

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2015
CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
209 E. KERN ST., TAFT, CA 93268**

AS A COURTESY TO ALL - PLEASE TURN OFF CELL PHONES

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the Planning Commission regarding any item on this agenda are made available for public inspection in the lobby at Taft City Hall, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA during normal business hours (SB 343).

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation

Roll Call: Chairman Orrin
 Vice Chair Jones
 Commissioner Leikam
 Commissioner Livingston
 Commissioner Thompson

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

THIS IS THE TIME AND PLACE FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE COMMISSION ON MATTERS WITHIN ITS JURISDICTION. STATE LAW PROHIBITS THE COMMISSION FROM ADDRESSING ANY ISSUE NOT PREVIOUSLY INCLUDED ON THE AGENDA. COMMISSION MAY RECEIVE COMMENT AND SET THE MATTER FOR A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. PLEASE LIMIT COMMENTS TO FIVE MINUTES.

2. MINUTES

November 18, 2015 Regular

Recommendation – Approve as submitted.

3. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01 – HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2015-2023

Recommendation

1. Adopt a resolution that reads, “**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF TAFT RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01, HOUSING ELEMENT 2015-2023.**”
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4. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

7. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

ADJOURNMENT

**AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT
(Government Code Section 54943.2)**

The City of Taft City Council Chamber is accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special assistance (including transportation) to attend or participate in a meeting of the Taft City Planning Commission may request assistance at the Office of the City Clerk, City of Taft, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, California or by calling (661) 763-1222. Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible.

AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

I, Brenda Johns, declare as follows:

That I am the Recording Secretary for the City of Taft; that an agenda was posted on a public information bulletin board located near the door of the Civic Center Council Chamber on November 25, 2015, pursuant to 1987 Brown Act Requirements.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.
Executed November 25, 2015, at Taft, California.

Date/Time _____ Signature _____

**CITY OF TAFT PLANNING COMMISSION
MEETING
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2015**

REGULAR MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The November 18, 2015 Regular Meeting of the Planning Commission of the City of Taft, held in the City of Taft Council Chamber, 209 E. Kern Street, Taft, CA 93268, was opened by Chairman Ron Orrin at [6:05:38 PM](#) The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Orrin and the invocation was given by Greg Haslow of the Calvary Temple.

PRESENT: Chairman Ron Orrin, Vice Chair Shannon Jones,
Commissioners Bob Leikam, Jerry Livingston and Robert Thompson
Planning and Community Development Director Mark Staples
City Attorney Jason Epperson and Recording Secretary Brenda Johns

1. CITIZEN REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were none.

2. MINUTES

October 21, 2015 Meeting

Motion: Moved by Jones seconded by Livingston to approve Minutes as submitted.

AYES: Jones, Livingston, Leikam, Thompson

ABSTAIN: Orrin

PASSED: 4-0

3. GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01 – HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE 2015-2023

Planning Director Staples presented the staff report and recommendation.

Orrin and Livingston requested a hard copy of the Housing Element.

Livingston stated he looked forward to reviewing the final draft.

Staples noted the Housing Element would be available on the City's website for anyone who would like to review the document.

4. PLANNING DIRECTOR REPORT

Staples presented conceptual site floor plans for the Taft Transit Center (copies were submitted to the Recording Secretary for the permanent file). Staples noted further comments in regards to parking are welcomed and will be presented to City Council at their December 1st meeting. Staples stated the grant received was for 1.4 million and the building is approximately 2200 square feet. Staples also reported Tract Map 7227 was approved to final by City Council at the November 17th meeting.

5. CITY ATTORNEY STATEMENTS

Epperson wishes everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

6. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Orrin stated:

- He would like for there to be a development standard for the down town area.

- He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.
- Asked everyone to be mindful of our national leadership and noted there are a lot of citizens from Taft who are serving in the military.

Jones announced:

- The Trout Derby is this weekend.
- Invited the City Council, Planning Commission, and the City Manager to participate in this year's Christmas parade which will be held on December 7th.
- Announced that November 28th is small business day; she thanked Staples for donating items to the Chamber for shop small business day.

7. IDENTIFICATION OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Commissioner Livingston was selected to be the representative to the City Council on December 1, 2015.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to conduct it was moved by Jones seconded by Livingston and approved unanimously, to adjourn the meeting at [6:47:22 PM](#).



City of Taft Planning Commission Staff Report

Agenda Item #3

DATE: December 2, 2015
TO: Chairman Orrin and Members of the Planning Commission
FROM: Mark Staples, Director
Planning and Community Development
SUBJECT: General Plan Amendment No. 2015-01 – Housing Element 2015-2023

RECOMMENDATION:

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LOCATION: Citywide

PROJECT ANALYSIS:

The Housing Element is one of seven required elements of the Taft General Plan. The Housing Element addresses accommodating housing production, housing conservation, affordable housing, and special needs in the community. A final draft Housing Element for the 2015 to 2023 planning period has been prepared as an update to the prior approved Housing Element for 2008 to 2013. The final draft Housing Element carries over much of the prior element, including established goals and objectives for housing, updated programs to implement the objectives, provides adequate sites for accommodating the City’s forecasted growth and allotted Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) of 254 residential units, analyzed government and other constraints, and identifies specific standards to create opportunities for affordable housing.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Planning Commission, and their monthly meetings, served as the de facto Housing Element committee in reviewing the allotted RHNA from the Kern Council of Governments to the monthly updates on progressive revisions to the Housing Element. City staff held three community meetings on August 25, 31 and September 3, 2015, to receive input from the general public. Although two separate notices were published in the Midway Driller, the meetings were not well attended. City staff also created a Community Survey form that was available in hard copy form, available electronically on the City website, and in an online survey form. The City received over 160+ responses from the online form, of which responders consisted mostly of those that have lived in the City for 21 or more years (60.5%), reside in a single family residence (92%), and own their own residence (69.3%).

ADEQUATE SITES INVENTORY

The Adequate Sites Inventory is a required section of any Housing Element. The inventory demonstrates how the City can meet their allotted RHNA units, especially sufficient capacity for the low, very-low, and

extremely-low income housing groups. The City has found 39 sites within the Taft city limits with vacant land north of the airport extension subdivision, to Sandy Creek Estates, to in-fill lots, to the Rails to Trails redevelopment area, the City has available vacant land to accommodate over 2,000 new residential units. This more than accommodates the RHNA 254 residential units, including low-income units.

HOUSING ELEMENT PROGRAMS

The Housing Element includes a review of prior housing programs and establishing new or revised programs. The Housing Element 2015-2023 includes a mix of new and revised programs, from First Time Home Buyer assistance and owner occupied Housing Rehabilitation. The programs also include updating documents such as the Zoning Ordinance to maximize density for each housing project, and public information outreach of the City's available home funding programs. A new program involves housing for the developmentally disabled people in the City of Taft.

GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY

The Housing Element 2015-2023 is internally consistent with the General Plan, as required by Government Code Section 65300.5. To fully implement and maximize the properties listed in the Adequate Site Inventory, an amendment will be required to increase the Zoning Ordinance residential densities to match those in the General Plan Land Use Element.

DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT (HCD) REVIEW

The City submitted a draft copy of the Housing Element for HCD review on October 28, 2015. HCD subsequently provided the City with suggested revisions on October 18, 2015, which have been incorporated in the final Draft Housing Element 2015-2023 document. Revisions mostly involved data discrepancies, overpaying households, quantifying the number of persons with developmental disabilities, the Employee Housing Act, farmworker housing, reasonable accommodations, and revising programs to ensure there are limited to no barriers to providing housing for all income levels in the City of Taft.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA):

An Initial Study was completed and a Negative Declaration was prepared, distributed and reviewed through the State Clearinghouse (No. 2015101092), as it was determined that this project would not have an effect on the environment. The Housing Element 2015-2023 is a policy document and does not propose or entitle residential development projects within the City of Taft. Subsequent discretionary actions are required for implementation of the Housing Element, which will require project specific CEQA review. As of the writing of this report, the Planning Department has only received two comments on the Initial Study (San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Bureau of Land Management, attached), neither of which specifically address the content of the Initial Study document. The Planning Commission must review and consider the final Negative Declaration before it makes a recommendation to the City Council on the proposed project.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resolution for Negative Declaration
2. Negative Declaration and Initial Study
3. Resolution for Housing Element 2015-2023
4. Final Draft Housing Element 2015-2023 – With Strikethrough and Underlines

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
TAFT RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE A
NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO.
2015-01, HOUSING ELEMENT 2015-2023**

WHEREAS, Section 65588 of the Government Code requires local governments to periodically update the Housing Element of the General Plan; and

WHEREAS, the City has prepared a Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2015101092) for the Housing Element 2015-2023 in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, which finds that the proposed project will not have an impact on the environment; and

WHEREAS, the Negative Declaration reflects the City's independent judgement as required by Section 21082.1 of the Public Resources Code; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21082.1 of the Public Resources Code, the draft Negative Declaration was circulated for public and agency review from October 27, 2015, to November 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, all comment letters received during the public and agency review period are included in the final Negative Declaration, with responses; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15074(c), the custodian of the Negative Declaration is the City of Taft Planning and Development Services Department and all supporting documentation is in the General Plan Amendment No. 2015-01 file; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has fully considered the potential environmental effects by adopting a Resolution recommending approval of the Negative Declaration to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission duly advertised and held a special public hearing on December 2, 2015, to consider the Negative Declaration for Housing Element 2015-2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE, AND RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and are findings of fact of the the Planning Commission in regard to the Negative Declaration.

SECTION 2. That based upon said findings of fact, the Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council approve a Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment No. 2015-01, the Housing Element 2015-2023.

Resolution No. _____

December 2, 2015

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PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of December, 2015.

ATTEST

Brenda Johns, Deputy City Clerk

Ron Orrin, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda Johns, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Taft at a special scheduled meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Brenda Johns, Deputy City Clerk

City of Taft

DRAFT

NEGATIVE DECLARATION

The Director of Planning and Development Services has reviewed the proposed project described below to determine whether it could have a significant effect on the environment as a result of the project completion. "Significant effect on the environment" means a substantial, or potentially substantial, adverse change in any of the physical conditions within the area affected by the project including land, air, water, minerals, flora, fauna, ambient noise, and objects of historic or aesthetic significance.

Project Title:

City of Taft 2015-2023 Housing Element

Lead Agency Name and Address:

City of Taft
209 E. Kern Street
Taft, CA 93268

Contact Person and Phone Number:

Mark Staples
Director of Planning and Development Services
661.763.1222 ext.24

Project Location:

Citywide

General Plan Designation:

Citywide (various designations)

Zoning Designation:

Citywide (various designations)

Project Description:

The City of Taft is located approximately 30 miles southwest of Bakersfield in Kern County and is surrounded by the unincorporated communities of Ford City, South Taft and Taft Heights.

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The Housing Element is one of seven General Plan Elements mandated by the State of California as outlined in Section 65580 to 65589.9 of the California Government Code. California State Law requires the Housing Element to include "... identification and analysis of existing and projected housing needs and a statement of goals, policies, quantified objectives and schedules programs for the preservation, improvement and development of housing needs for all five state-defined income categories through

the identification of an adequate amount of land zoned at densities necessary to accommodate the respective income categories. The RHNA goals established by the State of California do not represent a requirement that the city physically construct housing, it requires the City address housing needs in its planning process.

The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element does not require or include any specific changes to the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance or the environment. The goals and policies of the General Plan Housing Element are intended to ensure the continued availability of housing to meet the diverse needs of Taft's residents. If future implementation or development activities meet the definition of a project under CEQA, those activities will be evaluated based upon the specific details of each proposal at the time the proposal is considered. Projects involving new development or redevelopment will comply with the General Plan, City ordinances, and sound land use planning practices. In addition, any future housing development on any of the identified housing opportunity sites will also receive the appropriate level of environmental review prior to approval by the City.

To accommodate the City's Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA), the City has identified future housing sites. The Adequate Sites are located throughout the City, from the developed edges on the east and west sides of the City to the central Rails to Trails redevelopment area. Most of the sites, but all of the potential multi-family residential sites, are located within one-half mile of a Taft Area Transit stop or Kern Regional Transit stop. The Adequate Site Inventory list has 39 sites listed that are located within low-density, medium-density, and high-density residential and mixed use zone districts with up to 24 units per acre realistic capacity to accommodate the very low, low, moderate, and above moderate income housing needs.

EXHIBIT 1 TAFT ADEQUATE SITES INVENTORY MAP

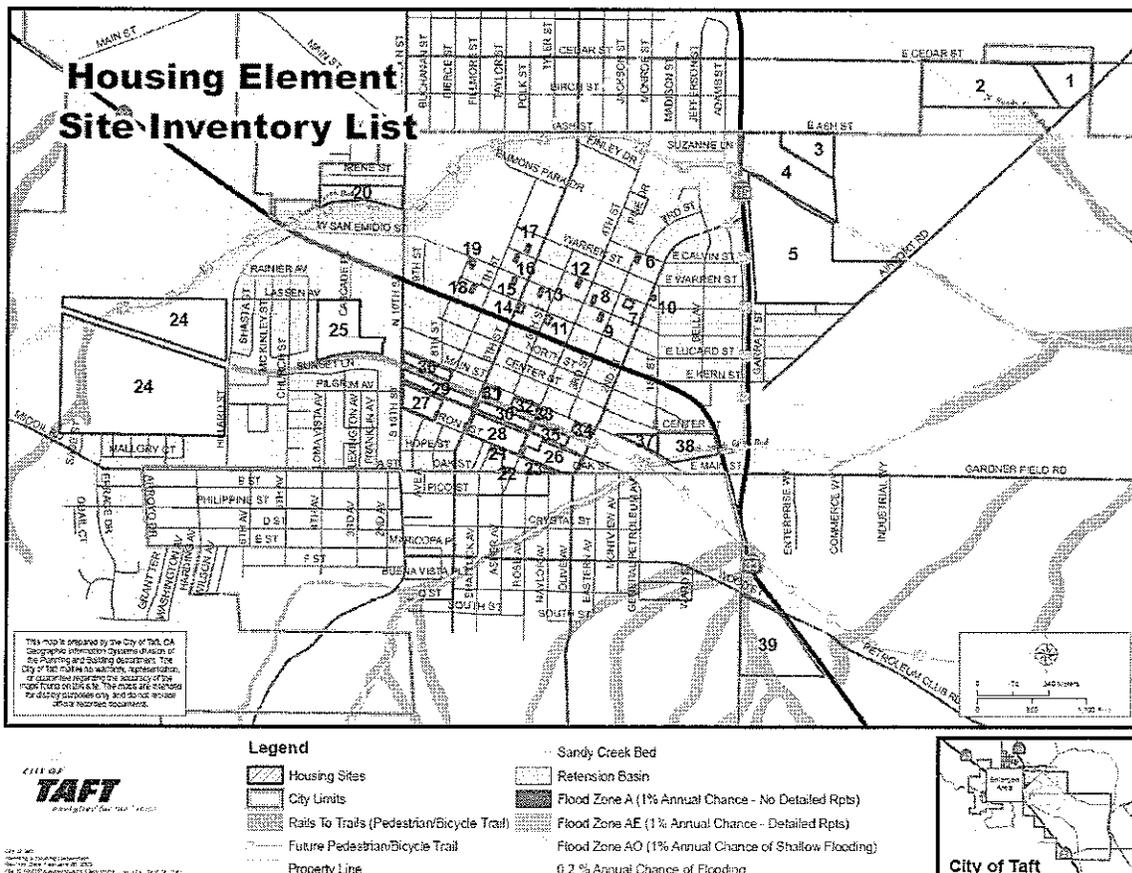


EXHIBIT 2 PROJECT LOCATION MAP

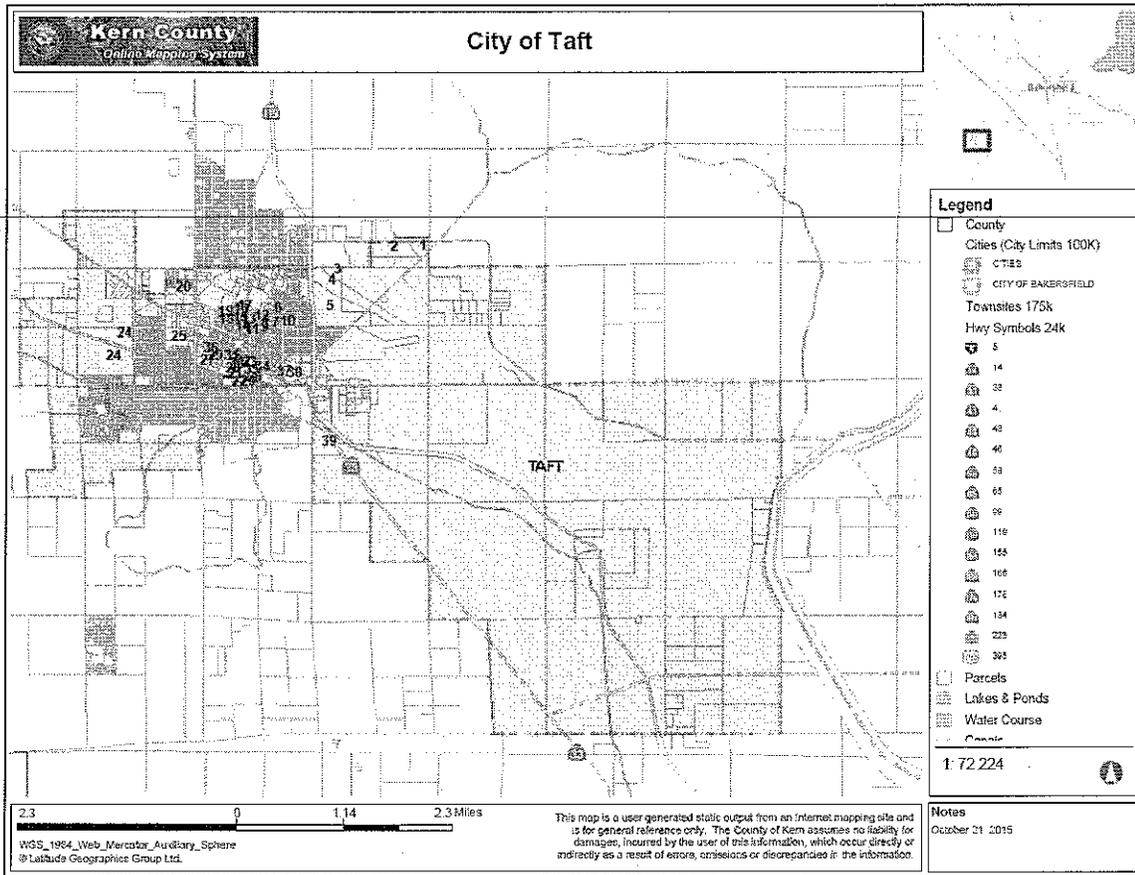


TABLE 1 SUMMARY OF ADEQUATE SITES INVENTORY

Residential Density	Acreage	Realistic Capacity
Low Density Residential	236.04	943
Medium Density Residential	20.4	224
High Density Residential	15.0	288
Mixed Use	42.52	815
TOTAL	313.96*	2,270*

*Totals exclude an existing Mobile Home Park site that has a fixed amount of growth with at 12 vacant sites remaining

Finding:

The Director of Planning and Development Services finds that the project described above will not have a significant effect on the environment. The attached Initial Study does not identify any potentially significant impacts on the environment.

Protest of the draft Negative Declaration:

Any person may file a written protest of the draft Negative Declaration prior to the scheduled Planning Commission public hearing on December 2, 2015, or the scheduled City Council public hearing on December 15, 2015. Such protest must be filed with the Planning and Development Services Department, Taft City Hall, 209 East Kern Street, Taft, California.

The written protest should make a "fair argument" that the project will have one or more significant effects on the environment based on substantial evidence.

November 25, 2015
DATE


Mark Staples

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES
TITLE

CITY OF TAFT
NAME OF LEAD AGENCY

Notice of Completion & Environmental Document Transmittal

Mail to: State Clearinghouse, P O. Box 3044, Sacramento, CA 95812-3044 (916) 445-0613
 For Hand Delivery/Street Address: 1400 Tenth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814

SCH #

Project Title: City of Taft Housing Element Update 2015-2023Lead Agency: City of TaftContact Person: Mark Staples, Planning DirectorMailing Address: 209 E. Kern StreetPhone: (661) 763-1222 x24City: TaftZip: 93268County: Kern**Project Location:** County: Kern City/Nearest Community: TaftCross Streets: Kern Street and Highway 119Zip Code: 93268Longitude/Latitude (degrees, minutes and seconds): 35 ° 08 ' 33 " N / 119 ° 27 ' 23 " W Total Acres: 15.1 sq. mi.Assessor's Parcel No : CitywideSection: Multiple Twp : 32S Range: 23E, 24E Base: _____Within 2 Miles: State Hwy #: 33, 119Waterways: N/AAirports: Taft-Kern CountyRailways: N/ASchools: Taft City, Taft Union**Document Type:**CEQA: NOP Draft EIRNEPA: NOIOther: Joint Document Early Cons Supplement/Subsequent EIR EA Final Document Neg Dec

(Prior SCH No.) _____

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Other: _____

 FONSI**Local Action Type:** General Plan Update Specific Plan Rezone Annexation General Plan Amendment Master Plan Prezone Redevelopment General Plan Element Planned Unit Development Use Permit Coastal Permit Community Plan Site Plan Land Division (Subdivision, etc) Other: _____**Development Type:** Residential: Units _____ Acres _____ Office: Sq ft _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Transportation: Type _____ Commercial: Sq ft _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Mining: Mineral _____ Industrial: Sq ft _____ Acres _____ Employees _____ Power: Type _____ MW _____ Educational: _____ Waste Treatment: Type _____ MGD _____ Recreational: _____ Hazardous Waste: Type _____ Water Facilities: Type _____ MGD _____ Other: N/A**Project Issues Discussed in Document:** Aesthetic/Visual Fiscal Recreation/Parks Vegetation Agricultural Land Flood Plain/Flooding Schools/Universities Water Quality Air Quality Forest Land/Fire Hazard Septic Systems Water Supply/Groundwater Archeological/Historical Geologic/Seismic Sewer Capacity Wetland/Riparian Biological Resources Minerals Soil Erosion/Compaction/Grading Growth Inducement Coastal Zone Noise Solid Waste Land Use Drainage/Absorption Population/Housing Balance Toxic/Hazardous Cumulative Effects Economic/Jobs Public Services/Facilities Traffic/Circulation Other: N/A**Present Land Use/Zoning/General Plan Designation:**

Low Density Res, Medium Density Res, High Density Res, Mixed Use Land Use; RS, R-1, R-2, R-3, & MU Zoning

Project Description: (please use a separate page if necessary)

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Note: The State Clearinghouse will assign identification numbers for all new projects. If a SCH number already exists for a project (e.g. Notice of Preparation or previous draft document) please fill in

Reviewing Agencies Checklist

Lead Agencies may recommend State Clearinghouse distribution by marking agencies below with and "X"
 If you have already sent your document to the agency please denote that with an "S".

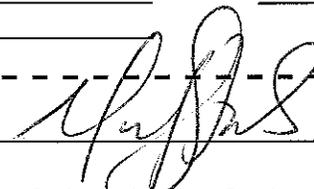
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Local Public Review Period (to be filled in by lead agency)

Starting Date October 27, 2015 Ending Date November 25, 2015

Lead Agency (Complete if applicable):

Consulting Firm: _____	Applicant: <u>City of Taft</u>
Address: _____	Address: <u>209 E. Kern Street</u>
City/State/Zip: _____	City/State/Zip: <u>Taft, CA 93268</u>
Contact: <u>Mark Staples, Planning Director</u>	Phone: <u>(661) 763-1222 x24</u>
Phone: _____	

Signature of Lead Agency Representative:  Date: 10/26/15

Authority cited: Section 21083, Public Resources Code. Reference: Section 21161, Public Resources Code

INITIAL STUDY
CITY OF TAFT 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT



Prepared by:

Mark Staples, Planning Director

City of Taft
209 East Kern Street
Taft, CA 93268

Public Review Period

October 27, 2015 through November 25, 2015

I. PROJECT OVERVIEW

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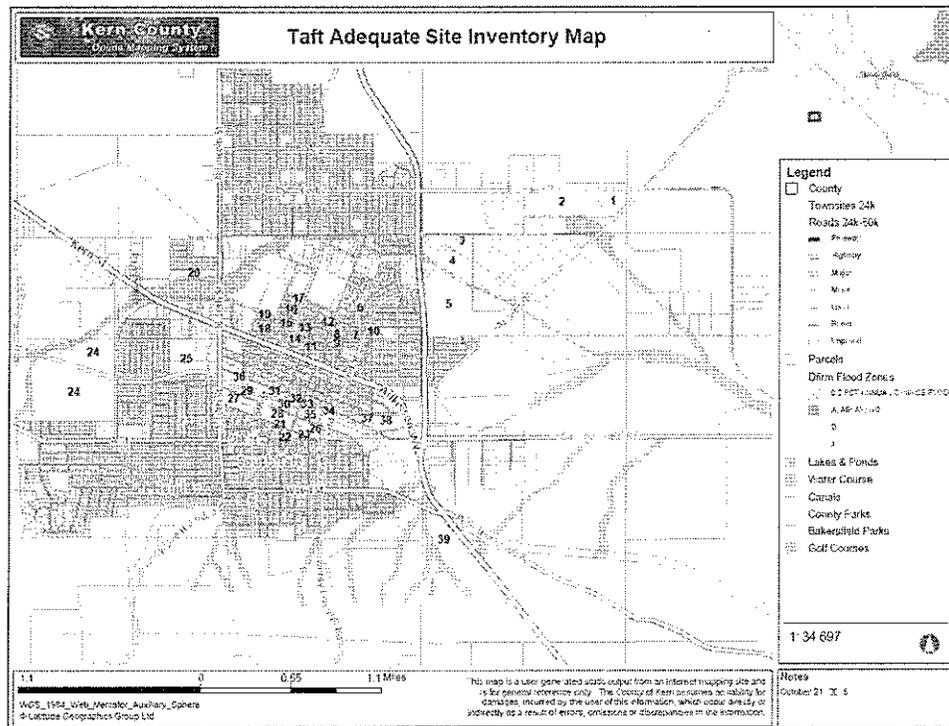


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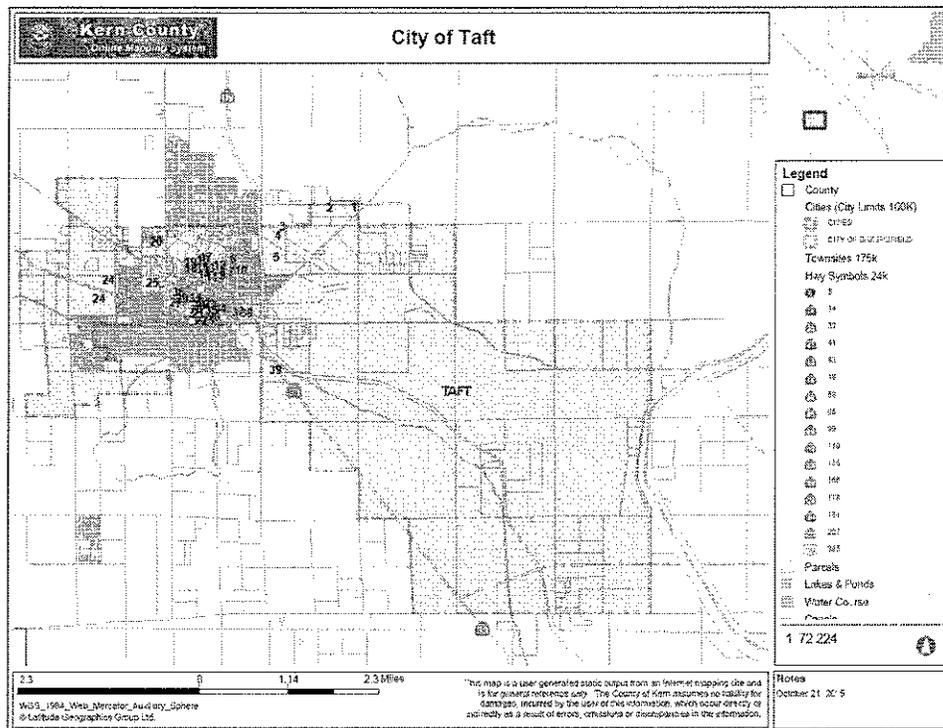


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8. **Approvals Required:** General Plan Amendment approval, Housing Element Adoption and CEQA document certification by the City Council.

9. **Other public agencies whose approvals are required (e.g., permits, financing approval, or Participation agreement):** None

II. ENVIRONMENTAL FACTORS POTENTIALLY AFFECTED:

The following evaluation has been prepared to determine if the proposed project may result in a “significant impact” on the environment. For the purposes of this study, a significant impact means a substantial or potentially substantial change in the physical environment. The following terms used in the evaluation are defined as follows:

“Potentially Significant Impact” means that there is either substantial evidence that an effect may be significant or, due to lack of existing information, may have potential to be a significant effect.

“Less than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated” means the incorporation of one or more mitigation measures can reduce the effect from potentially significant to a less than significant level.

“Less Than Significant Impact” means that there is sufficient evidence available to determine that the effect is less than significant and no mitigation is necessary to reduce the impact to a lesser level.

“No Impact” means that the effect does not apply to the proposed project, or clearly will not impact nor be impacted by the project.

The environmental factors checked below would be potentially affected by this project, involving at least one impact that is “Potentially Significant Impact” as indicated by the checklist on the following pages:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Air Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Geology /Soils |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greenhouse Gas Emissions | <input type="checkbox"/> Hazards & Hazardous Materials | <input type="checkbox"/> Hydrology / Water Quality |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Land Use / Planning | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources | <input type="checkbox"/> Noise |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Population / Housing | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Services | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation/Traffic | <input type="checkbox"/> Utilities / Service Systems | <input type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |

1. AESTHETICS

Issues Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have a substantial adverse effect on a scenic vista?				X
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X

SETTING

The City of Taft is a developed community in the rural area of southwest Kern County. The City consists of 15.1 square miles of area, with approximately 3 square miles of developed area along the foothills of the Temblor mountain range. The residents of Taft have views to the north and east of the Midway Sunset oil fields and Buena Vista Lake. The City has adopted a Zoning Ordinance, Downtown Specific Plan, and General Plan that include guidelines for streets and/or buildings that are intended to protect the City’s viewsheds and aesthetic resources.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element Update is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Project would not have the potential to degrade the aesthetic quality of the environment; adversely affect a scenic vista or State scenic Highway. The properties listed on the Adequate Sites Inventory of the Housing Element are generally confined to previously developed areas within the City’s Planning Area. Compliance with the General Plan, zoning ordinance, and good land use planning practices is expected to address any potential future site-specific impacts. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

(d): **No Impact.** As discussed above, the Housing Element is a policy-level amendment that does not include any site specific designs or proposals. While future development could potentially create new sources of light and glare, the adoption of the Housing Element will not result in changes to the environment. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None Required.

2. AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Convert Prime Farmland, Unique Farmland, or Farmland of Statewide Importance (Farmland), as shown on the maps prepared pursuant to the Farmland Mapping and Monitoring Program of the California Resources Agency, to non-agricultural use?				X
b. Substantially damage scenic resources, including but not limited to, trees, rock outcroppings, and historic buildings within a state scenic highway?				X
c. Substantially degrade the existing visual character or quality of the site and its surroundings?				X
d. Create a new source of substantial light or glare that would adversely affect day or nighttime views in the area?				X

SETTING

According to the State Department of Conservation, the City of Taft has not “prime farmland,” “unique farmland,” “farmland of statewide importance,” “farmland of local importance,” or designated forest land. No areas in Taft are designated or used for timber production. Approximately 2 square miles of the City are zoned Agricultural along the City’s eastern boundary, but there are no agricultural activities occurring in the area. The area is occupied by one single-family residence, a federal correctional institution, and a wastewater treatment plant. Agricultural activities and farmland areas are found east and southeast of the City in unincorporated Kern County.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

(a-e): No Impact. The Project is an update to the Housing Element. The Project is a policy-level document that does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, and does not grant any entitlements for development. As a result, no adverse impacts to agricultural or forestry resources are expected to occur.

Mitigation Measures: None

3. AIR QUALITY

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with obstruct implementation of the applicable air quality plan?				X
b. Violate any air quality standard or contribute substantially to an existing or projected air quality violation?				X
c. Result in a cumulatively considerable net increase of any criteria pollutant for which the project region is non-attainment under an applicable federal or state ambient air quality standard (including releasing emissions which exceed quantitative thresholds for ozone precursors)?				X
d. Create objectionable odors affecting a substantial number of people?				X

SETTING

Air quality issues in the City of Taft are under the jurisdiction of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (“Valley Air”) as the City is located in the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin. The Valley Air region is comprised of San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Merced, Madera, Fresno, Kings, Tulare, and approximately the western half of Kern County. The Valley Air basin currently exceeds the 24-hour and annual state PM₁₀ standards, as well as the state annual PM_{2.5} standard. Furthermore, the air basin is currently designated as a non-attainment area for state and national ozone standards.

Ozone, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} are identified as criteria pollutants that are known to be hazardous to human health and the environment at elevated concentrations. The Valley Air basin is designated as an extreme ozone nonattainment area for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) 2008 8-hour ozone standard. The Valley Air District is preparing a plan to address this standard and expected to deliver it to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) in 2016. The District adopted a 2007 PM₁₀ Maintenance Plan in September 2007 to assure the San Joaquin Valley’s continued attainment of EPA’s PM₁₀ standard. The EPA designated the Valley as an attainment/maintenance area for PM₁₀.

The District adopted the 2015 Plan for the 1997 PM_{2.5} Standard on April 16, 2015. This document demonstrates that the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District’s adopted 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan satisfies federal PM_{2.5} plan requirements under subpart 4 of Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act. Additionally, this supplemental document also demonstrates that Valley attainment of the 2006 PM_{2.5} standard by 2015 is not practicable. As such, the District requests the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approve the already submitted 2012 PM_{2.5} Plan and reclassify the San Joaquin Valley air basin as

a serious nonattainment area. Finally, this document demonstrates that the District's most recently adopted Rule 2201, New and Modified Stationary Source Review (adopted April 21, 2011) fully satisfies the requirements of subpart 4.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

- (a): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The 2015-2023 Housing Element will not conflict with the adopted air quality management plans. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (b-c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element Update is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Housing Element proposes that Taft will be able to accommodate future housing within the City limits of Taft in conformance with the General Plan. However, because adopting the Housing Element will not approve any new development, it is not possible to determine potential future emissions. All future residential development proposed will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA at which time air quality impacts can be evaluated and mitigated for as needed. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (d): **No Impact.** The Housing Element Update is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Housing Element proposes that Taft will be able to accommodate future housing within the City limits of Taft in conformance with the General Plan. However, because adopting the Housing Element will not approve any new development, it is not possible to determine potential future emissions. All future residential development proposed will be reviewed in accordance with CEQA at which time air quality impacts can be evaluated and mitigated for as needed. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (e): **No Impact.** The Housing Element Update is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Housing Element proposes that Taft will be able to accommodate future housing within the City limits of Taft in conformance with the General Plan. However, because adopting the Housing Element will not approve any new development, it does not have the potential to generate odors. All future residential development proposed would be subject to compliance with standards established by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District for odor control. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

4. BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have substantial adverse effects, either directly or through habitat modifications, on any species identified as candidate, sensitive, or special status species in local or regional plans, policies, or regulations, or by the California department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW) or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS)?				X
b. Have a substantial adverse effect on any riparian habitat or other community identified in local or regional plans, policies, and regulations or by the CDFW or USFWS?				X
c. Have a substantial adverse effect on federally protected wetlands as defined by Section 404 of the Clean Water Act (including, but not limited to, marsh, vernal pool, coastal, etc.) through direct removal, filling, hydrological interruption, or other means?				X
d. Interfere substantially with the movement of any native resident or migratory fish or wildlife species or with established native resident or migratory wildlife corridors, or impede the use of native wildlife nursery sites?				X
e. Conflict with any local policies or ordinances protecting biological resources, such as tree preservation policy or ordinance?				X
f. Conflict with the provisions of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or other approved local, regional, or state habitat conservation plan?				X

SETTING

Biological resources are protected by statute including the Federal Endangered Species Act (FESA), the California Endangered Species Act (CESA), and the Clean Water Act (CWA). The migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) affords protection to migratory bird species including birds of prey. These regulations provide the legal protection for plant and animal species of concern and their habitat.

Although some of the native vegetation in the City was eliminated decades ago for the existing development areas and for oil and gas activities, much of Taft provides habitat for wildlife species commonly associated with rural southwest area of Kern County. The vegetation along the dry creek Sandy Creek supports a variety of animal wildlife species, mammals, and reptiles than the developed area of the City and provides a corridor for wildlife movement. The trees and brush along the creek provides cover, feeding, and nesting sites for birds. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife consider the Taft area to have habitat for some endangered and threatened species, such as the blunt-nosed leopard lizard, San Joaquin kit fox, and San Joaquin antelope squirrel.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-f): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. No Land Use Designations or zoning changes are proposed. The impacts of the currently zoned densities and capacities have been previously analyzed in the General Plan EIR. Any potential impacts related to biological resources, including the removal of trees protected by policies of ordinances, beyond those already assessed as part of the General Plan will be analyzed in conjunction with specific project proposals. Any needed mitigation measures or conditions of approval will be identified during the development and environmental review processes. As a result, no impacts are expected to occur.

Mitigation Measures: None required

5. CULTURAL RESOURCES

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource as defined in 15064.5?				X
b. Cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of an archaeological resource pursuant to §15064.5?			XS	X
c. Directly or indirectly destroy a unique paleontological resource or site or unique geologic feature?				X
d. Disturb human remains, including those interred outside of formal cemeteries?				X

SETTING

The City of Taft has a rich history of oil and gas exploration and production that has tied with the current residents through community groups, an historic downtown, the West Kern Oil Museum, and Oil Workers Monument. The City does not have a local historic registry, nor is there a historic overlay or zoning district. The lone property listed on the National Registry of Historic Places is The Fort, located at 915 North 10th Street, which is a replica of Sutter's Fort in Sacramento. The Fort is currently used as commercial area for offices and other personal service uses.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

- (a): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. Although there are only one listed historic property in Taft, this document does not approve development on the site or introduce any new policies or programs that would interfere with established provisions to protect cultural resources. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (b-d): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. Although future construction activities with the City could potentially conflict with undiscovered paleontological resources, archeological resources, and human remains that could be encountered, the adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element would not approve any construction activities. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation measures: None required.

6. GEOLOGY AND SOILS

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant with Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Expose people or structures to potential substantial adverse effects, including the risk of loss, injury, or death involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Rupture of a known earthquake fault, as delineated on the most recent Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Map issued by the State Geologist for the area or based on other substantial evidence of a known fault? ii. Strong seismic ground Shaking? iii. Seismic-related ground failure, including liquefaction? iv. Landslides? 				X
b. Result in substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil?				X
c. Be located on a geologic unit or soil that is unstable, or that would become unstable as a result of the project, and potentially result in on- or off-site landslide, lateral spreading, subsidence, liquefaction or collapse?				X
d. Be located on expansive soil, as defined in Table 18-1-B of the Uniform Building Code (1994), creating substantial risks to life or property?				X
e. Have soils incapable of adequately supporting the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater disposal of wastewater?				X

SETTING

The City of Taft is located with the seismically active southern San Joaquin Valley area. As a result, future residents could be exposed to seismic related risks. The nearest major earthquake faults are the Buena Vista Fault and the San Andreas Fault. Neither of the fault lines run through the City of Taft. The Buena Vista Fault is about a mile north of the City, while the San Andreas is about 10 miles to the southwest along the San Andreas Fault Zone – Cholame-Carrizo Section.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-e): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. Although the region is seismically active, may contain highly erosive or expansive soils, or may have soils that will not support the use of septic tanks or alternative wastewater treatment and disposal systems, the adoption of the Housing Element would not approve any development that could be effected by these issues. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

7. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Generate greenhouse gas emissions, either directly or indirectly, that may have a significant impact on the environment?				X
b. Conflict with an applicable plan, policy or regulation adopted for the purpose of reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases?				X

SETTING

Gases that trap heat in the atmosphere are referred to as greenhouse gases (GHGs) because they capture heat radiated from the sun as it is reflected back into the atmosphere, much like an actual greenhouse does. California state law defines greenhouse gases as including, but not limited to, Carbon Dioxide, Hydrofluorocarbons, Methane, Perfluorocarbons, Nitrous Oxide, and Sulfur Hexafluoride. The accumulation of GHGs is the principal cause of global climate change. Although definitions of climate change vary between and across regulatory authorities and the scientific community, climate change is the alteration of the earth's climate through natural fluctuations and anthropogenic activities that have altered the composition of the global atmosphere.

Greenhouse gases are reviewed under CEQA in compliance with statutory provision of the Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006. The City of Taft's overall approach to calculating GHG is based on the technical advisory of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR), CEQA and Climate Change: Addressing Climate Change through California Environmental Quality Act Review and CEQA thresholds of significance. The Guidelines provide that a development project, other than a stationary source, would have a significant cumulative impact of GHGs unless the project can be shown to be in compliance with a qualified Climate Action Plan; has Project emissions of CO₂ equivalent GHGs (CO₂e) less than 1,100 metric tons per year; or has Project emissions of CO₂ equivalent GHGs less than 4.6 metric tons per year per service population (residents plus employees). The City of Taft utilizes these quantified thresholds to assess a project's potential to result in a cumulatively considerable impact due to the generation of GHGs.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION

(a-e): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. All future development projects would be required to undergo CEQA review including an evaluation of impacts associated with the generation of GHGs during construction and operation. Additional, all new residential projects proposed would be required to adhere to the adopted policies that minimize the generation of GHG. The Housing Element Update does not introduce any policies or programs that would interfere with efforts to reduce GHG emissions citywide. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required

8. HAZARDS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through routine transport, use, or disposal of hazardous materials?				X
b. Create a significant hazard to the public or the environment through reasonably foreseeable upset and accident conditions involving the release of hazardous materials into the environment?				X
c. Emit hazardous emissions or handle hazardous or acutely hazardous materials, substances, or hazardous materials, substances, or waste within one-quarter mile of an existing or proposed school?				X
d. Be located on a site which included on a list of hazardous materials sites compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5 and, as a result, would it create a significant hazard to the public or the environment?				X
e. For a project within an airport land use plan or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of a public airport or public use airport, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
f. For a project, within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project result in a safety hazard for people residing or working in the project area?				X
g. Impair implementation of or physically interfere with an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan?				X
h. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving wildland fires, including where wildlands are adjacent to urbanized areas or where residences are intermixed with wildlands?				X

SETTING

Hazards and hazardous materials comprise a diverse group of potential impacts to the environment ranging from hazardous material release to hazards associated with airports and wildfires. A material is

considered hazardous if it appears on a list of hazardous materials prepared by a federal, state or local agency, or if it has characteristics defined as hazardous by such an agency. According to the California Health and Safety Code Section 25501(o), "hazardous material" means any material that, because of its quantity, concentration, or physical or chemical characteristics, poses a significant present or potential hazard to human health and or to the environment if released into the workplace or the environment. Hazardous materials include, but are not limited to, hazardous substance, hazardous waste, and any material that a handler or administering agency has a reasonable basis for believing would be injurious to the health and safety of persons or harmful to the environment if released into the workplace or environment. Searches of the Department of Toxic Substance Control's EnviroStor database identified four cases between two sites at the Taft Kern County Airport and at 7004 Gas Company Road; and the State Water Resources Control board GeoTracker database identified over a dozen sites in Taft that have had a case opened against and since close, with one active site at 509 6th Street at the Outpost Food Store, that are associated with a hazardous material related release or occurrence.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

- (a-d): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element will not expose the public to hazardous materials since no development is being approved. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (e-f): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Taft Kern County Airport is located within two miles of existing residential areas and vacant properties zoned for residential development. None of the sites on the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Adequate Sites List are within a safety hazard zone.
- (g): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. None of the proposed policies or programs set forth in the 2015-2023 Housing Element would seriously impair the implementation of, or physically interfere with, an adopted emergency response plan or emergency evacuation plan. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.
- (h): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection Fire Severity Map adopted October 8, 2008, indicates that the City does not contain any land designated as a "Very High Fire Hazard Severity Zone." Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

9. HYDROLOGY AND WATER QUALITY

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Violate any water quality standards or waste discharge requirements?				X
b. Substantially deplete groundwater supplies or interfere substantially with groundwater recharge such that there would be a net deficit in aquifer volume or a lowering of the local groundwater table?				X
c. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantial erosion or siltation on- or off-site?				X
d. Substantially alter the existing drainage pattern of the site or area, including through the alteration of the course of a stream or river, in a manner, which would result in substantially increase the rate or amount of surface runoff in a manner, which would result in flooding on- or off-site?				X
e. Create or contribute runoff water, which would exceed the capacity of existing or planned storm water drainage systems or provide substantial additional sources of polluted runoff?				X
f. Otherwise substantially degrade water quality?				X
g. Place housing within a 100-year flood hazard area as mapped on a federal Flood Hazard Boundary or Flood Insurance Rate Map or other Flood hazard delineation map?				X
h. Place within a 100-year flood hazard area structures which would impede or redirect flood flows?				X
i. Expose people or structures to a significant risk of loss, injury or death involving flooding, including flooding as a result of the failure of a levee or dam?				X
j. Contribute to inundation by seiche, tsunami, or mudflow?				X

SETTING

Water quality is regulated through the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB), a State-level regional agency. The RWQCB regulates both point source (usually industrial facilities and wastewater

treatment plans) and stormwater runoff through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The City operates and maintains a storm water drainage system and coordinates with Kern County and Caltrans to provide regional storm drainage for the Taft area. The drainage system consists of mostly controlled surface flows within the street right-of-ways with some catch basins and private lot storm drains in certain areas of potential high flooding. The storm waters are directed to inlet into Sandy Creek along the north edge of the City, which also serves as storm water protection for the unincorporated community of Ford City to the north. The storm water discharge from Sandy Creek to the southeast of the City and spread onto vacant rural properties. Areas adjacent to Sandy Creek are within “100-year flood” zones as defined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Project level drainage improvements are required to enable development in these areas. The City is not subject to seiches or tsunamis.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSIONS:

(a-j): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. No policies or programs within the 2015-2023 Housing Element will alter or conflict with water quality regulations and discharge standards, create or expose people or property to flooding, or effect groundwater recharge. Any future development will be required to comply with the rules and requirements in effect when a development project is considered. As a result, no impact to the environment is anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

10. LAND USE AND PLANNING

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Physically divide an established community?				X
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X
c. Conflict with any applicable habitat conservation plan or natural community conservation plan?				X

SETTING

State law requires that cities and counties adopt a General Plan to guide future development and provide a foundation for long-term decision making. The Taft General Plan consists of the Land Use, Circulation, Open Space and Conservation, Housing, Energy Resources, Noise, Safety, Public Facilities and Services and Economic Development Element. Taft has only developed approximately 3 square miles of the 15.1 square mile area. However, over 56% of the land area of Taft is designated Natural Resources, which is land owned or leased by oil and gas exploration companies. The Adequate Site Inventory in the 2015-2023 Housing Element demonstrates that sufficient land is available within a range of densities for a variety of housing types can be building to satisfy the very-low, low, moderate, and above moderate income housing needs.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The 2015-2023 Housing Element continues to be consistent with the other elements of the General Plan. As a general plan-level document, all other community land use plans are required to be consistent with the Housing Element. Furthermore, the updated Housing Element does not propose or approve any actions that could divide the community. Taft is not within the boundaries of an adopted Habitat Conservation Plan, Natural Community Conservation Plan, or any other conservation plan. This condition precludes the possibility of the proposed project conflicting with an adopted conservation plan. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required

11. MINERAL RESOURCES

Issue	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Result in the loss of availability of a known mineral resource that would be of value to the region and the residents of the state?				X
b. Conflict with any applicable land use plan, policy, or regulation of an agency with jurisdiction over the project adopted for the purpose of avoiding or mitigating an environmental effect?				X

SETTING

The City of Taft sits on top of the Midway-Sunset oilfield, the largest in California and the third largest in the United States. Oil companies like Chevron, Aera, and California Resources Corporation currently own or lease the majority of the land along the Midway-Sunset. Properties they do not own most likely provide mineral rights to the companies. Prior to any development in Taft, communication and consultation with the mineral right owner is needed prior to construction activities.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-b): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. Prior to any development on properties that have separate surface and mineral rights owners, communication and consultation with the mineral right owner is needed prior to construction activities. However, as the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update project does not approve any development that would affect local mineral resources. As a result, no impact is anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

12. NOISE

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Expose persons to or generate noise levels in excess of standards established in the local general plan or noise ordinance, or applicable standards of other agencies?				X
b. Expose persons to or generate excessive ground borne vibration or ground borne noise levels?				X
c. Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
d. Result in a substantial permanent increase in ambient noise levels in the project vicinity above levels existing without the project?				X
e. For a project located within an airport land use plan, or, where such a plan has not been adopted, within two miles of public airport or public use airport, would the project expose people residing or working in the area to excessive noise levels?				X
f. For a project within the vicinity of a private airstrip, would the project expose people residing or working in the project area to excessive noise levels?				X

SETTING

Noise is commonly defined as a sound or series of sounds that are irritating, intrusive and disruptive to daily activities. Sound becomes unwanted when it interferes with normal activities, when it causes actual physical harm, or when it has adverse effects on health. Noise sources occur in two forms: point sources, such as stationary mechanical equipment, individual motor vehicles; or line sources, such as roadways with large numbers of point sources (motor vehicles). Transportation corridors traversing the City are its primary noise sources, especially Highways 119 and 33 (Kern Street). Traffic noise depends primarily on the speed of traffic and the percentage of truck traffic. Taft no longer has a rail line traversing through the City.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-d): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element will not result in any increases in noise levels or in excessive vibration. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

(e): **No Impact.** The Taft Kern County Airport is located within two miles of existing residential areas and vacant properties zoned for residential development. None of the sites on the 2015-2023 Housing Element Update Adequate Sites List are within a safety hazard zone.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

13. POPULATION AND HOUSING

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Induce substantial population growth in an area, either directly (for example, by proposing new Homes and businesses) or indirectly (for example, through extension of roads or other infrastructure)?				X
b. Displace substantial numbers of existing housing, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X
c. Displace substantial numbers of people, necessitating the construction of replacement housing elsewhere?				X

SETTING

The City General Plan envisions the future growth of population and housing. Much of this growth is expected from a large single-family residential subdivision on the west side of the City and in the Rails to Trails redevelopment area in the central part of the City next to downtown. The 2010 US Census indicated that Taft had a household population of 6,372. Regional growth projections estimate the population will increase to approximately 7,700 by 2023, and increase of 1.9% a year.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element will not result in any changes in the number of housing units or changes in City population. The Housing Element will not displace substantial numbers of housing units or population and will not result in a substantial increase in population. (Any future changes in population or housing are identified in the General Plan or Housing Element and are influenced by the demands of the regional housing market.) As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required

14. PUBLIC SERVICES

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
<p>a. Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered governmental facilities, need for new or physically altered governmental facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times or other performance objectives for any of the public services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fire protection? ii. Police protection? iii. Schools? v. Parks? vi. Other public facilities? 				<p>X X X X X</p>

SETTING

The City of Taft provides most public services to the community, specifically, police, parks, and general local governmental services. The Kern County Fire Department provides fire and life safety services within the City of Taft. The Fire Department has one station within the City. The Taft City School District, Taft Union High School District, and Taft Community College District provide school services for the City. The West Side Recreation and Park District (WSRPD) provides additional park and recreation services, particularly, gym facilities and organized athletic and sport leagues.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-e): No Impact. The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The adoption of the 2015-2023 Housing Element will not result in any increases in demand for public services. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

15. RECREATION

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?				X
b. Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities, which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?				X

SETTING

Taft currently contains over 90 acres of fully accessible usable open space, parks and recreational facilities which includes City parks, the 1.5 mile Rails to Trails, and WSRPD parks and facilities, and school district facilities.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

(a-b): **No Impact:** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The 2015-2023 Housing Element identifies a potential population increase of 1,328 people, assuming the introduction of 469 new residential units with an average household size of 2.83. While the increase in population may put increased pressure on the City’s recreational facilities, this gradual increase in population has been previously identified and evaluated in the General Plan and accompanying EIR. As a result, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

16. TRANSPORTATION / TRAFFIC

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Conflict with an applicable plan, ordinance, or policy establishing measures of effectiveness for the performance of the circulation system, taking into account all the modes of transportation including mass transit and non-motorized travel and relevant components of the circulation system, including but not limited to intersections, streets, highways and bicycle paths, and mass transit?				X
b. Conflict with an applicable congestion management program, including but not limited to level of service standards and travel demand measures, or other standards established by the county congestion management agency for designated roads or highways?				X
c. Result in change in air traffic patterns, including either an increase in traffic levels or a change in location that results in substantial safety risks?				X
d. Substantially increase hazards due to a design feature (e.g., sharp curves or dangerous intersections) or incompatible uses (e.g., farm equipment)?				X
e. Result in inadequate emergency access?				X
f. Conflict with adopted policies, plans or programs regarding public transit, bicycle, or pedestrian facilities, or otherwise decrease the performance or safety of such facilities?				X

SETTING

Roadways are well established throughout the City of Taft and provide for the majority of the existing transportation facilities. The existing roadway network consists of Arterial Highways, Arterials, Collectors, and Local Roadways. Existing bicycle and pedestrian transit facilities are also present in the City. The following are some of the major roadways in the City limits:

- Arterial Highway: Highway 119, Highway 33/Kern Street/Adkisson Way
- Arterial: 10th Street (Lincoln Street in Kern County)

Transit service is provided by the Taft Area Transit and the kern Regional Transit.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

- (a-b,d-f): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The General Plan identifies the planned future land uses and associated road network (Circulation Element). The 2015-2023 Housing Element does not alter the approved Land Use Plan, the approved Circulation Map, or approve any changes to the environment. All future development projects would be subject to all of the Elements of the General Plan and would be subject to CEQA review on a project-specific basis. Therefore, no impacts are expected to occur.
- (c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The project would not generate any air traffic nor would it include structures which would obstruct flight patterns. There are not changes to established policies and programs that would alter or otherwise affect air traffic. As such, no impacts are expected to occur.

Mitigation Measures: None required

17. UTILITIES AND SERVICE SYSTEMS

Issue Would the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Exceed waste water treatment requirements of the applicable Regional Water Quality Control Board?				X
b. Require or result in the construction of new water or wastewater treatment facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
c. Require or result in the construction of new storm water drainage facilities or expansion of existing facilities, the construction of which could cause significant environmental effects?				X
d. Have sufficient water supplies available to serve the project from existing entitlements and resources, or are new or expanded entitlements needed?				X
e. Result in a determination by the wastewater treatment provider which serves or may serve the project that is adequate capacity to serve the project's projected demand in addition to the provider's existing commitments?				X
f. Be served by a landfill with sufficient permitted capacity to accommodate the project's solid waste disposal needs?				X
g. Comply with federal, state, and local statues and regulation related to solid waste?				X

SETTING

The City of Taft is well served by existing utilities and service systems. Public water supplies are provided by the West Kern Water District (WKWD), which covers most of the western edge of Kern County. The WKWD indicates that sufficient water supplies are expected to be available through normal and/or multiple dry years until 2023. Public sewer is provided by the City of Taft, as well as, a wastewater treatment plant. Electrical utilities are provided by Pacific Gas & Electric, with natural gas provided by Southern California Gas Company. Solid waste collection is provided by Westside Waste Management, with Kern County Waste Management providing recycling and landfill services.

DISCUSSION/CONCLUSION:

- (a): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. As a result, the approval of the Housing Element will not result in any unanticipated needs for public utilities and service systems or any changes to the environment. In addition the 2015-2023 Housing Element is consistent with the anticipated level of development and population growth previously identified and evaluated in the General Plan and will effect or require changes to any of the existing utility service systems. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

Mitigation Measures: None required.

18. MANDATORY FINDINGS OF SIGNIFICANCE

Issue Does the project:	Potentially Significant Impact	Less Than Significant With Mitigation Incorporated	Less Than Significant Impact	No Impact
a. Have the potential to degrade the quality of the environment, substantially reduce the habitat of a fish or wildlife species, cause a fish or wildlife population to drop below self-sustaining levels, threaten to eliminate a plant or animal community, reduce the number or restrict the range of a rare or endangered plant or animal or eliminate important examples of the major periods of California history or prehistory?				X
b. Does the project have impacts that are individually limited, but cumulatively considerable? (“Cumulatively considerable” means that the incremental effects of a project are considerable when viewed in connection with the effects of past projects, and the effects of probable future projects)?				X
c. Does the project have environmental effects, which will cause substantial adverse effects on human beings, either directly or indirectly?				X

Discussion/Conclusion:

(a-c): **No Impact.** The Housing Element is a policy-level amendment and does not include any site-specific designs or proposals, nor does it grant any entitlements for development. The Project does not propose or approve any development. Since the 2015-2023 Housing Element does not propose or approved any developments, it cannot cause and adverse effect on any human being, directly or indirectly. Therefore, no impacts are anticipated.

III. RECOMMENDATION AND DETERMINATION:

On the basis of this initial evaluation; (to be completed by the Lead Agency)

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect (a) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and (b) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) is required.
- I find that all though the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or (MITIGATED) NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are upon the proposed project, nothing further is required.

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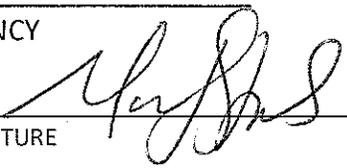
PROJECT PLANNER

Planning Director

TITLE

City of Taft

AGENCY

SIGNATURE 

10/26/15

DATE

IV. REFERENCE MATERIALS

1. CEQA Guidelines, 2014 Version
2. City of Taft General Plan
3. City of Taft Zoning Ordinance
4. San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (“Valley Air”) Ozone Plans (http://www.valleyair.org/Air_Quality_Plans/Ozone_Plans.htm)
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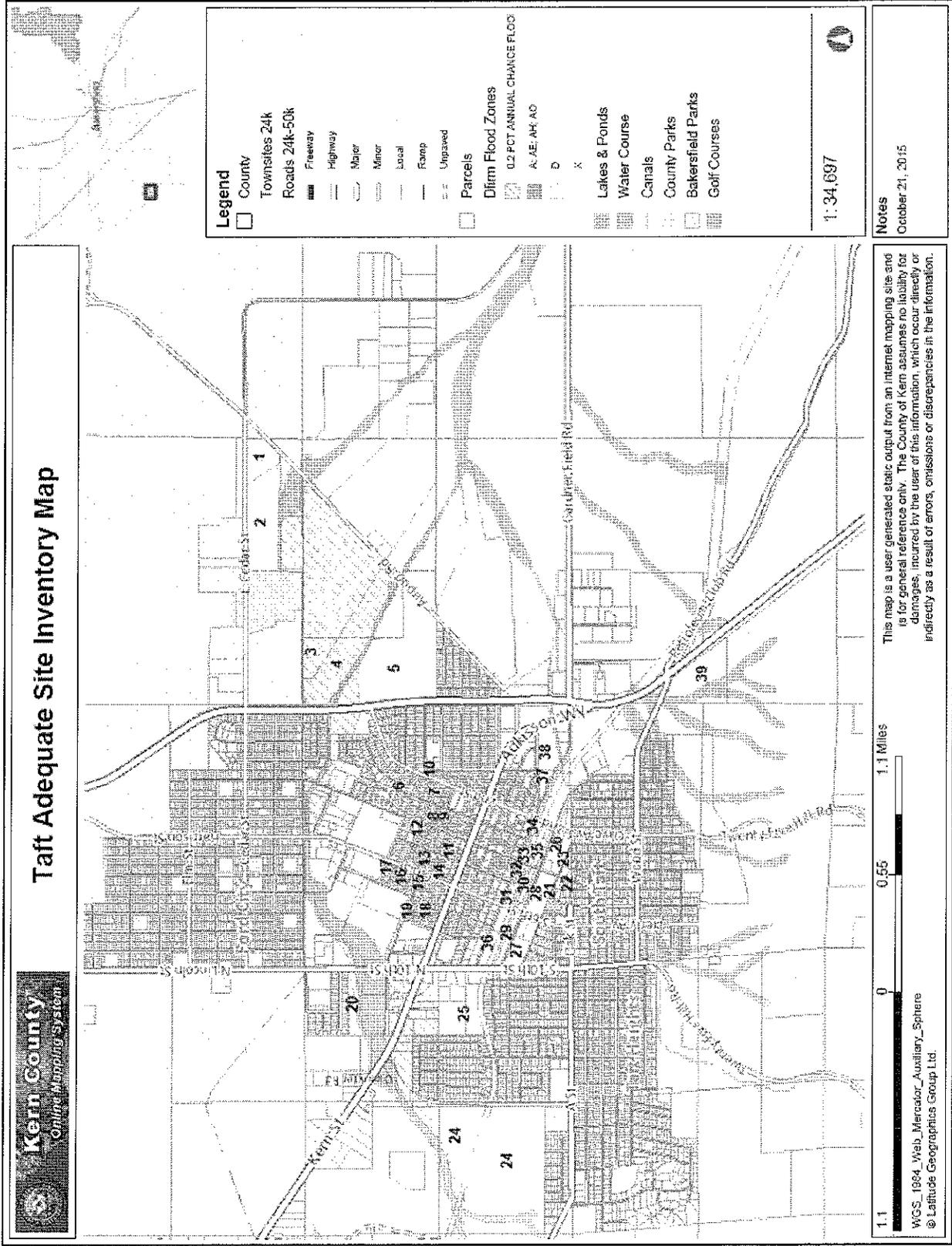


Table No. 20: City of Taft Existing Land Use 2008 Adequate Sites Inventory 2015 (Source: City of Taft)

Table A		Available Land Inventory Summary										ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS	118 unit potential if zoning density amended to match GP
SITE NO.	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS	118 unit potential if zoning density amended to match GP			
1	220-300-15	R-2	14 du	MDR (15 du/ac)	9.86	110	Vacant		Flood zone	118 unit potential if zoning density amended to match GP			
2	220-300-17	R-1	5 du	LDR (7 du/ac)	29.98	119	Vacant		Flood zone, mineral transmission lines	Approved 122 lot subdivision, not finalized			
3	032-220-56	R-1	5 du	PF	8.45	33	Vacant		Flood zone, possible hazard site	47 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac			
4	032-220-29	R-1	5 du	NR (0.2 du/ac)	21.82	87	Vacant		Flood zone, dry creek bed, possible hazard site	122 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac			
5	032-220-61	R-1	5 du	NR (0.2 du/ac)	57.12	228	Vacant		Flood zone, possible hazard site	319 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac			
1	031-430-03 thru-09, 031-430-12 thru-29 & 031-430-35	R-3	8-16 DU	Mixed-Use	3.10	50	Vacant lots & dilapidated homes	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	Zone Change to R-4 can provide up to an additional 22 units				
2	031-440-27 thru 031-440-34	R-3 & C-2	8-16 DU	Mixed-Use	0.59	10	Dilapidated homes	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None				
56	031-420-01	R-1	0-7.5 DU	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.14	2.1	Vacant Lot	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None	Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP			

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47	031-310-05 031-310-06 031-310-07 031-110-08	0-7.5 DU	R-1	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.22 0.36	2	Vacant In-fill Lots	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None One substandard lot	Parcel merge -06 and -07, Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP	
38	031-320-23 031-320-26 031-320-27	0-7.5 DU	R-1	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.22 0.14	3	Vacant In-fill Lots	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None 2 substandard lots	Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP	
9	031-290-10	5 DU	R-1	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant In-fill Lot		None	Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP	
10	031-402-04	5 DU	R-1	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.07	1	Vacant In-fill Lot		Substandard Lot	Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP; Merge substandard lot w/adjacent lot	
611	031-150-01	8-16 24 DU	R-3	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.24 0.22	6 5	Vacant In-fill Lot	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
12	031-330-09	14 DU	R-2	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant In-fill Lot		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
13	031-270-06 031-160-01 031-160-02 031-160-03 031-160-04	14 DU	R-2	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant In-fill Lot		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
14		14 DU	R-2	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.22	3	Vacant In-fill Lots		Four (4) substandard lots	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Merge lots to create more viable lot	
15	031-260-07	14 DU	R-2	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant In-fill Lots		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	

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Table A		Available Land Inventory Summary									
SITE NO.	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS		
16	031-350-05	R-2	14 DU	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
17	031-360-13	R-2	14 DU	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
18	031-240-05	R-2	14 DU	Mixed use (29 du/ac)	0.14	1	Vacant		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
19	031-250-02 031-250-03 031-250-05	R-2	8-14 DU	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.20 0.16	4 2	Vacant lots & dilapidated homes	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None Two irregular & substandard lots	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; OR merge with adjacent lots for more open space	
20	032-152-14	R-2	8-14 DU	Medium Density Residential (15 du/ac)	8.06	2490	Vacant lot	Upgrades conditioned as part of map approval	Zone AE & 0.2% flood plain encroachment & possible animal/plant mitigation	Amend zoning density to 15 du/ac to match GP	
21	032-141-01	R-2	14 DU	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.31	2	Vacant		None	Amend General Plan and zoning density to 15 du/ac to match	
22	032-141-08	R-2	14 DU	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	0.20	1	Vacant		None	Amend General Plan and zoning density to 15 du/ac to match	
23	032-143-01	R-2	14 DU	High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	0.75	10	Vacant		None	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP	
24	032-152-34 032-152-64 032-152-65	R-1	0-7.5 DU	Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)	95.08 32.67 & 85.14	500 130 & 340	Undeveloped	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	Zone A flood plain encroachment & possible animal/plant	Approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map Nos. 7227 & 7230 for up to 394 SFR lots (under construction); 30 acres set aside for CEQA mitigation	

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Available Land Inventory Summary										
Table A	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS	
14	032-610-01	M-1-P		High Density Residential (29 du/ac)	15.24	20-12	Vacant lots available within Park	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None Existing Mobile Home Park	Amend General Plan and zoning as appropriate for existing Mobile Home Park
25	032-610-02	R-1	15+5 DU		15	20-12	Unoccupied Elec-Repair Shop & Warehouse in-disrepair; Vacant lots	Upgrades conditioned as part of map approval	Possible Hazardous Material-Clean up	
9	032-141-08 032-141-11 032-142-01 032-142-02 032-143-01	R-2	0-7 DU	Low-Density Residential	3-15	56	Unoccupied Nursing Facility	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None	
12	032-124-05	R-2	8-14 DU	Medium Density Residential	0-66	14	Vacant lots and abandoned right-of-way-by railroad company	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	Hazardous Material-Clean up-Zone A flood encroachment & Re-zoning	
13	032-110-16 032-110-18 032-110-20 032-110-21 032-110-23 032-110-30 032-110-33 032-110-34 032-110-40	M-1 & C-1	15+ DU	Mixed-Use	40-36	300	Vacant commercial building & Vacant lot			Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
26	032-110-41 032-110-42	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	5.80	111	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
27	032-110-30	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	4.75	91			Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP

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Table A		Available Land Inventory Summary										
SITE NO.	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS			
28	032-110-58	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	6.71	129	Commercial building & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP		
29	032-110-66 032-110-67	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	4.04	78	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP		
30	032-110-70 032-110-71	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	2.98	57	Civic use, vacant industrial building		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approximately half of area is developer or planned for civic uses		
31	032-110-72 032-110-73	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.80	15	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Vacant lot currently used for public events		
32	032-110-74 032-110-75	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.37	26	Tow yard & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP		
33	032-110-76 032-110-77	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.29	6	Vacant lots		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Ideal for Mixed Use development with units on 2 nd & 3 rd Floors		
34	032-110-78 032-110-79	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.02	20	Vacant lots		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP		
35	032-110-80 032-110-81	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.94	37	Vacant industrial building & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approved in 2011 for 40-unit affordable MFR development, never constructed.		
36	032-110-86	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	2.63	50	Occupied industrial building & Vacant lot			Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approximately 1.87 acres available for development		

Table No. 20: City of Taft Existing Land Use-2008 Adequate Sites Inventory 2015 (Source: City of Taft)

Table A		Available Land Inventory Summary							
SITE NO.	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS
37	032-110-02	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	2.10	40	Vacant lot		Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Lot Line Adjustment needed
38	032-050-07	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	8.09	155	Vacant lot		Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; within Airport Land Use Compatibility Zone B and C
39	220-040-44	R-3	24 DU	Commercial	14.78	283	Vacant lot		Amend zoning and GP to 29 du/ac to be consistent
TOTAL					<u>329.1</u>	<u>992</u>			
TOTAL High Density Residential Units (R-3 and MU)						<u>2,283</u>			48.27% of Realistic Capacity 434% of RHNA 1,414% of combined Low and Very-Low Income RHNA

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6.9.3 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The following provides the detailed descriptions of the various programs that will be implemented during the next five-year plan.

Exhibit VIII
CITY OF TAFT HOUSING PROGRAMS SUMMARY

HOUSING NEED SERVED	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVE	FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
Preserves Affordable Housing Stock	1. Housing Rehabilitation 2. Housing Rehabilitation - Public Information 3. First-time Home Buyer	Continue program established 12/93. Goal 10 units/year. Expand Community Development Project Area by 09/2016. Distribute program info. to property owners in hard copy form at City Hall and post on City website and social media sites regarding programs and funding availability. Continue the first-time home buyer program	CDBG and HOME Program Income & new CDBG Grant same as above CDBG and HOME	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department & Community Development Agency Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department
Adequate Incentives	4. Zoning Ordinance Review	Complete Ordinance review by 12/09 and amendment by 6/2017	General Fund	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department
Adequate Housing Sites	5. Multi-family Housing Project 6. Land Use Element Update	Complete Needs Assessment 12/31/09 Completed land commitment 12/30/09 HOME & LIHTC Applications by 12/09 Complete construction 50 Units by 06/13. Develop an expedited re-approval process for an affordable housing project on Adequate Site #35 Complete Land Use Element Update by 12/09, if necessary, by 6/2017	CDBG & HOME PI Community Development Agency Private funds, LIHTC General Fund	Planning & Building Department Planning & Building Department
Safe & Sanitary Housing	7. Zoning for multiple family housing sites 8. Livable Sustainable Community 9. Code Enforcement	Amend Zoning Code by 12/09 Adopt a Climate Action Plan by 12/2016 Continue program. Inspect dilapidated units and establish removal/rehab objective by 05/09. Encourage more rehabilitation. Limit demolitions to a max of 2 per year. Establish relationship with existing services providers by 12/09.	General Fund General Fund & Private Lenders General Funding- Kern-COG	Planning & Building Department Planning & Building Department Planning & Building Department Planning & Building Department and Code Enforcement
Equal Housing Opportunity	10. Fair Housing Support 11. Information Dissemination	Continue and/or Continue to prepare information in English and Spanish for distribution to the public through libraries, senior centers, civic center offices, etc. by December 2009.	CDBG & Community Development Agency CDBG	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department Grants Coordinator Administrator and Planning & Building Department
Special Needs Groups	12. Senior Housing Project	Conduct a needs study by 12/31/08. Complete construction of and additional 50+ units of senior affordable housing by December 2023	Community Development Agency County Housing Authority & LIHTC	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department

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		Work w/existing service providers and establish City role/assistance by 12/09	General Fund & Community Development Agency	Administration & Planning & Building Department
Low & Moderate Income	<p>4312. Homeless Services/Emergency Shelter</p> <p>4413. ADA Compliance</p>	<p>Amend the Zoning Ordinance requiring ADA compliance for all new and rehabilitation projects by 12/09. Continue application of California Building Code accessibility standards.</p> <p>Support low/mod housing with assistance on public utilities costs. Develop infrastructure assistance plan when redevelopment agencies are reinstated.</p>	<p>Planning & Buildings Department-General Fund</p> <p>Community Development Agency, CDBG Funds.</p>	<p>Planning & Building Department</p> <p>Planning & Building Department</p>
New Construction	<p>46. Financing Assistance</p> <p>4715. Market-rate entry level homes</p> <p>4816. In-fill Housing</p> <p>4917. Self-help Housing</p> <p>18. Developmentally Disabled</p>	<p>Established project funding from CalHFA 12/09. SEE PROGRAMS 1 & 3 ABOVE</p> <p>Encourage developers/builders for 100-200 houses by 12/2009. Support and encourage developer of Adequate Site #24 to build out all 394 lots by December 2023.</p> <p>Review zoning code by 09/12</p> <p>Encourage Builders-Goal 10 units by 12/2012. Promote development of homes on in-fill lots listed on Adequate Sites list; and allow homes to be built on standard lots without a Variance.</p> <p>City/Habitat for Humanity complete 10 single-family residences for very-low-income, first-time-homebuyers by 2013. Work with Habitat for Humanity to build one self-help single-family affordable housing unit per year on in-fill sites.</p> <p>Explore models to encourage the creation of housing for persons with developmental disabilities and implement a program by 2017.</p>	<p>CalHFA & Private Lenders</p> <p>CalHFA & Private Lenders-General Fund</p> <p>General Fund.</p> <p>HOME Program Income, Private Sponsor Donations, Volunteer labor.</p> <p>General Fund</p>	<p>Planning & Building Department, Finance Department</p> <p>Planning & Building Department</p>

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
TAFT RECOMMENDING THE CITY COUNCIL APPROVE GENERAL
PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2015-01 APPROVING THE HOUSING
ELEMENT 2015-2023**

WHEREAS, all requirements for public review and input have been met, as described in the staff report, for the final draft Housing Element 2015-2023 and Negative Declaration; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element 2015-2023 complies with state law; and

WHEREAS, the Adequate Site Inventory identified sufficient areas to meet the Regional Housing Needs Allocation of 254 residential units for the City of Taft; and

WHEREAS, the Housing Element 2015-2023 is internally consistent with other elements of the General Plan, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission has fully considered this amendment and the potential environmental effects by adopting a Resolution recommending approval of the Negative Declaration (State Clearinghouse No. 2015101092) to the City Council, and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission duly advertised and held a special public hearing on December 2, 2015, to consider the Housing Element 2015-2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE PLANNING COMMISSION DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, RESOLVE, AND RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Planning Commission hereby makes the following General Plan Amendment findings:

1. The proposed amendment is consistent with the goals, objectives, policies, and programs of the General Plan, or the General Plan as revised by the proposed amendment, and will not result in any internal inconsistencies within the General Plan; and
2. The proposed amendment will not adversely affect the public health, safety, or general welfare; and
3. The proposed amendment is consistent with the purposes and intent of the Zoning Ordinance; and
4. The proposed amendment has been found to have no effect on the environment, and a Negative Declaration will be filed; and

SECTION 2. Section 65588 of the California Government Code requires local governments to review the Housing Element of the General Plan every five to eight years. In compliance with

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Section 65588 of the Government Code, the prior approved Housing Element 2008-2013 on July 21, 2009, is proposed to be amended as contained in the Housing Element 2015-2023.

SECTION 3. The Planning Commission hereby recommends the City Council approve General Plan Amendment No. 2015-01, the Housing Element 2015-2023, incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Resolution as though fully set forth herein.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 2nd day of December, 2015.

ATTEST

Brenda Johns, Deputy City Clerk

Ron Orrin, Chairman

CERTIFICATION

I, Brenda Johns, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Planning Commission of the City of Taft at a special scheduled meeting held on the 2nd day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTENTIONS:

Brenda Johns, Deputy City Clerk



6.0
HOUSING ELEMENT
2015-2023



City of Taft 2015-2023 Housing Element

1.06.1 INTRODUCTION

1.16.1.1- PURPOSE OF THE ELEMENT

The California State Planning Act requires that every city and county prepare and adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for its physical development.

The adoption of a Housing Element is the first step towards providing a strategy for suitable housing for the residents of the City. One of the objectives of the Housing Element is to increase public awareness regarding housing issues and to address specific needs, programs, and incentives that will most effectively meet the housing needs. For instance, allowing second units in the single family zone districts and apartments in the commercial zone districts will increase options for affordable housing. Mobile homes parks are one of the more affordable living accommodations available to moderate-income households. Nevertheless, objectives are kept balanced to ensure success and to recognize that organization and implementation will take time to create impetus.

In order to meet Taft's low and moderate income housing needs through the 2000's2015 to 2023 planning period; the City must work with practical and quantified objectives. Through adopted policies and programs, the City will strive to achieve the following objectives, with the actual goal being an appropriate and affordable housing mix.

1.26.1.2- LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

State Policy: The State Legislature finds and declares:

- a. The availability of housing is of vital statewide importance, and the early attainment of decent housing and a suitable living environment for every Californian, including farmworkers, family is a priority of the highest order.
- b. The early attainment of this goal requires the cooperative participation of government and the private sector in an effort to expand housing opportunities ~~to~~ and accommodate the housing needs of Californians of all economic levels.
- c. The provision of housing affordable to low and moderate income households requires the cooperation of all levels of government.
- d. Local and state governments have a responsibility to use the powers vested in them to facilitate the improvement and development of housing to make adequate provision for the housing needs of all economic segments of the community.

- e. The Legislature recognizes that in carrying out this responsibility, each local government also has the responsibility to consider economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and community goals set forth in the General Plan and to cooperate with other local governments and the state in addressing regional housing needs (Government Code, Section 65580).

State Intent: It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting Article 10.6, Housing Elements Law:

- a. To assure that counties and cities recognize their responsibilities in contributing to the attainment of the State-housing goal.
- b. To assure that counties and cities will prepare and implement housing elements which, along with federal and state programs, will move toward attainment of the state-housing goal.
- c. To recognize that each locality is best capable of determining what efforts are required by it to contribute to the attainment of the state housing goal, provided such a determination is compatible with the state housing goal and regional housing needs.
- d. To ensure that each local government cooperates with other local governments in order to address regional housing needs (Government Code, Section 65581).

State Housing Element Guidelines: The State requires that certain basic components be included in a Housing Element:

- a. An assessment of local housing needs and an inventory of local resources and constraints relevant to meeting these local needs.
- b. A statement of the community's goals, quantified objectives, and policies relative to the maintenance, preservation, improvement, and development of housing.
- c. A program that sets forth a five-year schedule of actions the local government is undertaking or intends to undertake to implement the policies and achieve the goals and objectives of the housing element.
- d. A review of the actual results of the previous element's goals, objectives, policies and programs.
- e. An analysis of the significant differences between what was projected or planned and what was achieved.

- f. Based on the above, a description of how the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the revised Housing Element incorporate what has been learned from the results of analysis of the previous Housing Elements.

1.36.1.3- METHODOLOGY

This Housing Element update began by reviewing the issues in the ~~2002-2008-2013~~ Housing Element approved by the City Council on ~~February 3, 2004~~ July 21, 2009, and certified by HCD on ~~December 30, 2004~~ August 13, 2009. Information presented is based on data from the ~~1990 and 2000~~ and 2010 U.S. Census. The goals and objectives of the previous elements were revised to fit the needs of an updated fiveeight-year plan based on information obtained from the following:

Kern Council of Governments, ~~Regional Housing Allocation Plan~~ 2014 Regional Transportation Plan – Appendix H, Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan

~~KERN DATA 2006, Population, Vol. 1~~ Kern Council of Governments, Kern Regional Housing Data Report – October 2014

City of Taft Housing Needs Study, Kern Cog, 2006

A Growth and Development Strategy for the City of Taft, Management/Development Associates May 1991.

City of Taft Market Study: Senior Assisted Living Facility. The Planning Institute, Inc., 2007

City of Taft Community Demographic Survey and Labor Force Analysis, June 2000

State of the Cities Data Systems: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data
2000 and 2010 U.S. Census, SF-1 and SF-3 datum

SELECTED HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS 2008-2012 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, U.S. Census

~~Kern County 2009 Homeless Census~~

1.46.1.4- ORGANIZATION OF THE HOUSING ELEMENT

The Housing Element is organized based on the sequence suggested by the State Housing and Community Development Department (HCD).



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2.06.2 REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION PLAN

2.1 HOUSING NEEDS 6.2.1 HOUSING NEEDS

Quantitative Needs: The Kern County Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan (RHNA) prepared by the Kern Council of Governments estimated the City’s housing needs for ~~2006-2013~~2013-2023 as follows:

Table No. 1:

Housing Need by Income Distribution – City of Taft					
By Income levels	Very Low Income	Low Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	Total
Sub Total	1652 (20.3%)	1026 (10.4%)	1130 (11.9%)	25146 (57.4%)	62254

Source: Kern Council of Governments

Qualitative Needs: The 2002 (interim update) and 2008-2013 ~~housing-Housing element-Element~~ identified several current and future housing needs. In addition, the 2008 ~~housing-element, through the~~ Ad Hoc Vision Steering Committee (see Section 4.0, Citizen Participation for further details), identified the need to increase housing supply for seniors, multi-family housing, and in-fill single-family housing in the next few years, including affordable and moderate income housing for those working in Taft but commuting from Bakersfield (35-40 miles one-way trip). Educational and correctional institution employees could be targeted under this program as well.

Current Needs:

- a. The number of dwellings that are substandard and in need of rehabilitation;
- b. The number of dwellings that are substandard and in need of replacement;
- c. The number of dwellings in which the occupants are overcrowded;
- d. The number of dwellings in which the occupants are paying a disproportionate share of their incomes for shelter.

Future Needs:

- a. The need for additions to the housing stock caused by population growth and new household formation;
- b. The need for additions to the housing stock to replace units normally removed by operations of the market and to provide for adequate vacancy rates.

Since continuity of policy and purpose is important to any governmental activity over a long period of time, the updating process did not change previous goals or policy direction. The purpose of this update is to refine, reform and recast the goals, policies, and objectives as housing issues have changed during the intervening years.

2.2 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR EXTREMELY LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

Extremely low-income is defined as households with income less than thirty percent (30%) of area median income. ~~At the time of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing,~~ The 2009-2013 Census American Community Survey estimated the median income in the County of Kern was ~~\$35,466~~ 48,552. For extremely low-income households, this results in an income of ~~\$10,639~~ 14,566 or less for a four-person household. Households with extremely low-income have a variety of housing situations and needs. For example, most families and individuals receiving only public assistance, such as Social Security benefits (SSDI or SSI) are considered extremely low-income households. Also, a minimum wage worker could be considered an extremely low-income household with an annual income of approximately \$17,000 or less.

Existing Needs:

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) periodically receives "custom tabulations" of data from the U.S. Census Bureau that are largely not available through standard Census products. These data, known as the "CHAS" data (Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy), demonstrate the extent of housing problems and housing needs, particularly for low income households. The CHAS data are used by local governments to plan how to spend HUD funds, and may also be used by HUD to distribute grant funds.

~~In 2000~~ According to the 2008-2012 CHAS estimates, approximately ~~571-300~~ extremely low-income households resided in the City, representing ~~twenty-five~~ twelve percent (~~25.1~~ 12%) of the total households. ~~Most ninety-one~~ Seventy-six point ~~two-seven~~ percent (~~91.2~~ 76.7%) of extremely low-income households are renters and experience a high incidence of housing problems. For example, ~~eighty-four~~ sixty-three point three percent (~~84.6~~ 63.3%) of extremely low-income households faced housing problems (defined as cost burden greater than thirty percent (30%) of income and/or overcrowding and/or without complete kitchen or plumbing facilities) ~~and eighty-four point three percent (84.3%) were,~~ with the same number of households in overpayment situations. Even further, ~~sixty-two~~ fifty-one point ~~three-seven~~ percent (~~62.3~~ 51.7%) of extremely low-income households paid more than fifty percent (50%) of their income toward housing costs, ~~compared to twelve point seven (12.7%) for all households.~~ Owner occupied extremely low-income households (70 units, 23.3% of all extremely low-income households) did not have any housing problems or overpayment cost burdens.

Table 1.1
City of Taft Housing Problems for All Households
Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy (CHAS) Data Book 2008-2012

	Total Renters	Total Owners	Total Households
Household Income <=30% MFI	290 <u>230</u>	28 <u>70</u>	318 <u>300</u>
% with any housing problems	82.8 <u>82.6 % (190)</u>	100 <u>0 %</u>	84.3 <u>63.3 %</u>
% Cost Burden >30%	82.8 <u>82.6 % (190)</u>	100 <u>0 %</u>	84.3 <u>63.3 %</u>
% Cost Burden >50%	58.6 <u>67.4 % (155)</u>	100 <u>0%</u>	62.3 <u>51.7%</u>

Source: [State of the Cities Data Systems: Comprehensive Housing Affordability Strategy \(CHAS\) Data CHAS Data Query Tool Search June 12, 2015; http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/data_querytool_chas.html](http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/cp/CHAS/data_querytool_chas.html)

Projected Needs:

To calculate the projected housing needs for extremely low-income, the City ~~used~~ received Kern Council of Government (Kern COG) Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) allotment of the total Kern County share of housing need. According to the RHNA the extremely-very low-income housing need, which includes extremely low-income units, for the City is ~~16~~ 52 units from ~~January 2006~~ January 1, 2013 through ~~June 30, 2013~~ December 31, 2023.

To address the housing needs of extremely low-income households, the City will identify and meet with nonprofit builders who specialize in building housing for extremely low-income households and supportive housing. This effort is designed to:

- Build a long-term partnership in development.
- Gain access to specialize funding sources, including applying for funding sources that support deeper targeting.
- Identify the range of local resources and assistance needed to facilitate the development of Housing for extremely low-income households.
- Promote a variety of housing types, including higher density, multi-family supportive, single room occupancy and shared housing.

As part of this effort, the City will develop an action plan with its nonprofit partners to develop housing for extremely low-income households. Activities include assisting with site identification and acquisition, local financial resources, assisting and streamlining entitlements and providing concessions and incentives.

3.06.3 REVIEW AND REVISION OF PREVIOUS ELEMENT

3.1 PROGRESS REPORT 6.3.1 PROGRESS REPORT

Section 65588(a) of the Government Code provides that each community shall review its housing element as frequently as appropriate, but at least once every five (5) years. Such review, according to the State Department of Housing and Community Development, focuses on:

- A. Effectiveness of the element {Section 65588[a](2)}:
A comparison of the actual results of the earlier element with its goals, objectives, policies and programs. The results should be quantified where possible, but may be qualitative where necessary.
- B. Progress in implementation {Section 65588[a](3)}:
An analysis of the significant differences between what was projected or planned in the earlier element and what was achieved.
- C. Appropriateness of goals, objectives and policies {Section 65588[a](1)}:
A description of how the goals, objectives, policies and programs of the updated element incorporate what has been learned from the results of the prior element.

An Assessment of items 3.1 A, B, and C is discussed below.

3.26.3.2 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ELEMENT/RESULTS

The City's current Housing Element was adopted in ~~February 2004~~ July 2009, and was certified by HCD on ~~December 30, 2004~~ August 13, 2009. During ~~2002-2007~~ 2008 to 2014, housing stock has increased with ~~72-18~~ units constructed and 42 more rehabilitated with all units being moderate to above moderate single-family residential. In recent years, the City has taken important actions that will benefit those in need of improved housing. The following is a program-by-program summary of the evaluation of the ~~2002/07~~ 2008 to 2013 Housing Element program accomplishments:

PROGRAM 1: Housing Rehabilitation

OBJECTIVE: This program was established in 1993 and targeted ten (10) housing units per year beginning in 1995.

RESULTS: Objective partially met.

ANALYSIS: Rehabilitation efforts conserved several structures which otherwise would have deteriorated and eventually been demolished. ~~The City was able to rehab on average 9 housing~~



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units per year. Through the Housing Rehabilitation Program there were three mobile home units replaced, two owner-occupied rehabilitations, and two rental rehabilitations during the 2008 to 2014 years.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue Program.

PROGRAM 2: Housing ~~Conservation~~ Rehabilitation - Public Information

OBJECTIVE: This program emphasized ~~the values of a well maintained home and offered guidance to typical home maintenance efforts. This program provided information regarding assistance that was available to the public.~~ Housing information brochures were to be prepared and distributed to approximately 722 property owners in the City, mostly in the former Target Area that included the older neighborhoods in the central part of the City.

RESULTS: Objective ~~not~~ met.

ANALYSIS: ~~A housing information brochure has not been sent out since 2002. The grant administrator and planning department will target areas in the City to receive the brochure. The Grant Administrator has produced brochures that are available for the public at City Hall, while also providing housing program information on the City website and Facebook page.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~Update the brochure and continue program in the City~~Continue to produce brochures and utilize the City website and social media sites to distribute public information.

PROGRAM 3: First-Time Home Buyer (FTHB)

OBJECTIVE: This program was established in 1997 with the goal of assisting 13 families as a reasonable objective from the 97-HOME Grant.

RESULTS: Objective met.

ANALYSIS: The 2008-2013 Housing Element stated that 12 loans were funded from the first grant and three more were funded using HOME Program Income. During the 2008 to 2013 Housing Element planning period, an additional seven first-time home buyers were assisted through this program.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue Program. The City has secured more first-time home buyer CDBG funding for the 2015 year.

PROGRAM 34: Zoning Ordinance Review - Adequate incentives for Low/Mod housing.

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OBJECTIVE: This program was an effort to determine if the Zoning Ordinance provided sufficient incentives to low- and moderate-income housing and other special needs housing. Specifically, the density bonus concept was scheduled for review.

RESULTS: Objective met. During the 2002 to 2007 Housing Element cycle, Ssubstandard lots were consolidated and re-subdivided with less than the required lot width and lot area. For example, several 25-foot lots were merged and re-subdivided into 35-foot lots, although the minimum lot width requirement was 50 feet, to provide additional affordable lots.

The City also ~~passed an Ordinance~~comprehensively updated the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance creating Mixed Use (MU) land uses and Downtown Commercial (DC) Zone Districts, which allowing allows mixed joint-residential-commercial uses along the Kern Street Corridor, between 1st Street and 10th Street, North Street from 3rd to 6th Streets, and Center Street from 2nd to 10th Streets to increase housing choices. Kern Street is zoned commercial; therefore, existing houses losing the residential status had to be converted to commercial. This ordinance allowed joint uses, in return for rehabilitating the building and premises. Furthermore, the former industrial area known as Rails to Trails has a Mixed Use (MU) land use designation and zone district that will provide further housing development options.

ANALYSIS: ~~The developer and the City benefited because the developers have been able to build affordable homes and the City caused the design of wider and better lot configurations compared to the existing 25-foot lots.~~This policy has encouraged in-fill construction in certain areas. The joint use ordinance also helps retain the existing housing units. The recent downturn in housing construction due to a lull in the economy from 2008 to 2012 resulted in very few units built in the City of Taft. Many of the available in-fill lots remain for development. However, current zoning and land use designation are not consistent with the maximum allowable zoning densities, which limits affordable housing development.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~Continue program.~~Complete a Zoning Ordinance and Land Use Element consistency review to maximize allowable densities, by June 2017.

PROGRAM 5: Multi-Family Housing Project

OBJECTIVE: Develop at least 50 affordable multi-family housing units by 2012.

RESULTS: Objective partially met.

ANALYSIS: The plan to work with the housing group Watts Up America did not come to fruition. The Taft Community Development Agency (TCDA) was no longer available as of February 2012 due to the State's 2011 Budget Act that dissolved city redevelopment agencies. In 2011, the City approved a 40 unit family apartment development in our Rails to Trails area next to downtown. The approval was to be followed by an application to HCD for funding from the HOME program. There has been no activity since project approval. As the project remains

consistent with current zoning and land development standards, the City will continue to consider this approval active at such time a developer moves forward with the project.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue Program. The City should continue to develop and seek creative mechanisms to assist the development of affordable multi-family housing units.

~~**PROGRAM 46: Zoning Ordinance Review**— Adequate incentives for Low/Moderate housing in the Single-Family Residential Zone.~~ **Land Use Element Update**

~~**OBJECTIVE:** This program was an effort to determine if the Zoning Ordinance provided special incentive to low/ moderate income and other special needs housing, specifically, a duplex and zero lot line development on narrow lots for the Single family Residential Zone.~~ The Land Use Element of the General Plan was updated on September 21, 2004. The City planned to work to update all elements (including Land Use) by December 2009.

~~**RESULTS:** Objective met. The City passed an ordinance permitting zero lot line development in the single family residential zone. The ordinance also permits a duplex or single family home to be built with zero lot line setbacks. The ordinance permits in-fill development and provides flexibility on narrow lots. Zero lot line dwellings are allowed in the downtown area, circumscribed by Main Street to the south, 10th Street to the west, Ash Street to the north and Highway 119 to the east. On June 22, 2010, the City completed a comprehensive update to the General Plan, including a complete update to the Land Use Element.~~

~~**ANALYSIS:** The City has many vacant narrow lots that are 25 feet in width and 125 feet in length. The City and Habitat for Humanity work together to construct affordable homes on the narrow lots. Habitat for Humanity has submitted different site plans for homes that would be compatible to the narrow lots. In between 2002-2007 Habitat for Humanity has built 6 homes in substandard lots with zero lot line setbacks. The update to the Land Use Element affected and revised all land use designations. Residential designations were simplified and streamlined, while also increasing the High Density Residential density up to 29 units per acre. A Mixed Use land use designation was added to allow a mix of commercial and residential uses, with a maximum density of 29 units per acre.~~

~~**HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE:** Continue program. Prepare a progress report of the number of developed homes built on the narrow lots with zero lot line setbacks in the downtown area and encourage affordable duplexes to be built between narrow lots. Objective met, Program complete. However, the Housing Element Update will identify the available High Density Residential and Mixed Use areas for potential affordable housing developments.~~

~~**PROGRAM 57: Multiple Family Zoning**— Adequate housing sites~~ **Creation of “Livable Communities”**

OBJECTIVE: ~~As an element of the Downtown Revitalization program initiated in 1993, central city areas were evaluated for the opportunities to increase land available for multiple family housing. Amend the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance by December 2004 (2009).~~

RESULTS: ~~Objective met. Areas in the central business district were zoned to facilitate mixed-use zoning. For example, multi-family units as second floor units over commercial uses could increase the sales for downtown businesses. The General Plan was updated on June 22, 2010, and the Zoning Ordinance updated in August 2008 with a significant revision for consistency with the General Plan in March 2010.~~

ANALYSIS: ~~The General Plan Land Use Element was updated in 2004. The General Plan Land Use Map has designated a larger area of the downtown area to mixed use. The Mixed Use provided another designation allowing for multiple family dwellings to be built. The comprehensive updates to the General Plan and Zoning Ordinance was done with an emphasis on planning for a Sustainable Community rather than a Livable Community. Policies were adopted to address climate change, greenhouse gas emissions, energy conservation, and green building.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~Continue a revised program for a Sustainable Community. (See Housing Programs Summary).~~

PROGRAM 6: Land Use Element Update

OBJECTIVE: ~~Provide for adequate housing sites. Update the Land Use Element.~~

RESULTS: ~~Objective met. The City updated the General Plan Land Use Element on September 21, 2004.~~

ANAYLSIS: ~~The General Plan Land Use Map designated larger areas for low, medium and high density residential areas in the City. The City incorporated the Mixed Use designation in the Land Use Map. The new land use designation allows commercial and residential uses. Approximately two hundred thirty one (231) acres were identified for Mixed Use. The Mixed Use designation will allow residential-commercial projects, especially in the downtown area.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~Continue program. The City is working to update the General Plan elements and Zoning Map by December 2009.~~

PROGRAM 7: Creation of “Livable Communities”

OBJECTIVE: ~~Amend General Plan and Zoning Ordinance by December 2009.~~

RESULTS: ~~Objective met. The City has updated the Land Use Element.~~

ANAYLSIS: ~~The City has included a Livable Communities/Smart Growth guideline as an Appendix to the General Plan Land Use Element. While not having to change the existing development~~

~~requirements, this arrangement will recognize the importance of smart growth and allow developers to take advantage of smart growth ideas, as the opportunity arises.~~

~~**HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE:** The current revision of the General Plan Land Use Element provides for mixed-use development in the downtown area. Approximately 36 acres have been identified for mixed use which allows combinations of commercial and residential uses on a given parcel.~~

PROGRAM 8: Code Enforcement Program

OBJECTIVE: Provide safe, decent, and healthy housing and preserve affordable housing stock. Establish revised demolition and rehabilitation objectives by ~~December 2007~~May 2009.

RESULTS: Objective met. ~~The 2007 Housing Element has identified 32 dilapidated units. From 1999-2007, 63 units were demolished (Table No. 10). The 2002-2007 Housing Condition Survey had identified 84 additional dilapidated units (Table No. 11).~~

ANALYSIS: ~~Code enforcement efforts have been highly successful, as is evident from the above numbers. On October 7, 2008, The City adopted a comprehensive update to the City Municipal Code, which included amendments regarding public nuisances for conditions on real property, dangerous buildings, and vacant dwellings. The City has worked with property owners to demolish 14 single-family residential structures from 2008 to 2014. Additionally, the City provides Code Enforcement through one officer from the Police Department, with supplemental assistance from the City Building Official.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue code enforcement.

PROGRAM 9 & 10: Fair Housing Support & Information Dissemination

OBJECTIVE: Equal housing opportunity. Maintain relationships with regional fair housing services and the State and Federal district offices, and ~~C~~continue to provide informational material to the public.

RESULTS: Objective being met continuously.

ANALYSIS: The City disseminates information on fair housing and refers fair housing complaints to the district office of the Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The City Grant Administrator is the public information contact for housing programs and fair housing support.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue the program. ~~Create a new program for information dissemination. Obtain and/or prepare information in Spanish for distribution to the public through libraries, senior center offices, etc., by December 2010. A new program has been added for ADA Compliance by amending the Zoning Ordinance requiring ADA compliance for all new construction and rehabilitation projects by December 2009. The program should be~~

amended to be an all-inclusive public information program that covers housing programs, including owner and renter fair housing support and information dissemination.

PROGRAM 11: Senior Housing Project

OBJECTIVE: Special Needs Group. A needs senior study was conducted and approved by City Council on December 2007.

RESULTS: Met. A senior living housing project study report has been completed.

ANALYSIS: Preliminary data from the 2007 study indicates need for different types of senior housing, both assisted living and skilled nursing facilities. However, with the dissolution of redevelopment agencies, the City's ability to assist senior housing developments has lessened.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program to address senior housing needs.

PROGRAM 1012: Homeless Services - Special needs groups

OBJECTIVE: Establish the appropriate role and/or level of service as the need arises.

RESULTS: Ongoing objective. The City is involved with service providers such as the Community Resource Center, Alpha House, and Kern County Department of Health and Human Services to better understand the full scope of their efforts and to determine if the City has resources which can assist in this area of public service. ~~City has designated several sites which could be used to build a homeless shelter.~~

ANALYSIS: ~~–The City has amended its Zoning Ordinance to lessen the constraints on the establishment of various homeless housing facilities. See analysis of Programs 19 and 20 below. Taft has several programs to help the homeless. See Sec. 5.5.7.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program.

PROGRAM 13: ADA Compliance – Persons with Disabilities

OBJECTIVE: Amend the Zoning Ordinance requiring ADA compliance for all new and rehabilitation projects by December 2009.

RESULTS: Objective met through other means.

ANALYSIS: Since the adoption of the 2008-2013 Housing Element, the California Building Code has been updated in 2010 and 2013, which provides specific direction for applying handicap accessibility requirements on new and rehabilitated structures.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program and revise ordinances as needed.

PROGRAM 1114: Infrastructure Assistance

OBJECTIVE: ~~Provide assistance in support of the construction of ten (10) units of housing for the low income group and ten (10) units for the moderate income group during 2008-2013. Provide assistance on Public Costs to encourage in-fill development. Utilize the Community Development Agency's 20% set-aside and CDBG funds to help reduce costs of required infrastructure improvements.~~

RESULTS: ~~No project specific requests for infrastructure assistance were received. The City, however, has upgraded the fire and water main on 7th Street between North Street and Main Street. This project benefited 86 households in the former Target Area with 90% benefit to the Targeted Income Group. The City is currently conducting a needs assessment to determine the feasibility of a thirty (30) to forty (40) units for multi-family housing complex for Targeted Income Group households. Project not met.~~

ANALYSIS: ~~This program has the potential to increase affordable housing supply. Redevelopment agencies were dissolved in 2011, as well as, the available set-aside funds that could be used for infrastructure assistance.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~Continue program. Program no longer viable, seek alternative program.~~

PROGRAM 12: Senior Housing Project

OBJECTIVE: ~~The 2002 Housing Element set the goal to evaluate the need for Senior Assistant Living Housing complex.~~

RESULTS: Met. ~~A senior living housing project study report has been completed.~~

ANALYSIS: ~~Preliminary data indicates need for different types of senior housing, both assisted living and skilled nursing facilities~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: ~~The City will send out an RFP to Develop Senior Assistant Living Housing project using CDBG and Home Funds during 2009-2010.~~

PROGRAM 15: Financing Assistance

OBJECTIVE: ~~New construction. Establish project funding from CalHFA by December 2009.~~

RESULTS: ~~Objective not met.~~

ANALYSIS: ~~The City of Taft did not secure project funding from CalHFA. The City currently has CDBG funding for first time home buyers and a residential rehabilitation program.~~

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Develop new objective for financing assistance.

PROGRAM 16: Market Rate Entry Level Homes

OBJECTIVE: New construction. Encourage developers and builders to add 100-200 market rate entry level homes (low \$100,000 range) by December 2012.

RESULTS: Objective not met.

ANALYSIS: From 2008 to 2014, developers have constructed only 18 new moderate to above moderate residences, with none built in 2014. The economic recession of 2008-2012 significantly slowed new home construction in the City of Taft.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program with revised expected unit count. Builders are interested in developing new homes in Taft, but in the range of 25 to 50 a year.

PROGRAM 17: In-fill Housing

OBJECTIVE: Create affordable housing. Promote 5 homes per year to be built on substandard lots that allow zero lot lone developments. Permit development on lots less than 50-foot wide without requiring a Variance application.

RESULTS: Objective not met.

ANALYSIS: The City has not received any applications for new housing on substandard lots. Also, due to the dissolution of redevelopment agencies in 2011, the City no longer had its own funding to initiate development on substandard lots.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue and revise program to involve all potential in-fill areas.

PROGRAM 18: Self-Help Housing

OBJECTIVE: Low-income households. Habitat for Humanity has contracted with the City to building as many single-family dwellings for very-low income and first time homebuyers by 2012.

RESULTS: Objective not met.

ANALYSIS: Habitat for Humanity last completed a single-family home development project in 2006. In 2014, the City approached Habitat for Humanity to possibly develop up to six single-family residential units, which were plans originally approved by the City's Community Development Agency (redevelopment). After a cost analysis was conducted, Habitat for Humanity chose not to continue with the project.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program. Continue to pursue Habitat for Humanity to building new single-family units in the City.

PROGRAM 19: Senate Bill 2 Compliance (Transitional & Supportive Housing)

OBJECTIVE: Amend the Taft Zoning Ordinance by December 2009 to define transitional and supportive housing as residential uses subject to the same restrictions as residential uses contained in the same type of structure.

RESULTS: Objective met.

ANALYSIS: The City of Taft completed a comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance in 2008, with an additional significant update in 2010 to be consistent with the update to the General Plan. In June 2015, the City completed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to define transitional and supportive housing consistent with Senate Bill 2.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Objective met, program complete. Develop a new program that addresses all forms of homelessness.

PROGRAM 20: Senate Bill 2 Compliance (Emergency Shelters)

OBJECTIVE: Amend the Taft Zoning Ordinance by September 2009 to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the General Commercial Zone without a Conditional Use Permit or other discretionary review.

RESULTS: Objective met.

ANALYSIS: In June 2015, the City completed an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to define emergency shelters and allow them as a permitted use within the more appropriate Medium Density Residential (R-2) Zone District, which currently includes an active emergency shelter, consistent with Senate Bill 2.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Objective met, program complete. Develop a new program that addresses all forms of homelessness.

PROGRAM 21: Amending Manufactured Housing Units

OBJECTIVE: Amend the Zoning Ordinance by December 2009 to include single-family manufactured homes as single-family dwellings that are permitted by right in the Residential Suburban (R-S), Single-Family Residential (R-1), and Two-Family Residential (R-2) zone districts.

RESULTS: Objective met.

ANALYSIS: The comprehensive update to the Zoning Ordinance in 2008 and 2010 included permitting manufactured housing units in the R-S, R-1, and R-2 Zone Districts. Development standards were adopted to ensure architectural compatibility with the surrounding neighborhood.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Objective met, program complete. No new program required.

PROGRAM 22: Adoption of General Plan and Zoning Code Consistency

OBJECTIVE: Amend the Zoning Ordinance within one year, by October 2009, of the adoption of the General Plan.

RESULTS: Objective met.

ANALYSIS: The City completed a comprehensive update of the Zoning Ordinance in August 2008. A comprehensive update of the General Plan was completed in June 2010. Having foreseen consistency issues with land use standards and densities, the Zoning Ordinance was amended again in March 2010 to resolve the issues prior to the adoption of the General Plan.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: Continue program. The Zoning Ordinance needs further refinement to ensure full consistency with the General Plan and to maximize the allowable density of each Zone District.

PROGRAM 13: Historical Preservation Plan

OBJECTIVE: The City Council approved a Historical Preservation Plan to help property owners renovate their properties to retain architectural integrity. This program will also provide grant money to rehabilitate properties, while preserving historical architecture.

ANALYSIS: Preliminary data suggests preserving housing stock by rehabilitation, and retaining architectural integrity.

HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE: The City will track data to verify impact on preservation of housing stock.

3.36.3.3 PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTATION:

- Senior Housing Feasibility study to locate acceptable project sites and needs.
- Complete a comprehensive revision of all Taft General Plan elements by December 2009.
- Revise Taft Municipal Zoning Ordinances, including adoption of a Mixed Use Zone.
- Revise the City's Downtown Specific Plan.
- Increase redevelopment area for Taft Community Development Agency.
- Complete redevelopment project in the downtown area.

- Apply for additional CDBG and HOME grants to meet the City's housing needs for extremely-low and low incomes.
- ~~Enact a voluntary green building handbook to encourage sustainability development to meet State goals for greenhouse gas reduction.~~
- Amend the Zoning Ordinance to reduce affordable housing constraints and maximize residential development densities of each Zone District.
- Continue to develop and seek creative mechanisms to assist the development of affordable multi-family housing units.
- Complete a revised program that incorporated Sustainable Community policies from the updated General Plan and strategies from the Kern Council of Governments Sustainable Communities Strategy.
- Utilize all available media formats to inform the public of available housing and financial assistance programs.
- Revise Zoning Ordinance to reduce constraints for the availability of housing units for special needs groups, including senior housing, the homeless, and persons with disabilities.
- Encourage the development of residential units that accommodate individuals and families of all income levels, including market rate and above market rate units.
- Develop a program that encourages, promotes, incentivizes, and prioritizes available in-fill properties for new residential development.
- Work with Habitat for Humanity to be a regular developer of self-help housing to provide an option for low-income families to afford a single-family residential unit.

4.06.4 CITIZEN PARTICIPATION (~~2008-2013~~ 2015-2023 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE)

Public participation for this revision to the Housing Element began with ~~the Ad Hoc Steering Committee being set up to evaluate needs to be included in the Housing Element update. The Ad Hoc Steering Committee was compromised of different sub-committees, including the Economic Development and Housing Element Sub Committee (ED & H Subcommittee). The members of the ED & H Subcommittee represented local public agencies, private companies and citizens. The members met several times in the past year to discuss quality of life and infrastructure issues and identified potential constraints in housing. City staff facilitated ED & H Subcommittee and public workshops monthly reviews of the document before the Planning Commission starting in January 2015. City staff worked to simply update the prior 2008-2013 Housing Element document, per the direction of Housing and Community Development, and presented the updates to housing, population, and other census data.~~

~~The Ad Hoc Steering Committee and the City of Taft staff hosted several Housing Element workshops throughout the 2007 year. The City of Taft staff also worked with the Kern Council of Governments to receive feedback from the general public for housing needs in the Taft area.~~

The ~~Ad Hoc Steering Committee and~~ City of Taft staff hosted community meetings for the general public during August and September 2015. The ~~City Manager and planning staff~~ Director of Planning and Development Services facilitated the meetings at different locations in the area and asked for feedback on housing needs and other planning matters. The table listed below provides times, dates, places and addresses of the meetings:

COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING SCHEDULE

Time	Date	Place	Address
6:00-8:00 p.m.	January 24, 2007 <u>August 25, 2015</u>	Taft Veterans Memorial Building, Taft <u>Union High School</u>	218 Taylor Street 711 Wildcat Way, Taft, CA 93268
6:00-8:00 p.m.	March 6, 2007 <u>August 31, 2015</u>	Conley School Cafeteria <u>Pizza Factory</u>	623 Rose Avenue 614 Center Street, Taft, CA 93268
6:00-8:00 p.m.	April 26, 2007 <u>September 3, 2015</u>	West Side Recreation & Park District Auditorium	500 Cascade Place Taft, CA 93268
3:00-5:00 p.m.	November 5, 2007	Valley Acres Community Center & Park	Orange Ave. & Maple Street, Taft, CA
5:00-6:30 p.m.	December 5, 2007	Tumbleweed Café	24870 Highway 33, Fellows, CA 93224
5:00-6:30 p.m.	December 6, 2007	West Side Recreation & Park District Auditorium	500 Cascade Place, Taft, CA 93268

The meetings were published in the Taft Midway Driller to notify the public. Citizens of Taft ~~and unincorporated areas~~ and representatives from different companies/agencies (public and private) participated in the meetings. At the meetings, a survey entitled “Community ~~Improvement~~ Survey” was handed out, and participants were asked to fill out and return them. The survey asked different questions about infrastructure current

housing conditions, housing preferred options for new residential development, health care and City services specific housing needs, and availability of public and services and amenities. Information on the meetings, as well as the Community Survey, were posted on the City website and Facebook page, with options to print and return a paper copy of the survey or to take the online version of the survey.

The majority of the respondents to the online Community Survey have lived in the City for 21 or more years (60.5%), reside in a single family residence (92%), and own their residence (69.3%) Only 25.8% of respondents considered their home in excellent condition, while 13.2% believed their home need one or major upgrades. The top three reasons the respondents live in Taft are for the proximity to their job (69.2%), proximity to family (70.5%), and the safety of their neighborhood (40.4%). Almost a majority of respondents (45.3%) would like to see mixed use development in the Rails to Trails redevelopment area. Respondents believed that single-family homes were most needed in the City (72.2%), followed by senior housing (49.7%) and apartments (39.3%). Most (73.9%) live and work in Taft with less than a 5 mile drive (63.2%). The main concern of the open comment portion of the survey showed inadequate health care in the area and quality affordable single and multiple-family housing.

~~The Taft Planning Department invited the public for a 2008/13 Housing Element Update workshop. The event took place on September 19, 2007, at the Westside Recreation Center in Taft, CA. The event was published in the Taft Midway Driller on September 2, 2007. The participants included members from local non-profit organizations, including Alpha House Domestic Violence Shelter, Westside Resource Center and Needs Center. The main concern was adequate affordable multiple family housing and shelters/transitional housing in the City.~~

~~Affordable housing has become a priority in Taft within the last five (5) years. Recent increases in real estate are placing many rentals out of reach of low income tenants. Homes are available in Taft and in the unincorporated areas for sale starting in the \$100,000 to \$300,000 range. Although, the housing median price increased significantly in the past five (5) years, home prices are decreasing in the area.~~

5.06.5 HOUSING NEEDS ASSESSMENT

6.5.1 REGIONAL HOUSING

The Taft housing market is part of the Kern County "market region" and more specifically, the Bakersfield market. Housing is available within the incorporated city limits as well as the adjacent unincorporated communities of South Taft, Taft Heights, and Ford City.

Between ~~2000-2007~~2010 and 2013, ~~significant shifts in price categories of new home sales have~~housing valuation took a significant decline during the economic recession-~~occurred~~. In ~~2000~~2010, the median ~~price-valuation~~ for an existing home was \$~~86,000~~203,300; ~~this increased-which reduced~~ to \$~~136,000~~158,900 in ~~2007~~2013. This represents ~~an~~ increase ~~decrease~~ in ~~prices-valuation~~ of ~~59-21.8~~ percent, ~~but which was~~ considerably less than the ~~2007~~2013 California median home ~~price-valuation~~ of \$~~580,090~~366,400 ~~and, but only slight lower than the~~ Kern County median ~~prices-valuation~~ of \$~~260,000~~161,700. At \$~~136,000~~158,900, the median ~~price-housing valuation~~ in Taft is ~~considerably lower than~~ on par with that ~~for-of~~ the region as a whole. This demonstrates the fact that housing in Taft is more affordable compared to the rest of the state but the increasing market prices, with the housing market rebounding, is making purchase of homes more difficult for low to moderate income households.

6.5.2 HOUSEHOLD CONDITIONS

A household is any group of people living together in a residence related or unrelated. A survey of household characteristics is useful to determine household trends, incomes, overcrowding or under-utilization of housing, and special needs households. The special needs households are those having a unique need with respect to such issues as affordability, location, and unit size.

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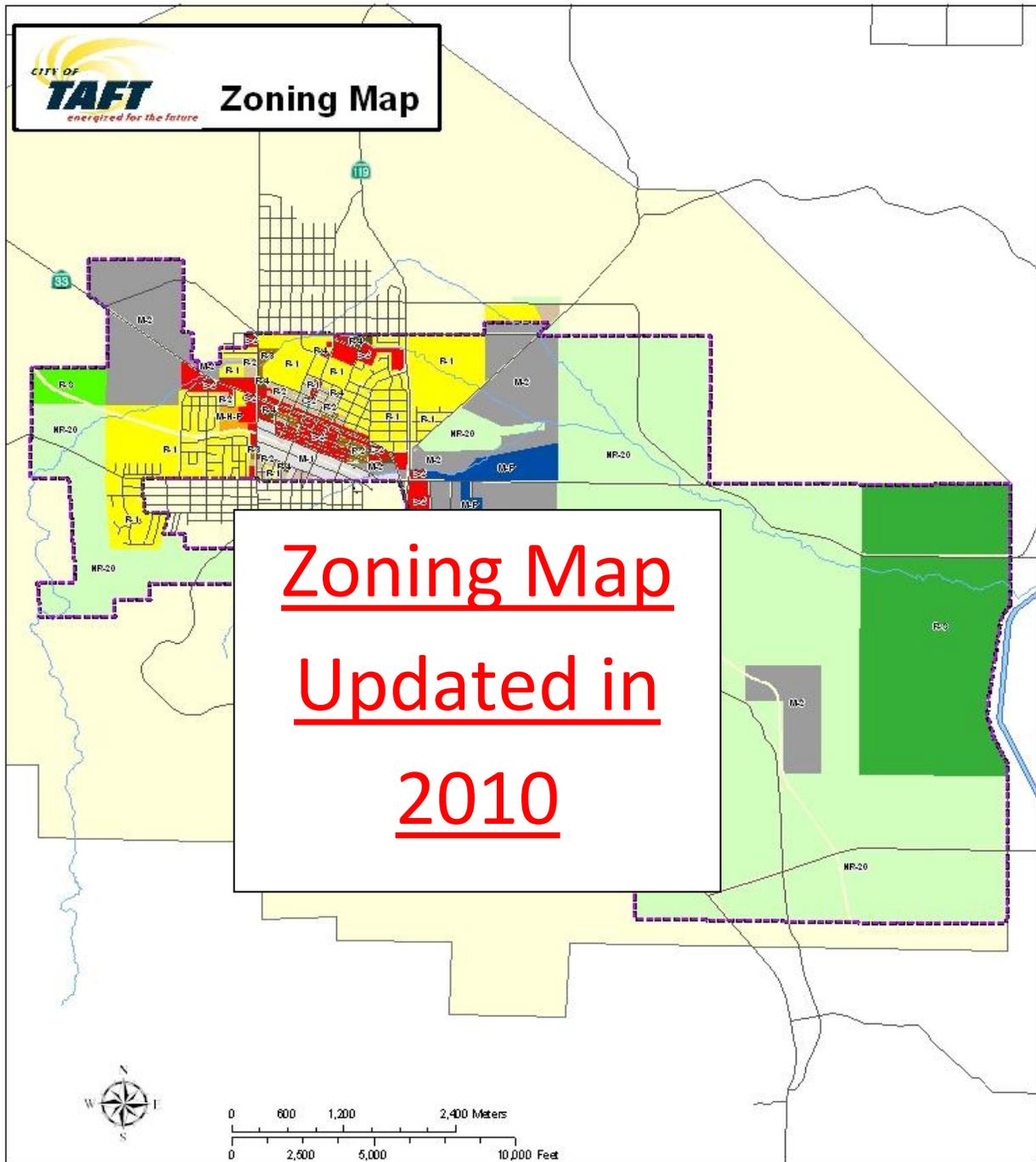
Housing Needs {65583 (a)}			
	Owner	Renter	Total
A. Number of existing household and housing units			
1. Households	1441	800	2241
2.1. Housing Units (Occupied)	14311375	802879	22332254
2.2. Total Housing Units	1417	1108*	24942525
B. Lower income households overpaying for housing			
1. Total number	377 115	530 425	907 540
2. Percentage <u>of</u> lower income <u>units</u>	29%	6685%	4155%
C. Special housing needs analysis and estimated number of households			
1. Disabled			1,345 917
2. Elderly	432 814	118 250	550 1064
3. Large households	12798	112 237	239 335
4. Farm workers			44 665
5. Families with female head	286 66	344 347	630 413
6. Homeless			Unknown15
7. Other			
D. Number of overcrowded households	99 41	140 156	239 197
E. Number of housing units needing <u>major</u> rehabilitation			501 343
F. Number of housing units needing replacement			84 131
G. Assisted housing projects at risk			0
H. Five-year projected housing construction need (incl. Need Allocation).	<u>Low2020 Projection^</u>		<u>High2030 Projection^</u>
Very low (0-50% of median income)	22 36		30 97
Other lower (50-80%)	30 19		30 50
Moderate (80-120%)	26 21		300 57
Above moderate (over 120%)	44 102		161 274
Total	122 178		521 478
I. <u>2015-2023</u> Regional Housing Need Allocation		66254	

Source: U.S. Census ~~2000~~2010; 2008-2012 American Community Survey; Kern COG – Kern Regional Housing Data, October 2014

*Rental vacancy count includes seasonal, recreational, occasional, and other vacant units

^Using Kern COG's 2013-2023 RHNA distribution rates

Exhibit I – City of Taft Zoning Map



LEGEND

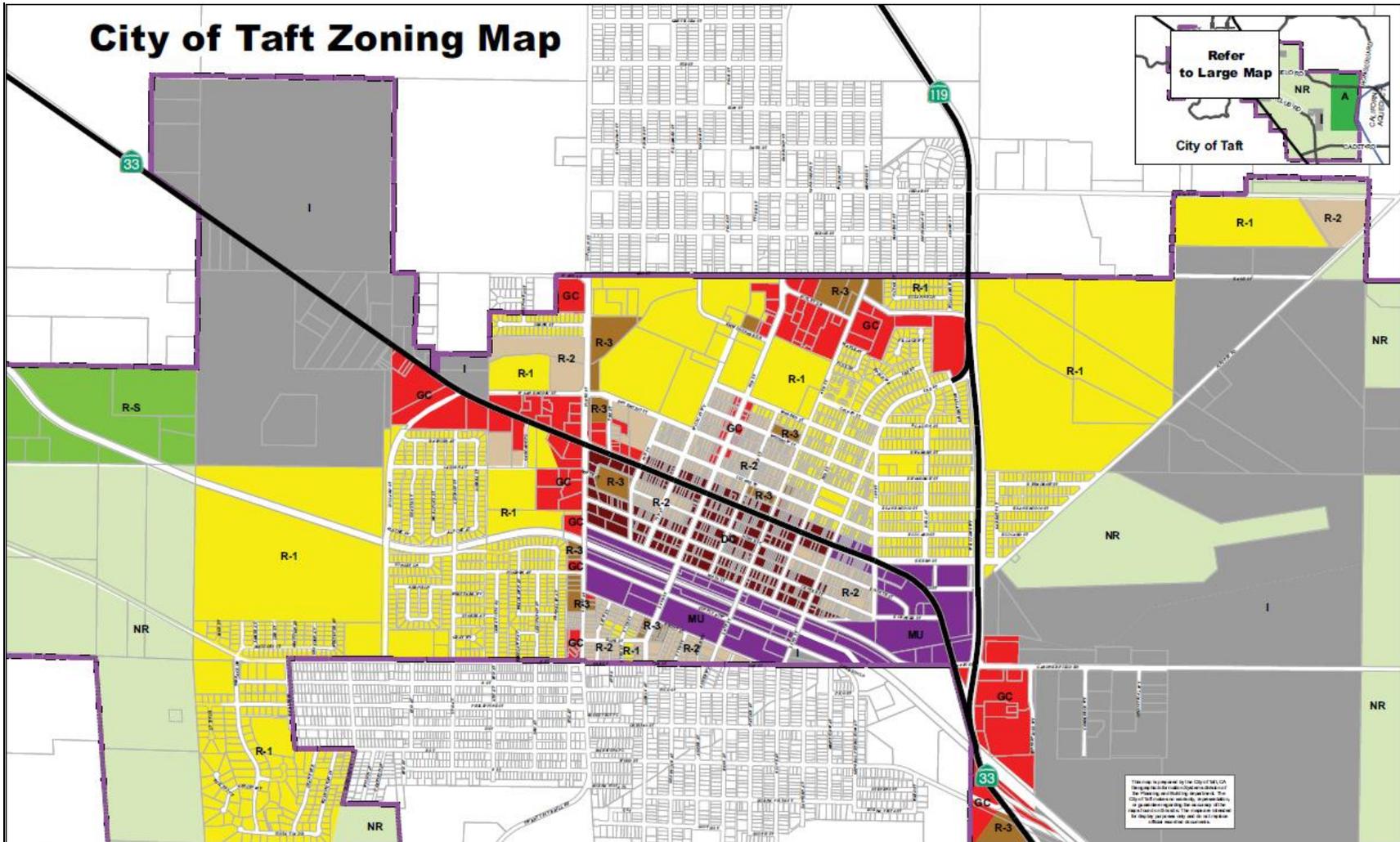
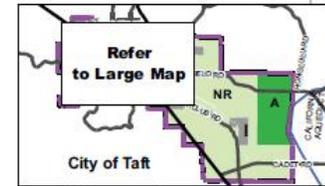
Zoning			
A-20 Agricultural	M-H-P Mobilehome Park	R-2 Two-Family Dwelling	City Limit
C-1 Light Commercial	M-P Manufacturing Park	R-3 Limited Multiple-Family Dwelling	Surface Water
C-2 Commercial	NR-20 Natural Resources	R-4 Multiple-Family Dwelling	Sphere of Influence
M-1 Light Industrial	P-1 Parking	R-5 Residential Suburban	Sandy Creek
M-2 General Industrial	R-1 Single-Family Residential		

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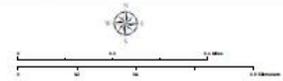
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Legend	Zoning			
City Limits	GC General Commercial	R-1 Single-Family Residential	A Agricultural	I Industrial
Sphere of Influence	DC Downtown Commercial	R-2 Two-Family Dwelling	NR Natural Resources	MU Mixed Use
		R-3 Limited Multiple-Family Dwelling	R-S Residential Suburban	Sandy Creek



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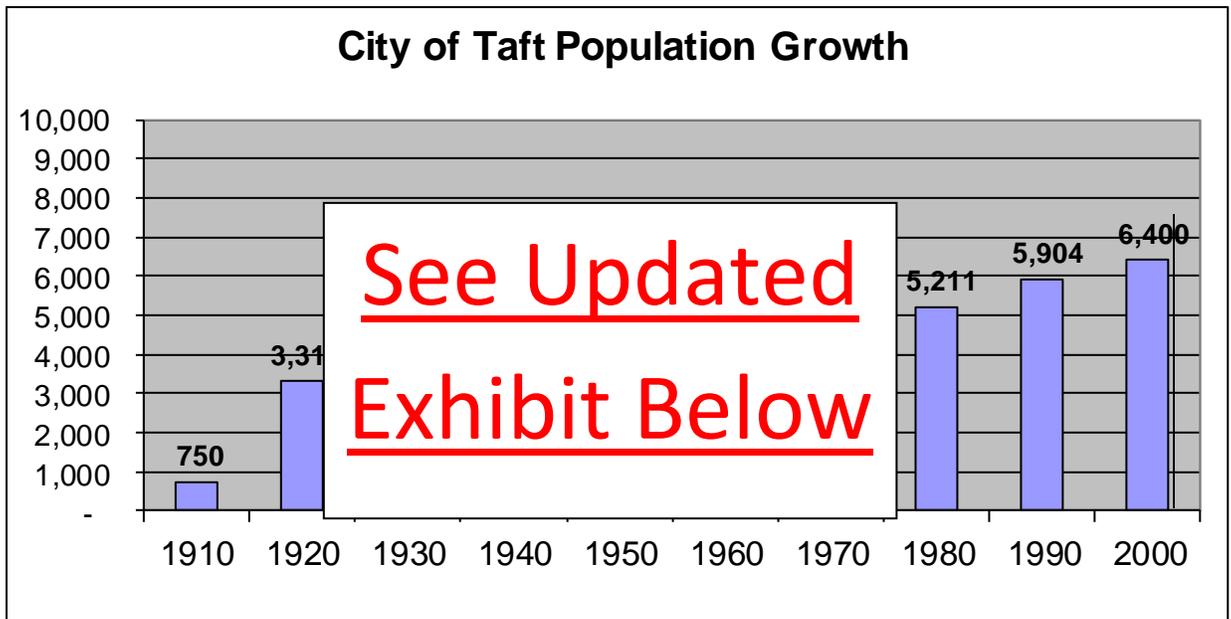
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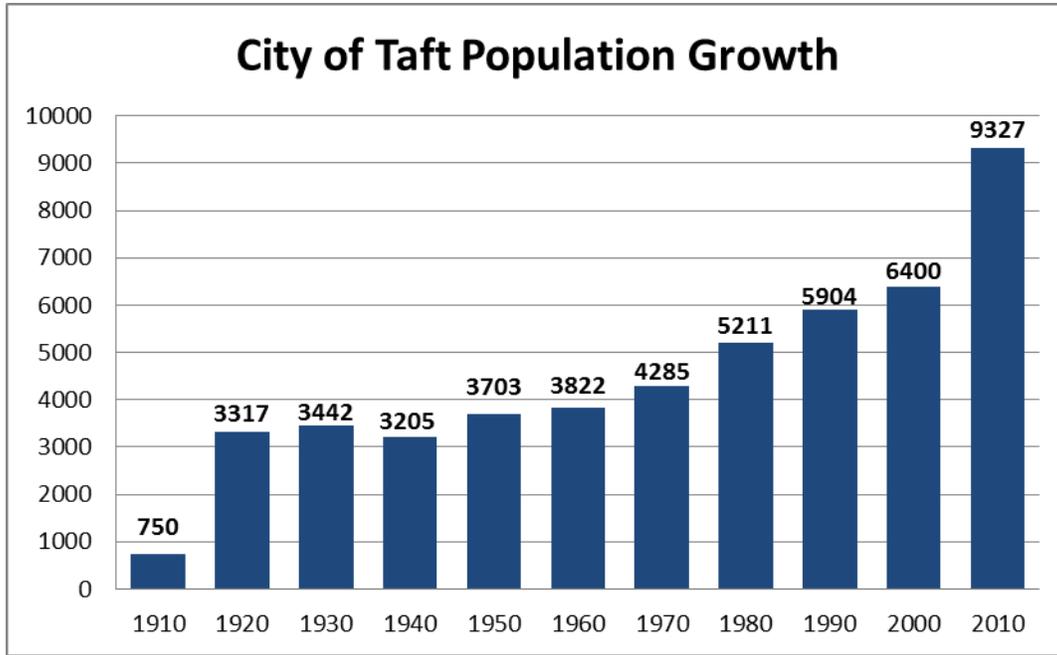
~~During 1990~~According to the 2000 U.S. Census, the City had a population of ~~5,902~~6,400 persons, which did not include those institutionalized in the Taft Federal Correctional Institution. By ~~2000-2010~~ the population grew by ~~498-2,927~~ to reach ~~6,400~~ 9,327, an ~~8.44~~45.7% increase, ~~excluding which includes~~ the federal prison and local City of Taft Modified Community Correctional Facility (MCCF) population of 2,8002832.

The surrounding unincorporated area accounted for ~~an decline-increase~~ in population of ~~(-) 9.07~~15.4% for the same period, ~~an decrease-increase~~ from ~~8001-7,275~~ to ~~7275- 8,396~~ persons. The total for the Greater Taft area (inclusive of the City, Ford City, Taft Heights, and South Taft) per the ~~2000-2010~~ Census is ~~13,675~~ 17,723 persons, accounting for a net decline of ~~228-4,048~~ persons or ~~(-) 1.64~~29.6%, with approximately 2,800 of those persons being accounted for by including the inmate population at the Taft Federal Correctional Institution. ~~The lack of diverse employment opportunities or increased single family housing costs (new construction) could be reasons for this decrease.~~

Exhibit II: Taft Population Growth

Note: 2000 population of 6400 charted above includes 419 inmates of the City of Taft Community Correctional Facility





Source: U.S. Census

Note: 2000 and 2010 populations includes inmates of the City of Taft Community Correctional Facility and the Taft Federal Correctional Institute

5.2.26.5.2.2 Age

The proportion of people over the age 55 in the City ~~during in 1990-2000~~ was ~~21.77~~21.20 and that for ~~2000-2010~~ is ~~21.20~~17.36 percent. The median age per the ~~2000-2010~~ Census is ~~34.33~~34.9 years.

**Table No. 3:
Persons Per Square Mile**

Taft Community Greater Taft Area								
AREA (SQ. MILES, APPROX.)	POPULATION				TOTAL HOUSING UNITS		PERSONS PER SQ. MILE	
Location	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000	1990	2000
	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010	2000	2010
Taft City	3.56	15.00	5,902	6,400	2,730	2,494	1,658	427
	15.00	15.11	6,400	9,327	2,494	2,525	427	617
South Taft	1.37	1.37	2,170	1,898	839	724	1,579	1,385
Taft Height	0.58	0.58	1,898	2,169	724	733	1,385	1,583
Ford City	1.52	1.52	2,050	1,865	848	769	3,552	3,216
			1,865	1,949	769	776	3,216	3,360
			3,781	3,512	1,508	1,444	2,495	2,310
			3,512	4,278	1,444	1,426	2,310	2,814

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Total	7.03	18.47	13,903	13,675	5,565	5,431	1,979	752.73
	<u>18.47</u>	<u>18.58</u>	<u>13,675</u>	<u>17,723</u>	<u>5,431</u>	<u>5,460</u>	<u>740.39</u>	<u>953.88</u>

Source: U.S. Census-Source: U.S. Census ~~1990-2000~~ and ~~2000~~2010

~~5.2.3~~5.2.3 ETHNICITY

Among the total population of ~~6,4009,327~~, the proportion of Whites in the population has continued to decrease from ~~93.96 percent in 1980 to~~ 91.86 percent in 1990, ~~and~~ 83.2 percent in 2000, ~~and~~ 79.2 percent in 2010. On the contrary, the Hispanic or Latino population in Taft has grown from ~~4.9 percent in 1980 to~~ 7.25 percent in 1990 to 15.5 percent in 2000 to 35.9 percent in 2010, although this proportion is lower than that for ~~the~~ Kern County as a whole at 49.2 percent.

~~5.2.4~~5.2.4 SIZE AND NUMBER OF HHOUSEHOLDS

The City had ~~2,2092,478~~ -households in ~~1990-2000~~ and ~~2,4782,525~~ in ~~2000~~2010. Average household size ~~decreased~~increased between ~~1970-1980~~ and ~~1980~~1990, ~~but and continued to~~ increased to ~~2.612.62~~ by ~~1990-2000~~ and to ~~2.622.83~~ in ~~2000~~2010. The ~~2000-2010~~ average family size is ~~3.093.32~~.

~~5.2.5~~5.2.5 HOUSEHOLD INCOME

The ability of households to pay for their housing is a function of income and cost of housing. In ~~1980~~2000, Taft per capita median incomes were ~~above~~below the regional median by ~~about 5 to 10~~ percent and unemployment was ~~low~~about 7.2 percent. By ~~2000~~2010, the per capita median income ~~was~~stayed below the regional median by ~~four to five~~about three percent, yet unemployment ~~remained~~decreased to ~~at~~ about ~~7.26.2~~ percent while reaching a high of 9.8 percent in 2011. In ~~2007~~2013, unemployment is running about ~~8.69.0~~ percent for the City of Taft. Housing was inexpensive compared to the state average, yet a large percentage of Taft residents were overpaying for their housing (more than ~~25-30~~ percent of household income), particularly low-income renters.

Housing costs were slightly lower than normal for the region with median gross rents of ~~\$206 821~~ per month in Kern County. Yet a large proportion of renter households pay more than ~~25 30~~ percent of their income on rent (~~66-48~~ percent in 2000 as opposed to ~~38-956.96~~ percent in ~~1990~~2010). Taft homeowners also spent greater than ~~25-30~~ percent of their income on housing expenses (~~41-721.8~~ percent in ~~1990-2010~~ compared to ~~29-18.2~~ percent in 2000). The median contract rent has increased from ~~\$348-456~~ per month in ~~1990-2000~~ to ~~\$755-652~~ in ~~2000~~2010.

It should be noted that about ~~250-264~~ people (~~8.69.0% as of 2013~~) of the labor force in the City are currently unemployed. The large number of people on unemployment, welfare, and social security income in the Taft area signifies the need for affordable housing for these people. Please see Table 5 below for details.

**Table No. 4:
Households on Public Assistance**

	Owner	Renter	TOTAL	%
Occupied Housing Units			2233	
<u>Below Poverty Level</u>	48	353	401	17.96
Public Assisted	0	95	95	4.25
Not Public Assisted	48	258	306	13.70
Social Security	16	37	53	2.37
No Social Security	32	316	348	15.58
<u>At or Above Poverty Line</u>	1393	447	1840	82.40
Public Assisted	29	39	68	3.05
Not Public Assisted	1364	408	1772	79.36
Social Security	343	105	448	20.06
No Social Security	900	342	1242	55.62

Source: 2000 U.S. Census

**Table No. 5:
Population on Assistance**

Type of Assistance	No. of People Receiving Assistance	
	<u>1998</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>2002</u> <u>2012</u>
<i>Unemployment Benefits*</i>		
Taft City	275-179 (8.76.2%) of Labor Force	250-270 (7.29.2%).
Taft Heights	90-116 (8.412.1%).	126 (14.0%)
Ford City	190-255 (10.916.7%).	170-282 (916.3%).
South Taft	80-32 (7.15.0%).	70-65 (5.99.0%).
Kern County	47,300 <u>40,115</u> (13.911.4%).	34,400 <u>47,548</u> (11.513.1%).
<i>Welfare - CalWorks</i>		
Taft Area:	640	1592 (398 Households x 4 persons)

Source: California Employment Development Department and Kern County Human Services, 2002

**Table No. 6:
Housing Affordability**

<i>INCOME¹</i> <i>GROUPS</i>	<i>ANNUAL²</i> <i>INCOME</i>	<i>MONTHLY³</i> <i>RENT</i>	<i>HOME</i> <i>LOAN⁴</i> <i>LOAN²</i> <i>LIMIT</i>
VERY LOW (Below 50% of Median)	<u>Up to</u> \$18,150 <u>28,950</u>	\$378 <u>724</u>	\$54,468 <u>85,284</u>

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LOW (50-80% of Median)	\$29,000 <u>28,951 -</u> <u>46,300</u>	\$604 <u>1,157</u>	\$85,431 <u>136,395</u>
MEDIAN	\$36,250	\$755	\$106,788
MODERATE (80-120% of Median)	\$43,550 <u>46,301 -</u> <u>69,500</u>	\$906 <u>1,737</u>	\$128,146 <u>204,740</u>

Source: ~~U.S. Census 2000~~ Kern COG Regional Transportation Plan – Appendix H, Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan 2013-2023

- ~~1. Federal Descriptions of income groups – HUD (Kern County)~~
- ~~2. Upper limit for family of 3~~
 - ~~31. Figured at 2530% of income~~
 - ~~42. Calculated at 2.9459 x income~~

**Table No. 7:
2000-2010 Median Income**

California Median:	\$47,493 <u>61,094</u>
Kern County Median	\$35,446 <u>47,089</u>
City of Taft Median	\$33,861 <u>46,324</u>

Source: HUD, January 2002.

5.2.66.5.8 HOME OWNERSHIP

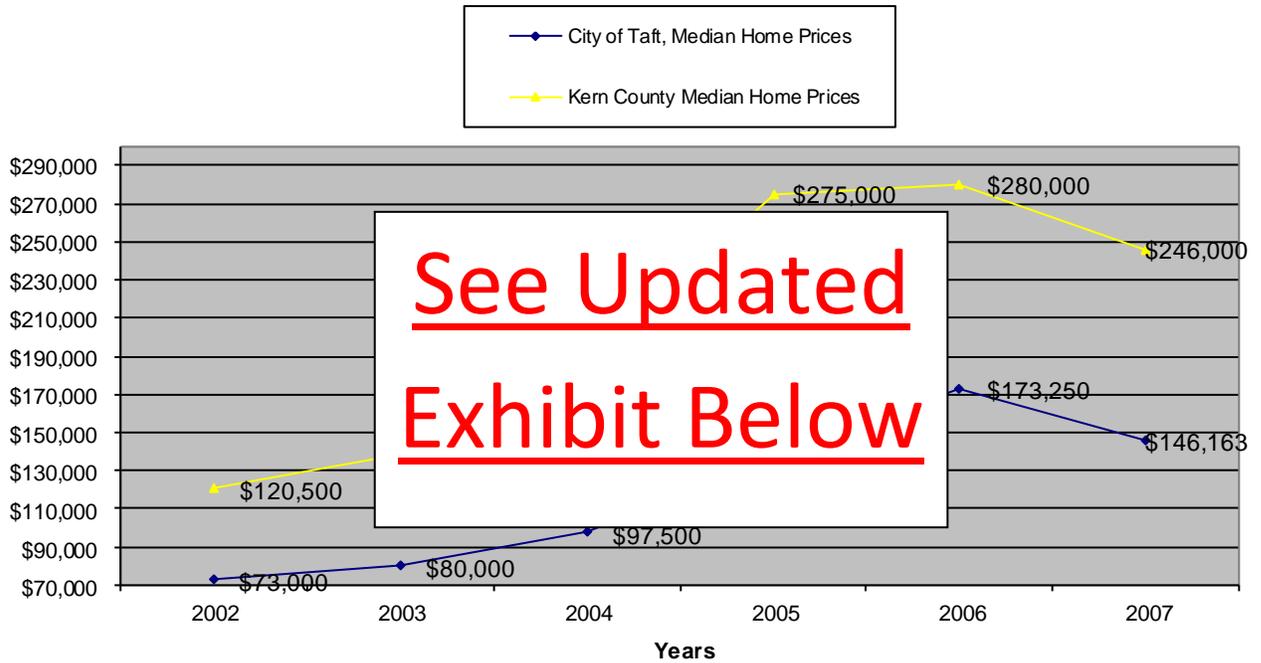
The price of ownership of housing showed a downward trend that was acknowledged in the ~~1986–2008-2013~~ Housing Element. Median home values of houses in ~~1990–2000~~ were \$79,200 ~~82,600~~ in the City, compared to ~~\$82,400~~ 89,400 in the County and ~~\$194,300~~ 198,900 in the State. Median Home values in ~~2000–2010~~ were \$82,600 ~~203,300~~ in the City, compared to ~~\$89,400~~ 217,100 in the County and ~~\$198,900~~ 458,500 for the State.

In the City during 1989-90, 14 homes were sold in the \$10,000 to \$29,999 price range, while 31 homes sold in the \$30,000 to \$49,999 range. The ~~2000–2010~~ Census shows that about ~~17-8.7~~ percent of the owner-occupied housing units were valued under \$50,000.

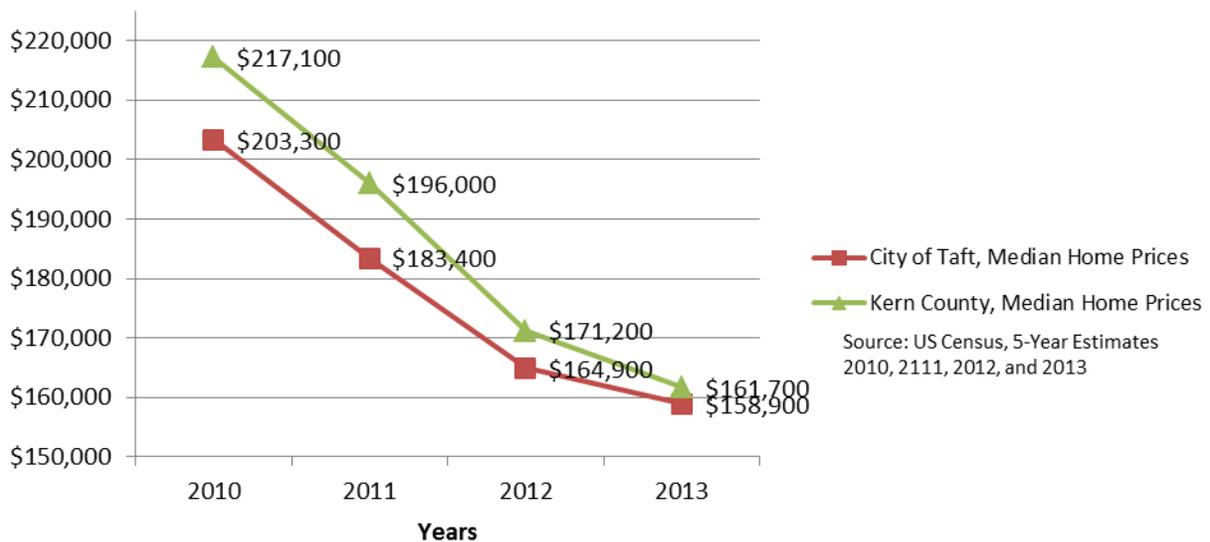
According to California Association of Realtors, the median price of a home in Taft increased 53.8 percent from April 2005 to 2006. In 2006, the median price of a home was \$148,000, up from \$96,250 in 2005. As of November 2007, the median sales price of a home was \$136,000; a reduction of approximately 8 percent from the year prior.

It could be concluded these low prices mean the presence of substandard housing. Taft offers affordable housing at prices that most California communities do not enjoy.

Exhibit III: Housing Prices



Median Home Prices



Further, South Taft has similar low home prices because while the housing is owner-occupied, the land is on a month-to-month lease, and most of the housing is substandard.

5.2.76.5.9 RENTAL HOUSING

Rental housing makes up 42 percent of the total occupied housing, of which 690 units (70 percent) are attached and detached single family units. The ~~1990-2000~~ Census shows that the median contract rent was ~~\$348,456~~, compared to a median contract rent of ~~\$367-652~~ in ~~2000~~2010. This median rent was 36% of the household income.

5.2.86.5.10 OVERPAYMENT FOR HOUSING

**Table No. 8:
Overpaying Households**

<i>HOUSEHOLDS</i>	<i>OWNER</i>	<i>RENTER</i>	<i>TOTAL</i>
Lower Income Specified Households (2000)	430	421	726
Paying more than 25% of Income (2000)	377 (29%)	530 (66%)	907 (41%)
Paying more than 25% of Income (1990)	154 (51%)	298 (71%)	452 (62%)

Source: ~~1990 and 2000 Census~~

Households Overpaying, More Than 30% of Income, by Area Medium Income Bracket, 2010

<u>Income Range</u>	<u>All Occupied Housing</u>		<u>Owner-Occupied Housing</u>		<u>Renter Occupied Housing</u>	
	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total Housing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total Housing</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>% of Total Housing</u>
<u>Extremely Low (0-30% AMI) Less than \$12,720</u>	<u>90</u>	<u>4.0%</u>	<u>55</u>	<u>2.4%</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1.6%</u>
<u>Very Low (30-50% AMI) \$12,750 to \$21,240</u>	<u>95</u>	<u>4.2%</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>2.0%</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>2.2%</u>
<u>Low (50-80% AMI) \$21,240 to \$33,990</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>3.3%</u>	<u>35</u>	<u>1.6%</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>1.8%</u>
<u>Moderate (80-120% AMI) \$33,990 to \$42,490</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>2.7%</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>2.7%</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total	320	14.2%	195	8.7%	125	5.5%

Source: KernCOG - Kern Regional Housing Data Report, October 2014

The proportion of households overpaying for housing costs is considerably below the averages for the western United States and western non-metropolitan areas. The rental units in proportion to the total housing units have ~~decreased~~increased from 34% in 1990 to ~~40~~35.9 in 2000 to 39.0%. The median rents have ~~been relatively stable~~increased in the last decade. The percentage of households paying more than ~~25-30~~ percent of its income as rent or mortgage has also decreased as shown in **Table 8**.

The local housing market, sensitive to supply and demand as well as interest rates, has been insulated from the major growth that occurred in southern California. Incomes, especially in skilled oilfield jobs, are not increasing proportionately, and layoffs due to company closures and mergers have significantly affected the local economy. This results in more households overpaying for housing.

5.2.96.5.11 UTILITY AND ENERGY COSTS



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Utilities are major expenses that add to the basic housing costs. Space heating and water heating are the two main utility costs faced by renters and homeowners. Nearly ~~88-96~~ percent of all renters in Taft paid their own utility bills in ~~2000~~2010. Utility costs for electricity and gas have increased significantly in the last few years, creating an additional burden on low to moderate income households.

6.5.3 TAFT HOUSING STOCK CONDITIONS

Taft currently has approximately 539 residential structures that were built between 1906 and 1940, explaining the large numbers of dilapidated housing stock. In 1980, the City had 2,387 housing units, and in the 1990 Census, the count was 2,370, with the 2000 Census having 2,494 units. The ~~2000-2010~~ Census accounts for a total of ~~2,494~~2,525 housing units, of which ~~2,241~~2,254 are occupied.

Per Census ~~2000~~2010, ~~72-79~~ percent of the total housing units are single-family units. Attached homes and multi-family units represent ~~17-18~~ percent, and mobile homes represent ~~5-3~~ percent. Of the ~~2494-2,525~~ units, ~~2,233~~2,254 are considered occupied, resulting in an overall vacancy rate of almost 10-11 percent.

Current figures for the City between the period ~~1998-2007~~2008-2014 indicates that a total of ~~112-18~~ units were built and ~~63-17~~ dilapidated structures were demolished, for a net gain of ~~34-1~~ dwelling units.

In terms of density, the City accounts for only ~~427-617~~ persons per square mile compared to an average of ~~2,303~~2,420 persons per square mile in the unincorporated communities surrounding the City. The reduction in density is due to the annexation of 10-square miles of mostly vacant oil fields in conjunction with the construction of the federal prison.

**Table No. 9:
Housing Types – ~~2000~~2010**

Unit Type	No. of Units	Occupied Units	Vacancy Rates
Single-Family <u>Owner</u>	1,417	1380	2.61%
Occupied Units	1804	1698	5.88%
–Detached	65	59	9.23%
–Attached			
Multi-Family <u>Renter</u>	1,002	894	10.78%
Occupied Units	138	125	9.42%
–2-4 Units	226	209	7.52%
–5+ Units			
Mobile Homes	137	118	13.87%
2000-2010 TOTAL	2494<u>2,525</u>	2,241<u>2,254</u>	10.14<u>10.73</u>%

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1990-2000 TOTAL	23702,494	22092,241	7.00% <u>10.14%</u>
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Source: ~~California Department of Finance, 1990, and 2000-2010~~ U.S. Census

**Table No. 10:
Completed Housing Permits**

YEAR										
	1999	2000 2008	2001 2009	2002 2010	2003 2011	2004 2012	2005 2013	2006 2014	2007	Total
NEW CONSTRUCTION										
Single-Family	10	166	184	201	211	62	102	70	4	112 <u>18</u>
Multi-Family	--	--	--	--	-2	--	--	--	--	0
Mobile Home	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	0
Total	10	166	184	201	213	62	102	70	4	112 <u>18</u>
DEMOLITION										
	11	211	42	64	113	32	24	31	2	6317

Source: Taft Building Department.

6.5.4 HOUSING CONDITIONS/ UNITS IN NEED OF REPAIR OF REPLACEMENT

A Housing Conditions Survey was conducted in August/November 2007 using HCD approved survey questionnaires (Exhibit I). The purpose was to document exterior housing conditions throughout the Target Area and categorize the various conditions found (see Target Area Map, Exhibit IV). As explained in the following table, it is worth noting the results that indicate 400 structures were found to be in need of "moderate to substantial" repair and 32 units were found to be in a "dilapidated" condition. This represents 58% of the housing structures in the Target Area, all of which are located in the older, central (Downtown), parts of the City. Per the Kern COG Housing Data Report, their 2012 Housing Stock Conditions Report found that now 343 housing units are in need of major rehabilitation and 131 housing units are needing replacement, while approximately 322 are in need or moderate repair.



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Taft was incorporated in 1910, and a certain amount of exterior deterioration is expected to its houses. Since the ~~1998-2007~~ Housing Element, ~~63-17 single-family~~ housing units were demolished due to blight or substandard housing conditions.

6.5.5 SPECIAL NEED HOUSEHOLDS

Those with special needs in Taft are the elderly, disabled, single parents, young families and students. Renters, particularly those with low incomes, can be considered special needs households since a high percentage of these were overpaying for housing; therefore, home ownership is probably not a financially viable option to them.

6.5.5.1 ELDERLY HOUSEHOLDS

The Table No. 13 below, Elderly Population By Age Group, shows the population 65 years and older. The total population in this age group dipped in 2010 (8.4%) compared to was relatively the same insimilar 2000 (12.80%), ~~compared to and~~ 1990 (13%) figures. Some ~~550-574~~ households (~~24.54~~25.5%) of the total households in the City have at least one elderly person of the age 65 and over. In ~~1990~~2000, this group was ~~24.8~~26.3 percent of the total households.

Other characteristics of this age group are:

- ~~* 450 households are occupied by people 65 years and older.~~
- ~~* 195 householders (46 male and 149 female) 65 years and older live alone~~



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Exhibit V

HOUSING CONDITION SURVEY - CITY OF TAFT

Address _____

Date _____

Surveyor _____

The CDBG Training Manual provides the following areas and rating systems.

Instructions: Review the following areas for each house, fill in address, date and your name or initials. Rate each house according to the ratings list. Complete comments sections and color code the map.

1. Foundation

- 0 = Existing foundation in good condition
- 15 = Needs partial foundation
- 25 = Needs complete foundation

Foundation Points _____

2. Roofing

- 0 = Does not need repair
- 5 = Needs patching
- 10 = Needs structural repair
- 15 = Needs replacement and re-roofing

Roofing Points _____

3. Siding

- 0 = Does not need repair
- 3 = Needs painting
- 5 = Needs to be patched and re-painted
- 10 = Must be replaced and painted

Siding Points _____

4. Windows

- 0 = No repair needed
- 5 = In need of repair
- 10 = Must be replaced

Windows Points _____

5. Doors

- 0 = No repair needed
- 1 = Repainting needed
- 3 = Replacement needed

Door Points _____

TOTAL POINTS _____

Comments: _____

Sound = 9 or less
 Minor = 10 – 15
 Moderate = 16 – 39

Substantial = 40 – 55
 Dilapidated = 56 and over.

Table No. 11: HOUSING CONDITION SURVEY, 2007 (Target Area).

TARGET AREA (Block Group 1)	# OF STRUCTURES	%	# OF UNITS
Housing Condition:			
SOUND - 9 OR LESS	242	32.75	
MINOR - 10 - 15	65	8.80	
MODERATE - 16 - 39	329	44.52	
SUBSTANTIAL - 40 - 55	71	9.61	
DILAPIDATED - 56 OR MORE	32	4.33	
TOTAL	739*		1034

Source: Taft Planning and Building Department

*includes multi-family structures

Table No. 12: HOUSING CONDITION SURVEY, 2007 (Non-Target Area).

NON -TARGET AREA (Block Groups 2 & 3)	# OF STRUCTURES	%	# OF UNITS
Housing Condition			
SOUND - 9 OR LESS	1211	84.69	
MINOR - 10 - 15	175	12.24	
MODERATE - 16 - 39	41	2.88	
SUBSTANTIAL - 40 - 55	2	0.14	
DILAPIDATED - 56 OR MORE	1	0.07	
TOTAL	1430*		1506

Source: Taft Planning and Building Department

*Includes multi-family apartments

TOTAL STRUCTURES SURVEYED (CITY-WIDE SAMPLE) = 739 + 1430 = 2169

TOTAL UNITS SURVEYED (CITY-WIDE SAMPLE) = 1034 + 1506 = 2540

**Table No. 13:
Elderly Population by Age Group**

AGE	MALE		FEMALE		TOTAL	
	1990 2010	2000	1990 2010	2000	1990 2010	2000
65-69	110 145	87	138 139	117	248 284	214
70-74	95 90	109	116 90	112	211 180	216
75-79	60 50	40	99 75	131	159 125	185
80-84	34 41	69	63 64	62	97 105	121
84+	17 24	15	40 67	64	57 91	86
Sub Total	316350	318	456435	504	772785	819

Source: ~~1990-2010~~ and 2000 U.S. Census

Other characteristics of this age group are:

- * ~~450~~574 households are occupied by people 65 years and older.
- * ~~195~~246 householders (~~46~~62 male and ~~149~~184 female) 65 years and older live alone.

At ~~13~~8.4 percent, Taft's elderly population is ~~larger~~ slightly less in proportion to Kern County where they make up ~~9.49~~9.0 percent of the total population. They are also predominantly homeowners rather than renters. Seniors have difficulties primarily because they live on fixed incomes; those who are faced with rent and/or utility increases are often the ones who may need some form of assistance.

The City developed a 61-unit senior citizen project, located at 8th Street and North Street, using CDBG, HOME, LIHTCs in 1998. Based on the facility continuously at full occupancy and the results of the 2007 Senior Assisted Living Housing Study, conducted by The Planning Institute, development of another assisted living and/or skilled nursing facility is needed.

6.5.5.2 DISABLED PERSONS

**Table No. 14:
Total Population by Disabled Persons (5 Years and Above)**

Categories	County			City		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Population	339,382 <u>401,736</u>	322,269 <u>404,737</u>	661,658 <u>806,473</u>	3,331 <u>3,415</u>	3,069 <u>3,451</u>	6,400 <u>6,866</u>
Ages 5 to 15 17 Disabled	4,876 <u>4,536</u>	3,186 <u>2,785</u>	8,062 <u>7,321</u>	20 <u>13</u>	36 <u>15</u>	56 <u>28</u>
Ages 16-18 to 20 34 Disabled	4,759 <u>6,551</u>	3,091 <u>5,513</u>	7,850 <u>12,064</u>	21 <u>147</u>	15 <u>34</u>	36 <u>181</u>
Unemployed	3,022	1,972	4,994	0	15	15
Ages 21-34 to 64 Disabled	43,999 <u>21,997</u>	41,319 <u>23,829</u>	85,318 <u>45,826</u>	486 <u>121</u>	418 <u>276</u>	904 <u>397</u>
Unemployed	19,952	24,711	44,663	241	234	475
Ages 65 to 74 Disabled	6,160 <u>6,347</u>	6,792 <u>6,985</u>	12,952 <u>13,332</u>	65 <u>55</u>	67 <u>46</u>	132 <u>101</u>
Ages 75 and over Disabled	5,891 <u>7,271</u>	9,551 <u>10,323</u>	15,442 <u>17,594</u>	56 <u>38</u>	161 <u>127</u>	217 <u>165</u>
Total Disabled	65,685 <u>46,968</u>	63,939 <u>49,730</u>	129,624 <u>96,698</u>	648 <u>419</u>	697 <u>498</u>	1345 <u>917</u>
Unemployed among Disabled (Ages 16 – 64)	22,974	26,683	49,657 <u>4,149</u>	241	249	490 <u>0</u>
<u>Not in Labor Force, Disabled</u>			<u>37,417</u>			<u>465</u>

2000 Source U.S. Census Source: 2008-2012 American Community Survey, Sex by Age by Disability Status (B18101)

Taft housing policies encourage the construction of disabled units within residential projects and require handicapped parking easily accessible at project entrances.

DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

According to Section 4512 of the Welfare and Institutions Code a "Developmental disability" means a disability that originates before an individual attains age 18 years, continues, or can be expected to continue, indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual which includes mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism. This term shall also include disabling conditions found to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for individuals with mental retardation, but shall not include other handicapping conditions that are solely physical in nature.

Many developmentally disabled persons can live and work independently within a conventional housing environment. More severely disabled individuals require a group living environment where supervision is provided. The most severely affected individuals may require an institutional environment where medical attention and physical therapy are provided. Because developmental disabilities exist before adulthood, the first issue in supportive housing for the developmentally disabled is the transition from the person's living situation as a child to an appropriate level of independence as an adult.

The State Department of Developmental Services (DDS) currently provides community based services to approximately 243,000 persons with developmental disabilities and their families through a statewide system of 21 regional centers, four developmental centers, and two community-based facilities. The Kern Regional Center is one of 21 regional centers in the State of California that provides point of entry to services for people with developmental disabilities. The center is a private, non-profit community agency that contracts with local businesses to offer a wide range of services to individuals with developmental disabilities and their families.

The following information from the Kern Regional Center, charged by the State of California with the care of people with developmental disabilities, defined as those with severe, life-long disabilities attributable to mental and/or physical impairments provides a closer look at the disabled population.

Exhibit T:

Developmental Disabilities by Zip Code and Residence Type

Zip Code	Home of Parent/Family / Guardian	Independent /Supported Living	Community Care Facility	Intermediate Care Facility	Foster/Family Care	Other	Total Residents
93268	93	83	0	0	0	<10	>176

Developmental Disabilities by Zip Code and Age Type

Zip Code	0-17 Years	18+ Years	Total Residents
93268	48	129	177

Source: KernCOG - Kern Regional Housing Data Report, October 2014

There are approximately 177 residents within the 93268 zip code with developmental disabilities. The 93268 zip code include all of the incorporated area of the City of Taft, but includes the unincorporated areas of Ford City, South Taft, Taft Heights, Dustin Acres, and Valley Acres. There are 83 residents that independently living or in supported living conditions, but not within their parent's or family's home. Many of the 83 residents are most likely in Taft

College’s Transition to Independent Living (TIL) program, which teaches basic life skills (supporting themselves such as personal finances, shopping, cooking, maintaining their own apartment/home, etc.) and provides employment placement assistance for approximately 60 individuals each school year.

There are a number of housing types appropriate for people living with a development disability: rent subsidized homes, licensed and unlicensed single-family homes, inclusionary housing, Section 8 vouchers, special programs for home purchase, HUD housing, and SB 962 homes. The design of housing-accessibility modifications, the proximity to services and transit, and the availability of group living opportunities represent some of the types of considerations that are important in serving this need group. Incorporating ‘barrier-free’ design in all, new multifamily housing (as required by California and Federal Fair Housing laws) is especially important to provide the widest range of choices for disabled residents. Special consideration should also be given to the affordability of housing, as people with disabilities may be living on a fixed income.

In order to assist in the housing needs for persons with Developmental Disabilities, the City will implement programs to coordinate housing activities and outreach with the Regional Center and encourage housing providers to designate a portion of new affordable housing developments for persons with disabilities, especially persons with developmental disabilities, and pursue funding sources designated for persons with special needs and disabilities.

6.5.5.3 FEMALE HEADED HOUSEHOLDS

The number of households headed by women indicates the need for childcare, recreation programs, and other social services. The community has made effective use of grant funds for childcare managed by the Community College. The childcare facility accommodates children of students, low-income families, and foster children. In the age group 15 years and over, eight percent (widowed or divorced) are female-headed households. There are ~~630~~413 female-headed households (~~28.24~~17.7% of occupied households) in the City. Of the ~~630~~413 households, about ~~55~~84 percent are renters.

The Marital Status of people in Taft is provided below:

**Table No. 15:
Marital Status (Ages 15 and over) - ~~2000~~2010**

	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
Never Married	716	2,212	1,114 <u>2,928</u>
Married, but Separated	1,218	1,913	4,514 <u>3,131</u>
Separated	147	86	98 <u>233</u>
Widowed	320 <u>282</u>	402 <u>43</u>	422 <u>325</u>
Divorced	213 <u>350</u>	207 <u>479</u>	420 <u>829</u>

Sub Total (Widowed & Divorced) 533,632 (8.5%) 309,522 (4.77.0%) 6,566,7448

Source: 2000 U.S. Census 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates (numbers may not add up)

6.5.5.4 OVERCROWDED HOUSEHOLDS

**Table No. 16:
Persons Per Room By Tenure - Overcrowded Households**

Persons/Room	Owner Occupied		Renter Occupied		Total	
	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>
0.50	<u>1005</u> <u>1,047</u>	<u>1047</u> <u>1,080</u>	<u>395</u> <u>345</u>	<u>345</u> <u>295</u>	<u>1400</u> <u>1,392</u>	<u>1392</u> <u>1,375</u>
0.50 - 1.00	<u>367</u> <u>295</u>	<u>295</u> <u>229</u>	<u>341</u> <u>315</u>	<u>315</u> <u>532</u>	<u>708</u> <u>610</u>	<u>610</u> <u>761</u>
1.01 - 1.50	<u>19</u> <u>87</u>	<u>87</u> <u>28</u>	<u>46</u> <u>72</u>	<u>72</u> <u>116</u>	<u>65</u> <u>159</u>	<u>159</u> <u>144</u>
1.50 - 2.00	<u>4</u> <u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15</u> <u>61</u>	<u>61</u> <u>40</u>	<u>19</u> <u>61</u>	<u>61</u> <u>40</u>
2.00	<u>0</u> <u>12</u>	<u>12</u> <u>13</u>	<u>17</u> <u>7</u>	<u>7</u> <u>0</u>	<u>17</u> <u>19</u>	<u>19</u> <u>13</u>
<i>Overcrowded Total</i>	<u>23</u> <u>99</u>	<u>99</u> <u>41</u>	<u>78</u> <u>140</u>	<u>140</u> <u>156</u>	<u>101</u> <u>239</u>	<u>239</u> <u>197</u>
TOTAL	<u>1395</u> <u>1,441</u>	<u>1342</u> <u>1,350</u>	<u>814</u> <u>800</u>	<u>800</u> <u>983</u>	<u>2209</u> <u>2,241</u>	<u>2241</u> <u>2,333</u>

Source: 1990 and 2000 U.S. Census and 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 5-year Estimates

Taft does not have a serious overcrowding problem, and what there is, is generally in renter-occupied housing. As new units are constructed, especially in the affordable category, construction of larger rental units could be emphasized.

6.5.5.5 LARGE FAMILIES

Large families are defined as households with five or more persons. They are of concern because they are most likely to be living in overcrowded conditions and/or paying higher rent. Homes with larger than average square footage (over 900 sq. ft.) don't necessarily mean more sleeping capacity. The majority of the rental houses are in the former Target Area (Block Group 1, Exhibit V) were built between 1917 and 1935 and average one or two bedrooms. Over the years porches have been closed in to provide additional sleeping rooms and are counted as bedrooms by the occupants. They are typically larger in floor area and thus more costly. Also, the living costs of a larger family are higher than the average family cost of living.

**Table No. 17:
Large Families (Families of 5+ members).**

FAMILY SIZE	OWNER OCCUPIED		RENTER OCCUPIED		TOTAL	
	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>	<u>1990</u> <u>2000</u>	<u>2000</u> <u>2010</u>



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5	<u>76 86</u>	<u>67 106</u>	<u>60 55</u>	<u>69 81</u>	<u>136 141</u>	<u>136 187</u>
6	<u>25 35</u>	<u>24 54</u>	<u>22 26</u>	<u>25 41</u>	<u>47 61</u>	<u>49 95</u>
7+	<u>17 24</u>	<u>36 39</u>	<u>13 18</u>	<u>18 32</u>	<u>30 42</u>	<u>54 71</u>
Sub Total	<u>118 145</u>	<u>127 199</u>	<u>95 99</u>	<u>112 154</u>	<u>213 244</u>	<u>239 353</u>

Source: ~~1990 and~~ 2000 and 2010 U.S. Census

~~The number of large households equals the number of overcrowded units; so many large families are living in overcrowded conditions~~The number of large families has increased from 2000 to 2010, but the number of overcrowded households has decreased over the same period. In light of the age and condition, it would be of value to create housing, both through rehabilitation and new construction that offers greater sleeping capacity without having to provide larger floor area. Large families may also require rental assistance.

**Table No. 17.5:
Housing Types Permitted by Zone District**

Housing Type	R-S	R-1	R-A-O	R-2	R-3	R-4	M-H-P	E-1 GC	E-2 DC	M-1 MU	M-2	M-P	A	NR
Single-Family du	P	P	P	P	PC				E				EP	C
Multi-Family du			P	P	P	P		C	C	C				
Manufactured/ Mobile Home	PC P	PC P	PC	PC P	PC	PC	P				P	E		C
Residential Boarding/Rooming House Facility ≤6 ≥7			PC	C	C									
Residential Board and Care Facility ≥612		CUP	PC	CUP	CUP									
Community Care Facility (Transitional and Supportive Housing)	P	P	PC	P	P			CUP	CUP	C			P	C
Rehabilitation Facility Convalescent Care		C		C	C			C	C	C				
Retirement/Rest Home Senior Congregate Care, Assisted Living		C		C	C	CUP		CUP	PC					
Secondary Residential Unit	CUP P	P	P		P									
Boarding House Senior Independent Living			PC			PC		CUP						
Residential Hotel/Motel (Single-Room Occupancy)					C			P	C	P				
DU above ground floor								C	C	C				
Emergency Shelter			PC	P					P					C
Farm Labor Housing			PC											C
Manager, Caretaker, Proprietor Quarters								C	C	C	E	E		

Source: City of Taft Zoning Ordinance. P=permitted by right; PC=Planning Commission approval; C=conditional use permit; du= dwelling unit

6.5.5.6 PERSONS IN GROUP QUARTERS (RESIDENTIAL FACILITY 6≥, BOARDING HOUSE)

Group quarters are living situations where kitchen and perhaps bath facilities are shared, such as in a residential facility with 6 or more individuals (not related; ex. prison, dormitories, etc.) or boarding house.:-

According to the ~~2008 Department of Finance Census~~ 2009-2013 U.S. Census 5-Year Community Survey, the City has a prison population of about ~~530-2,832~~ inmates ~~in the~~ between City operated Modified Community Correctional Facility (MCCF, Max Capacity of 600 inmates) and 2,298 inmates at the federal prison ~~operated by Management & Training Corporation (MTC)~~ Taft Correctional Institute (Taft CI, Max Capacity of 2,500 inmates). ~~There were approximately 2,828 inmates in the federal prison and the Taft Community Correctional Facility in 2008.~~ Besides the inmate population, the City also has ~~181-123~~ individuals in group quarters ~~(51 in nursing and other institutionalized facilities and 130, of which all are~~ in College dormitories or other non-institutionalized facilities).

6.5.5.7 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

Transitional housing means housing with supportive services for up to 24 months that is exclusively designated and targeted for recently homeless persons. Transitional housing includes self-sufficiency development services, with the ultimate goal of moving recently homeless persons to permanent housing as quickly as possible, and limits rents and services fees to an ability-to-pay formula reasonably consistent with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's requirements for subsidized housing for low-income persons. {California Health and Safety Code, Section 50801(i)}

Supportive Housing means housing with no limit on length of stay that is occupied by the target population. Also, it is linked to onsite and offsite services that assist the supportive housing resident in retaining the housing, improving his or her health status, and maximizing his or her ability to live. The resident may work in the community. Target populations are defined as person(s) with low income having one or more disabilities, including mental health, HIV or AIDS, substance abuse, or other chronic health conditions. Also, individuals eligible for services provided under the Lanter Development Disability Act (Division 4.5, commencing with Section 4500 of the Welfare and Institution Code), which may include, among other populations, adults, emancipated youth, families, families with children, elderly persons, young adults aging out of foster care systems, individuals exiting from institutional settings, veterans, and homeless people. {California Health and Safety Code, Section 50675.14 (1) and (2)}

Transitional and Supportive housing can take several forms, including group quarters with beds, single-family homes, and multi-family apartments. The City of Taft Zoning Ordinance provides for transitional and supportive housing wherever ~~community care facilities~~ residential uses are allowed. The Taft Zoning Ordinance permits transitional and supportive housing in the ~~Residential Affordable Overlay Zone (R-A-O) contingent on Planning Commission approval, and Limited Commercial Zone (C-1) and General Commercial Zone (GC) contingent on conditional use permit approval~~ Residential Suburban (R-S), Single-Family Residential (R-1), Medium

Density Residential (R-2), High Density Residential (R-3), and Agricultural (A) zone districts without discretionary review. However, transitional and supportive housing uses do require a discretionary Conditional Use Permit in the General Commercial (GC), Downtown Commercial (DC), Mixed Use (MU), and Natural Resource (NR) zone districts.

Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo, 2007), effective January 1, 2008, requires jurisdictions to ensure that transitional or supportive housing uses are considered a residential use and only subject to those restrictions that apply to other residential uses of the same type in the same zone. The uses shall be allowed without undue special regulatory constraints regardless of the type of structure the facility will be located in. ~~Program 9.3.19 plans for an amendment to the zoning ordinance to allow transitional housing and supportive housing in the Residential Affordable Overlay Zone (R-A-O) and Limited Multiple Family Dwelling Zone (R-3) without undue special regulatory requirements, and includes definitions of transitional and supportive housing per California Health and Safety Code.~~ The 2008-2013 Housing Element Update had a program to amend the zoning ordinance to allow transitional and supportive housing in a Residential Affordable Overlay Zone (R-A-O). However, the City of Taft completed a comprehensive update to the zoning ordinance that eliminated the R-A-O zone, and transitional and supportive housing uses are permitted and conditionally permitted in multiple residential and commercial zoning districts.

~~Site 1, Site 2, and Site 6 of the Site Inventory Analysis should accommodate the development of transitional or supportive housing within the City when Program 9.3.20 is implemented. Site 1 consists of 3.14 acres with seven vacant lots; Site 2 consists of .59 acres and three of the four old homes located at the site are in a state of disrepair, and Site 6 consists of .21 acres of vacant land.~~

With the comprehensive amendment of the Zoning Ordinance that with all residential zone districts and the Agricultural zone district permitting transitional and supportive housing by right, there is sufficient vacant and existing developed properties to house such facilities. Residential and agricultural districts comprise 1,737 acres of the 9,622 acres of the City of Taft, or 18.1 percent of the City. The commercial zone districts that allow transitional and supportive housing with approval of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) comprise another 9.3 percent of City area. The majority of the City of Taft is within the NR zone district, which comprises 56.2 percent of the City. Although the NR zone district allows such facilities with approval of a CUP, the majority of the NR area is undeveloped and does not have sufficient infrastructure for development as the area is intended for oil and gas activities.

6.5.5.8 EMERGENCY SHELTERS

Families and persons in need of emergency shelter are now one of the special needs groups that each jurisdiction is required to consider in their Housing Element. People find themselves homeless for many reasons. California Health and Safety Code, Section 50801 (e) defines emergency shelters as housing with minimal supportive services for homeless persons that is

limited to occupancy of six months or less by a homeless person and no individual or household may be denied emergency shelter because of an inability to pay.

Taft does have a network of service providers who work together in coordinating their limited resources to meet the need of the homeless. The Alpha House “A Place for New Beginnings”, Salvation Army, N.E.E.D.S. (a United Way/Emergency Food and Shelter funded program), Laborers of the Harvest, American Red Cross and several local churches are organized to address the needs of ~~the homeless and needy~~ persons in the City of Taft and greater Taft area. These groups working in conjunction with the Kern County Department of Social Services and the Community Resource Center provide food, shelter, clothing, transportation, disaster and medication services. The Police Department and Chamber of Commerce are involved in this network in that they often are sought out as references for these local services.

The Alpha House “A Place for New Beginnings” is a 501 (C)(3) non-profit organization, which was established in the early 90’s and shelters homeless females of all ages, males under the age of 12, and battered women. The facility has a capacity of 14 individuals and individuals are not allowed to stay longer than ~~one-six~~ month. The Alpha House receives funding from the private and public sectors to operate and works closely with the Salvation Army, N.E.E.D.S. (a United Way/Emergency Food and Shelter funded program), American Red Cross and several local churches to provide the needed care for the homeless in the area.

The best count to date shows that eleven individuals (excluding children) request shelter per month and are subsidized from various organizations for these people to be located in local motels. The number of people seeking shelter has steadily increased within the last few years. Taft has a large number of functionally homeless people; those who move from couch to couch staying with whomever will take them. The Homeless Coalition in Kern County believes this is an unidentified problem and increases the likelihood that these people will end up homeless. A common concern among these groups is the limited transportation services to Bakersfield, or at least the cost associated with it. The nearest homeless shelter is in Bakersfield and it is difficult for these people to arrange transportation to the shelter, if needed. Specialized medical care not being available in Taft also creates a demand for transit that is not affordable to limited income persons.

~~Kern County~~ The Kern Council of Governments, per the Kern Regional Housing Data Report approved by HCD in November 2014, conducted a homeless census count in January 2009 known as the Kern County Homeless Collaborative, 2014. The 2009-2014 Homeless Census was surveyed by regions in the County. The City of Taft is part of South West Kern, which also covers the unincorporated areas of Buttonwillow, Derby Acres, Fellows, Ford City, McKittrick, South Taft, Taft Heights, Tupman, and Valley Acres, and the City of Maricopa. The total number of homeless ~~in South West Kern~~ identified in the Taft area was ~~thirteen~~ fifteen adults, including nine adults and four children none with children. ~~Two adults had two children and were separate families and most of the homeless where found in the unincorporated area of Ford City, abutting the south side of Taft.~~

Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo, 2007) requires jurisdiction to allow emergency shelters to be permitted without any conditional use permit or other discretionary action in at least one zone. Sufficient capacity must be identified to accommodate the need for emergency shelters and at least one year-around emergency shelter.

Emergency shelters ~~fall into the use of “charitable or public service organizations” within~~ have been included in the definitions of the Taft Zoning Ordinance, per state law. Emergency shelters are permitted by right in the ~~General Commercial Zone (C-2), and the Residential Affordable Overlay Zone (R-A-O) requires Planning Commission approval~~ Medium Density Residential (R-2) zone district. ~~The Planning Department will amend the Zoning Ordinance to include the use of “emergency shelter” in C-2 and add the definition per California Health and Safety Code (refer to Program 9.3.20).~~ All of the R-2 properties within the City of Taft are centrally located, and within a short walking distance to local transit, regional transit, Downtown Commercial and General Commercial shopping areas.

~~The Alpha House has the capacity to accommodate 14 homeless individuals (excluding males over the age of 12) and plenty of vacant C-2 Zone lots exist in the City to accommodate emergency shelters. For example, the City owns about 40 acres in the downtown area. The Taft General Plan Land Use designation is Mixed Used, but the zoning is Light Manufacturing (M-1). The zoning for the site is inconsistent with the Land Use designation, but the City plans to amend the zoning to C-2 by December 2009. The City has numerous vacant buildings and lots in C-2 Zone with infrastructure that would accommodate an emergency shelter.~~

6.5.5.9 FARM WORKERS /EMPLOYEE HOUSING ACT

The ~~Census 2000~~ 2008-2012 American Community Survey, 5-Year Estimates, figures show that 48,348 persons in Kern County (15.4% of the civilian employed population) and 44,665 persons in occupied housing units (less than one approximately 10.3% percent of the Taft population in households) in the City of Taft are in the farming, fishing and forestry occupations. Those people associated with the agricultural industry in the region are finding housing in Taft (1.4% of Kern County persons in farming, fishing, and forestry occupations). The existence of farm workers could be correlated with the growth of the Hispanic population in Taft, which has increased from 4.9 percent of the population in 1980 to 7.34 percent in 1990 ~~and to~~ 15.5 percent in 2000 and 35.9 percent in 2010.

The number of persons in Kern County working in farming, agriculture, forestry, and fishing varies from agency to agency. The state Employment Development Department (EDD) indicates there are 54,038 persons in agriculture, forestry, fishing, and hunting; the USDA Census of Agriculture (2012) indicates there are 34,501 farm labor workers; and the Giannini Foundation of Agriculture (2012) indicates there are 101,884 workers with one agricultural job.

The City of Taft has approximately two square miles of land within the Agricultural (A) zone district. The properties within the A zone are not covered by Williamson Act contracts and are

not considered prime farmland. The properties contain one single family residence, the federal Taft Correctional Institute (TCI), and a wastewater treatment plant facility for the TCI. However, if such agricultural or farming activity were to occur on those A zoned properties, they would be subject to the Employee Housing Act and employee housing standards as defined in Section 17008 of the California Health and Safety Code.

6.5.5.10 ASSISTED HOUSING/UNITS AT RISK

According to available sources, there are no Farmer Homes, HUD, or Bond financed units in the City. Because of the size of the urban area, the City has been excluded from FMHA eligibility since 1970.

The 61-unit senior citizen complex was built in 1998 with local, state and federal assistance, with a 55 year period of affordability. Rehabilitation loans and grants were also provided. In the case of the rehabilitation program, deed restrictions are recorded to notice the affordability requirement of the property. The rehab program was initiated in 1993 with the first rehabs being done in the fall of 1994, and no units are at risk. Recent Community Development Block Grants received by the City will continue to offer rehabilitation loans to qualified residents.

Due to the ~~current-recent~~ subprime mortgage crisis and subsequent recession period, it is undetermined at this time as to ~~the effect on when~~ the local housing market will rebound and residents will take advantage of available grant funds.

6.5.5.11 SINGLE ROOM OCCUPANCY

Residential hotel/motel use single room occupancy for individuals, which use the hotel/motel as a primary residency for a period of time. A residential hotel has 6 or more units, guestrooms or efficient units, intended or designed to be used as a rental or hired out. The Zoning Ordinance does not explicitly allow the use of single room occupancy, but the concept is used by motels in the City. The motels that operate as single room occupancy at times, include Sunset Motel, Caprice Motel, Holland Inn & Suites, and Topper's Motel with a total capacity of 49-110 units. ~~The City plans to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit single room occupancy in the General Commercial Zone (C-2), subject to approval of a conditional use permit. Hotels and motels are currently permitted with a Conditional Use Permit in the R-3 and Downtown Commercial (DC) zone districts, and generally permitted in the General Commercial (GC) and Mixed Use (MU) zone districts.~~

6.06.6 FUTURE HOUSING NEEDS

6.6.1 TOTAL NEED

The following table shows the housing demand projected as part of the current update of the General Plan Land Use Element. In summary, projections show a demand for 122 residential units by the year 2010, based on a low population projection and 521 residential units based on a high population projection. This has the potential to add a minimum of 327 persons to a maximum of 7,801 persons to the City’s population. Some of the demand for housing would come from staff at the newly (1997) opened Federal Prison, Taft Correctional Institution, which was originally operated by Wackenhut Corrections, but now operated by Management and Training Corporation.

The 1990-2010 housing projection was over estimated. Between 1990-2000 and 2000-2010 the population in occupied residential units increased by 77-531 persons ~~only~~. This should have required about 202 new housing units to meet the needs of the natural increase in population, with the 2000 average household size of 2.62 people. However, the number of total housing units increased by only 47 units between 2000 and 2010, while occupied households only increased by 21 units. This should have required only about 29 new housing units to meet the needs of the natural increase in population.

Table No. 18:
Residential Land Demand, Low Population Estimate 1.5% Growth, 2010-2023

6,727,700 (<u>2010-2023</u> estimated population) – 6,400,372 (<u>2000-2010</u> population) =	<u>327-1,328</u> Persons
<u>327-1,328</u> persons / <u>2-692.83</u> persons per residential unit =	<u>122-469</u> residential units
<u>122-469</u> residential units x <u>79-81.4</u> percent single family units =	<u>96-382</u> single family units
<u>122-469</u> residential units x 15 percent multi-family units =	<u>18-70</u> multi-family units
<u>122-469</u> residential units x <u>6-3.6</u> percent mobile home units =	<u>17</u> mobile home units
<u>96-382</u> single family residential units / 7.0 units per acre =	<u>14-54.57</u> acres
<u>25-70</u> multi-family units / <u>15-18</u> units per acre =	<u>2-03.89</u> acres
subtotal	<u>16-058.48</u> acres
<u>16-058.46</u> acres x 1.25 (flex-factor) =	<u>20-73.07</u> acres

**Table No. 19:
Residential Land Demand, High Population Estimate 1.9% Growth, 2010**

<u>7,8018,138</u> (2010-2023 estimated population) – <u>6,4006,372</u> (2000-2010 population) =	<u>1401,766</u> Persons
<u>1,4011,766</u> persons / <u>2,692.83</u> persons per residential unit =	<u>521,617</u> residential units
<u>521,617</u> residential units x <u>79,81.4</u> percent single family units =	<u>411,502</u> single family units
<u>521,617</u> residential units x 15 percent multi-family units =	<u>78,93</u> multi-family units
<u>521,617</u> residential units x <u>6,3.6</u> percent mobile home units =	<u>31,22</u> mobile home units
<u>411,502</u> single family residential units / 7.0 units per acre =	<u>59,071.7</u> acres
<u>109,93</u> multi-family units / <u>15,18</u> units per acre =	<u>7,005.17</u> acres
subtotal	<u>66,0076.87</u> acres
<u>66,076.87</u> acres x 1.25 (flex-factor) =	<u>82,596.09</u> acres

7.06.7 LAND INVENTORY

6.7.1 ADEQUATE SITES

~~Kern Council of Governments supplied a “Regional Housing Needs Assessment – Executive Summary” for Kern County and all 11 incorporated cities for the period of January 1, 2006, to June 30, 2013.~~ On September 10, 2014, the Department of Housing and Community Development approved Kern COG’s Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan that was adopted by their board on June 19, 2014. Kern COG’s RHNA Plan was adopted as Appendix H of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). The City of Taft staff utilized the summary to determine future available sites within the city limits. The Executive Summary stated that the housing needs for the City of Taft are as follows:

- ~~16-52~~ Very Low- Income units
- ~~10-26~~ Low- Income units
- ~~11-30~~ Moderate- Income units
- ~~25-146~~ Above Moderate- Income units
- 254 Total Units for the period between January 1, 2013 and December 31, 2023

This section of the element addresses the requirements of Government Code Sections 65583 and 65583.2, requiring a parcel specific inventory of appropriately zoned, available, and suitable sites that can provide realistic opportunities for the provision of housing to all income segments within the community.

The City’s share of the regional housing need ~~will~~ can be met through the implementation of a variety of strategies (e.g., available and appropriately zoned land, units built since the beginning of baseline Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) period, and non-residential zoned sites that can be rezoned for residential use). However, the primary method for meeting the adequate site requirements will be addressed through the identification of available vacant ~~and non-vacant~~ sites that are suitable and appropriately zoned.

The City’s evaluation of adequate sites begins with a listing of individual sites by zone and general plan designation. The sites suitability analysis will demonstrate these sites are currently available and unconstrained to provide realistic development opportunities prior to ~~June 30, 2013~~ December 31, 2023 (the end of planning period). To demonstrate the realistic development viability of the sites, the analysis also discusses; (1) whether appropriate zoning is in place, (2) the applicable development standards and their impact on projected development capacity and affordability, (3) existing constraints including any known environmental issues, and the (4) availability of existing and planned public service capacity levels.

The City’s land inventory was developed with the use of a combination of resources including the City ~~of Taft and Kern County’s~~ Geological Information Systems (GIS) database, updated Assessor’s data, field surveys, and review of the City’s Land Use Element and Zoning Ordinance. The compilation resulted in not only an identification of sites, but also an estimate of potential

development capacity for these sites. The majority of the land available for residential development is located in; (1) ~~specific plan~~ areas which have been approved for development, (2) underdeveloped non-residential areas that offer affordable residential placement, ~~and~~ (3) in-fill lots within residential areas where homes have been destroyed/demolished due to dilapidation and/or fire, and (4) vacant property adjacent to the developed edge of Taft.

The inventory includes both small and large residentially and non-residentially zoned parcels and parcels which are substantially vacant or underutilized which have the potential to be developed for more intense residential uses. The City has identified ~~13-27~~ potential sites that meet the demand allocated by the Kern Council of Governments Regional Housing Needs Allocation. The sites range in size from 0.14 acres to 95.08 acres. The locations are dispersed throughout the City.

ZONING APPROPRIATE TO ACCOMMODATE HOUSING FOR LOWER-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS

The City recognizes that the higher density residential and mixed-use districts (Existing R-43, ~~M-H-P~~ Downtown Commercial and ~~Downtown Specific Plan~~ Mixed Use zone districts) provide the potential for lower construction costs due to the economies of scale; therefore, most suitable for development of housing affordable to very low- and low-income households. Those sites identified in the inventory as having the greatest potential to accommodate housing affordable to lower-income households allow densities of at least up to 20-29 du/acre. Per Government Code Section 65583.2(c)(3)(B) the City's zoning is consistent with 20 du/acre standard for suburban jurisdictions; therefore, considered appropriate to accommodate housing for lower-income households.

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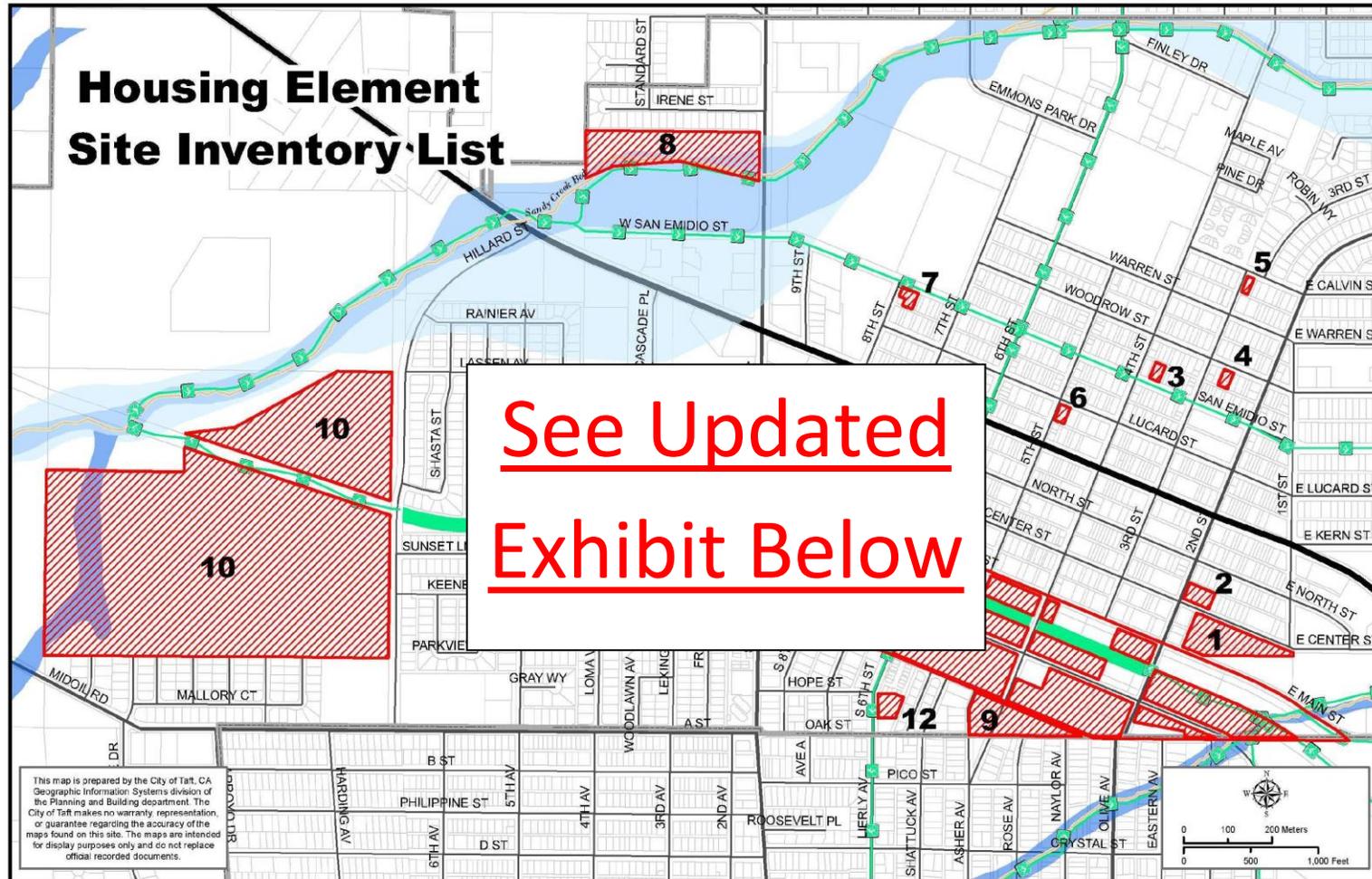
As indicated in Table "A" Exhibit XII and Table No. 20, below, the City will be relying primarily on existing multi-family-zoned sites (Sites 1, 2, 13 and 15, 11, and 26 through 39), which based on the City's ~~Downtown Specific Plan~~ development standards for the R-3, DC and MU zone districts, allow development at 15+ up to 24 dwelling units per acre, to accommodate its share of the regional housing need for lower-income units. In addition, sites located within the Downtown Area (Kern, Main, Center and North Streets), which allow multiple dwellings on the second floor of businesses, are also an important part of the City's inventory of suitable sites.

The following analysis demonstrates the development capacity projections for those high density sites identified in Table "A" No. 20 are realistic. First, the City considered and evaluated the implementation of its current multifamily development standards and on-site improvement requirements (e.g., setbacks, building height, parking, and open space requirements), to determine approximate density and unit yields. Then the City identified the most practical uses of the sites by using current businesses and residential practices, meeting with landowners and

developers to review projected growth and land proposals, then identifying projects that paralleled with the City's general plan vision and current zoning to reach housing needs.

As demonstrated in the Adequate Site Inventory, there are a sufficient number of available vacant properties with a realistic development capacity to meet the RHNA for each income level. Realistic development densities were set at conservative ratios, at approximately 80% of maximum density allowance. Development within the Mixed Use (MU) zone district sites, Sites 26 through 38 listed below, may result in less residential density as ground floor areas may be fully occupied with commercial uses. Furthermore, allowable zoning densities in the adopted zoning ordinance currently do not match the maximum densities allowed in the Land Use Element of the General Plan. A housing program included in this Housing Element will require the City to complete a consistency review that includes an amendment of the Zoning Ordinance to match the higher densities of the Land Use Element of the General Plan.

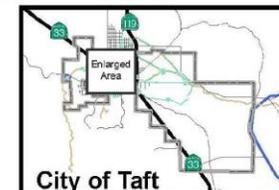
Exhibit XII - Housing Element Site Inventory List

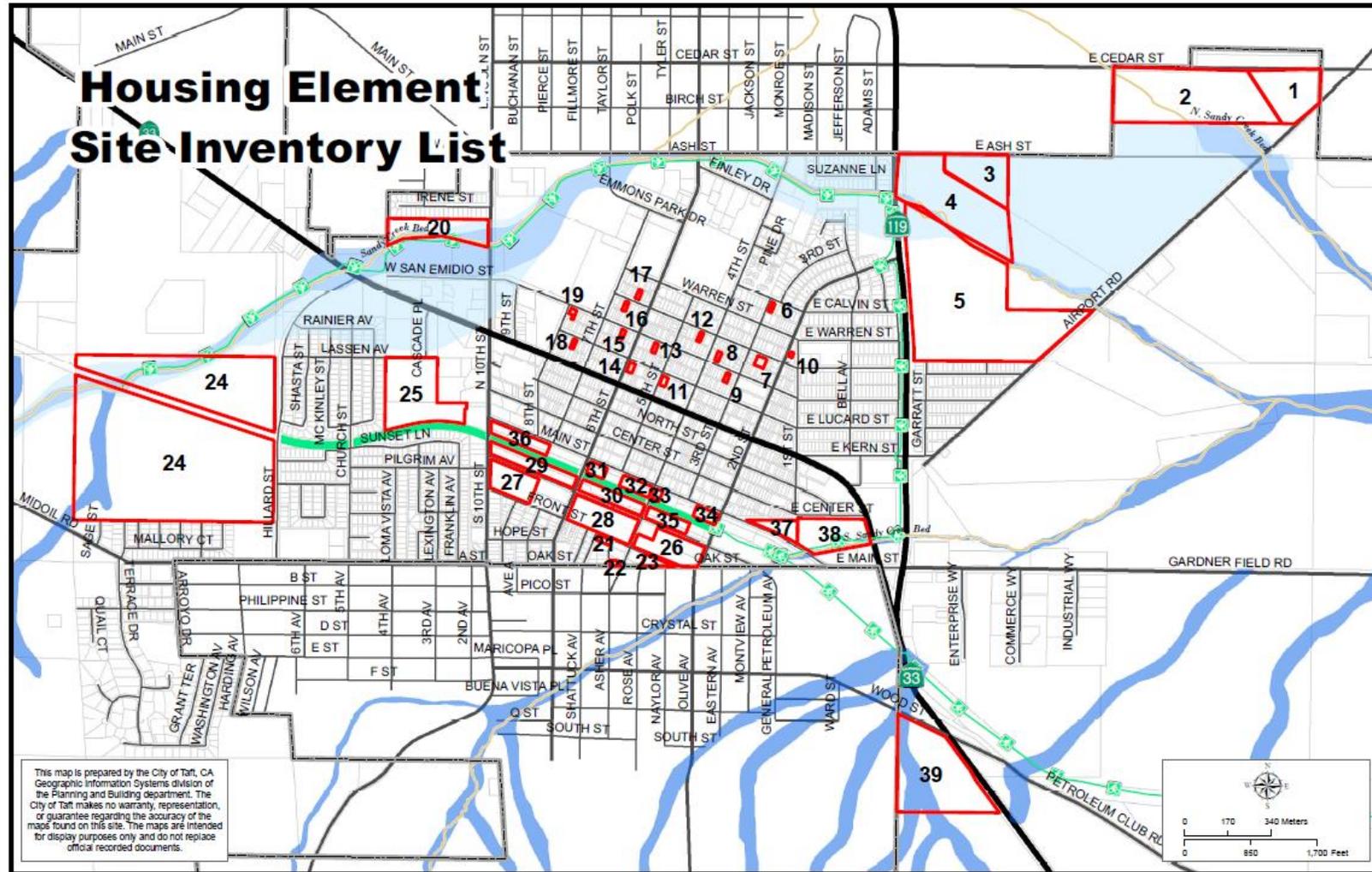


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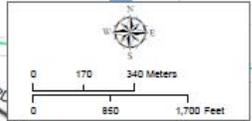
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- 0.2 % Annual Chance of Flooding



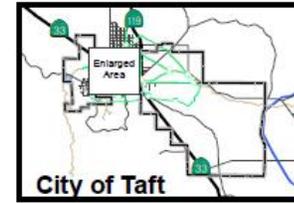


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Table No. 20: City of Taft ~~Existing Land Use 2008~~ Adequate Sites Inventory 2015 (Source: City of Taft)

Table A		Available Land Inventory Summary									
SITE NO.	APN	ZONE	ALLOWABLE DENSITY (per acre)	GP DESIGNATION	ACRES	REALISTIC UNIT CAPACITY	EXISTING USE	INFRASTRUCTURE CAPACITY	ON-SITE CONSTRAINTS		
<u>1</u>	<u>220-300-15</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 du</u>	<u>MDR (15 du/ac)</u>	<u>9.86</u>	<u>110</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>Flood zone</u>	<u>118 unit potential if zoning density amended to match GP</u>	
<u>2</u>	<u>220-300-17</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5 du</u>	<u>LDR (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>29.98</u>	<u>119</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>Flood zone, mineral transmission lines</u>	<u>Approved 122 lot subdivision, not finalized</u>	
<u>3</u>	<u>032-220-56</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5 du</u>	<u>PE</u>	<u>8.45</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>Flood zone, possible hazard site</u>	<u>47 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac</u>	
<u>4</u>	<u>032-220-29</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5 du</u>	<u>NR (0.2 du/ac)</u>	<u>21.82</u>	<u>87</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>Flood zone, dry creek bed, possible hazard site</u>	<u>122 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac</u>	
<u>5</u>	<u>032-220-61</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5 du</u>	<u>NR (0.2 du/ac)</u>	<u>57.12</u>	<u>228</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>Flood zone, possible hazard site</u>	<u>319 unit potential if zoning and GP amended to 7 du/ac</u>	
<u>1</u>	<u>031-430-03 thru-09, 031-430-12 thru-29 & 031-430-35</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>8-16 DU</u>	<u>Mixed Use</u>	<u>3.10</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>Vacant lots & dilapidated homes</u>	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>Zone Change to R-4 can provide up to an additional 22 units</u>		
<u>2</u>	<u>031-440-27 thru 031-440-31</u>	<u>R-3 & C-2</u>	<u>8-16 DU</u>	<u>Mixed Use</u>	<u>0.59</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Dilapidated homes</u>	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>None</u>		
<u>56</u>	<u>031-420-01</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>0-7.5 DU</u>	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>21</u>	<u>Vacant Lot</u>	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP</u>	

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<u>47</u>	031-310-05 031-310-06 031-310-07 <u>031-110-08</u>	R-1	<u>0-7.5</u> DU	Low Density Residential (<u>7</u> du/ac)	<u>0.22</u> <u>0.36</u>	<u>32</u>	Vacant In-fill Lots	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>None One substandard lot</u>	<u>Parcel merge -06 and -07, Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>38</u>	031-320-23 031-320-26 <u>031-320-27</u>	R-1	<u>0-7.5</u> DU	Low Density Residential (<u>7</u> du/ac)	<u>0.22</u> <u>0.14</u>	<u>31</u>	Vacant In-fill Lots	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>None 2 substandard lots</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>9</u>	<u>031-290-10</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5</u> DU	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lot</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>10</u>	<u>031-402-04</u>	<u>R-1</u>	<u>5</u> DU	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.07</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lot</u>		<u>Substandard Lot</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 7 du/ac to match GP; Merge substandard lot w/adjacent lot</u>	
<u>611</u>	031-150-01	R-3	<u>8-16</u> <u>24</u> DU	Mixed Use (<u>29</u> du/ac)	<u>0.21</u> <u>0.22</u>	<u>65</u>	Vacant In-fill Lot	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	None	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>12</u>	<u>031-330-09</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14</u> DU	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lot</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>13</u>	<u>031-270-06</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14</u> DU	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lot</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>14</u>	<u>031-160-01</u> <u>031-160-02</u> <u>031-160-03</u> <u>031-160-04</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14</u> DU	<u>Mixed Use (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.22</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lots</u>		<u>Four (4) substandard lots</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Merge lots to create more viable lot</u>	
<u>15</u>	<u>031-260-07</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14</u> DU	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant In-fill Lots</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	

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<u>16</u>	<u>031-350-05</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>
<u>17</u>	<u>031-360-13</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>
<u>18</u>	<u>031-240-05</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>Mixed use (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.14</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>
719	<u>031-250-02</u> <u>031-250-03</u> <u>thru-05</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>8-14 DU</u>	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	0.30 <u>0.16</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>Vacant lots & dilapidated homes</u>	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>None Two irregular & substandard lots</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; OR merge with adjacent lots for more open space</u>
<u>820</u>	<u>032-152-14</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>8-14 DU</u>	<u>Medium Density Residential (15 du/ac)</u>	<u>8.06</u>	<u>2490</u>	<u>Vacant lot</u>	<u>Upgrades conditioned as part of map approval</u>	<u>Zone AE & 0.2% flood plain encroachment & possible animal/plant mitigation</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 15 du/ac to match GP</u>
<u>21</u>	<u>032-141-01</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.31</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend General Plan and zoning density to 15 du/ac to match</u>
<u>22</u>	<u>032-141-08</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.20</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend General Plan and zoning density to 15 du/ac to match</u>
<u>23</u>	<u>032-143-01</u>	<u>R-2</u>	<u>14 DU</u>	<u>High Density Residential (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>0.75</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Vacant</u>		<u>None</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>
40 <u>24</u>	032-152-34 <u>032-152-64</u> <u>032-152-65</u>	<u>R-1</u>	0-7.5 <u>DU</u>	<u>Low Density Residential (7 du/ac)</u>	95.08 <u>32.67</u> <u>&</u> <u>85.14</u>	500 <u>130 & 340</u>	<u>Undeveloped</u>	<u>Sufficient to serve proposed land use</u>	<u>Zone A flood plain encroachment & possible animal/plant</u>	<u>Approved Vesting Tentative Tract Map Nos. 7227 & 7230 for up to 394 SFR lots (under construction); 30 acres set aside for CEQA mitigation</u>

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									mitigation		
<u>11</u> <u>25</u>	032-610-01 032-610-02	MHP <u>R-1</u>	15+5 <u>DU</u>	High Density Residential (<u>29 du/ac</u>)	15.21 <u>15</u>	20 <u>12</u>	20-12 Vacant lots available within Park	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None Existing Mobile Home Park	<u>Amend General Plan and zoning as appropriate for existing Mobile Home Park</u>	
<u>9</u>	032-141-08 thru 11 032-142-01 032-142-02 032-143-01	R-1 <u>R-2</u>	15+5 <u>DU</u>	Low Density Residential	3.15 <u>3.15</u>	56 <u>56</u>	Unoccupied Elec. Repair Shop & Warehouse in disrepair, Vacant Lots	Upgrades conditioned as part of map approval	Possible Hazardous Material Clean up		
<u>12</u>	032-134-05	<u>R-2</u>	<u>8-14 DU</u>	Medium Density Residential	<u>0.66</u>	<u>14</u>	Unoccupied Nursing Facility	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	None		
<u>13</u>	032-110-16 032-110-18 032-110-20 032-110-21 032-110-23 032-110-30 032-110-33 032-110-34 032-110-40	M-1 & C-1	<u>15+ DU</u>	Mixed Use	<u>40.36</u>	<u>300</u>	Vacant lots and abandoned right-of-way by railroad company	Sufficient to serve proposed land use	Hazardous Material Clean up, Zone A flood encroachment & Re-zoning		
<u>26</u>	032-110-41 032-110-42	<u>MU</u>	<u>24 DU</u>	Mixed Use (<u>29 du/ac</u>)	<u>5.80</u>	<u>111</u>	Vacant commercial building & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	
<u>27</u>	032-110-30	<u>MU</u>	<u>24 DU</u>	Mixed Use (<u>29 du/ac</u>)	<u>4.75</u>	<u>91</u>	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP</u>	

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28	032-110-58	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	6.71	129	Commercial building & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
29	032-110-66 032-110-67	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	4.04	78	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
30	032-110-70 032-110-71	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	2.98	57	Civic use, vacant industrial building		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approximately half of area is developer or planned for civic uses
31	032-110-72 032-110-73	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.80	15	Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Vacant lot currently used for public events
32	032-110-74 032-110-75	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.37	26	Tow yard & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
33	032-110-76 032-110-77	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	0.29	6	Vacant lots		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Ideal for Mixed Use development with units on 2 nd & 3 rd Floors
34	032-110-78 032-110-79	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.02	20	Vacant lots		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP
35	032-110-80 032-110-81	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	1.94	37	Vacant industrial building & Vacant lot		Hazardous Material Site	Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approved in 2011 for 40-unit affordable MFR development, never constructed.
36	032-110-86	MU	24 DU	Mixed Use (29 du/ac)	2.63	50	Occupied industrial building & Vacant lot			Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Approximately 1.87 acres available for development



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<u>37</u>	<u>032-110-02</u>	<u>MU</u>	<u>24 DU</u>	<u>Mixed Use (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>2.10</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>Vacant lot</u>			<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; Lot Line Adjustment needed</u>	
<u>38</u>	<u>032-050-07</u>	<u>MU</u>	<u>24 DU</u>	<u>Mixed Use (29 du/ac)</u>	<u>8.09</u>	<u>155</u>	<u>Vacant lot</u>		<u>Flood zone, dry creek bed</u>	<u>Amend zoning density to 29 du/ac to match GP; within Airport Land Use Compatibility Zone B and C</u>	
<u>39</u>	<u>220-040-44</u>	<u>R-3</u>	<u>24 DU</u>	<u>Commercial</u>	<u>14.78</u>	<u>283</u>	<u>Vacant lot</u>		<u>Adjacent to Caltrans Hwy & Gravel mine</u>	<u>Amend zoning and GP to 29 du/ac to be consistent</u>	
TOTAL						329.1	992	2,283			
<u>TOTAL High Density Residential Units (R-3 and MU)</u>						<u>1,103</u>				<u>48.27% of Realistic Capacity</u> <u>434% of RHNA</u> <u>1,414% of combined Low and Very-Low Income RHNA</u>	

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF GRAPHIC A AND TABLE NO. 20

~~Site 1 consists of 3.14 acres located east of Taft's downtown area. The site area currently contains seven vacant lots, seventeen housing structures built between 1910-1943 and one housing structure built in 1969. The present homes are in a state of disrepair and five are currently boarded up. The vacant lots within the site area are a result of homes that have been demolished over the past 20 years due to fire and lack of maintenance. Analysis performed by the City's Geographical Information Systems Technician has shown that this area could be redeveloped to accommodate very low income units, low income units, and supportive or transitional housing.~~

~~In response to the housing needs assessment identified by Kern Council of Governments "Executive Summary", the City of Taft is developing a program that will purchase the lots as they become available in an effort to have the area master planned for a multiple housing unit facility. The program, managed by the City's Property Management Team, has already purchased some properties within the site area, and has identified multiple lots that are vacant and/or condemned, for purchase. The ultimate number of units will be determined by the developer but the City's analysis has shown that 50 units could be buildable under current zoning practices.~~

~~Current general plan designation for the site is Mixed Use (MU) and zoning designation Limited Multiple Family Zone (R-3). The City is in the process of amending City Code to allow additional supportive or transitional housing by right in a R-3 Zone.~~

~~Taft Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) designates this area as an "East Transitional Zone", allowing for higher density residential dwellings than the zoning designations. The DSP promotes higher density dwellings by offering incentives such as:~~

- ~~2 to 3 lots — 10% increase in allowable units~~
 - ~~— 10% reduction in parking~~
 - ~~— 10% increase in lot coverage~~

- ~~4 to 6 lots — 15% increase in allowable units~~
 - ~~— 10% reduction in parking~~
 - ~~— 10% increase in lot coverage~~
 - ~~— Additional one story to maximum height~~

- ~~7 or more lots — 15% increase in allowable units~~
 - ~~— 15% reduction in parking~~
 - ~~— 20% increase in lot coverage~~
 - ~~— Additional one story to maximum height~~

~~Sites 1 & 2 consists of 39.84 acres located along the northeast City boundary along Cedar Street. The sites were created as part of Parcel Map No. 11694 approved in 2008. On April 15, 2008, Tentative Tract Map No. 6763 was approved for a 122 lot subdivision on Site 2. The developer has not filed to record the Final Map. However, the various state Senate and Assembly bills that have provided automatic map extensions has extended the approval of TTM 6763 until April 2017.~~

~~As Table No. 20, above, shows, the allowable densities per the Zoning Ordinance and per the General Plan designation are not consistent. This Housing Element includes a program to amend the Zoning Ordinance to have all residential districts' maximum allowable densities adjusted to match their corresponding Land Use designations. This issue consistent Citywide and will not be addressed again in the details of other adequate sites.~~

~~Additional incentives such as vacation of alleys, reduction in processing fees, or utility connection fees may apply on a case-by-case basis between the project applicant and the City.~~

~~The City is improving the future of the area through public works maintenance programs and planning projects such as:~~

- ~~Public Works infrastructure improvements—updating the wastewater pipes and street surfaces in the area.~~
- ~~The purchase of 46 acres to the south for the development of a master planned mixed-use project.~~
- ~~The property directly east has been approved for development for a hotel/restaurant and a filling station~~
- ~~The property directly northeast (vacant hospital) is planned as an Urgent Care and Senior Care Facility.~~

~~Sites 2-3, 4, and 5 consists of 0.59 acres located east of Taft's downtown area. This site contains three housing structures built in 1920 and one structure built after 1960. Taft's Housing Survey showed that three out of the four homes are in a state of disrepair. Site area is located in a very low to low income housing neighborhood.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Mixed Use (MU), and zoning for 2 lots is Limited Multi-Family Zone (R-3), and 3 lots is General Commercial Zone (C-2). The City's Downtown Specific Plan applies an overlay (transitional zone) to this area that allows for higher density residential dwellings with the same incentives as illustrated for Site 1. It should be noted that the Plan encourages senior housing and multiple family residential. The site will eventually allow supportive or transitional housing by right. Infrastructure (wastewater & potable water lines) are present and can accommodate redevelopment structures.~~

~~The C-2 lots within the site are located within the transitional zone overlay. This allows for the application of a conditional use permit (CUP) for residential purpose. Current City Projects will supply the Downtown area with additional developable lots to the south of Main Street. The availability of open space to the south alleviates the need to maintain the C-2 zoning at its current restriction level of the west and east transitional zones of the Downtown Specific Plan.~~

~~City's analysis has shown that 10 units could be obtainable under current zoning practices on 8.45, 21.82, and 57.12 acre properties on the east side of the City, east of Highway 119. The sites are due north of the only residential development on the east side of Highway 199, which was completed in the early 1960s. All three properties are within the Single Family Residential (R-1) zone district, but Site 3 has General Plan designation of Public Facilities (PF) with Sites 4 and 5 with a designation of Natural Resources (NR). A Public Facilities land use is limited to uses that service public agency functions, including parks, schools, the post office, City and other government facilities. The NR land use is limited to oil and gas related activities. Furthermore, all three properties are not privately owned, but are federally owned properties through the Bureau of Land Management.~~

~~The properties have additional constraints with flood zone hazards as a dry creek runs between Sites 4 and 5. The properties may also have other hazardous materials under the site from long past (50+ years ago) burning of refuse waste. Future development of these sites will require General Plan Amendments, hydrology studies, and environmental assessments to determine their development viability.~~

~~**Sites 3-6, 9, and 10** consists of 3 vacant lots (.21 acres) adjacent to each other. Lots contain overgrown trees and shrubbery. Several vehicles are parked on the lots.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Low Density Residential (LDR) and zoning is Single Family Residential Zone (R-1). Each lot size is 25' X 125' limiting the size of a dwelling that could be built on each lot. According to the housing survey performed by the City of Taft the homes surrounding the area have a declining rate between moderate to sound. The site area is located in a low to moderate income housing neighborhood. Zoning allows single family dwellings and duplex construction with intent of being divided with a zero lot line. All infrastructure to develop site is present.~~

~~The combined area would be sufficient to develop a 3-4 unit duplex or 2 single family dwelling units—two 0.14 vacant acre lots and one 0.07 substandard lot. All three are potential in-fill sites are within the R-1 zone district and have a Single Family Residential (SFR) land use designation. Sites 6 and 9 are viable for in-fill development a single-family residence each as both lots are compliant with minimum lot size requirements of the R-1 zone. Site 10 is only about half the size of the minimum required lot size with in the R-1 zone district. Site 10 may be more appropriately merged with an adjacent substandard lot to provide a rear yard for those lots. Sites 6 and 9 can contribute toward the City's moderate and above moderate housing need.~~

~~**Site 4-7** is 1 block from site 3 and is similar to site 3. The site consists of 3 vacant lots (.21 acres) adjacent to each other. Lots contain several overgrown trees and shrubs and have trash and debris scattered throughout and a small building structure is present on the east lot.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Low Density Residential (LDR), and zoning Single Family Residential Zone (R-1). Each lot size is 25' X 125'. The homes surrounding the area have a declining rate between moderate to sound. Site area is located in a low to moderate income housing neighborhood. All infrastructure to develop site is present.~~

~~The combined area would be sufficient to develop a 3-4 unit duplex or 2 single-family dwelling units. consists of four adjacent properties totaling 0.36 acres. All four properties of Site 7 are within the R-1 zone district and have a SFR land use designation. Despite being adjacent to each other, the four properties can only be merged and lot line adjusted to create two compliant single-family residential in-fill lots. The realistic capacity of 2 SFR units can contribute toward the City's moderate and above moderate housing need.~~

~~**Site 5-8** consists of 1 vacant corner lot (.14 acres). The site area is bordered by dwelling units consisting of duplexes and single-family homes. Site area is located in a low to moderate-income housing neighborhood.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Low Density Residential (LDR) and zoning is Single Family Residential Zone (R-1). Zoning allows single family dwellings and duplex construction with intent of being divided with a zero lot line. Site area is located in a low to moderate income housing neighborhood. All infrastructure to develop site is present. 2 vacant lots totaling 0.14 acres. The properties are within the R-1 zone district and LDR land use designation. The substandard lots will need to be merged to create a lot that is compliant with the R-1 development standards. The 1 SFR unit realistic capacity can contribute toward the City's moderate and above moderate housing need.~~

~~By being located on a corner lot, the site provides the owner with the ability to market a duplex with 2-3 dwelling units that allow easier access for residents.~~

~~**Site 6-11** consists of 1 vacant corner lot (.21 acres). The City of Taft housing survey has stated that the homes directly surrounding the site are in a moderate to substantial declining state. Site area is located in a very low to moderate income housing neighborhood.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Mixed Use (MU) and zoning is Limited Multiple Family Dwelling Zone (R-3). As with Site 1 the site is within the Downtown Specific Plan area which allows zone permitted uses to be increased depending on the number of dwelling units being proposed. Site area is located in a low to moderate income housing neighborhood. The site will eventually allow the use of supportive or transitional housing by right. All infrastructure to develop site is present.~~

~~The corner lot location, general plan designation and the close vicinity to downtown provide the site with multiple uses and additional value. The sites close proximity to Taft College would provide students with adequate housing without the necessity to own a vehicle to attend classes. Due to the potential, city analysis has shown that the site would better serve the community with the construction of a multiple dwelling structure with up to 6 units. totaling 0.22 acres. The property is within the High Density Residential (R-3) zone district with a Mixed Use (MU) land use designation. The site is prominently located at the southeast corner of 5th Street and Lucard Street, which is less than a block from commercial shopping and transit opportunities to the south along Kern Street.~~

~~The property can be developed with up to 5 units per the zone district and up to 6 units per the land use designation. This further demonstrates the need for a program to amend the Zoning~~

Ordinance residential densities to be consistent with the more dense land use designations. This site can contribute toward both the City's low income and moderate income housing needs.

~~Sites 7-12 and 13 consists of 4 lots, 2 vacant and 2 dwelling units that are in a decrypted state of repair. The first dwelling is boarded up and has been vacant for approximately 3 years. The second dwelling is currently occupied. The site is located on a corner, directly across from the Taft Union High School.~~

~~Current general plan designation is High Density Residential (HDR) and zoning is Two-Family Residential Zone (R-2). Single-family dwellings and duplexes are allowed in the zoning ordinance. The area is predominantly very low to low income. All infrastructure is present. The site location would support apartment dwellings (with a conditional use permit) or duplex apartments. The proximity to Taft College (1 block) would allow students a residence that would be close enough to walk to the campus. The site could accommodate up to 4 dwelling units, individual 0.14 acre lots, both of which are in the Medium Density Residential (R-2) zone district and have a High Density Residential (HDR) land use designation. The R-2 zone allows 14 units to the acre, but the 0.14 acre lots would only be allowed one unit on each lot. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the R-3 zone district to match the HDR Land Use designation could result up to 4 units on each property. However, at this time, the realistic capacity for each site is one unit each. The single units can contribute toward the City's moderate housing need, while a R-3 zone development could contribute toward the City's low income housing need.~~

~~Site 8-14 consists of a undeveloped four substandard vacant lots (8.6 acres) located south of a moderate income housing neighborhood and north of an established shopping center. Site is across the street from Taft Union High School and 1 block southwest from Taft College. A dry wash (Sandy Creek) can be found on the southern quarter of the site.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Medium Density Residential (MDR) and zoning is Two-Family Residential Zone (R-2). The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), AE Zone (1.0% annual chance flood hazard) plain covers approximately 30% of site area while a 0.2% annual chance flood hazard encompasses an additional approximation of 20% of site area. Infrastructure (wastewater & potable water lines) are present adjacent to site. The development of the area will require an environmental impact report or environmental impact assessment.~~

~~Due to the dry wash in the vicinity, the 8.6 acres can realistically provide 24 single-family homes or 60 apartments. Upon implementation of the Sandy Creek Project (see Sandy Creek Watershed) the site will be able to provide up to 40 single-family dwellings or 114 apartments, totalling 0.22 acres. The site is within the R-2 zone district and HDR land use designation. Similar to Site 11, this site is a corner lot at 6th Street and Lucard Street less than a block from retail shopping and transit stops along Kern Street. The zoning in a realistic unit capacity of 3 units, while zoning amendment to the R-3 (to match HDR) would result up to 6 units that could be development. Both scenarios can contribute to the City's low-income housing need.~~

~~Site **9-15, 16, 17, and 18** consists of 3.15 acres that contains several unoccupied buildings (Warehouse, Electric Repair Shop and Oil Pump Repair). The buildings were built in the 1930's and are in complete disrepair. Collector streets (4th St. & Front St.) traverse next to and through the site.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Low Density Residential (LDR) and zoning is Two-Family Residential Zone (R-2). Area is currently a low income neighborhood. Site is located next to a very low income unincorporated area. Infrastructure is present.~~

~~Analysis has shown that the site has the potential to accommodate a senior facility and/or low-income apartments with as many as 56 units. Current property owners have agreed that these types of structures fit into their future plans for the properties. four individual properties that are each 0.14 acres in size. All four sites are within the R-2 zone district and have a HDR and MU land use designation. Each site is located approximately mid-block on San Emidio Street, Woodrow Street, and Lucard Street, between 6th Street and 8th Street. The R-2 zone allows 14 units to the acre, but the 0.14 acre lots would only be allowed one unit on each lot. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to the R-3 zone district to match the HDR and MU Land Use designations could result up to 4 units on each property. However, at this time, the realistic capacity for each site is one unit each. The single units can contribute toward the City's moderate housing need, while an R-3 zone development could contribute toward the City's low income housing need.~~

~~Site **10-19** consists of 95.08 acres. Property is in its natural state. The City owns a 100' wide parcel through the property (purchased from Union Pacific Railroad Company) that is in the process of being engineered as an extension of the City's Rails to Trails, a pedestrian/bike path that includes landscaping, benches, lighting, and pavement.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Low Density Residential (LDR) and zoning is Single Family Residential Zone (R-1). Site is located within the Federal Emergency Management Agency, A Zone (1.0% annual chance of flooding) flood area. East of site is a moderate income area and south of site is an above moderate income area. Infrastructure access is available directly adjacent to site.~~

~~Current property owner is a local developer that has notified the City that his plans are to construct several tracts over the next few years that would total 500 plus single family dwelling units. consists of two irregular shaped and substandard lots that total 0.16 acres. The properties are within the R-2 zone district and have a HDR land use designation. If merged together, the site can have up to two residential units. However, due to their irregular shape and small size, it may be best suited to merge with adjacent lots.~~

~~Site **11-20** consists of 20 available lots within a designated mobile home park to accommodate new manufacture housing.~~

~~Current general plan designation is High Density Residential (HDR) and zoning is Mobile Home Park Zone (MHP).~~

~~Mobile home pads are already in place with all infrastructures and comply with all city codes and regulations. a vacant and undeveloped 8.06 acre lot that is located within the R-2 zone district and has a MDR land use designation. The R-2 density will allow a realistic capacity of about 90 multi-family units. However, the property does have some constraints including being~~

located within a flood hazard zone and, with all new development of this size, providing environmental mitigation to reduce the impact of the new development. The 90 units can contribute to the City's moderate and low-income housing need.

~~Site **12-21, 22, and 23** consists of an unoccupied nursing facility containing 14 units with office, nursing station, and large parking lot. Building is becoming rundown and is vandalized frequently.~~

~~Current general plan designation is Medium Density Residential (MDR) and zoning is Two-Family Residential Zone (R-2). Located in a very low-income neighborhood that is adjacent to a very low-income unincorporated area. Infrastructure is present.~~

~~Analysis has shown that the presence of a building that can accommodate elderly, disabled, underprivileged, and/or homeless. A conditional use permit (CUP) would have to be applied for under the current Zoning Ordinance. The Planning Department is currently in the process of updating the zoning ordinance. The proposed ordinance will allow uses such as those listed previously without a CUP. Current zoning would allow up to 14 units on the site. three vacant and undeveloped lots that are 0.31, 0.20, and 0.75 acres, respectively. The sites are along Front Street at or near the intersections of 4th Street, 5th Street, and Asher Way. All three properties are within the R-2 zone district and have a LDR land use designation with Site 23 within HDR. Per the Zoning Ordinance, the sites can have a realistic capacity of 2, 1, and 10 units, respectively. However, an amendment to the zoning and/or land use designations can increase the density in this area and potentially provide affordable residential developments. Development of Sites 21 and 22 with 2 and 1 unit can contribute toward the City's moderate income housing need, with Site 23 potentially contributing to the low-income housing need.~~

~~Site **13-24** consists of 40.36 acres of vacant land and industrial buildings. The site was previously an industrial site for over 60 years. Buildings located on the site consist of tin buildings that need maintenance and wood buildings that have little or no foundation. Site contains selected parcels between 1st and 10th Streets and 3 blocks between Main Street and Front Street. Land is littered with concrete blocks, old fencing, foundation pads, and trash left from previous tenants of the Railroad. Rails to Trails is located in the center of the site.~~

~~Currently general plan designation is Mixed Use (MU) and zoning is Light Industrial Zone (M-1). The Taft Downtown Specific Plan (DSP) applies to this area. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), A Zone (1.0% annual chance of flooding) flood area can be found on the eastern 500 feet of the site. Soil Analysis has also shown the eastern 500 feet to be contaminated above industrial levels.~~

~~The City is working with a developer to master plan and re-zone the area. The City has requested that eighty percent (80%) of the site will accommodate low to medium income housing, parking, and infrastructure. Current City plans entail as many as 900 dwelling units on the site. The City has already performed soil analysis up to a residential level. Further soil analysis will be performed as the site is developed. two vacant and undeveloped properties on the western edge of the developed part of the City, west of Hillard Street, that are 32.67 and 85.14 acres in size and bisected by a 100-foot wide multi-use trail property. Both properties are within the R-1 zone and LDR land use designation. The properties have a realistic capacity of 470 single-family residential units. The properties have been entitled under Vesting Tentative~~

Tract Map Nos. 7227 and 7230 for up to 394 lots. Due to mitigation requirements, 30 acres of the western edges of the tracts were located within a flood hazard area and became environmental mitigation land for local area threatened species. The 394 single-family residential lots will contribute toward the City's moderate and above moderate income housing need.

Site 25 consists of two properties totaling 15.15 acres. The properties are within the R-1 zone district and HDR land use designation. However, these properties will never be single-family residences or high density housing as the property is occupied by the Buena Vista Mobile Home Park. The realistic capacity of the park is equal to the number of remaining lots within the park, which is 12 units. These mobile home lots can contribute to the City's low-income housing need and those on a fixed income.

Sites 26 through 36 consist of a former redevelopment area known as Rails-to-Trails, which is centrally located within the City of Taft with nearby access to downtown shopping, transit options, and open space amenities. The 100-foot wide multi-use trail mentioned in Site 24 also has its western end bisecting this area. The 11 sites contain a total of 19 individual properties ranging in size from 0.29 to 6.71 acres. All of the properties are located within the Mixed Use (MU) zone district and have a Mixed Use (MU) land use designation. The sites are bound by Main Street to the north, Front Street to the south, 2nd Street to the east, and 10th Street to the west. In total, the 11 sites have a realistic capacity of 599 multi-family residential units, which far exceeds the 78 Low-income units in the RHNA. However, all 11 sites, per the MU allowances, can develop as entirely commercial developments, entirely multi-family residential development, or mixed-use developments. Furthermore, the MU zone only allows up to 24 du/ac, while the MU land use allows up to 29 du/ac. An amendment to the Zoning Ordinance, along with utilizing existing density bonus standards, an affordable housing or an inclusionary market rate multi-family housing development can maximize their development to meet the City's low-income housing need.

Site 37 consists of a vacant and undeveloped 2.10 acre in-fill lot. The property is located northeast of Sites 26 through 36 mentioned above along Main Street. The property is within the MU zone district and MU land use designation, which results in a realistic capacity of about 40 multi-family units. As mentioned before, an amendment to the Zoning Ordinance to have the zoning density match the land use density of 29 du/ac could result in more affordable units. The site does have a constraint in that a lot line adjustment may be needed to remove an unnecessary alley way that was never developed. The units developed on this site can contribute toward the City's low-income housing need.

Site 38 consists of a vacant and undeveloped 8.09 acre lot just east of Site 37 at the southwest corner of Center Street and Highway 33/Adkisson Way. The property is located within the MU zone district and MU land use designation. It has been determined that the lot could reach a realistic capacity of 155 multi-family units. This is well below the maximum density allowed as this property is located within Zones B and C of the Airport Land Use Compatibility Plan, which limits structure heights and number of people per acre density limit. The property is just to the

south of property owned by the West Side Health Care District, which is working on a master plan for the property in hopes to provide more medical services to the area. This Site 38 may also be a site for housing that is medically related, for those with disabilities, or possibly even senior housing. The units developed on this can contribute toward the City's low-income and moderate income housing need.

Site 39 consists of a vacant and undeveloped 14.78 acre lot. The property is located west of Highway 33 and south of Wood Street, within the R-3 zone district and has a Commercial (C) land use designation. The zoning provides for a realistic unit capacity of 283 multi-family units. However, the C land use designation can limit the residential development. A review and amendment of the Zoning Ordinance and General Plan Land Use Element to ensure consistency is needed to maximize the yield of this property. The site does have some constraints being immediately adjacent to Highway 33, to the east, and a gravel mine, to the south. Noise mitigation will be a key element in developing this site. The units developed on this site can contribute toward the City's low-income and moderate income housing need.

6.7.2 IMPORTANCE TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The City's economy is dependent on the oil industry. The oil economy subjects the City to "boom/bust" cycles associated with changes in local, national and international oil economies. The economic instabilities contribute to lack of investment in housing rehabilitation and new construction. A stabilizing effect can be achieved if the City could work towards diversifying job opportunities in the area. The availability of affordable income qualified and market rate housing is absolutely vital to growth and development of Taft. Housing for relocated workers and managers must be readily available, if Taft is to be competitive with other cities. To the extent that new economic development and diversification away from the oil industry can be achieved successfully, an increase in housing construction could be attained as a spin-off.

8.06.8 ANALYSIS OF POTENTIAL CONSTRAINTS

In order to plan for housing, constraints to housing development must be recognized. Many constraints are difficult for local government alone to overcome i.e., the condition of the national or regional economy and interest rates. The City is landlocked by unincorporated county lands. Oil companies own most of the vacant lands within the City. Other constraints that need to be addressed include market constraints, governmental constraints and public perception constraints.

6.8.1 GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

6.8.1.1-0 LAND USE CONTROLS:

These consist of the General Plan, Zoning Ordinance, open space requirements, subdivision regulations, and similar regulatory documents. Any of these tools for regulating development activity taken to extremes could represent obstacles to the production of housing.

The Taft Zoning Ordinance is not a complex set of regulations. It is characterized as having a basic set of development standards, offering some forms of flexibility other municipal zoning ordinances do not. The treatment of substandard lots is a generous one and a practical one, given that the City was originally subdivided into 25-foot lots.

6.8.1.1-1 ZONING ORDINANCE

The Zoning Ordinance contains a PD (Planned Development) overlay zone requiring site plan review of development proposals. This gives the City a discretionary process to ensure that quality development occurs within the framework of the City's basic zoning provisions. However, the zoning code allows for such land uses as residential and family care, and group homes serving more than six people through the standards set forth in the proposed revision to the Zoning Ordinance rather than through Conditional Use Permit procedures in residentially zoned districts. Boarding houses, transient occupancy facilities, facilities used for the purpose of providing shelter for migrant agricultural workers, and other such facilities needed for emergency housing are allowed through Planning Commission approval, ~~not requiring conditional use permits in the Residential Affordable Overlay Zone. The Zoning Ordinance is in the process of being revised to implement some of the goals and policies stated in the Housing, Land Use and Circulation Element.~~

6.8.1.1-2-3 MANUFACTURED HOUSING

Taft Land Use controls are very favorable to affordable housing development in general. The City allows manufactured units on single-family lots. All single-family residential projects are approved at staff level, ~~except for manufactured housing being reviewed by the Planning Commission. The City has recently approved a three lot subdivision for three manufactured~~

~~houses, of which one has been built and sold. Further, the City is actively pursuing the promotion of a manufactured housing community project for low and moderate income persons.~~ City staff is primarily interested in the upkeep and sustainability of a manufactured housing community.

~~In accordance with State Law, the City is revising its Zoning Code to eliminate Planning Commission Review (Precise Development Application) requirements on manufactured housing proposals. Architectural requirements, such as roof overhang, roofing material, siding material, age-of-structure restrictions, etc., as permitted by State Law, will be incorporated into the text of the Zoning Code by December 2009. Refer to Program 2.3.21; along with providing the minimum required parking of two spaces within an enclosed garage consistent with all single family residential projects in the City.~~

6.8.1.1.34 SECOND UNITS

Currently, the Taft Zoning Code provides for second units in the Single-Family Residential Zone. The secondary unit ordinance was adopted in 2004 and will continue with the proposed regulations to be implemented by December 2009.

Table No. 21

TAFT ZONING ORDINANCE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS						
		R-S	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4 R-A-O <u>MU (Refer to R-3 Development Stds)</u>
1.	LOT SIZE Area Width, <u>Interior</u> <u>Width, Corner</u> Depth	24,000 <u>20,000</u> 100'80' <u>100'</u> ---	6,000 60' 100'65'	6,000 <u>9,000</u> 60'75' <u>90'80'</u>	6,000 <u>12,000</u> 60'90' <u>90'100'</u>	6,000 <u>6,000</u> 6,000 <u>70'60'</u> 100'90'
2.	SETBACKS Front Side-street Side-interior Side-substd. Rear, <u>No Alley</u> <u>Rear, Alley</u>	25'30' <u>25'30'</u> 15'20' <u>15'20'</u> --- 25'40' <u>15'</u>	20'25' <u>10'*10'</u> 5' <u>3'</u> 5'15' <u>5'</u>	15'20' <u>10'*10'</u> 5' <u>3'</u> 5'15' <u>5'</u>	10'20' <u>10'</u> 5' <u>3'</u> 5'15' <u>5'</u>	10'30' <u>10'10'</u> 5'5' <u>3'</u> 5'15' <u>5'15'</u>
3.	COVERAGE	30%	40%	50%	60%	60%45%
4.	DISTANCE BETWEEN BUILDINGS Dwelling to Dwel. Dwelling to Access. Access. to Access.	<u>10'</u> 20' <u>10'</u> 6'	<u>10'</u> 20' <u>10'</u> 6'	<u>10'</u> 15' <u>10'</u> 6'	<u>10'</u> 10' <u>10'</u> 6'	10'----- 10'----- 6'-----
5.	UNIT STANDARDS Min. Floor Area <u>Unit width</u>	800 <u>1,450</u> 20'	800 <u>1,000</u> 19'	850 ---	--- <u>Studio 450</u> <u>1Bed 650</u> <u>2Bed 800</u> <u>+120/Bed</u> ---	----- -----
6.	HEIGHT LIMIT <u>Stories</u> Feet	2-1/2 35'	2-1/2 35'	2-1/2 35'	2-1/2 <u>35'45'</u>	62-1/2 <u>75'35'</u>
7.	DENSITY One unit/sq.ft. Gross units/ac. Net units/ac.	24,000 <u>20,000</u> 1.822 <u>1.178</u>	6,000 7.26 4.365 <u>5.0</u>	3,000 <u>14.52</u> 7.2 <u>14</u> <u>5.1</u>	2,000 <u>21.78</u> 15 <u>20</u> <u>14.1</u> <u>24</u>	1,000 <u>43.56</u> 20 <u>25</u>

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				<u>14.0</u>		
8.	PARKING spaces/unit					
	Single Family	<u>2 in Garage</u>	<u>2 Garage</u>	<u>2 Garage</u>	2	2
	Duplex	---	---	2	2	2
	3&4 Unit	---	---	1-1/2	1-1/2	1 1/2
	<u>Multi-Family</u>					
	<u>1 Bedroom</u>			<u>1.5</u>	<u>1.5</u>	
	<u>2 or More Beds</u>			<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	
	<u>Guest</u>					
	<u>11 or More Units</u>			<u>0.25</u>	<u>0.25</u>	

* Changed to 3' or 5' for interior side yards setbacks for properties in the R-1, RAO, and R-2 to encourage in-fill housing.

* Zero-lot line setbacks allowed in downtown area to encourage in-fill housing.

Per Section ~~6-5-12 (D)~~ of the zoning code 6.2.60 of the Zoning Ordinance the Planning Director has the discretion to ~~allow modifications~~ Minor Variances of residential development standards ~~upon making any of the following findings as follows:~~

- 1) Minor parking lot improvements.
 - 2) Up to thirty percent (30%) of parking and loading space Requirements, not to exceed two (2) spaces.
 - 3) Up to twenty percent (20%) of front yard setback requirements.
 - 4) Up to forty percent (40%) of side yard setback requirements, but no closer than three (3) feet from the property line.
 - 5) Up to twenty-five percent (25%) of rear yard setback requirements, but not closer than five (5) feet from the property line.
 - 6) Up to ten percent (10%) of area requirements, excluding lot area and dimension requirements.
 - 7) Up to ten percent (10%) of the maximum building coverage requirements.
 - 8) Up to ten percent (10%) of maximum gross floor area requirements.
- ~~1. Such modification is needed for safety reasons, to comply with other applicable codes, laws, ordinances, rules and regulations. Such determination may be made by means of elevations, photographs, renderings and/or site plans as the director deems necessary.~~

~~2. The proposed alteration or addition to an existing residence will be a continuation of existing architectural styles.~~

The Planning Commission has ~~recently approved and recommended to the City Council a Minor Accommodations ordinance allowing a 10% variation from setbacks, lot width, etc., described in Table No. 21 through automatic approvals, without needing an approved Variance~~ not recently utilized the Minor Variance as recent projects have mostly involved single-family residential tract development that has been compliant with development standards, without unique site constraints that would warrant the need for a Variance.

6.8.1.1.4.5 BUILDING CODE

The City of Taft has adopted the ~~2007-2013 Uniform-California~~ Building Code (~~UBCCBC~~) that establishes minimum building standards for new construction. While the City can add standards to the ~~UBCCBC~~, it cannot reduce them. The City has additional requirements related to soil and earthwork because of poor soil conditions in certain areas. The ~~2007-2013~~ building codes that have been enacted have ~~not~~ had an impact on the cost of housing ~~because the City has not increased building fees since 1994~~ as the implementation and added requirements through the Green Code section of the CBC has increased the estimated valuation of housing, thus increasing the plan check and permit fees.

In terms of development of housing for persons with disabilities, the City is requiring all rehabilitation and new construction to meet ADA standards. A program has been added to formally require such improvements for all rehabilitation and new construction activities. It is possible that some of the existing buildings may not be ADA compliant, but it is hoped that the above program will increase accessibility for disabled persons.

No Code or procedural impediments exist in providing accommodations for the disabled. Accommodation requests involving building rehabilitation for disable persons are handled through the ~~building-Building department~~Department, ~~except-including~~ when ~~variances are required-exceptions are provided~~ per State law. In order lessen housing constraints for persons with disabilities and to be compliant with fair housing laws, this element will include a housing program for the City to adopt a reasonable accommodation ordinance.

6.8.1.1.5.6 SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS

Residential off-site improvement standards originate with the requirements of the California Subdivision Map Act. The City requires full street right-of-way improvements for new subdivisions as well as all the utilities required to serve the homes. Often, the location of a site brings about site improvements that respond to some localized conditions such as drainage structures to handle storm water that traverse the site, or block walls to retain earthwork or reduce noise impact on site, or traffic control devices for the traffic generated by a residential project.

~~While it is difficult to estimate the cost of improvements until the site is chosen, one way to match legal requirements with affordable housing production objectives is through the use of redevelopment funds. Often, off-site improvements are the focus of local subsidy for projects that carry out specific local objectives. The 20 percent set-aside monies can be used to reduce off-site improvement costs for residential development that maintain a certain number of low and moderate income housing in the project.~~

Development improvements are generally classified into two categories: (1) On-site improvements and (2) Off-site improvements. On-site improvements required are paved parking spaces, landscaping, automatic irrigation, etc. Off-site improvements are: sidewalk, curb, and gutter, paved streets, fire hydrants, provisions for utilities, etc., in conformance with the City's subdivision improvement standards, incorporated herein by reference. The minimum local street rights-of-way allowed are 50-60 feet. ~~However, the City's new Land Use and Circulation elements (adopted on September 21, 2004) provides for optional designs customary to livable community standards.~~ Where sewer facilities are not available within 300-600 feet of a property to be developed, septic tanks are allowed.

The City of Taft has reviewed the off-site and on-site development standards and found that the existing standards do not restrict housing production within the City. However, to promote effective use of land for efficient and sustainability development, the City has ~~incorporated an optional Smart Growth Primer (Appendix A: Taft General plan Land Use Element, Pages A-1 through A-12) adopted Land Use and Conservation Policies (City of Taft General Plan Pages A-1 through A-3, A-6 to A-7, and A-14 through A-23)~~ in the new General plan Land Use Element adopted by the City on ~~September 21, 2004~~ June 22, 2010. It addresses such issues as Land Use and Connectivity, Open Space & Farmland Preservation, Development Scale and Design, Street Widths, Street Trees, Residential Facades, Energy Conservation, Climate Change and Greenhouse Gas Emissions, and Green Building, etc. The General Plan recognizes these principles and the benefits of Smart-Sustainable Growth. The Zoning Code will be revised adding provisions to allow developers to submit Smart Growth development plans.

~~6.8.1.1.67~~ PERMIT PROCESSING

A time-consuming element of the development process is devoted to securing permits and inspections needed for a residential project. In Taft, building permits are obtained, probably in one of the easiest and timeliest manners in the State. ~~For instance, staff level approvals are provided for all single family housing construction, except manufactured housing.~~ The City of Taft contracts with an outside Plan Check consultant for all new single-family housing construction for efficient processing and efficient use of a contract licensed engineer to review required structural calculations. First plan checks are completed in under two weeks, including shipping time to and from the consultant's office. In most ministerial cases, planning approval can usually be obtained in one day.

Pre-submittal Review. The City requires a “pre-submittal” review or conference for all multi-family projects of two family projects two units or more. This entails no more than a short conference with the City Planner to ascertain issues and requirements for the submittal.

For apartment projects with six units and more and all subdivision maps, pre-submittal of the primary exhibit or site plan is required. These pre-submittal requirements have resulted in a smoother and timely development process for the applicants.

Discretionary Applications. Residential development in Taft has required few, if any discretionary applications. ~~Single-family building permits are issued over the counter, except for manufactured housing.~~ Multi-family projects are approved through the Precise Development Site Plan Review Application, reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission. The City follows the timelines permitted by the State Permit Streamlining Act and time limits governed by the California Environmental Quality Act. Although CEQA allows up to six months for the processing of projects with Negative Declarations, the average time it takes for the City to process cases is about three months.

There ~~have has~~ only been ~~four one~~ residential tract/maps processed in the City in the last five years. An analysis of the record indicates that the 80394-lot tract map received tentative map approval in an extraordinarily short amount of time (approximately 60-90 days).

Residential uses in the Downtown Commercial (DC) and Mixed Use (MU) zone districts require the application of a discretionary Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application. The applications are filed with the Planning and Development Services Department, where the Planning Commission will consider each application at a noticed public hearing. Following the review and consideration of a CUP application, the Planning Commission may approve the application, with or without conditions, provided the Planning Commission prepares a written decision that contains the findings of fact upon which the Planning Commission’s decision is based. Below are the findings of fact required to approve a CUP:

- 1) the residential use is conditionally permitted in the zone district in which it is located,
- 2) the residential use is consistent with the goals, policies, and objectives, of the General Plan,
- 3) the residential use is consistent with the development policies and standards of the City,
- 4) the residential use would not impair the integrity and character of the zone district,
- 5) the site is suitable for the type and intensity of the residential use,
- 6) that there are adequate provisions for water, sanitation, public utilities and services to ensure the public health and safety,

7) the residential use will not be detrimental to the public health, safety, or welfare, or materially injurious to properties and improvements in the area,

8) the residential use will not result in a significant effect on the environment.

6.8.1.1.78 DEVELOPMENT FEES

The City collects fees to offset the cost of providing plan review services. However, the fees currently are not set to cover all City personnel costs involved. The various planning permit fees cover the cost of mailing notices and some of the clerical time involved in creating the necessary public records and files. Plan check fees are, on the other hand, usually based on the cost of a technical person reviewing the plan. As yet, the City has not established development/fiscal impact fees.

Planning Fees - The City of Taft raised its development processing fees in ~~December 2007~~ January 2012:

Appeal on Site Plan Design	\$400 <u>200</u>
Certificate of Compliance	\$110 <u>400 + \$500 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Conditional Use Permit	
CUP w/out Neg. Dec.	\$1,000 <u>660</u>
CUP w/ Neg. Dec.	\$1,565 <u>1,855</u>
Demolition Permit	\$110 <u>308</u>
Development Agreement	Actual Cost + 15% w/ \$1,100 min. <u>\$2,500 Deposit + External Service Provide Cost (\$1,500 Minimum)</u>
EIR	Actual Cost + 15% w/ \$2,000 min. <u>\$10,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Cost (\$7,900 Minimum)</u>
Final Tentative Parcel Map/	\$1,005 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs
<u>Final Parcel Map</u>	<u>\$1,000 + \$20 / per lot</u> 525 + External Service Provider Costs
General Plan Amendment	Actual cost + 15% w/ \$1,600 min. <u>\$10,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Cost (\$2,300 Minimum)</u>
Initial Study Fee	\$250 <u>1,500 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs (\$700 Minimum)</u>
Improvement Engr. Plan Ck	\$125 + \$100/Acre or portions <u>646 + \$6,800 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Lot Line Adjustment	\$390 <u>835 + \$1,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Negative Declaration	\$500 <u>5,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Precise Development <u>Site Plan Review</u>	Actual Cost + 15% w/ \$1,000 min. <u>\$795 + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Sewer Connection Inspection	\$47 <u>40</u>

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Subdivision Imp. Inspection	\$5% for 1st 100,000 estimate + 3 ½ % thereafter. <u>646</u> <u>+ \$6,800 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
<u>Tentative Tract Map</u>	<u>\$2,010 + \$3,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Subdivision Imp. Engr.	\$125 + 40/lot
Tentative/Final Tract Map	\$750 + \$20 per lot <u>1,165 + \$2,500 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Time Extension	\$250 <u>335 + \$1,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs</u>
Variance	\$900 <u>625</u>
Vesting Tentative Map	\$1000
Zone Change	\$900 <u>5,000 Deposit + External Service Provider Costs (\$1,500 Minimum)</u>

Development Exactions - The City of Taft has few, if any, formal development exactions, as evidenced by the lack of conditions of approval (discussed above) and building permit fees (following). The City currently has no impact fees, except for a sewer capacity fee of \$2.85 per gallon per day based on 50 gallon per person per day. For two, three and four bedroom houses, the fee will be \$427.50, \$570, and \$712.50, respectively.

There have been very few residential projects in the last several years, other than those discussed previously and other than small unit projects and single-family residences. All of these projects experienced minimum exactions and conditions of approval and there were no extraordinary requirements, other than those required to protect and maintain the health, welfare, and safety of residents and their neighbors.

Building Permit Fees - Taft may very well have the lowest building permit fees in the State.

Table No. 22:

Total Fees Required to Pull Building Permit		
1.	Single-Family Residence --1500 sq. ft. <u>+ 400 sq. ft. garage</u> —3 bed/2 bath – valued at \$120,000 <u>159,240</u>	<u>\$1,160.12 Plan Check</u> \$1710 <u>2,454.46 Permit</u>
2.	Average 850 sq. ft., 2/bed 1/bath --4 unit apartments <u>w/4 carport parking spaces</u> – two story units – <u>valued at \$290,942.40</u>	<u>\$1,975.45 Plan Check</u> \$1125 <u>4,109.45 Permit</u>

These low fees are partially the result of the fact that the Taft School District imposes no school impact fees. The Planning and Building Department sends projects for comments to the School Districts to see if school impact fees are warranted. To date, the District

has not imposed any school impact fees. However, this may change depending on the financial needs of the local school district.

~~City fees are likely to be revised since no revisions were made~~The City had not updated its Master Fee Schedule since 1989. Due to local financial constraints, partly a result of the State budget woes, the City ~~is hoping to~~ revised its fee schedule to be on par with other cities and the County of Kern, in order to pay for City services required for City residents. The updated Master Fee Schedule was adopted in January 2012.

6.8.1.1.89 OIL COMPANY PRIVATELY OWNED PROPERTY

Land is made available for sale only when not needed for oil extraction or related uses. Until recently, release of oil company property for land sales was extremely difficult to obtain. Surrounding lands suitable for residential development are owned by Chevron/Texaco, Union Oil, Mobil Oil, other oil companies, and the United States Government.

6.8.1.1.910 SUBSTANDARD PARCELS

Efforts to assemble smaller parcels (25-foot frontage) in the central part of Taft would create opportunities for high-density housing or rehabilitation. Most substandard units within the City are located in this central area (Target Area).

8.1.1.10-11 SUBSTANDARD HOUSING NOT WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Many substandard housing units are not within City limits, but are located in the unincorporated areas of the Taft community: South Taft, Taft Heights, and Ford City. Development in these areas has been accomplished in conformance with County standards, which are less restrictive than the City's standards. Coordination between the City and County to achieve a common strategy in meeting housing needs has been renewed. The County has requested the City to consider incorporation of South Taft, Taft Heights, and Ford City within the next few years.

South Taft with a concentration of substandard units is under a single ownership by South Taft Properties, formerly known as the Jamison Trust. Nearly all the houses are located on land leased on a month-to-month basis. As a result, many occupants see little benefit from investing in building maintenance. Because of the lease situation the housing units do not show up in the Census Tables, as they are "personal property" and these residents do not qualify for most government assistance programs for rehabilitation. The best virtue of this situation is that it provides housing at very affordable prices. South Taft Properties is negotiating the sale of parcels to individuals who own the building, but not the land, thereby creating a title in fee.

Recently, the County did a Community Needs Study to explore possibilities to rehabilitate South Taft and, in 2007, began an assessment of the cost of needed infrastructure. An early estimate is approximately \$50 million in infrastructure improvements are necessary and, to incorporate

all three unincorporated areas, the liability will likely exceed \$100 million. The City is working with the County and local elected officials to address the burgeoning problem of these areas.

6.8.1.212 INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC SERVICES

In order to ensure adequate public facilities for future development, the City should periodically reassess its infrastructure rates to assure the development is paying for itself. The City must maintain its existing infrastructure in good repair so that the community will be in a good position to meet future infrastructure needs. The City could also require dedication fees for new schools and parks from the developer if a new need would be created; the fees would be assessed in order to offset the costs to the City.

Infrastructure is lacking in most of Taft's undeveloped land. While this is not a problem for large tracts of land, it does add significantly to the cost of new development. Finding methods to finance these improvements over a long period of time and over the largest service area possible will be the challenge to this constraint.

Requirements that the City places on the developer for the provision of necessary public improvements may prove a constraint when weighed with other construction/property costs and the return on housing investments in today's market.

WASTEWATER

The Taft Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant is a grade 1 system. It has the capacity to treat 1.5 million gallons (MGD) of waste per day. Current usage is 1.375 MGD. The reserve capacity of the plant is 0.125 MGD. Additionally, the Federal Prison Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility has a capacity of 0.5 MGD. Current usage is 0.4 MGD. The reserve capacity of this plant is 0.1 MGD. The current treatment plants can handle present residential inflow without exceeding capacity. However, commercial and industrial ventures in and around Taft proper will need to be served by adding capacity to our current plant.

The City has identified opportunities and cost through a comprehensive Feasibility Study for the modernization and expansion of the Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant to double its capacity. This will be done in 0.5 MGD phases until 3.0 MGD is reached. Once the expansion of 3.0 MGD is completed there will be a reserve capacity of 1.625 MGD beyond the current system demand. Similarly, the Federal Prison Wastewater Treatment Plant will double its capacity to 1.0 MGD in a single phase. The reserve capacity of this plant will be 0.6 MGD.

WATER

The West Kern Water District (WKWD) currently provides all of the City's potable water needs. The WKWD also provides water to virtually the entire west side region of Kern County. WKWD is innovative and responsive in assuring its clients of a reliable supply of excellent quality water

in a planned, efficient, cost-effective, and environmentally responsible manner, while promoting public awareness of water related issues.

Existing WKWD delivery capacity is 22 million gallons of water per day. This is sufficient to satisfy current needs, but WKWD and the City are aware that future water needs have to be evaluated and planned for to accommodate future developments. ~~The City has made initial contact with adjacent water agencies in anticipation of future agreements that will need to be made regarding Will Serve Letters well in advance of service demands.~~ WKWD is currently in a long-term Stage 3 Water Emergency in response to the ongoing drought. The District is required to provide regular monitoring updates to the state to show conservation progress.

The Stage 3 Water Emergency does not create a moratorium on new residential construction. However, all new residential development will have to submit plans and anticipated water demand for WKWD review. Developers will be required to pay a water demand fee based on a WKWD formula and current market rates for new water supply. City building permits are not issued until the developer has WKWD approval.

SANDY CREEK WATERSHED

The watershed for the surrounding hills enters the City of Taft and surrounding communities in four separate areas. The City utilizes the watershed route by using the natural landscape as drainage. A recent study has provided the City with alternatives in maintaining the use of the landscape while ensuring that the City's environmental responsibilities are preserved and restructured to accommodate technological advances.

The study has presented the City with a plan that will improve urban runoff filtration, eliminate flooding (flood zones within the city), thus assisting development, and reducing flood insurance rates. The implementation of the plan will provide additional benefits to the City and surrounding community by supplying a water source that will serve further projects.

By enacting this plan, development in and around the City will benefit due to the construction of a filtration system that will trap harmful chemicals and trash due to urban runoff. In addition, the plan calls for the construction of catch basins strategically located within the watershed route before entry into the urban areas. The construction of the catch basins will eliminate flood zones within the city. The elimination of flood zones will provide a decrease of flood insurance rates and the addition of developable land that was in the past undevelopable due to uncertainty of flooding.

RAILS TO TRAILS

The City began purchasing right-of-way property from Union Pacific Railroad Company and Sunset Railway Company in 1995. Construction of a pedestrian bicycle trail began in 2000. The paved portion of the trail is 20 feet wide, providing enough room for bicycles and walkers to pass without incident. Each side has 40 feet of landscaping. The grass and trees provide for a

pleasant walk. Benches are located throughout the trail for those who would like to rest or want to visit with others. The trail system also has lights provided for security and convenience. The Rails to Trails is currently 4.11.5 miles long. The trail connects the downtown area with the Westside of the City.

An additional 3.5 miles of right-of-way has been purchased for the expansion of the trail system. Projects to expand and improve the trail system have been approved and are currently waiting on grant funds. Rails to Trails provide the community a way mobility options to exercise and to move about the City without using a motorized vehicle. The trail system has been such a success that additional paths have been written into the circulation element that in the future will provide over 15 miles of trail.

6.8.2 NON-GOVERNMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

6.8.2.1 LAND CONSTRAINTS

Factors associated with land (i.e., availability, suitability, environmental issues, and title issues) represent by far, the most important constraints to the development of housing in the Taft area.

6.8.2.1.12 LAND AVAILABILITY

The amount of land available for the development of housing is crucial in considering methods of meeting housing need. There must be sufficient vacant residentially zoned land or land that could be developed residentially within the City limits to meet the projected housing needs. In the central part of the City, land assembly needs to be encouraged in order to put additional multi-family housing in the place it most appropriately belongs.

The land area currently under review for possible residential development is approximately 197 329 acres. This land area could generate nearly 1,3792,283 homeshousing units. A demand for 122-469 residential units by the year 2010-2023 based on a low population projection and 511 617 residential units based on a high population projection are being projected. This has the potential to add a minimum of 327-1,328 persons to a maximum of 7,8011,766 persons to the City's population. There is more than sufficient acreage adjacent to existing residential neighborhoods to satisfy this need. This land has been transferred to a private developer recently.

Economic development efforts in Taft in the last several years have been largely offset by the lack of suitable land for housing. One landowner (Chevron/Texaco) controlled a large portion of land; although, this situation has changed with the sale of a 3 square mile section to West Side Economic Development to be used for development in and around the city. A good part of this land would be built into residential development.

6.8.2.1.23 LAND CONTAMINATION

Land in and around Taft has been heavily used by oil and ~~oil~~ gas service companies, which may have resulted in some level of soil contamination. Approximately 46 acres of land located in the downtown area owned by the Sunset Railway and Union Pacific Railroad Companies may be contaminated with lead from past railroad operations. If the City identifies contaminated lands, it can require the property owners to clean up the site.

6.8.2.1.34 DEED RESTRICTIONS

The latest constraint of housing development in Taft is the requirement by owners that purchasers of their property “and all future assignees” completely indemnify them against any future liability that may result from the sellers past activities.

6.8.2.1.45 LAND PRICES

With so many constraints upon the availability of land, what little corporate land available is generally overpriced. This restricts the production of affordable housing. However, infill lots are moderately priced in the \$5,000 - \$10,000 range for a 5,000 sq. ft. lot.

6.8.2.23 ~~MARKET CONSTRAINTS~~ MARKET CONSTRAINTS

6.8.2.2.13.1 THE COSTS OF CONSTRUCTION-

~~M~~aterial, development fees, construction financing, land, and labor, with few exceptions, have been increasing rapidly in the past decade. These high costs pose a major constraint to the provision of housing for people of all economic segments of the community.

Marketing of new housing, as well as resale of homes, adds to the cost of housing. Real estate fees range from 3 to 6 percent on resale units. Enticing developers to decrease marketing budgets would not be successful unless an adequate local market and readily affordable financing could be demonstrated, decreasing the need for expensive regional promotion.

The rising cost of construction, approximately ~~\$64.84~~86.73 per square foot in ~~2002~~2007, has grown to ~~\$86.73~~119.73 in ~~2007~~2015. The major portion of this increase is the tripled cost of liability insurance and the significant increase in workers compensation effective 2003. This has made building of low and moderate-income housing difficult, if not impossible, without some form of financial assistance.

6.8.2.2.23.2 "FRONT-END" DEVELOPMENT COSTS ~~such as~~

~~i~~Installation of sewer, water, roadways, under grounding all utilities and project-carrying costs contribute a major portion of overall new housing costs, approximately \$8,850 per single family lot. These costs can be the same for low and moderate income housing as they are for higher

priced housing. This makes building affordable single family housing more restrictive for the developer without some form of financial assistance or flexibility in City requirements.

6.8.2.2.33.3 THE AVAILABILITY OF FINANCING ~~affects the builder and the homebuyer.~~

For homebuyers in Taft, the only apparent limitation is that the mortgage financing businesses are, for the most part, located in Bakersfield. Judging from the sales prices of housing in Taft, which have ranged from \$10,000 to over \$100,000, there seems to be no major gap in financing availability. An exception to this might be the South Taft area where, because these homeowners do not own their lots, they experience difficulty financing sales and home improvements.

With the subprime mortgage crisis of a few years, it ~~is unclear how this will~~ has had a significant ~~affected in~~ financing for the low to moderate income families. Tightening of requirements to get financing ~~will has also~~ affected many people, while escalating interest rates on the subprime ARM's is ~~resulting resulted~~ in many foreclosures. ~~Since the government has stepped in to offer financing guarantees for certain segments of the population, foreclosures may lessen.~~ By the third quarter of 2007, one in 47 homes ended up in foreclosure in Kern County; Kern County consistently ranks in the top ten in foreclosure rates.

Builders, traditionally more constrained by the lack of land than the availability of financing, have found themselves in the opposite position. Approximately 5,000 homes have been planned for Taft, but due to the mortgage crisis, ~~and~~ falling real estate values, and the subsequent recession, some subdivisions have been delayed.

However, the City's pursuit of a single-family housing tract funded by CalHFA will be of some assistance to the builder, at least for first-time homebuyers who may be attracted to the more affordable units. With the federal bank dropping the prime rate, financing costs may not be a problem for those with excellent credit. However, for the less fortunate creditor, the more conservative attitudes in the banking and savings and loan industries will become a more significant issue.

6.8.2.2.43.4 INSUFFICIENT HOUSEHOLD INCOME

This hinders many from finding the necessary financing to improve housing units identified as needing rehabilitation. Nearly ~~52-49~~ percent of the total occupied households within the City earn less than the County median household income of ~~\$40,22447,727~~, based on U.S. Census ~~2005-2012~~ data. Most homes requiring rehabilitation are occupied by low and moderate-income families and residents with fixed incomes. This income constraint also may restrict future maintenance activities directed at conserving sound housing.

6.8.2.2.53.5 COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH BORROWING MONEY ~~have~~

These costs have trended substantially higher in ~~2007~~2012, but these costs can discourage many residents from actively pursuing home improvements or buying new homes. Low and moderate-income groups such as the elderly, singles, and young couples are most affected by this cost factor.

6.8.2.2.63.6 HIGHER ENERGY COSTS

~~for~~For a large number of older homes in Taft, a lack of upgrades has added to the problem of high-energy consumption rates. Insulation of these homes could reduce energy costs significantly. Attic and wall insulation is usually lacking in older homes and weather stripping and caulking often have not been replaced over the years.

According to utility companies, energy conservation activities that focus on reducing outside air infiltration, or "weatherization", are the most effective. Outside air infiltration through windows, doors, and walls can account for 25 to 39 percent of heating costs. The second largest portion of heating costs, 27 percent, can be attributed to heat loss and gain through windows and doors because of low R-values. ("R-value" means resistance to heat flow. The higher the R value, the greater its insulating power.)

Furthermore, the state has pushed to increase the amount of small residential rooftop solar panel installations. Numerous grant and low interest loan programs make rooftop solar installations more affordable for residents, along with the lower utility bills. The City of Taft has issued over 110 building permits for such installations during 2012 to 2014.

6.8.2.2.73.7 THE CITY'S ECONOMY IS DEPENDENT ON THE OIL INDUSTRY.

This subjects the City to "boom/bust" cycles associated with the oil industry and national economy. The economic instability represented by this situation seems to ~~retard~~limit investment in housing, both in terms of maintenance and new construction. An important stabilizing effect can be brought to the local housing market as the City works to diversify job opportunities.

6.8.2.34 ENVIRONMENTAL CONSTRAINTS

Environmental Constraints impeding housing production include: Habitat for endangered species to the east of the City; flooding of Sandy Creek (in the Ford City area, primarily); poor soil compaction conditions; and a high hydrocarbon content in the local air shed caused by oil extraction.

There are a few areas within the Taft Planning Area that lie within environmentally sensitive, hydrologically or geotechnically hazardous, or steep and difficult terrain, as outlined in the Open Space and Conservation Element. These areas have been determined unsuitable for development or appropriate for rural (low-density) residential housing only.



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The City of Taft vacant suburban edge has biological sensitive habitat areas that have the potential to have habitat suitable for threatened and endangered species. City staff and the housing developer will have to provide biological studies, specific to the project, and work with the state Department of Fish and Wildlife (DF&W) to receive approval or conditional approval with mitigation measures prior to grading activities. The DF&W can impose mitigation fees and set-aside land as well to offset the land taken for development.

The City has expressed interest in joining the Valley Wide Habitat Conservation Plan proposed by the County of Kern. City is evaluating other options as well.

9.06.9 THE ~~2008-2012~~2015-2023 HOUSING PLAN: GOALS, POLICIES, OBJECTIVES, AND PROGRAMS

Appropriateness of Policies, Goals, and Objectives: The current Housing Element (~~2008-2012~~2015-2023) is viewed as having an appropriate set of objectives, based on the objectives in the ~~2002-2008-2013~~ Housing Element, which objectives are carried forward. Housing rehabilitation will remain an important program, ~~which has been recognized by establishing a Housing Division within the Department of Planning and Building.~~

The following goals, policies and objectives are retained with renewed emphasis.

GOAL 1

PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT, IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF HOUSING IN LOCATIONS BEST SERVED BY THE COMMUNITY'S FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE, AND THAT ARE COMPATIBLE WITH SURROUNDING NEIGHBORHOODS.

POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF GOAL 1

- 1.A Assist the private sector to provide a balance of zoned land to accommodate needed residential development.
- 1.B Coordinate the City's housing and development program with other levels of government.

OBJECTIVES

- 1.1 Keep development standards and building code requirements high while encouraging the achievement of the stated housing goals.
- 1.2 Use the present housing stock to satisfy the needs of all economic segments of the community whenever possible.
- 1.3 Rehabilitate existing housing in for low and moderate-income households at a rate of 10 units per year.
- 1.4 Distribute and provide information to ~~approximately 722~~ property owners concerning housing rehabilitation, home financing, permit processing and building techniques, conservation measures to help maintain the quality of the housing stock.

- 1.5 Develop housing data, including information on affordable housing needs and production.
- 1.6 Develop a mortgage financing pool to provide low interest rate mortgages for the construction of new affordable housing units and the rehabilitation of units.
- 1.7 Support the use of assessment districts for new housing development.
- 1.8 Maintain a sufficient inventory of properly zoned sites to accommodate all of the City's housing needs.

GOAL 2

CONSERVE AND MAINTAIN SOUND, VIABLE NEIGHBORHOODS THAT ARE DECENT, SAFE AND SANITARY.

POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF GOAL 2:

- 2.A Require the ultimate elimination of substandard dwelling units in the housing stock that are not fit for human habitation.
- 2.B Encourage and participate in programs designed to provide a high level of maintenance in existing neighborhoods.

OBJECTIVES

- 2.1 Use nuisance and safety sections of the Uniform Building Code to require demolition of unsafe and obsolete structures.
- 2.2 Distribute information on available mortgage and ownership assistance plans.
- 2.3 Establish a plan for the Central City area that introduces new opportunities for multiple family housing.

GOAL 3

PROVIDE EQUAL OPPORTUNITY OF HOUSING CHOICE FOR ALL RESIDENTS REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED, NATIONAL ORIGIN, AGE, SEX, OR ETHNIC GROUP AFFILIATION.

POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF GOAL 3:

- 3.A Sponsor public/private sector partnerships to meet housing needs.
- 3.B Support Fair Housing efforts and methods to address discrimination in housing choices.

OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 Promote private housing development that meets the needs of identified special groups such as the elderly, developmentally disabled, female-headed households, farm workers, college students, and the homeless.
- 3.2 Make available to public, Fair Housing brochures and information such as phone numbers for referrals to citizens contacting the City.

GOAL 4

ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION FOR SINGLE AND MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS

POLICIES IN SUPPORT OF GOAL 4

- 4.A The City shall support the PG&E programs to promote energy conservation.
- 4.B The City shall promote the Water Utilities Department(s) programs to promote water conservation.
- 4.C The City shall support State energy efficient requirements in new housing and encourage the installation of energy savings devices in pre-1975 housing.
- 4.D The City shall encourage and support cost-effective energy technologies with both positive economic and environmental impacts, e.g., passive solar space heating and cooling and water conservation.
- 4.E Insofar as practical, the City shall utilize its planning process to promote efficient land use and development patterns which conserve such resources as fuel, water and land.
- 4.F The City shall support and encourage high performance design standards in new construction and redevelopment to promote increased energy conservation.

- 4.G The City shall support the installation of photovoltaic/solar and solar water heating systems on new construction to promote and increase the use of renewable resources.

OBJECTIVES

- 4.1 Promote increased energy conservation for housing development projects by encouraging developers to exceed California Title 24 standards. As an incentive, plan check status for sustainable housing developments will be expedited.
- 4.2 Encourage initiatives to increase the use of renewable resources, such as photovoltaic/solar electric systems and solar heating.
- 4.3 Encourage initiatives to increase the use of solar water heating in single and multiple family developments.

6.9.1 HOUSING PROGRAMS

The Housing Programs that follow implement the preceding goals, objectives and policies. The housing production programs included in this section of the Housing Element are primarily directed to stimulating new housing construction at prices and rents affordable to those who cannot compete in the conventional marketplace. They are designed to address production needs created by population growth as well as to provide alternative housing choices to households experiencing the variety of current housing problems outlined above.

Since much of the existing housing stock is older and in need of repair, renovation and enlargement, not all efforts can be directed toward new housing. In this regard, it will be important for the City to preserve the existing housing stock, especially that which serve the needs of low- and moderate-income households. To this end, the City’s Rehabilitation Program provided the following results as of December ~~2007~~2014:

Table No. 23:

Rehabs to date (December 2007<u>2014</u>)	
CDBG 93, 95, 99, 04	49
CDBG RLF	14
HOME 95, 97	29
HOME 05	4
HOME Program Income	6
Total	102

The extent of housing density appropriate in any community is a function of four factors: (1) housing unit needs; (2) community goals; (3) physical factors; and (4) availability of infrastructure. It is also necessary to implement design standards that will ensure compatibility of higher density developments. A range of densities needs to be provided to assure a mix of housing types and costs.

6.9.2 FINANCIAL RESOURCES

By recommending a mix of affordable housing types, it is believed that continued socio economic group integration in neighborhoods in Taft can be achieved. The City's progress toward accomplishing these objectives will be reviewed annually to measure success and to create a housing plan for the upcoming years.

In addition to providing much needed affordable housing, the provision of housing is a critical economic development strategy for the City. While the City may be successful in receiving state or federal housing grants, the City needs to assist private developers with its own resources, when possible, to provide adequate housing sites in Taft.

The three primary sources of financial resources to aid in the development of housing comes from ~~redevelopment set-aside funds~~, Community Development Block (CDBG) Grant funds, and HOME Investments Partnership Program (HOME) funds. This City has also been approved by the California Housing Financing Agency (CalHFA) for our Housing Rehab and First Time Homebuyers Programs. ~~The City plans to establish a New Construction Loan Program through CalHFA once a developer has committed to a moderate rate project.~~

9.2.1 REDEVELOPMENT

Table No. 24:

Redevelopment Set-Aside Funds Projection				
Year	Funds on hand at the beginning of the year (\$)	Annual Net Low/Mod Set Aside (\$)	Cumulative RDA Funds Available for Projects (\$)	Funds Expended for Housing Activities (\$)
1995-96	575,170	(4,446)	570,724	24,676
1996-97	570,724	(86,524)	484,200	113,021
1997-98	484,200	(72,290)	411,910	52,242
1998-99	411,910	(476)	411,434	3,000
1999-00	411,434	36,322	447,756	0
2000-01	447,756	8,112	455,868	0
2001-02	455,868	(1,629)	454,239	0
2002-03	454,239	(16,733)	437,506	0
2003-04	437,506	(10,700)	426,806	0
2004-05	426,806	(1,699)	425,107	0
2005-06	425,107	6,108	431,215	0



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2006-07	431,215	11,760	442,975	0
2007-08	442,975	44,476	487,451	0
2008-09	487,451	(3,240)	484,211	15,000
2009-10	484,211	(3,240)	480,971	15,000
2010-11	480,971	(3,240)	477,731	15,000
2011-12	477,731	(3,240)	474,491	15,000

Source: Taft Finance Department

~~The following projects were funded using the Low Mod set aside funds mentioned above. During 1995-96, \$24,676 was used for housing projects: \$60 for senior housing project match; \$428 for in-fill new construction first time home buyer assistance; and \$22,996 for housing rehabilitation match. During 1996-97, \$113,020.65 was spent: \$24,212 for housing rehabilitation match and \$88,808 for the senior housing project. During 1997-98, \$52,242 Low-Mod funds were used: \$35,000 for the senior housing project match, \$4,451 for in-fill new construction first-time home buyer assistance, and \$12,791 for housing rehabilitation match. During 1998-99, \$3,000 was spent for 97 HOME matching fund.~~

~~The Taft Community Development Agency's redevelopment efforts have not yielded the expected results, since the tax increment generated by the Agency is barely sufficient to pay for debt service. Most of the land within the agency is non-revenue-generating land owned by utility companies, school districts or is vacant. The City is proposing to expand the Project Area to include the downtown areas and older residential neighborhoods such that potential tax increment monies could be used to increase housing opportunities and assistance for rehabilitation of certain commercial building.~~

6.9.2.21 CDBG FUNDS

As a small city, Taft competes for Community Development Block Grant Funds under the State Department of Housing and Community Development's Small Cities Program.

Taft received CDBG planning funds and three (93, 95, and 99) implementation grants of \$500,000 each, for housing rehabilitation and a 61-unit affordable housing project for senior citizens. ~~The CDBG grants ended as of December 2007~~ Taft also receives CDBG funding for a First-Time Homebuyer Program as of 2014. The rehabilitation and provision of affordable housing continues to be a prime economic development strategy and the major focus of Taft's efforts.

The City will continue to seek CDBG funding and to budget matching funds for affordable housing activity. In addition to maintaining the rehabilitation loan program, Taft's CDBG Program will seek specific assistance for new projects, most likely in the form of land acquisition and infrastructure assistance. The dissolution of Redevelopment Agencies through the state in 2012 has further limited funding sources to assist the development of affordable housing projects in the City of Taft.

6.9.2.3-2 HOME FUNDS

Taft received \$900,000 in HOME funds in 1995, for housing rehabilitation, the 61-unit senior project, and for in-fill new construction in the Target Area for first-time homebuyers (FTHB). In ~~1997-2014~~ Taft was awarded \$500,000 for housing rehabilitation and FTHB, with or without rehabilitation. Current CDBG and HOME guidelines allow monies to be spent in any area of the City, not just in the Target area, unlike in the past.

The City will continue to seek HOME funding and to budget matching funds for affordable housing activity. In addition to maintaining the rehabilitation loan program, the City will seek specific assistance for new projects, most likely for ~~a 30-40 unit~~ multi-family projects.

~~2008-2013 PROGRAM EMPHASIS~~

~~The recommendations of the 2008 Ad Hoc Visioning Committee covered a full range of community issues of which housing was of central importance, and is the basis for this update.~~

~~SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOUSING TOPICS:~~

~~Conduct a major effort to develop housing, including senior housing, single family and multi-family units by:~~

- ~~a. Rezoning the land between Main Street and the Sunset Railroad right of way for multi family housing;~~
- ~~b. Converting the Railroad property adjacent to the Rails to Trails, in the downtown area to provide an opportunity for new housing;~~
- ~~c. Develop a mortgage financing pool to provide low interest rate mortgages;~~
- ~~d. Supporting the use of assessment districts for new housing developments;~~
- ~~e. Developing participation in regional multiple listing services;~~
- ~~f. Creating a residential community marketing program;~~
- ~~g. Annexation of 122 residential subdivision on Cedar Street.~~

~~Other aspects of the Ad Hoc Visioning Committee addressed the expansion of the commercial and industrial sectors of the City as well as overall community improvement.~~

9.3 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

~~The following provides the detailed descriptions of the various programs that will be implemented during the next five year plan.~~

9.3.1 HOUSING REHABILITATION

~~**Need Served:** Preserves affordable housing stock~~



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~~**Description:** The Housing Conditions survey shows a need for home improvements in the older neighborhoods of the City. To address the needs that fall into the categories of moderate and substantial need for repair, a rehabilitation program is in place. Considering the age of this housing and the extreme temperatures in Taft, a weatherization component is included.~~

~~This rehabilitation program is aimed at assisting the low and very low income groups, both owner-occupied and non-owner occupied housing. The program also refers to local financial institutions that offer home improvement loans. The City's funds, Program Income from five CDBG and HOME grants, are used to reduce the market interest rate on such loans and to fund the management of the program. The City will continue to apply for these grant funds to continue the program.~~

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6.9.3 PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

The following provides the detailed descriptions of the various programs that will be implemented during the next five-year plan.

**Exhibit VIII
CITY OF TAFT HOUSING PROGRAMS SUMMARY**

HOUSING NEED SERVED	PROGRAM DESCRIPTION	QUANTITATIVE OBJECTIVE	FUNDING	RESPONSIBLE AGENCY
Preserves Affordable Housing Stock	1. Housing Rehabilitation	Continue program established 12/93. Goal 10 units/year. Expand Community Development Project Area by 09/2010.	CDBG and HOME Program Income & new CDBG Grant	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department & Community Development Agency
	2. Housing Rehabilitation - Public Information	Distribute Provide program info. to property owners <u>in hard copy form at City Hall and post on City website and social media sites</u> regarding programs and funding availability.	same as above	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department
	3. First-time Home Buyer	Continue the first-time home buyer program	CDBG and HOME	Grant Administration and Planning & Building Department
Adequate Incentives	4. Zoning Ordinance Review	Complete Ordinance review by 12/09 <u>and amendment by 6/2017</u>	General Fund	Planning & Building Department
Adequate Housing Sites	65. Multi-family Housing Project	Complete Needs Assessment 12/31/09 Completed land commitment 12/30/09 HOME & LIHTC Applications by 12/09 Complete Construction 50 Units by 06/13 <u>Develop an expedited re-approval process for an affordable housing project on Adequate Site #35</u>	CDBG & HOME PI Community Development Agency Private funds, LIHTC	Planning & Building Department
	76. Land Use Element Update	Complete Land Use Element Update by 12/09 , if necessary, by 6/2017	General Fund	Planning & Building Department
	5. Zoning for multiple family housing sites	Zoning Code Amendment by 12/09	General Fund & Private Lenders	Planning & Building Department
	87. Livable-Sustainable Community	Amend Zoning Code by 12/09. Adopt a Climate Action Plan by 12/2016	General Funding; Kern COG	Planning & Building Department
Safe & Sanitary Housing	98. Code Enforcement	Continue program. Inspect dilapidated units and establish removal/rehab objective by 05/09. Encourage more rehabilitation; Limit demolitions to a max of 2 per year.	General Fund	Planning & Building Department <u>and Code Enforcement</u>
Equal Housing Opportunity	109. Fair Housing Support	Establish relationship with existing services providers by 12/09.	CDBG & Community Development Agency	Grant Administration & and Planning & Building Department
	110. Information Dissemination	Obtain and/or Continue to prepare information in <u>English and Spanish</u> for distribution to the public through libraries, senior centers, civic center offices, etc., by December 2009.	<u>CDBG</u>	Grants Coordinator Administrator and Planning & Building Department
Special Needs Groups	121. Senior Housing Project	Conducted a needs study by 12/31/08. Complete construction of and additional 50+ units of senior affordable housing by December 2023	Community Development Agency County Housing Authority & LIHTC	Grant Administration & and Planning & Building Department



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	<p>1312. Homeless Services/Emergency Shelter</p> <p>1413. ADA Compliance/ <u>Reasonable Accommodation</u></p>	<p>Work w/existing service providers and establish City role/assistance by 12/09</p> <p>Amend the Zoning Ordinance requiring ADA compliance for all new and rehabilitation projects by 12/09. <u>Continue application of California Building Code accessibility standards.</u> <u>Adopt Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance by December 2016</u></p>	<p>General Fund & Community Development Agency.</p> <p>Planning & Building Department.<u>General Fund</u></p>	<p>Administration & Planning & Building Department</p> <p><u>Planning & Building Department</u></p>
Low & Moderate Income	15 14. Infrastructure Assistance	<p>Support low/mod housing with assistance on public utilities costs. <u>Develop infrastructure assistance plan when redevelopment agencies are reinstated.</u></p>	Community Development Agency, CDBG Funds.	Planning & Building Department
New Construction	<p>16. Financing Assistance</p> <p>1715. Market-rate entry level homes</p> <p>1816. In-fill Housing</p> <p>1917. Self-help Housing</p> <p><u>18. Developmentally Disabled</u></p>	<p>Established Project funding from CalHFA 12/09. <u>SEE PROGRAMS 1 & 3 ABOVE</u></p> <p>Encourage developers/builders for 100-200 houses by 12/2009.<u>Support and encourage developer of Adequate Site #24 to build out all 394 lots by December 2023.</u></p> <p>Review zoning code by 09/12 <u>Encourage Builders. Goal 10 units by 12/2013</u><u>Promote development of homes on in-fill lots listed on Adequate Sites list; and allow homes to be built on substandard lots without a Variance.</u></p> <p>City/Habitat for Humanity complete 10 single family residences (for very low income, first-time homebuyers) by 2013.<u>Work with Habitat for Humanity to build one self-help single-family affordable housing unit per year on in-fill sites.</u></p> <p><u>Explore models to encourage the creation of housing for persons with developmental disabilities and implement a program by 2017</u></p>	<p>CalHFA & Private Lenders.</p> <p>CalHFA & Private Lenders.<u>General Fund</u></p> <p>General Fund.</p> <p>HOME Program Income, Private Sponsor Donations, Volunteer labor.</p> <p><u>General Fund</u></p>	<p>Planning & Building Department, Finance Department</p> <p>Planning & Building Department</p> <p><u>Planning & Building Department</u></p> <p>Planning & Building Department</p> <p><u>Planning & Building Department</u></p>

6.9.3.1 HOUSING REHABILITATION

Need Served: Preserves affordable housing stock

Description: The Housing Conditions survey shows a need for home improvements in the older neighborhoods of the City. To address the needs that fall into the categories of moderate and substantial need for repair, a rehabilitation program is in place. Considering the age of this housing and the extreme temperatures in Taft, a weatherization component is included.

This rehabilitation program is aimed at assisting the low and very low-income groups, both owner-occupied and non-owner occupied housing. The program also refers to local financial institutions that offer home improvement loans. The City's funds, Program Income from CDBG and HOME grants, are used to reduce the market interest rate on such loans and to fund the management of the program. The City will continue to apply for these grant funds to continue the program.

Quantitative Objective: This program was established in December 1993 and hoped to target ten (10) units per year as a reasonable objective in each year of the program's operation. The City will encourage 5 rehabilitation loans per year from ~~2008 to 2012~~2015 to 2023.

Funding Source: The State Small Cities CDBG Program, the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Program Income and Revolving Loan Fund from HOME and CDBG, considered as funding sources in continuing the program.

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration and Planning and Building Department ~~and Community Development Agency.~~

6.9.3.2 HOUSING REHABILITATION -- PUBLIC INFORMATION

Need Served: Preserves affordable housing stock.

Description: Many of the housing units in the former Target Areas (older neighborhoods in the central part of the City), covered by the Housing Condition Survey, are in need of general maintenance and repair. In this regard, the City has established a communication program to encourage property and housing maintenance. This program should emphasize the values of a well maintained home and offer guidance to typical home maintenance efforts. This program should also provide information regarding assistance that is available to the public. The Planning and Building Department should become an information resource for the community.

Quantitative Objective: A housing information brochures has been prepared and is being distributed to approximately 722 property owners in the City is ongoing shall be updated regularly, with hard copies made available to the public at City Hall and shall be posted on the City website and other social media sites.



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Funding Source: State CDBG & HOME funds associated with a rehabilitation program ~~should be used.~~

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.3. FIRST-TIME HOME BUYER (FTHB)

Need Served: Provide affordable housing for low-income families who are first-time home buyers or displaced homemakers who are able to qualify for a first mortgage.

Description: The City's FTHB Program allows for a percentage of the purchase price to be used for the down payment and closing cost assistance or to buy down the interest rate or buy down the loan amount, if applicant is unable to qualify for the first mortgage loan. In conjunction with CalHFA, in some instances, both closing costs and down payment can be funded through a deferred loan or grant.

The City will record a second deed of trust against the property, which must remain affordable for a minimum term of twenty years, based on the amount of funds borrowed. The loan payments may be 100% deferred, fully amortized or 50% deferred, 50% amortized, based on the borrowers debt ratio. Any amortized loan is at a 3% interest rate.

This Program can be used in conjunction with the Housing Rehab Programs in order to preserve affordable housing stock in the older sections of town. Rehab can only be done in the Target Area, whereas FTHB can be city-wide.

Quantitative Objective: The Program was established in 1997 with the goal of assisting 13 families as a reasonable objective from the 97-HOME Grant. ~~Twelve loans were funded from the first grant and three more have been funded using HOME Program Income~~The City has received \$500,000 to continue FTHB funding through CDBG for calendar year 2015 and beyond.

Funding Source: The State Small Cities CDBG Program and the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME) and Program Income from HOME and CDBG Revolving Loan Fund are considered as funding sources in continuing the program.

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration and Planning and Building Department ~~and Community Development Agency.~~

6.9.3.5-4 ZONING ORDINANCE REVIEW

Need Served: Adequate incentives for Low/Mod housing.

Description: ~~This program is an effort to determine if the Zoning Ordinance provides sufficient incentive to low and moderate income housing and other special needs housing. Specifically, the density bonus concept must be reviewed to ensure it can have a real benefit when it is~~

~~allowed. The current density provisions are not viewed as a constraint to affordable housing. As an alternative to density incentives, other aspects of zoning may offer appropriate variables. Parking requirements can often be modified for senior housing and certain forms of group housing.~~

~~Substandard lots should be considered in review of the Zoning Ordinance. While consolidation of these lots is perhaps the best method to achieve efficient use of this land, a set of development standards designed to allow the use of these small lots could provide an affordable form of housing. Mixed-use projects in and around the downtown core are being encouraged.~~The City completed a comprehensive update of their Zoning Ordinance and General Plan, both approved in 2010. However, the maximum allowable residential densities of the Zoning Ordinance is not consistent with the maximum allowed with the corresponding land use designations. This lack of consistency limits the maximum realistic capacity outlined in Section 6.7 above and for potential affordable housing projects by 17 to 25%. A thorough review and completion of a zoning ordinance amendment is needed to establish consistency.

~~**Quantitative Objective:** The Zoning Ordinance was completed on December 2004. The City plans to work with Habitat for Humanity to develop 2 affordable homes per year on substandard lots.~~Review the Zoning Ordinance and complete a Zoning Ordinance Amendment related to maximum allowable residential densities for each zone district by June 2017.

Funding Source: General Fund.

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments

6.9.3.4.5 MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING PROJECT

Need Served: Provide decent, safe, sanitary housing, with amenities, for low-and very-low income working families.

~~**Description:** The City has been working with Watts Up America to develop a 50-150 unit affordable multi-family housing project. There are very few 3-bedroom apartments and no 4-bedroom apartments in the City. The older homes in the Target Area that are used as rentals range from 578 sq. ft. to about 1200 sq. ft. and are generally only one or two bedrooms, some with porches enclosed to create extra sleeping rooms.~~

~~The City will work with Watts Up America to develop the multiple housing units to accommodate small and large families. If the plan is not successful with Watts Up America the City will send out a RFP late next year to select a developer to assist with development of affordable multi-family housing project.~~In 2011, the City's Planning Commission approved a 40-unit multi-family residential affordable housing project with a mix of 2- and 3-bedroom units, located at Adequate Site #35. However, the developer never acted upon the approved entitlement, which expired a year later. There have been no other applications for multi-family residential or affordable housing projects since that approval.



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The City should allow for a simple process to re-approve the entitled project, or one with minor amendments. Such a project would introduce new residents to the Rails to Trails redevelopment area, and nearby to Downtown Taft.

Quantitative Objective: ~~Develop at least 50 affordable multi-family housing units by 2012.~~Develop an expedited process to re-approve the affordable housing project on Adequate Site #35.

Funding Source: The State Small Cities CDBG Program, the Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME), and Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC)~~and the Taft Community Development Agency (TCDA).~~

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Department,~~Community Development Agency, Watts Up America.~~

6.9.3.6 LAND USE ELEMENT UPDATE

Need Served: Adequate housing sites

Description: ~~The 1986 element has been revised adopted by the City Council on September 21, 2004, in order to strengthen future opportunities for housing development. The area south of the downtown area has been designated a mixed use zone for its potential to accommodate additional multiple family housing (approximately five multi-acre parcels consisting of approximately 46 acres, owned by the City), as well as open space along the Sunset Railroad rights-of-way.~~

~~The Land Use element has been updated concurrently with that of the Circulation Element and the Housing Element in a comprehensive manner. The City is working to update all elements (including Land Use) by December 2009. The General Plan update will be accompanied by an Environmental Impact Report to expedite the processing of development. Consistent with Program 6.9.3.4, Zoning Ordinance Review, any necessary amendments to the General Plan Land Use designations or map shall be thoroughly reviewed and amended as necessary to ensure consistency with the corresponding maximum allowable residential densities in the Zoning Ordinance.~~

Quantitative Objective: ~~The Land Use Element was updated on September 21, 2004. The City is working to update all elements (including Land Use) by December 2009.~~Amend the General Plan Land Use Element and Maps, as necessary, to ensure consistency with the maximum allowable residential densities in the Zoning Ordinance.

Funding Source: General Fund;~~Kern Council of Governments.~~

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.7 CREATION OF “LIVABLE COMMUNITIES” SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY

Description: ~~The City will study the possibilities to incorporate design standards that are descriptive of “Livable Communities” which aims to control urban sprawl through efficient street designs, transportation access and easy access to downtown by walking. Specific sites may be designed for such purposes based on community support and feasibility for such projects.~~ The comprehensive update of the General Plan, approved June 2010, including Conservation policies that called for a Sustainable Community. The policies outlined areas to address including water supply and quality, air quality, climate change and greenhouse gas emissions, energy conservation, and green building. The development of a Climate Action Plan for the City of Taft can study, address, and set specific goals and policies for new and rehabilitated residential development to reduce their impact on the community.

Quantitative Objective: ~~Amend General Plan and Zoning Ordinance by December 2004.~~ Develop a Climate Action Plan by December 2016.

Funding Source: City of Taft; ~~Kern COG~~ General Fund (potential grant funding available).

6.9.3.8 CODE ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

Need Served: Safe and healthful housing and preserves affordable housing stock.

Description: Continue to implement an aggressive code enforcement program.

Quantitative Objective: ~~Establish revised demolition and rehabilitation objective by May 2009.~~ Encourage more rehabilitation of dilapidated housing; Limit demolitions to a maximum of two structures a year.

Funding Source: General Fund

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments, Code Enforcement.

6.9.3.9 FAIR HOUSING SUPPORT

Need Served: Equal housing opportunity

Description: Housing discrimination is illegal in California, and cities are expected to assist in the effort to enforce this law. This program proposes that the City disseminate information on fair housing and refer fair housing complaints to the district office of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing.

Quantitative Objective: Maintain relationships with regional fair housing services and the State and Federal district offices.



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Funding Source: CDBG ~~and Community Development Agency~~

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration; Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.10 INFORMATION DISSEMINATION

Need Served: Equal housing opportunity

Description: Housing discrimination is illegal in California and cities are expected to assist in the effort to enforce this law. This program proposes that the City disseminate information on fair housing and refer fair housing complaints to the district office of the California Department of Fair Employment and Housing. The City provides the public a booklet entitled, "Fair Housing: It's Your Right," prepared by the Office of Equal Opportunity, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The booklet contains a Housing discrimination complaint form for use by aggrieved parties.

Quantitative Objective: Maintain relationships with regional fair housing services and the State and Federal district offices and continue to provide informational material to the public. Continue to distribute information on fair housing laws and provide referrals to investigative or enforcement agencies. ~~Obtain and/or Continue to~~ prepare information in English and Spanish for distribution to the public through libraries, senior centers, civic center offices, etc. ~~by December 2010.~~ Ensure that all new multifamily construction meets the federal and state accessibility requirements.

Funding Source: CDBG ~~and Community Development Agency~~

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration; Planning and Building Departments.

9.3.11 SENIOR HOUSING PROJECT

Need Served: Special needs group.

Description: ~~The City developed a 61-unit senior citizen project, located at 8th Street and North Street, using CDBG, HOME, LIHTCs in 1998. Based on the facility continuously at full occupancy and the results of the 2007 Senior Assisted Living Housing Study, conducted by The Planning Institute, development of another assisted living and/or skilled nursing facility is needed. The senior segment of Taft's population is significant and possesses special housing needs. The number of single females, 65 and over, living by themselves is sizable and will require more attention as they age. This program is an effort to study further needs of senior housing.~~

Quantitative Objective: ~~A needs senior study was conducted and approved by City Council on December 2007. Complete construction of another 50+ senior affordable housing units by December 2023.~~

Funding Source: County Housing Authority; ~~Community Development Agency-Low Income Housing Tax Credit~~

Responsible Agency: Grant Administration; Planning and Building Departments

6.9.3.12 HOMELESS SERVICES

Need Served: Special needs groups.

Description: The City is currently served by a group of service providers who seem to have the ability to serve the current demand for emergency support and shelter. These organizations do operate on limited resources and when local levels of unemployment increase, the added demand for their services can stretch these resources to their limits.

This program effort constitutes a process of the City becoming involved with these service providers to both understand the full scope of their efforts and to determine if the City has resources that can assist in this area of public service. While complete review is warranted there appears to be needs in the area of transportation service to and from Bakersfield.

Quantitative Objective: Establish the appropriate role and/or level of service as the need may arise. ~~Review need for transitional or supportive housing/homeless shelter.~~

Funding Source: General Fund; ~~Community Development Agency.~~

Responsible Agency: Administration; Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.13 ADA COMPLIANCE/REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION

Need Served: Persons with disabilities.

Description: Recent census results document that over ~~9-36~~ million people in the United States have ~~severe~~ disabilities. The issue of accessible housing involves not only people with disabilities and the entire disability community, but also housing developers, landlords, owners, realtors, and all groups involved in providing housing to people with disabilities, says a housing publication of the disability community (Opening Doors, Issue 10, June 2000). While no governmental constraints have been identified in the City of Taft, the City wishes to take a proactive approach in assisting the disabled community.

The City will adopt a reasonable accommodation ordinance to provide exceptions to zoning and land use standards for housing with persons with disabilities. The reasonable accommodation procedure will be a ministerial process, with reduced processing times and minimal or no processing fees, subject to the approval of the Planning Director applying the following criteria:



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The request for reasonable accommodation will be used by an individual with a disability that is protected under fair housing laws.

The requested accommodation is necessary to make housing available to an individual with a disability that is protected under fair housing laws.

The requested accommodation would not impose an undue financial or administrative burden on the City of Taft.

The requested accommodation would not require a fundamental alteration in the nature of the City's zoning and land use standards.

Quantitative Objective: Facilitate the development, maintenance, and improvement of housing for persons with disabilities. Amend the Zoning Ordinance requiring ADA compliance for all new and rehabilitation projects and adopt a Reasonable Accommodation Ordinance by December ~~2009~~2016. Continue use of California Building Code accessibility standards.

Funding Source: City of Taft General Fund

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.14 INFRASTRUCTURE ASSISTANCE

Need Served: Low and moderate income housing construction.

Description: ~~One of the most effective methods for the Community Development Agency to cause the construction of housing affordable to the low and moderate income groups is the offer of direct financial assistance to residential developers that would reduce the cost of City required infrastructure improvements. This is an eligible expenditure of the Agency's required 20 percent set aside funds, as well as the general resources of the Agency. The City will also apply for CDBG funds for infrastructure in support of low income housing.~~ Since the dissolution of the Taft Community Development Agency, per state law, the state Senate and Assembly have attempted to pass numerous bills that may restore all or part of the former redevelopment agency. The City should be ready to implement new redevelopment infrastructure assistance strategies should a new redevelopment bill be passed by the state.

Quantitative Objective: ~~Provide assistance on Public Costs to encourage in fill development.~~ Develop an Infrastructure Assistance plan once the state reinstates redevelopment agencies.

Funding Source: ~~Community Development Agency 20 percent set aside fund.~~ Tax Increment Financing (at such time of redevelopment agencies reinstatement).

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments.

9.3.15 FINANCING ASSISTANCE

~~Need Served: New construction.~~

~~Description: The rising cost of construction, approximately \$64.84 per square foot in 2002, has grown to about \$84.00 in 2008. The major portion of this increase is the high cost of liability insurance (worker's compensation) and building construction material. The high costs have made building of low and moderate income housing difficult, if not impossible, without some form of financial assistance.~~

~~Quantitative Objective: Establish project funding from CalHFA by December 2009.~~

~~Funding Source: CalHFA~~

~~Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments~~

6.9.3.16-15 MARKET RATE ENTRY LEVEL HOMES

Need Served: New construction.

Description: Market rate entry-level homes in the low \$100,000 range are required to satisfy demand. The City could review the zoning ordinance to allow lots with smaller area, lot width, and depth to facilitate affordable market rate homes in the Downtown areas. This could achieve the twin-objectives of a vibrant downtown resulting from increased patronage for downtown business and provision of additional housing to meet local and regional housing requirements.

Adequate Site #24 is currently under construction of market rate single-family residential homes on the first 32 lots of a 394 lot subdivision. The entire project will be built out in eight phases. The City should continue to support this project's contribution to the City's moderate and above moderate income housing need.

Quantitative Objective: Encourage the Adequate Site #24 developers/~~builders~~ to add-build out all 100-200394 homes by December ~~2012~~2023.

Funding Source: City General Fund.

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments

6.9.3.17-16 IN-FILL HOUSING

Need Served: Create affordable housing.

Description: Over the years some of the homes in the older downtown section have burned or been abated as substandard leaving 25 - 75 foot lots within the former Target Area. The City



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has also cited several more houses requiring abatement. These lots provide ideal locations for in-fill development.

Quantitative Objective: Promote 5-2 homes per year to be built on the in-fill lots listed on the Adequate Sites list. Allow homes to be built ~~in~~-on substandard lots that allow zero lot line developments and developments on lots less than 50 feet without requiring a variance.

Funding Source: City General Fund.

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments.

6.9.3.18-17 SELF-HELP HOUSING

Need Served: Low-income households.

Description: The program is managed by Habitat for Humanity, a non-profit housing agency. Assists low-income persons to gain the pride of home ownership with financing, materials, and labor arranged through the City, volunteer contributions, and applicant sweat equity.

Quantitative Objective: ~~Habitat for Humanity has contracted with the City to build as many single family dwellings for very low income and first time homebuyers by 2012. Work with Habitat for Humanity to develop one new self-help housing single-family dwelling per year on an in-fill site.~~

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Departments

6.9.3.18 DEVELOPMENT DISABILITIES

Need Served: Developmentally Disabled Persons

Description: The City of Taft has approximately 889 people living with a disability. Many of those people are living with a developmental disability. People in Taft with developmental disabilities may utilize the services provided by the Kern Regional Center and the Transition to Independent Living (TIL) Program at Taft College. However, the City should do its part to minimize constraints for housing for developmental disabled people.

Quantitative Objective: Explore models to encourage the creation of housing for persons with developmental disabilities and implement a program by 2017. Such models could include assisting in housing development through the use of set-asides, scattered site acquisition, new construction, and pooled trusts; providing housing services that educate, advocate, inform, and assist people to locate and maintain housing; and models to assist in the maintenance and repair of housing for persons with developmental disabilities. The City shall also seek State and Federal monies for direct support of housing construction and rehabilitation specifically targeted for housing for persons with disabilities.

Responsible Agency: Planning and Building Department

9.3.19 SENATE BILL 2 COMPLIANCE (TRANSITIONAL & SUPPORTIVE HOUSING)

Need Served: Transitional and Supportive Housing

Description: Pursuant to Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo, 2007), the City will update its Zoning Ordinance to include separate definitions of transitional and supportive housing as defined in California Health and Safety Codes, Sections 50675.2 and 50675.14. Transitional and supportive housing types will be allowed as a permitted use subject only to the same restrictions as residential uses contained in the same type of structure.

Quantative Objective: To amend the Taft Zoning Ordinance by December 2009 to define transitional and supportive housing as residential uses subject to the same restrictions as residential uses contained in the same type of structure.

Responsible Agency: Planning Department, City Attorney.

9.3.20 SENATE BILL 2 COMPLIANCE (EMERGENCY SHELTERS)

Need Served: Homeless.

Description: Pursuant to Senate Bill 2 (Cedillo, 2007), staff will amend the City Zoning Ordinance to allow emergency shelters as a permitted use in the General Commercial Zone without a conditional use permit or other discretionary review, and include the definition per California Health and Safety Code, Section 50801 (e) by September 2009. In addition the City will be consistent with California Government Code, Section 65583 (a)(4). The standards may include such items as lighting, on-site management, maximum number of beds or persons to be served nightly by the facility, off-street parking based on demonstrated need, and security during hours that the emergency shelter is in operation.

Responsible Agency: Taft Planning Department, City Attorney.

9.3.21 AMENDING MANUFACTURED HOUSING UNITS

Need Served: Manufactured Housing

Description: Amending the Zoning Ordinance to include single family manufactured homes into single family dwellings, and to permit a single family manufacture home in Residential Suburban (R-S), Single Family Residential Zone (R-1), and Two Family Residential Zone (R-2) by right. Also, to amend the Zoning Ordinance to permit by right the use of a mobile home park or subdivision in a high density residential zone. The zoning amendments will be conducted by December 2009 to comply with State law.

Responsible Agency: Planning Department

9.3.22 Adoption of General Plan and Zoning Code Consistency

Need Served: New Construction

Description: The City is working to update all the elements of the General Plan with an expected adoption date of October 2009. Adoption of the General Plan will include increased allowable densities within the Residential High land use designation of between 8 to 29 units per acre. Upon adoption of the general plan, the zoning ordinance will be revised to reflect the revised General Plan land use designation. As part of this update the R-3 and R-4 zoning categories will be revised to reflect the General Plan range high density categories of 8-29 units per acre. If upon adoption of the General Plan, allowable densities in the R-3 zone are less than 20 units per acre, the City will amend its housing element to rezone sufficient sites to accommodate the City's remaining RHNA for lower income households or provide an analysis pursuant to GC Section 65583.2 to demonstrate the suitability of densities of the R-3 in encouraging and facilitating housing affordable to lower income households.

Quantified Objective: To amend the Taft Zoning Ordinance within one year of the adoption of the General Plan.

Timing: complete GP update by October 2009. Revise zoning ordinance by October 2010.

Responsible Agency: Planning Department.

10.06.10 QUANTIFIED OBJECTIVES (BY INCOME GROUPS)

Beginning January 1, 1992, Housing Elements were required to establish quantified objectives for the maximum number of housing units by income category that can be constructed, rehabilitated, and conserved over a five-year time period. The objectives established below include all City planned housing activity, including private above moderate-income projects, as well as all housing activity resulting from the City’s efforts.

Table No. 25:

58-Year Quantified Objectives 2008 - 2013 2015 - 2023			
Objective	New Construction	Rehabilitation	Conservation*
Very Low-Income	1925	1516	0
Low-Income	8255	2532	0
Moderate	8320	1012	0
Above Moderate	2078	220	0

*There are no units at risk since neither the City, nor the Housing Authority County of Kern has any ownership interest in projects.

11.06.11 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

11.1 PLAN CONSISTENCY

The City ~~is working to update all elements of its General Plan by December 2009~~ completed a comprehensive update to the General Plan that was adopted on June 22, 2010, excluding the Housing Element. The General Plan update ~~will comply~~ complies with California Government Code 65302.1, which requires cities and counties to include data, analysis, comprehensive goals, policies, and feasible implementation strategies to improve air quality ~~within one year of the new housing element planning period (by June 30, 2009 for Kern County)~~. ~~The information will be included in the updated General Plan Circulation Element.~~

The City is also undertaking a review to amend the Zoning Ordinance and a re-adoption of the Downtown Specific Plan land use and development standards to be consistent with the updated General Plan elements.

12.06.12 CONCLUSION

Overall, the City of Taft has achieved most of its Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) objectives from ~~2002-2007~~2008-2013 in providing housing for various income levels of the community. The total number of units built from ~~2002-2008~~2008-2013 ~~exceeded the~~was much lower than the 2002-2007 RHNA ~~objective by six (6) units~~due to the sub-prime mortgage crisis followed by a long recession period. The City did not meet its ~~2002-2007~~2008-2013 RHNA objectives for ~~very low income and above moderate income~~all of the income categories, but it aims to ~~exceed~~reach its ~~2008-2013~~2015-2023 RHNA objectives for ~~every income level~~total units by various City projects which are in the planning stages. ~~It should be noted that very low and low income levels accounted for fifty three percent (53%) of all actual units built, substantially exceeding the 2002-2007 RHNA objective of thirty nine percent (39%).~~Although there were no very-low and low income projects developed during 2008-2013, the moderate and above moderate housing development was steady and continues to increase into the 2015-2023 planning period.

COMPARISON OF HOUSING NEED BY INCOME DISTRIBUTION- CITY OF TAFT					
By Income Level	Very Low	Low Income	Moderate Income	Above Moderate Income	TOTAL
2002-2007 RHNA Objective	15	11	13	27	66
2002-2007 Actual Units Built	7	31	33	1	72
Difference Between Objective and Actual from 2002-2007	-8	+20	+20	-26	+6
2008-2013 RHNA Objectives	16	10	11	25	62
<u>2008-2013 Actual Units Built</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>2008-2013 Difference RHNA/Built</u>	<u>-16</u>	<u>-10</u>	<u>-1</u>	<u>-17</u>	<u>-44</u>
<u>2015-2023 RHNA Objectives</u>	<u>52</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>146</u>	<u>254</u>

Source: City of Taft Planning Department and Kern Council of Governments

In June 2007, the City approved a one hundred twenty-two (122) single-family residential subdivision (Adequate Site #2) for the moderate income level, which is located in the jurisdiction of Kern County. The CEQA/NEPA process was completed by Sanduphor Enterprises Inc. (Developer) and the City, but the annexation process for the project was halted because the Developer has not been able to obtain a will serve letter from West Kern Water District (WKWD). A water analysis was conducted by the developer for the project as part of the process to receive the will serve letter. The results of the water analysis showed the developer had to pay more than three million dollars (\$3,000,000) in infrastructure costs, plus the cost of water supply for the project, prior to receiving the will serve letter. The first reason for the high costs in infrastructure was due to the location of the project site and the infrastructure improvements needed to accommodate the development. The second reason was due to scarce water availability in the WKWD; the Developer would have to purchase water from the “spot market”. The water purchased by the applicant would allow WKWD to serve the project. The Developer was unwilling to risk paying the high costs to receive the will serve letter because of the unstable housing market. ~~The City plans to work with the Developer to complete the annexation process for the project and build affordable and moderate income housing. The Developer had previously received approval of another residential subdivision in October 2007, but six (6) lots have been sold and another six (6) remain unsold. The annexation process was allowed to move forward and was completed in 2009. The subdivision, due to various state bills, received seven years of extension approvals that have the tentative map not expiring until 2017.~~

Colston Construction, a local developer, submitted a residential subdivision to construct about three hundred ninety (390) single-family residential dwellings (Adequate Site #24). The local developer plans to build moderate and above moderate single-family dwellings in ~~four (4)~~eight (8) phases. The local developer completed the CEQA/NEPA documentation to develop Phase 1, which consists of ~~sixty seven (67)~~thirty two (32) single-family dwellings. ~~The local developer is not developing at this time due to the downturn of the housing market.~~first homes ready for occupancy should be completed by end of 2015 to early 2016. The local developer previously received approval of another residential subdivision, but only ~~three (3)~~four (4) lots have been sold and another ~~ten (10)~~nine (9) remain unsold. The local developer does not plan on moving forward until all the lots have been sold and the housing ~~prices market have has~~ stabilized.

In January 2006, Lockwood Construction, a development company, received approval of a residential subdivision for ~~twenty (20)~~eighteen (18) lots. The project remains undeveloped, but Lockwood Construction ~~has~~ graded the construction site and erected retaining walls. The development company halted the project and ~~is planning to sell~~sold the property in 2010. The site has been taken into consideration by the City for the development of affordable senior single or multi-family housing.

~~Kona Development, a development company, is planning to develop three thousand five hundred (3,500) single and multi-family dwellings, with a golf course. The development company plans to construct the residential subdivision in numerous phases, which would~~



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~~require a specific plan due to the scope of the project. Due to the housing market downturn, the development company has postponed the project.~~

In December 2008, the City purchased forty-six (46) acres from Sunset Western Railway Company and Union Pacific Railroad Company. The property is located south of and adjacent to the downtown area, and the City plans to develop the site into a sustainable mixed-use development (Adequate Sites 26 through 36). The City envisions single and multi-family residential dwellings, public spaces, amphitheater, extension of the existing Rails to Trails path (biking/walking path), and mixed-use commercial establishments. The City plans to implement sustainable development concepts into the project, such as LEED homes and commercial buildings, a walking and biking friendly environment, and renewable energy (solar installation). The City plans to require an affordable housing component in the project including senior housing.

The City will also work with non-profit organizations (e.g. Habitat for Humanity) and private developers to build affordable single and multi-family residential dwellings ~~in~~ at in-fill vacant lots located throughout the City, with funds from Department of Housing and Community Development grants.

The City will encourage the development of LEED and other green building program standards for housing. The City will eventually mandate all affordable housing funded by HCD grants to be built to LEED or other green building standards. The City will encourage developers to exceed Title 24 development standards by fifteen percent (15%). The City will advocate residents to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging energy efficient practices and renewable energy installations in their homes. The City will partner with PG&E to implement energy efficiency programs throughout the community and encourage residents to install solar panels or solar heaters to reduce their carbon footprint. The City aims to do its part in reducing its greenhouse gas emissions and improving the air quality.

The City will work with WKWD to ensure water availability for future housing projects, including affordable housing. The City will also work with current and future developers to make certain they have all the resources available to develop their housing projects. HCD grant funding will play a major role for the City to assist developers on their housing projects with integrating green building standards, especially in the current downturn housing market. The City expects to exceed its ~~2008-2013~~ 2015-2023 RHNA objectives for all income levels.