



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Marin County Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element

Date	Subject Area	Time
December 9, 2014	Review and consider adopting the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element and the Addendum to the 2013 Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR)	1:30 p.m.*

**Please note the proposed hearing time is an estimate only and may be subject to change.*

BACKGROUND: Over the course of the current and prior housing element planning periods, County staff has been engaged in a community discussion about potential housing sites and development densities for nearly two years and has hosted more than a dozen public meetings on the subject. As the public outreach process for the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element continues, the County encourages interested residents to view the documents on the County’s Housing Element webpage, including answers to frequently asked questions.

The purpose of the Housing Element is to achieve an adequate supply of decent, safe and affordable housing for Marin’s workforce, residents and special-needs populations, with a particular focus on the unincorporated areas. It assesses housing needs for a variety of income groups and lays out a program to meet those needs. State law requires all towns, cities and counties to complete Housing Elements periodically.

The Planning Commission reviewed the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element over the course of three hearings held on July 28, August 25, and November 17, 2014. At the November 17 hearing, the Commission also reviewed the Addendum to the Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (SEIR), and recommended the Draft Housing Element and Addendum to the Board of Supervisors. **The Board is scheduled to review the Planning Commission recommendation at the December 9, 2014 hearing.** The Board of Supervisors will have flexibility in deciding the final number of housing sites and housing units due to a reduction in the County’s housing allocation required by State law as well as the passage of Assembly Bill 1537, which reduced the required minimum density for lower income housing from 30 units per acre to 20 units per acre.

HOUSING ELEMENT: The Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element, Addendum to the SEIR, and further information can be found online at www.marincounty.org/housingelement. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Housing Element please contact Leelee Thomas at (415) 473-6697 or lthomas@marincounty.org, or Alisa Stevenson at (415) 473-7309 or astevenson@marincounty.org.

STAFF REPORT AND AGENDA: Please call the Community Development Agency Planning Division at (415) 473-6269 the week prior to the scheduled hearing to obtain a copy of the staff report and the agenda, or visit www.marincounty.org/depts/bs/meeting-archive. Please note the Marin County Community Development Agency is open Monday through Thursday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., and is closed on Friday.

COMMENTS: Comments for the Board of Supervisors regarding the Draft 2015-2023 Housing Element may be submitted electronically to housingelement@marincounty.org or in writing to 3501 Civic Center Drive, Suite 308, San Rafael, CA 94903.

ACCESSIBILITY: If you are a person with a disability and require an accommodation to participate in a County program, service or activity, requests for accommodations may be made by calling (415) 473-4381 (Voice) 473-3232 (TDD/TTY) or by e-mail at disabilityaccess@marincounty.org at least four work days in advance of the event. Copies of documents are available in alternative formats, upon request.

