May 30, 2007

TO:                  Esther L. Valadez, Chair
                    Harold V. Helsley, Vice Chair
                    Leslie G. Bellamy, Commissioner
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SUBJECT:             JUNE 6, 2007 MEETING – AGENDA ITEM #6
                    HOUSING ELEMENT STATUS REPORT

The Department of Regional Planning is scheduled to begin the process of updating the
Housing Element of the General Plan. State law mandates that the Fourth Revision of
the Housing Element be submitted to the California Department of Housing and
Community Development (HCD) by June 30, 2008. The Housing Element update will
focus on the planning period from 2006 to 2014. Until an updated Housing Element is
adopted by the Board of Supervisors, the County continues to implement programs in
the existing Housing Element which was adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2001
and was conditionally certified by HCD in 2002.

The next update of the County's Housing Element will be especially challenging
because there have been significant changes to State Housing Element law. At your
meeting on June 6th, the planning staff will provide a status report on the department’s
efforts to secure a consultant to assist in the preparation of the Housing Element,
present the project schedule, discuss some of the new statutory requirements, and
provide information on the results of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA)
process. Additional written materials may be provided to you at the meeting and staff
will walk you through the information and be available to answer your questions.

Should you have any questions or comments, please contact me or Kari W. Davis at
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