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LEAD AGENCY CITY OF WEED	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 10/18/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING SISKIYOU COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-47-047	
PROJECT TITLE		

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE

PROJECT APPLICANT NAME CITY OF WEED	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 550 MAIN STREET	CITY WEED	STATE CA
		ZIP CODE 96094

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

- Local Public Agency    
  School District    
  Other Special District    
  State Agency    
  Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:

- Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Exempt from fee
  - Notice of Exemption (attach)
  - CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
- Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)
- Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ 50.00
- Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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 TOTAL RECEIVED \$ 50.00

SIGNATURE <b>X</b> ENDORSED-W. WINNINGHAM	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Wendy Winningham Deputy Clerk
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Notice of Exemption

Appendix E

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P.O. Box 3044, Room 113  
Sacramento, CA 95812-3044

From: (Public Agency): City of Weed  
550 Main Street  
Weed, CA 96094

County Clerk  
County of: Siskiyou  
311 Fourth Street Room 201  
Yreka, CA 96097

(Address)

FILED  
Siskiyou County

Project Title: Housing Element Update

Project Applicant: City of Weed

OCT 18 2024

Project Location - Specific:  
Citywide

LAURA BYNUM, CLERK  
ENDORSED-W/ WINNINGHAM  
Deputy Clerk

Project Location - City: Weed

Project Location - County: Siskiyou

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

The City of Weed is preparing an update to its existing Housing Element, a State-mandated policy document that is a component of the City of Weed General Plan. The overall purpose of the Housing Element Update is to identify current and projected housing needs; show locations where housing can be built; and set goals, policies, and programs to meet the community's housing needs. The foundation of the Housing Element is the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which is 2 units. The City has identified sufficient sites with adequate development capacity to build up to 29 new housing units with existing land use regulations and zoning designations. No amendments to land use regulations or zoning are included as part of the Housing Element.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: City of Weed

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: City of Weed

Exempt Status: (check one):

- Ministerial (Sec. 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Sec. 21080(b)(3); 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Sec. 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number: Section 15061(b)(3) - Common Sense Exemption
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number: \_\_\_\_\_

Reasons why project is exempt:

See attached.

Lead Agency

Contact Person: Steven Baker

Area Code/Telephone/Extension: (530) 938-5020

If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: 10/14/24

Title: Interim City Manager

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code.  
Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

Date Received for filing at OPR: \_\_\_\_\_

# Housing Element Update CEQA Exemption Technical Memorandum

City of Weed

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# 1. Introduction

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## 1.1 PURPOSE

This Technical Memorandum shall serve as an evaluation of the City of Weed 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update (proposed project) concerning California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) compliance. This Technical Memorandum was prepared to present: 1) the findings resulting from the CEQA compliance review, as described below; and 2) the recommendations concerning the appropriate CEQA compliance documentation.

## 1.2 STATUTORY AUTHORITY AND REQUIREMENTS

Once it is determined that an activity is a project subject to CEQA, it is then determined whether the project is exempt from CEQA. State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b) outlines the ways in which a project may be exempt as follows:

A project is exempt from CEQA if:

- 1) The project is exempt by statute (see, e.g. Article 18, commencing with Section 15260).
- 2) The project is exempt pursuant to a categorical exemption (see Article 19, commencing with Section 15300) and the application of that categorical exemption is not barred by one of the exceptions set forth in Section 15300.2.
- 3) The activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA.
- 4) The project will be rejected or disapproved by a public agency. (See Section 15270(b)).
- 5) The project is exempt pursuant to the provisions of Article 12.5 of Chapter 3.

## 2. Project Description

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### 2.1 REGIONAL LOCATION

The City of Weed is located in California, nestled at the base of Mount Shasta in the Cascade Mountains and halfway between San Francisco and Portland in Siskiyou County. It covers approximately 280 acres. There are several unincorporated subdivisions adjacent to, or just outside Weed proper. These include Edgewood, Carrick, Lake Shastina, Rancho Hills, and Hammond Ranch.

### 2.2 PROPOSED PROJECT

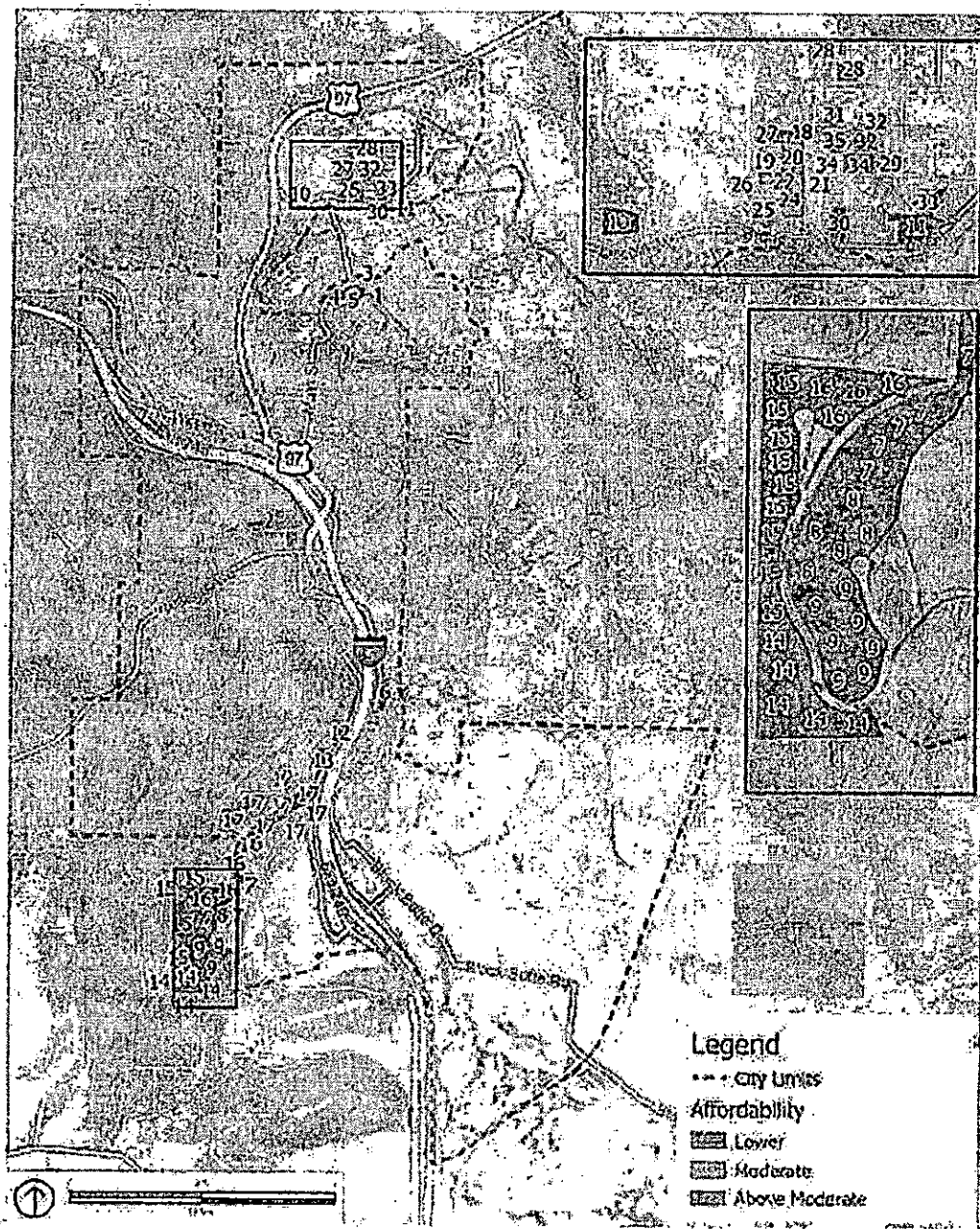
#### 2.2.1 Project Background

The City of Weed is preparing an update to its existing Housing Element, a State-mandated policy document that is a component of the City of Weed General Plan. The overall purpose of the Housing Element Update is to identify current and projected housing needs; show locations where housing can be built; and set goals, policies, and programs to meet the community's housing needs. The foundation of the Housing Element is the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA), which begins with a determination of housing need issued by the California Housing and Community Development Department (HCD). The RHNA for the City of Weed for this Housing Element is two units, one very low-income unit and one low-income unit.

#### 2.2.2 Proposed Sites and Zoning

State law requires that the Housing Element identify adequate sites for housing by including an inventory of land suitable for residential development, including vacant sites and sites having potential for redevelopment, including analysis of the development capacity that can realistically be achieved for each site. The purpose of the Sites Inventory is to evaluate whether there are sufficient sites with appropriate zoning to meet the RHNA. It is based on the City's current land use designations and zoning requirements. The City's Sites Inventory for future housing identifies housing sites spread throughout the city that could be developed with up to 29 new housing units, exceeding the RHNA assigned to the City. A significant number of these sites are located in moderate resource areas to meet Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) requirements. No area in the city is designated Racially/Ethnically Concentrated Areas of Poverty (R/ECAP) area. Figure 2-1, *Housing Sites Inventory* show where each site is located within the city and the housing opportunity areas. The development capacity of each of the identified housing sites is based on existing land use and zoning densities currently in place. No redesignations or rezoning are necessary and no redesignation or rezoning would occur as part of the adoption of the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> cycle Housing Element.

Figure 2-1: Housing Sites Inventory



## Findings Concerning CEQA Exemption

### 3. Findings Concerning CEQA Exemption

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#### 3.1 SECTION 15061(B)(3): COMMON SENSE EXEMPTION

The proposed project is exempt as a “common sense” exemption under State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because the project involves policies, programs, and actions to meet the City’s RHNA allocation that would not have the potential to cause a significant physical effect on the environment. As it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the proposed 6th Cycle Housing Element Update would have a significant effect on the environment, the 6th Cycle Housing Element is exempt from CEQA under the common sense exemption.

#### 3.2 ANALYSIS IN SUPPORT OF FINDINGS

Policies, programs, and actions included in the Housing Element encourage housing production and outline steps for the future implementation of certain actions. Future implementation actions would include amendments to zoning and other regulations to facilitate housing development; however, no amendments to the City’s land use regulations are included in the Housing Element Update. In addition, as discussed in Section 2.2.2, *Proposed Sites and Zoning*, the Housing Sites Inventory utilizes existing land use and zoning densities and does not require redesignation or rezoning to meet the RHNA. Furthermore, the proposed 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element does not include specific amendments to any land use regulations at this time but rather provides a timeline for future amendments. Subsequent amendments to the City’s land use or zoning regulations would be subject to a separate CEQA review at the time those amendments are prepared. Therefore, it can be seen with certainty that the City of Weed 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Housing Element Update would not have a significant effect on the environment and is therefore exempt from further CEQA analysis.



# CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL FEE FORM

On 10/10/24, The City of weed filed an application for the Housing Element with the CITY OF WEED. Before the application is accepted as complete for processing, fees in the following amount(s) must be deposited with the County Clerk.

Clerk Processing Fee \$50.00

This fee is as required by the State of California.

Negative Declaration \$2,916.75\*

EIR \$4,051.25

XX Categorically Exempt \$0.00

Statutorily Exempt \$0.00

Fee Exemption issued by the DFG \$0.00

No project shall be operative, vested or final until the required fee is paid. *Public Resources Code '21089 (b)*

On 10/18/2024, City of Weed deposited \$ 50<sup>00</sup>,  
(Date) (Name)

with the Siskiyou County Clerk ENDORSED-W. WINNINGHAM.  
(Attest)

Application No. \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be completed when application is received for processing)

Receipt # 2024003698/247-10/18/2024-047

\* If it is determined by Siskiyou County that the fee required for a Negative Declaration does not apply to your project a refund will be granted.