



## Department of Conservation and Development

### County Planning Commission Meeting

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 – 7:00 .P.M.

Agenda Item #5

## STAFF REPORT

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**Project Title:** \*\*\* 2<sup>ND</sup> STUDY SESSION\*\*\*

**2014 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE  
(5<sup>TH</sup> CYCLE, Yr. 2015- Yr. 2023)**

**County File:** GP#14-0001

**Planner:** Kara Douglas, Affordable Housing Program Manager

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### I. PURPOSE

To provide the County Planning Commission with a progress report on the 2014 Housing Element Update (covering period from 2015 to 2023) and to present the proposed initial 1st - Draft 2014 Housing Element Update prior to submittal to the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

### II. BACKGROUND

Contra Costa County is in the process of updating the Housing Element of its General Plan. The Housing Element contains the County's policies for housing production, affordable housing, housing for people with special needs, housing preservation, and other housing related issues. The content and organization of the Housing Element are defined by the State of California, and the Housing Element itself must be certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors adopted the current Housing Element in 2009, covering the period 2007-2014. The 2014 Housing Element update will cover the period from January 31, 2015 to January 31, 2023.

On March 11, 2014, the County Planning Commission conducted its first study session on the 2014 Housing Element Update. At the March 11, 2014 Study Session, the staff presentation covered:

- Housing Element Law Overview
- Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Process
- Key Facts & Important Trends
- Housing Element Contents
- Process & Schedule

The purpose of the 2nd Study Session for the 2014 Housing Element Update is to receive a progress report from staff and preview the initial 1st - Draft 2014 Housing Element Update prior to submittal to HCD.