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STATE CLEARINGHOUSE

Subject: Review of the Negative Declaration for the Lassen County 2019-2024 Housing Element Update (File #700.05.05), State Clearinghouse Number 2019079055, Lassen County

Dear Mr. Anderson:

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (Department) has reviewed the Negative Declaration for the above-referenced project (Project). The Department's review of this Project is pursuant to our role as the State's trustee and responsible agency for fish and wildlife resources under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), California Public Resources Code section 21000 et seq. The Project, pursuant to state law, is to prepare a housing element as part of the general plan. The 2019-2024 Housing Element will be the County's policy document that guides future needs of housing across an economic spectrum. This housing Element will replace the existing 2014 Housing Element. Since this is a planning document, and all future development would be analyzed pursuant to CEQA and County requirements, the Department has no comment. If the Project description changes in any way or additional biological resource information becomes available, the Department should be notified and provided an opportunity to offer comments regarding the updated information.

We appreciate the opportunity to review this Project. If you have any questions, please contact me at (530) 225-2779, or by email at Amy.Henderson@wildlife.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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