

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF SIERRA  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025- 013**

**A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE SIERRA COUNTY GENERAL PLAN  
BY ADOPTING THE  
2024-2029 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE**

**WHEREAS**, the State of California requires counties to periodically update the Housing Element of their General Plan as provided in state law (Cal. Government Code Sections 65580 – 65589.8); and,

**WHEREAS**, the Sierra County Planning Department has prepared an update to the Housing Element consistent with state law for the five-year planning period of 2024-2029; and,

**WHEREAS**, the 2024-2029 Housing Element has been prepared, consisting of an amendment to the General Plan that contains goals, policies, programs, and quantified objectives to meet projected housing needs to comply with the California Government Code, substantially in the form as presented by Planning Department and staff and attached to Planning Commission Resolution 2025-01 as Exhibit A, incorporated herein by reference; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2024-2029 Housing Element is internally consistent with other elements of the Sierra County General Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, a Preliminary Draft of the 2024-2029 Housing Element was submitted for review by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) on July 5, 2024, and HCD issued a letter to the County on November 20, 2024, indicating that the draft complies with State housing element law (Article 10.6 of the Government Code) when adopted and submitted to HCD pursuant to Government Code Section 65585 (g); and

**WHEREAS**, the County did properly conduct outreach to a variety of agencies, interested parties, public utilities, and community water system purveyors; as well as requested comments and consultation with all Native American tribes listed by the Native American Heritage Commission under SB-18, pursuant to Government Code Section 65352.3, for a minimum of 90 days, but received no comment; and,

**WHEREAS**, both the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors find that since the proposed Housing Element update is minor in nature and does not include any changes to land use designations, zoning, building heights and intensities, infrastructure, or residential densities in order to accommodate the projected RHNA and implement the various proposed policies, the project is therefore exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3); and

**WHEREAS**, on January 16, 2025, the Sierra County Planning Commission held a duly noticed public hearing as required by law to accept testimony and public comments; and hearing none, adopted a Resolution making a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors that they approve and adopt the proposed Housing Element Update as presented by the Planning Department staff, without modifications; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2025, the Sierra County Board of Supervisors conducted a duly noticed public hearing to receive comments and hear testimony on the proposed Housing Element update and General Plan Amendment.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors hereby finds on the basis of the whole record before it, including Staff Recommendation no. 1265, the Planning Commission recommendation and Resolution 2025-01, and comments received, that there is no substantial evidence that the project will have a significant effect on the environment; and that the proposed Housing Element Update 2024-2029 is eligible for a "common sense" exemption under CEQA Guidelines, Cal. Code of Regulations, Title 14, Section 15061(b)(3); and hereby directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption with the Sierra County Clerk-Recorder and State Office of Planning & Research; and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sierra County Board of Supervisors hereby approves the proposed General Plan Amendment and adopts the 2024-2029 Housing Element Update, attached to Planning Commission Resolution 2025-01 as Exhibit A, incorporated herein, and as recommended for approval by the Sierra County Planning Commission; and that changes or modifications directed by the Board of Supervisors during the public hearing process, if any, are hereby found to be of a minor, technical and/or insubstantial nature and do not require remanding back to the Planning Commission or recirculation of the final document; and.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors directs the Planning Department to transmit the adopted Housing Element Update to the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for final certification and filing, in accordance with the provisions of state law subject to any minor, conforming and technical or clarifying changes approved by the Planning Director.

**ADOPTED** by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sierra, State of California on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of March 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors Heuer, Roen, LeBlanc, Dryden and Adams  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: None  
ABSTAIN: None

COUNTY OF SIERRA



LEE ADAMS, CHAIR  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:



HEATHER FOSTER  
CLERK OF THE BOARD

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



RHETTA VANDER PLOEG  
COUNTY COUNSEL