Appendix 6-E: General Plan Consistency
GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Housing Element affects the County’s policies for growth and residential land uses. Among other things, the Housing Element establishes the County’s housing goals, policies, and objectives, identifies sites for new construction, and addresses governmental constraints. The goals, policies, and objectives of an updated Housing Element must be reviewed in the context of the Land Use, Circulation, and Open Space Elements, Zoning Code, and other applicable plans, such as the Capital Improvement Plan. This review is required to ensure that the General Plan is “internally consistent” meaning any and all conflicts between General Plan elements must be acknowledged and resolved.

The current update of the Housing Element has included a review of goals, policies, and objectives in the General Plan and the review of other applicable elements and plans to ensure overall internal consistency. The current Housing Element update did not identify any necessary programs or actions that need to be included in the Implementation Plan for internal consistency. Based on this analysis, the County finds that the Housing Element update has been completed in compliance with Government Code Section 63500.5 and that the Implementation Plan includes programs to achieve community goals in accordance with Government Code Section 65583.c.7.

As a regular administrative practice, the County reviews all proposed General Plan Amendments, ordinance updates, and implementation actions for consistency with the Housing Element. The County will continue this during the 6th Cycle, and will ensure that all actions are consistent with the Housing Element.