



**RESOURCE  
MANAGEMENT AGENCY  
COUNTY OF TULARE  
AGENDA ITEM**

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**AGENDA DATE:** March 23, 2010

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| Public Hearing Required  | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Scheduled Public Hearing w/Clerk   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Published Notice Required  | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Advertised Published Notice  | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Meet & Confer Required   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Electronic file(s) has been sent   | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Budget Transfer (Aud 308) attached   | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Personnel Resolution attached  | Yes | <input type="checkbox"/>            | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Resolution, Ordinance or Agreements are attached and signature line for Chairman is marked with tab(s)/flag(s) |     |                                     |    |                          |     |                                     |
|  | Yes | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | No | <input type="checkbox"/> | N/A | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| CONTACT PERSON: Celeste Perez    PHONE: 559-624-7000   |     |                                     |    |                          |     |                                     |

**SUBJECT:** Public hearing to consider General Plan Amendment No. GPA 09-002 for the Tulare County 2009 Housing Element and Negative Declaration.

**REQUEST(S):**  
That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive a staff presentation regarding the update of the Tulare County Housing Element and Negative Declaration.
2. Conduct a public hearing to consider the Housing Element and Negative Declaration.
3. Adopt a resolution certifying the Negative Declaration prepared for GPA 09-002 as adequate and in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), State CEQA Guidelines and the County's procedures for implementing CEQA; and that it is the appropriate environmental document for the Tulare County 2009 Housing Element update as recommended by Planning Commission Resolution No. 8485.
4. Authorize the Chairman to sign the Notice of Determination.
5. Direct the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to return the signed Notice of Determination to the Resource Management Agency.
6. Adopt a separate resolution adopting General Plan Amendment No. 09-002 for the Tulare County 2009 Housing Element as recommended by Planning Commission Resolution No. 8484.

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**SUMMARY:**

The State of California requires every local jurisdiction to prepare and regularly update their Housing Element, which is one of the seven mandatory elements of the General Plan. As described in the Housing Element Law (Sections 65580 – 65589.8 of the California Government Code), the Housing Element must address the housing needs of all income levels and accommodate a diversity of housing types and special needs for planning period January 1, 2007 – June 30, 2014. The Tulare County Housing Element is not a development project and does not alter the regulatory and/or environmental process of any proposed development.

On March 10, 2010, the Tulare County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors to approve and adopt GPA 09-002 (PC Resolution No. 8484).

**Environmental Summary**

The Tulare County 2009 Housing Element will not have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, pursuant to the State of California Public Resources Code and the "Guidelines for Implementation of the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970" as amended to date, a Negative Declaration was approved by the Tulare County Environmental Assessment Officer on February 2, 2010 for the Tulare County 2009 Housing Element. The Negative Declaration was sent to the State Clearinghouse House (SCH #2010021015) on February 4, 2010 and a Notice of Availability and Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration was published in three regional newspapers on February 5, 2010; copies were made available for a 30-day public review and comment period. The review period ended on March 8, 2010 with no comments.

On March 10, 2010, the Tulare County Planning Commission conducted a public hearing and made a recommendation to the Board of Supervisor to certify the adequacy of the Negative Declaration prepared for GPA 09-002, the Tulare County 2009 Housing Element (PC Resolution N0. 8485).

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:**

This project has required the use of monies from the General Fund. The Housing Element is an unfunded State mandated program. In an effort to mitigate the expense of updating the Housing Element, the Resource Management Agency eliminated the use of consultants in its development and utilized staff.

**LINKAGE TO THE COUNTY OF TULARE STRATEGIC BUSINESS PLAN:**

The County's five-year strategic plan includes the "Economic Well Being Initiative - to promote economic development opportunities, effective growth management and a quality standard of living". The Housing Element establishes goals, principles and policies that promote effective growth management and ensure healthy and safe housing opportunities for the diverse population living within the unincorporated area of Tulare County.

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**ALTERNATIVES:**

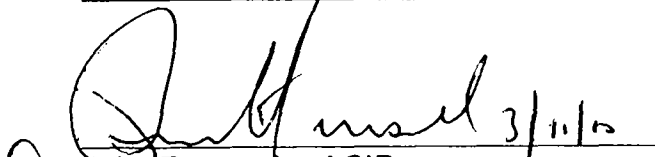
Alternative No. 1 Continue the public hearing to a date and time certain as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.

Alternative No. 2 Do not accept the Housing Element Update based upon findings as may be deemed appropriate by the Board of Supervisors.

**INVOLVEMENT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS OR AGENCIES:**

Community Development Branch of the Resource Management Agency (RMA), Tulare County Redevelopment Agency (TCRA), Tulare County Housing Authority (HATC), GIS Branch of the RMA, the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR).

**ADMINISTRATIVE SIGN-OFF:**

  
Jake Raper, Jr., ACIP  
Director

cc: Auditor/Controller  
County Counsel  
County Administrative Office (2)

Attachment(s)

Planning Commission Resolution No. 8484  
Planning Commission Resolution No. 8485  
Negative Declaration and Initial Study  
Housing Element (copy on file at: the Clerk of the Board, the RMA, and the Visalia Branch Library)  
In addition it can be viewed at <http://www.co.tulare.ca.us/civica/filebank/blobdload.asp?BlobID=5510>

# BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF THE NEGATIVE )  
DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN )  
AMENDMENT NO. GPA 09-002 FOR )  
THE TULARE COUNTY 2009 )  
HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE )

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

UPON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, SECONDED BY  
SUPERVISOR \_\_\_\_\_, THE FOLLOWING WAS ADOPTED BY THE  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AT AN OFFICIAL MEETING HELD \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:  
NOES:  
ABSTAIN:  
ABSENT:

ATTEST: JEAN M. ROUSSEAU  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER/  
CLERK, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy Clerk

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