

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA ADOPTING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION AND APPROVING GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 13-01 TO ADOPT THE 2013-2021 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE. CITY INITIATED.

WHEREAS, the City of Coachella (“City”) finds it beneficial to designate adequate land for a balanced range of housing types and densities for all current and future residents of the community; and,

WHEREAS, the City desires to encourage the maintenance, improvement, and rehabilitation of the City’s existing housing stock; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds it beneficial to improve housing conditions in the community and encourage energy efficiency in both new and existing housing stock; and,

WHEREAS, the City wishes to promote equal opportunity to secure safe, sanitary and affordable housing for all members of the community regardless of race, sex, or other arbitrary factors; and,

WHEREAS, City staff prepared for the City Council’s consideration a draft housing element update, which was released and made available for public review on August 29, 2013; and,

WHEREAS, an environmental initial study (EIS 12-05) recommending the adoption of a Negative Declaration was prepared for the 5th Cycle Housing Element update, and there were no potentially significant impacts identified and no mitigation measures recommended for any of the environmental factors analyzed, a Notice of Intent to Adopt a Negative Declaration was distributed to local agencies for 30-day review and comment period on August 6, 2013 and staff posted the Notice of Intent with the County Clerk on August 6, 2013, no written comments on the environmental documents were received; and,

WHEREAS, the Coachella Planning Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing at their regular hearing of September 4, 2013, considered the environmental documents and testimony presented regarding the proposed adoption of the 2013-2021 Housing Element update, and recommended to the City Council approval of the 2013-2021 Housing Element update; and,

WHEREAS, a duly noticed public hearing was held on February 12, 2014 before the City Council to review the environmental documents and the 2013-2021 Housing Element update of the General Plan; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council, having considered all materials, file information, the Negative Declaration, all public and agency comments and all reports from staff, and the recommendation by the Planning Commission, does make the following findings:

1. The City Council hereby adopts a negative declaration with the evidence presented as part of Environmental Initial Study (EIS 12-05) and finds that the proposed 2013-2021 Housing Element update project has been analyzed in accordance with the statutes and guidelines of the California Environmental Quality Act as set forth in Section 12000, et. seq., of the California Public Resources Code, and Section 15000, et. seq., of the California Code of Regulations.

2. The City Council has considered the economic, environmental, and fiscal factors and community goals as set forth in the City's General Plan, and pending comprehensive update to the General Plan. The City's recent efforts in developing the General Plan Update has included extensive public participation in the areas of land use and community character, safety from natural hazards, open space and conservation, and community health and wellness.

3. The proposed General Plan Amendment 13-01 adopting the 2013-2021 Housing Element update is internally consistent with the overall City General Plan, including the pending General Plan Update document. The Housing Element Update is the City's document for meeting future housing needs, including housing affordable to lower income households. The purpose of the Housing Element is to establish specific goals, policies, and objectives relative to the provision of housing, and to adopt an action plan toward this end. The 2013-2021 Housing Element update is a response to the State of California's mandate of requiring a Housing Element within every General Plan, and periodic updates. The City's pending comprehensive General Plan update will facilitate the higher densities and mixed-use land use designations that will facilitate capacity for meeting the City's required housing allocation needs, as prescribed by state statutes and the corresponding metropolitan planning agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Coachella, California hereby takes the following actions;

1. Adoption of a Negative Declaration as contained in Environmental Initial Study (EIS 12-05) with evidence showing that no significant environmental impacts are being created as part of the City's adoption of the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update.

2. An affirmative finding that the project will not individually or cumulatively have an adverse effect on Fish and Wildlife resources, as defined in Section 711.2 of the Fish and Game Code.

3. Approval of General Plan Amendment 13-01 adopting the 2013-2021 Housing Element Update document attached as Exhibit A of the City Council staff report of February 12, 2014.

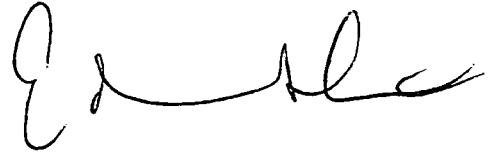
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Coachella held on February 12, 2014 by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmember Aviles, Councilmember Martinez, Councilmember Zepeda, Mayor Pro Tem Hernandez and Mayor Garcia.

NOES: None.

ABSENT: None.

ABSTAIN: None.



Eduardo Garcia, Mayor
City of Coachella

ATTEST:



Beatrice Barajas, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Carlos Campos, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss
CITY OF COACHELLA)

I, Beatrice Barajas, City Clerk of the City of Coachella, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of Resolution No. 2014-04, adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting therefore duly held and convened on the 12th day of February, 2014.



Beatrice Barajas, City Clerk

Exhibit "A"

Conditionally-Certified 2013-2021 Housing Element