status
- Table H Locally Owned Surplus Sites (There was no information to report in Tables C, E, F, & G)

Jurisdiction	Alameda County - Unincorpora ted	ı
Reporting Year	2021	(Jan. 1 - Dec. 31)
Planning Period	5th Cycle	01/31/2015 - 01/31/2023

## ANNUAL ELEMENT PROGRESS REPORT

# Housing Element Implementation

(CCR Title 25 §6202)

	Table B Regional Housing Needs Allocation Progress Permitted Units Issued by Affordability												
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Incom	e Level	RHNA Allocation by Income Level	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total Units to Date (all years)	Total Remaining RHNA by Income Level
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	Deed Restricted	120	35	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	310
Very Low	Non-Deed Restricted	430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	310
-	Deed Restricted		65	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		23
Low	Non-Deed Restricted	227	-	-	3	11	26	44	47	-	-	204	
	Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Moderate	Non-Deed Restricted	295	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	274
Above Moderate		817	17	9	32	108	63	19	28	-	-	276	541
Total RHNA	•	1,769											
Total Units			138	102	35	119	89	63	75	-	-	621	1,148

Note: units serving extremely low-income households are included in the very low-income permitted units totals and must be reported as very low-income units.

	2021 ALAMEDA COUNTY H	2021 ALAMEDA COUNTY Housing Element Annual Progress Report						
TABLE D - Program Imple	TABLE D - Program Implementation Status							
Program Description Housing Programs Progress Report - Government Code Section 65583								
Name of Housing Element Program	Objective	Timeframe in H.E.	Status of Program Implementation					
Residential Sites Inventory	Continue to provide adequate sites to accommodate the County's RHNA; Provide Adequate Sites	2015-23	Revised as a part of the 2015 Housing Element Update. Please refer to Appendix A of the adopted Housing Element.					
Web Based Zoning and Planning Information	Provide a centralized, accessible, web based zoning and planning data; Provide Adequate Sites	2021	Completed in late 2021.					
Annual Progress Report	Prepare an annual report for submission to State HCD; Provide Adequate Sites	2015-23	This document satisfies the requirement.					
Affordable Housing Development	Develop a housing strategy; Identify and complete between four to six new affordable housing projects during the planning period; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	2015-23; Annually	CDA-HCD and CDA-ECD both provide financial support to affordable housing developments within the unincorporated areas. Two recent projects within the unincorporated areas are Ashland Family Apartments and San Lorenzo Senior Housing.					
Density Bonus Program	Continue to ensure that the County's Ordinance reflects State law; Create brochures and other materials necessary to promote the County's Density Bonus Program to developers; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	2021; Ongoing	In 2012, the County revised its Density Bonus Ordinance to fully comply with state law. In 2021, the County produced a draft ordinance that is going through the approval process.					
Small Lot Consolidation	Promote lot consolidation to facilitate housing development; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	The County will continue to assist in land consolidation by providing sites information to interested developers and provide gap financing assistance, as available, to nonprofit housing developers.					
Accessory Dwelling Units	Promote the Accessory Dwelling Unit Program to increase public awareness; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	Staff continues to provide technical assistance to the public. The County Zoning Ordinance will be amended in 2019 to ensure consistency with recent state legislation.					
Park Fee Waiver	Promote affordable housing development and ensures financial feasibility; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	As affordable housing developments are proposed, staff will determine whether they qualify for the park fee waiver					

HIV/AIDS Housing and Services	Address the housing and needs of low income people with HIV/AIDS and their families; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	Efforts to provide assistance to low-income persons with HIV/AIDS are ongoing. Funded services include: Affordable housing development, tenant-based rental assistance, short-term housing and housing placement.
First Time Homebuyer Resources	Provide resources for first time homebuyers; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	CDA-HCD continues to provide resources to first time homebuyers.
Mortgage Credit Certificate	Assist 40 county-wide (5-7 in the unincorporated County) low and moderate income first time homebuyers in the unincorporated areas; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	CDA-HCD continues to administer Alameda County's Mortgage Credit Certificate Program.
Section 8 Housing Programs	Provide rental assistance to 600 extremely low and very low income households in the unincorporated areas during the planning period; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	Assistance to qualified applicants is ongoing.
Family Self Sufficiency Program (FSS)	Assist 20 Section 8 recipients in the unincorporated areas to achieve self-sufficiency during the planning period; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	Assistance to qualified applicants is ongoing.
Housing Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities	Facilitate housing development for persons with disabilities; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Annually	The County will continue to encourage the development of supportive housing for persons with disabilities
Housing Opportunities for the Homeless	Facilitate housing development for homeless persons; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Annually	Participating agencies meet regularly to coordinate efforts.
Affordable Housing Trust Fund "Boomerang" Program	Support the development of affordable housing; Assist in the Development of Affordable Housing	Ongoing	CDA-HCD continues to provide resources to support the development of affordable housing.
Ordinance Review Committee	Periodically review proposed changes to the Alameda County Zoning Ordinance to ensure consistency with the Housing Element law and State and Federal fair housing laws. Ensure that County regulations do not unnecessarily constrain housing development	Annually	It was not necessary for the Ordinance Review Advisory Committee (ORAC) to meet in 2021.
Environmental Review Streamlining	Support the development of housing near transit	Annually	The County will continue to implement the CEQA streamlining provisions of SB 375 for projects that conform to the Sustainable Communities Strategy and meet specific criteria set forth in SB 375.
Intergovernmental Coordination	Expedite and simplify housing development by improving the efficiency of permit processes	Annually	CDA-Planning will continue to coordinate with other agencies to streamline review of residential development proposals.

Minor Home Repair	Assist 150 lower income households over the planning period.	Ongoing	This program continues to serve Alameda County residents. It is currently overseen by the Healthy Homes Department.
Accessibility Grants	Assist 20 households over the planning period.	Ongoing	This program continues to serve Alameda County residents. It is currently overseen by the Healthy Homes Department
Rehabilitation Loans	Assist 14 homeowners during the planning period	Ongoing	This program continues to serve Alameda County residents. It is currently overseen by the Healthy Homes Department.
Foreclosure Prevention	Provide up to date information about avoiding and dealing with foreclosure.	Ongoing	CDA-HCD continues to provide links on their website to foreclosure prevention resources
Healthy Homes Department	Prevent childhood lead poisoning and other health- related environmental problems	Ongoing	CDA-HHD continues to implement several programs intended to eliminate conditions that contribute to a variety of health-related environmental problems.
Code Enforcement	Continue to enforce applicable sections of the Alameda County Ordinance and related land use regulations	Ongoing	The Code Enforcement Division continues to investigate complaints relating to the Neighborhood Preservation, Junk Vehicle and Zoning Ordinances.
Preservation of At Risk Housing	Maintain a database of subsidized housing units in order to monitor the status of units at risk of conversion. Pursue funding from private, State and Federal programs to assist in preserving at risk housing.	2015-23	CDA-HCD Staff continues to maintain the database of at risk units, and continues to pursue funding to support affordable housing preservation
Condominium Conversion	Continue to enforce the Condominium Conversion Guidelines	Ongoing	Continues to enforce and implement the Condominium Conversion Guidelines.
Fair Housing Services	Reduce housing discrimination through the provision of fair housing and landlord/tenant services	Ongoing	CDA-HCD continues to provide funding to support fair housing counseling and mediation services.
StopWaste.org	Provide strategic planning, research, education and technical assistance to the public, businesses and local governments on waste reduction	Ongoing	Stopwaste.org is active in efforts to reduce waste throughout the County.
Infill, Mixed Use and Transit Oriented Developments	Develop programs to promote mixed use and transit oriented developments. Investigate incentives to support mixed use and transit oriented developments.	2015-23	Completed amendments to ACBD Specific Plan to add flexibility to encourage mixed use developments. Revision of Castro Valley Commercial Business District Specific Plan is underway.

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TABLE H - Locally (	Owned Surplus Sites (CC	R Title 25 �6202)	-	-				
APN	Street Address/Intersection	Existing Use	Number of Units	Surplus Designation	Parcel Size (in acres)	Notes		
986-34-12	Dublin Blvd. and Arnold Dr, Dubln	Vacant	0	Surplus Land	7.7	Noticed per G.C. 54222 March, 2020		
986-34-14 (north)	Martinelli and Arnold Dr., Dublin	Vacant	0	Surplus Land	6.4	Noticed per G.C. 54222 March, 2020.		
986-34-14 (south)	Martinelli and Arnold Dr., Dublin	Vacant	0	Surplus Land	5.8	Under contract (Sept. 2018)		
001-137-2	480 4th/499 5th St. Oakland	Public Facilities	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.8	Proposals per GC 25539.4		
001-137-1-1	401 Broadway, Oakland	Public Facilities	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.58	Proposals per GC 25539.4		
001- <mark>1</mark> 39-1	400 Broadway, Oakland	Public Facilities	0	Exempt Surplus Land	1.38	Proposals per GC 25539.4		
008-0626-21	286-14th Street, Oakland	Commercial	0	Surplus Land	0.23	Resolved & Noticed per 54221		
041-3802-22	7001 Oakport, Oakland	Commercial	0	Surplus Land	10.87	Resolved & Noticed per 54221		
074-1339-16	1220 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda	Commercial	0	Surplus Land	6.45	Resolved & Noticed per 54221(b)(1)		
074-1351-8	1150 Harbor Bay Parkway, Alameda	Commercial	0	Surplus Land	11.4	Resolved & Noticed per 54221(b)(1)		
414-0021-060-00	20095 Mission Boulevard, Cherryland	Vacant	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.21	Executed DDA		
414-0021-061-00	20096 Mission Boulevard, Cherryland	Vacant	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.89	Executed DDA		
414-0021-078-00	20097 Mission Boulevard, Cherryland	Vacant	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.84	Executed DDA		
414-0021-079-00	20098 Mission Boulevard, Cherryland	Vacant	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.33	Executed DDA		
414-0021-080-00	20099 Mission Boulevard, Cherryland	Vacant	0	Exempt Surplus Land	0.18	Executed DDA		
412-0039-025-00	16080 Hesperian Boulevard, San Lorenzo	Vacant	0	Surplus Land	0.31			