

CHAPTER 2: Public Participation

HCD requires local governments to make a diligent effort (California Government Code Sec. 65583(c)) to achieve the public participation of all economic segments of the community, and throughout the 2024-2029 Housing Element update process, the County engaged all segments of the community.

To ensure a good faith effort was made by the County to solicit public comments and participation, information about the 7th Cycle Housing Element Update was distributed by posting notices at the Plumas County Planning & Building Services Permit Center (555 Main Street, Quincy) and on the Plumas County 2024-2029 Housing Element Update website at <https://www.plumascounty.us/2629/Housing-Element>; by publishing press releases in The Plumas Sun at <https://plumassun.org/>; by soliciting public comment at Planning Commission workshops and Board of Supervisors meetings; and by coordinating with several housing stakeholders and advocates that assists lower income residents and special needs populations in meeting their housing needs, including but not limited to, as follows:

- Plumas County Behavioral Health Department
- Plumas County Public Health Department
- Plumas County Social Services Department
- Plumas County Building Department
- Plumas County Environmental Health Department
- Plumas County Public Works Department
- Plumas County Transportation Commission Technical Advisory Committee
- Plumas County Office of Emergency Services
- Public County Probation Department
- Plumas County District Attorney's Office
- Plumas County Librarian
- Plumas District Hospital (PDH)
- Plumas County Community Development Commission (PCCDC) and Housing Authority
- Plumas Housing Council
- Plumas Rural Services (PRS)
- Environmental Alternatives (EA) Family Services
- Plumas Crisis Intervention & Resource Center (PCIRC)
- Far Northern Regional Center (FNRC)
- NorCal Continuum of Care (CoC)
- Plumas-Sierra Counties CoC Advisory Board
- Feather River College (FRC)
- Plumas Association of Realtors
- Alliance for Workforce Development
- Native American Tribes (SB 18)

AB 215 Compliance for Review and Adoption Timelines

In accordance with AB 215 the first draft of the Housing Element was circulated for a minimum 30-day public comment period from June 27, 2025, through July 28, 2024. Public comments were received, and the Planning Department took no less than 10 business days to consider and incorporate public comment prior to submitting the initial HCD draft for the 90-day review period, on August 14, 2025.

Comments from HCD on the initial HCD draft are anticipated in November 2025. Thereafter, Planning Department staff will work with HCD staff to resolve the state's comments. Once the revisions are adequate, the final draft revisions will be released to the public for comment in response to HCD comments at least seven days before submitting the revised Element back to HCD. The additional seven-day public circulation commenced on <DATE>, 2025 and ended on <DATE>, 2025. The revised HCD draft was then submitted on <DATE> to HCD for the 60-day review. The County received the 'conditional letter' from HCD that revised HCD draft meets State Housing Element Law, pending adoption, on <DATE>.

The Board of Supervisors adopted the 7th Cycle 2024-2029 Housing Element on <DATE> and thereafter the County submitted the Adopted Element to HCD for a 60-day review to obtain the official 'certification letter' (anticipated April 2026) that states the Board of Supervisors Adopted Element complies with all statutory requirements of State Housing Element Law.

Public Workshops, Meetings, and Hearings

To provide opportunities for public participation in the preparation of the Public Review Draft 2024-2029 Housing Element, the Planning Department conducted six (6) public workshops (March, 6, 2025, April 3, 2025, April 17, 2025, May 15, 2025, June 5, 2025, and on June 18, 2025) during the meetings of the Plumas County Planning Commission.

The purpose of the Housing Element, Housing Element State Law (e.g., Housing Element HCD Completeness Checklist), and relationship to the 2035 General Plan were explained to members of the Planning Commission. The Planning Commissioners then discussed in a public forum the countywide vacant and underutilized land inventory analysis and, in collaboration with County staff, compiled a list of the most viable properties for housing at all income levels to meet the County's RHNA. Additionally, Commissioners discussed the Goals, Policies, and Actions of the Housing Element in context of the County's housing issues and needs and to ensure consistency with the 2035 General Plan.

During the 30-day public comment period from June 27, 2025, through July 28, 2024, the following public meetings were held:

- July 15, 2025, Board of Supervisors Meeting
- July 17, 2025, Planning Commission Meeting

Additionally, on July 30, 2025, Planning Department staff provided a presentation before the Plumas Housing Council.

Further information on public comments received, including responses to those comments, and outreach efforts conducted by County staff and the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors is included in Appendix A (Public Participation).

Planning Commission Recommendation

The Planning Commission public hearing to recommend adoption of the 7th Cycle 2024-2029 General Plan Housing Element and CEQA Addendum (Resolution No. P.C. 2026-XXX) to the Board of Supervisors occurred on <DATE>. Public comment received at the <DATE> Planning Commission public hearing included <FUTURE INSERT>.

Board of Supervisors Adoption

The Board of Supervisors public hearing to adopt the 7th Cycle 2024-2029 General Plan Housing Element and CEQA Addendum (Resolution No. 2026-XXX) occurred on <DATE>. Public comment received at the <DATE> Board of Supervisors public hearing included <FUTURE INSERT>.

HCD Certification

The Board of Supervisors adopted Housing Element was submitted to HCD on <DATE> 2026, for review and certification. On <DATE> 2026, HCD sent Plumas County a 'certification letter' stating HCD's findings that the County's Adopted 7th Cycle 2024-2029 General Plan Housing Element is in full compliance with State Housing Element law (Title 7 Planning and Land Use, Division 1 Planning and Zoning, Chapter 3 Local Planning, Article 10.6 Housing Elements, of the Government Code).