

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, April 14, 2008

1:30 P.M.

Third Floor Small Conference Room

**Application:** ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NO. 08-002 (2008-2014 Housing Element Update)

**Applicant:** City of Huntington Beach  
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Huntington Beach, CA 92648  
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**Request:** The Housing Element is one of the seven State-mandated elements of the City's General Plan and must be updated pursuant to California Government Code Section 65588 for the 2008-2014 planning period. The Housing Element identifies and assesses projected housing needs and provides an inventory of constraints and resources relevant to meeting these needs. Components of the housing element include: a housing needs assessment with population and household characteristics; identification of constraints to providing housing; an inventory of available sites for the provision of housing for all economic segments of the community; and a statement of goals, policies and programs for meeting the City's housing needs. The Element's goals focus on:

- 1) Preserving and improving housing and neighborhoods;
- 2) Providing adequate housing sites;
- 3) Assisting in the provision of affordable housing;
- 4) Removing governmental and other constraints to housing investment; and
- 5) Promoting fair and equal housing opportunities.

As described in the draft Housing Element (Section IV, Housing Resources), Huntington Beach has an identified regional housing growth need (RHNA) of 2,092 units for the 2008-2014 planning period. Huntington Beach plans to fulfill its RHNA allocation using a combination of the methods listed below:

1. Development on vacant residential sites (majority of which are less than an acre in size);
2. Projects with entitlements;
3. Beach/Edinger Corridor Specific Plan;
4. Rezoning of sites to allow for exclusively residential uses;
5. Residential development on surplus school sites; and
6. Committed assistance for preservation of at-risk housing

**Location:** Citywide

**Project Planner:** Jennifer Villasenor, Associate Planner

*For information on the above items, please contact the specified project planner in the City of Huntington Beach Dept. of Planning, at (714) 536-5271.*