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STAFF REPORT

Item # 3

To: Lemoore City Council and Planning Commissioners
From: Holly Smyth, Planning Director
Date: August 18, 2009
Subject: Draft Housing Element Review, Discussion, and recommended forwarding to State Housing and Community Development Department

Background:

Throughout the month of August, all Cities within Kings County and the County are holding public meetings on the Draft Housing Element. As meetings are being held, revisions are being submitted to the consultant for incorporation into the document so that by the end of the month a Revised Draft Housing Element can be submitted to the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) before the State submittal deadline. Last week the City Council Members and Planning Commissioners were forwarded a cover memo with a copy of the Draft Housing Element (after Lemoore's staff's redlining were incorporated) for your review. Copies of the Housing Element were also posted to <http://www.conexusplanning.com/kingsco.html> and a public notice was sent to the Lemoore Advance to notify the community of the August 24, 2009 public meeting at 7:00 p.m.

The information contained in Lemoore's portions of the document was collected by John Douglas from Conexus utilizing information obtained by the Planning Department, the Redevelopment Agency, and Building Department to provide the most accurate representation of what has occurred over the previous planning period, what our current status is and what programs and projects Lemoore wants to or is required to carry out in the future to adequately address housing issues.

Conexus will give a PowerPoint presentation during the meeting (with the draft presentation attached) to discuss the highlights of the Draft Housing Element as well as help field questions or comments alongside City staff. **You may want to particularly focus on pages 5-26 through 5-34 of the draft Plan as this section of the document outlines future programs the City wants to carry out as well as items required to be carried out by State law.** Please flag all comments or questions that you have on the document for discussion at the meeting.

Budget Impact:

None.

Recommendation:

By motion, City Council should direct staff to submit the Draft Housing Element to the State HCD for their review and comment, incorporating non-consequential changes suggested by all jurisdictions. A future public hearing and formal adoption will come back to the City after required State changes are incorporated into the document.

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