The County is required by State statute to review and update its Housing Element every five years. To meet the mandated State timelines, the Housing Element was prepared and adopted on a different, separate schedule from this General Plan Update. The Housing Element for the 2009-2014 planning period was approved (certified) by the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) by letter dated January 3, 2012, after final adoption by the Board of Supervisors on May 8, 2012. The next review and update of the Housing Element is scheduled to occur in 2014.

The current adopted Housing Element is incorporated by reference into this General Plan Update document but is not being amended at this time. A copy is available from the Tulare County Resources Management Agency.