

2. CEQA Analysis

Tahoe Basin. The policies identified in the General Plan EIR to reduce physical environmental effects would also apply to the proposed project. Because the proposed project does not include land use changes and the new and amended programs identified in Table 1-1 would not affect land use patterns in the county or result in physical changes to the environment, there are no new or more severe significant impacts associated with the proposed 2021–2029 Housing Element.

- 4. Mitigation measures or alternatives previously found not to be feasible would in fact be feasible, and would substantially reduce one or more significant effects of the project, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.**

The proposed project includes policy-level changes that are limited to complying with state law and would not result in physical changes to the environment that were not disclosed in the General Plan EIR. Moreover, the proposed project would not create new impacts or the need for additional mitigation measures. The policies identified in the General Plan EIR to reduce physical environmental effects address significant impacts for land use; agriculture and forestry; visual resources; traffic and circulation; water resources; utilities; public services; human health and safety; geology, soils, and mineral resources; noise; air quality; biological resources; cultural resources; and Lake Tahoe Basin. These policies in the General Plan EIR would also apply to the 2021–2029 Housing Element. The County is required to adopt a Housing Element, and the element must be reviewed and certified by the Housing and Community Development Department. There is no feasible alternative to adopting a Housing Element. As with the existing Housing Element evaluated in the General Plan EIR, the proposed Housing Element does not result in significant environmental impacts; therefore, there is no need for new mitigation measures.

- 5. Mitigation measures or alternatives which are considerably different from those analyzed in the previous EIR would substantially reduce one or more significant effects on the environment, but the project proponents decline to adopt the mitigation measure or alternative.**

The proposed project would have the same significant impacts as the previously certified General Plan EIR and all associated policies identified in the General Plan EIR to reduce physical environmental effects would continue to apply. As stated in the response to Standard 4, there are no new significant impacts resulting from adoption of the 2021–2029 Housing Element; therefore, there are no new mitigation measures or alternatives to the proposed project.