



AGENDA

Regular Meeting of the Calipatria City Council

**City Council Chambers
125 North Park Avenue
Calipatria, CA 92233**

**Tuesday, February 24, 2026
Closed Session at 5:30 pm
Open Session at 6:00 pm**

Michael Luellen, Mayor
Fred Beltran, Mayor Pro-Tem
Javier Amezcua, Council Member
Sylvia Chavez, Council Member
Jesse Rivas, Council Member

Laura Gutierrez, City Manager
Gilbert G. Otero, City Attorney
Jane Hurtado, City Clerk

Christopher Hanks, Acting Fire Chief
Cheryl Fowler, Police Chief
Edgar Self, Public Work Director

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5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

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CITY COUNCIL ADJOURNS TO CLOSE SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL:

1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL -

Initiation of litigation pursuant to paragraph (4) subdivision (d) of Section

54956.9

Number of Potential Cases: 2

2. CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS (SECTION 54956.8)

I. APN: 023-484-028-000, 023-484-029-000, 023-484-030-000, 023-484-031-000, 023-484-032-000, 023-484-033-000, 023-484-034-000, 023-484-035-000, 023-484-036-000, 023-484-037-000, 023-484-038-000, 023-484-039-000, 023-486-001-000, 023-486-002-000, 023-486-003-000, 023-486-004-000, 023-486-005-000, 023-486-006-000, 023-486-007-000, 023-486-008-000, 023-486-009-000, 023-486-010-000, 023-486-011-000, 023-486-012-000, 023-486-013-000, 023-486-014-000, 023-486-015-000, 023-486-016-000, 023-486-017-000, 023-486-018-000, 023-485-007-000

Agency Negotiator: City Manager
Negotiating Parties: Desert Pro Ventures, LLC.
Property Address: Desert Lane, Arroyo Seco Lane
Negotiation: Price Sale/Lease and Terms

CITY COUNCIL CONVENES TO OPEN SESSION

6:00 P.M. OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER:

ROLL CALL:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION:

CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION

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MOTION: SECOND:
ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

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jurisdiction you may do so now. At this time, please step to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

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PRESENTATION:

- 1. Climate Resiliency District~Update by Kosmont and GAFCON
- 2. Lithium Valley Specific Plan (LVSP)~The Calipatria Foundation

CONSENT AGENDA:

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- 1. Minutes: February 10, 2026
- 2. Letters of Support ~ Senate Bill 886: Ratepayer and Technological Innovation Protection Act and Senate Bill 887: Good Neighbor Data Centers Leadership Project

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
 ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

PUBLIC HEARING:

- 1. **Public Hearing** –City of Calipatria Five-Year PLHA Plan Amendment and 2026 PLHA Application for 2022 and 2023 Allocations

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at _____.

Staff Report – The Holt Group

Public Comment:

City Council Discussion:

MOTION: _____ SECOND: _____
 ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at _____.

ACTION ITEMS NEW/REGULAR BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

- 1. **Approve/Disapprove:** RESOLUTION NO. 26-04

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
 AUTHORIZING THE PLHA APPLICATION AND AMENDING THE FIVE-
 YEAR PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING
 ALLOCATION PROGRAM

MOTION: SECOND:
ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

2. **Approve/Disapprove:** RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
ADOPTING THE DRAFT 2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS
REPORT

MOTION: SECOND:
ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION (RECOMMEND/DENY):

- 1. Discussion/Direction: City Council Handbook & Code of Conduct

STAFF and COUNCIL REPORTS:

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the City of Calipatria City Council is Tuesday,
March 10, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Close meeting at _____.

MOTION: SECOND:
ROLL CALL VOTE: FB _____ JR _____ ML _____ SC _____ JA _____

I, *JANE HURTADO*, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, California, DO HEREBY
CERTIFY that the agenda was duly posted at Calipatria City Hall, 125 N Park Avenue,
Calipatria, California and on the City of Calipatria’s website not less than 72 hours prior
to the meeting per Government Code 54954(2).

Dated: February 20, 2026



CONSENT - ITEM # 1

TENATIVE MINUTES

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5:30 P.M. CLOSED SESSION

CALL TO ORDER: 5:31 PM

ROLL CALL: *Fred Beltran, Jesse Rivas, Michael Luellen and Sylvia Chavez,
Javier Amezcua-Absent*

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CALL TO ORDER: 6:12 PM

ROLL CALL: Fred Beltran, Jesse Rivas, Michael Luellen and Sylvia Chavez,
Javier Amezcua-Absent

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE & INVOCATION: Edgar Self/Gilbert Otero

CITY ATTORNEY: REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION ACTION

- Two (2) Matters were discussed in close session*
- 1. No action was taken on one of them.*
 - 2. Direction was given to City Staff and City Attorney*

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No adjustments

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Resident ~ Kyle Whitacre-Adams ~ Regarding business license application

Resident ~ Grace Castaneda ~ HS Scholarships and Valentines Sales

PRESENTATION:

GAFCON ~ Airport Community Center/Park Update

Presentation by Said Ramirez-Senior Project Engineer, Chris Larson-Senior Project Manager and Jaysel Mendoz. Budget update was provided based on selections and trying to reduce the deficit of the proposed project. Staff continue to work on improvements to ensure the much-needed project continues to move forward.

Public Comment was received from all Councilmembers, City Staff, and members of the public (Mr. Orozco, Mrs. Rivas, and Mrs. Cooper).

Priority topic was the hardwood floors.

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1. Minutes: January 27, 2026
2. Warrants: January 1-31, 2026
3. Letter of Support ~ The Becoming Project ~ Support for the Clean Transportation Fleet Initiative Grant Proposal

MOTION: *Sylvia Chavez*

SECOND: *Jesse Rivas*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y on #1&3 and N on #2, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y 4-0*

PUBLIC HEARING:

1. **Public Hearing** –Discussion/Action: Delta Street Pump Station Outreach and Engagement Plan Workshop

OPEN PUBLIC HEARING at 6:50 PM.

Staff Report – The Holt Group, *Jeorge Galvan gave the presentation regarding funds received for the Delta Street Pump Station for the purpose of moving the project forward.*

Public Comment:

No public comment regarding this item. (Additional Public Comments were made regarding the Airport Park Community Center Presentation)

City Council Discussion:

Councilmember Rivas

MOTION: *Fred Beltran*

SECOND: *Jesse Rivas*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y*

4-0

CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING at 7:03 PM

ACTION ITEMS NEW/REGULAR BUSINESS (DISCUSSION/ACTION):

1. **Approve/Disapprove:** Delta Street Pump Station Outreach and Engagement Plan Workshop

MOTION: *Jesse Rivas*

SECOND: *Sylvia Chavez*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y*

4-0

2. **Approve/Disapprove:** Purchase (Finance) of Backhoe

MOTION: *Sylvia Chavez*

SECOND: *Fred Beltran*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y*

4-0

3. **Approve/Disapprove:** Purchase of CrackPro Machine

MOTION: *Fred Beltran*

SECOND: *Jesse Rivas*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y*

4-0

STAFF and COUNCIL REPORTS:

Self: Nothing to report

Hanks: Provided departments new schedule update

Otero: Info regarding the Fireworks Ordinance

Hurtado: Nothing to report

Gutierrez: Provided updates

Beltran: Nothing to report

Rivas: Provided training participation updates

Chavez: Provided meeting and community participation updates

Luellen: Provided community participation updates and ballot initiative

Meeting recording available upon request to the City Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT:

The next regular scheduled meeting of the City of Calipatria City Council is Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 6:00 pm

Close meeting at 7:36 PM.

MOTION: *Fred Beltran*

SECOND: *Sylvia Chavez*

ROLL CALL VOTE: *FB-Y, JR-Y, ML-Y, SC-Y*

4-0

I, *JANE HURTADO*, City Clerk of the City of Calipatria, California, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the agenda was duly posted at Calipatria City Hall, 125 N Park Avenue, Calipatria, California and on the City of Calipatria's website not less than 72 hours prior to the meeting per Government Code 54954(2).

Dated: February 6, 2026

Laura Gutierrez

From: Hernandez, Guillermo <Guillermo.Hernandez@sen.ca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2026 10:06 AM
To: Hernandez, Guillermo
Subject: Request for Letter of Support -SB 886 & SB 887
Attachments: SB 886 - California Technology Innovation and Ratepayer Protection Act Fact Sheet.pdf; SB 887 Sustainable Data Center Standards Fact Sheet.pdf; SB 886 Letter of support template.docx; SB 887 Letter of support template.docx

CAUTION: This email originated from outside of the organization. Please take care when clicking links or opening attachments.

Good Morning ,

On behalf of Senator Steve Padilla, I am writing to respectfully request support for two bills designed to protect residents from potential costs and pollution caused by data centers:

SB 886 – Data Center Ratepayer Protections Act
SB 887 – Good Neighbor Data Centers Leadership Project

SB 886 would require the Public Utilities Commission to establish a special tariff to protect other ratepayers from transmission costs associated with large data centers, while ensuring California continues to meet its climate goals. The measure is designed to prevent cost shifts so that electrical grid investments needed to serve data centers are fully recovered from the developers themselves.

SB 887 would clarify that data centers are not ministerial projects exempt from CEQA. The bill would also establish clear eligibility standards for Environmental Leadership Development Project (ELDP) certification, including strong requirements related to clean energy use, water efficiency, infrastructure cost recovery, labor standards, and community benefits.

Together, these measures incentivize responsible data center development by protecting ratepayers and ensuring environmental and community safeguards , issues that are directly relevant to local governments and communities in Imperial County.

For your reference, I have attached fact sheets and letter templates for both bills and the instructions on how to submit the letters through the [CA Legislative Portal](#). Please let me know if you have any questions or if additional information would be helpful. We respectfully request that you submit your letters of support by Friday, February 27th.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Warm regards,



Guillermo Hernandez
District Representative 

Office of State Senator Stephen C. Padilla, 18th District

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(LETTERHEAD)

January 28, 2026

Senator Benjamin Allen
Senate Energy, Utilities and Communications Committee
1021 O Street, Room 3350
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 886: Ratepayer and Technological Innovation Protection Act

Dear Senator Allen,

On behalf of (Name of Organization/Municipality), I am pleased to offer our strong support of SB 886 which would require the PUC to develop a tariff for large energy users.

(Brief statement describing what the organization/municipality does). *tip: use the organization's website to pull their mission or vision statement. Could use additional demographic details if available.

The AI boom is powered by massive data centers which consume large amounts of energy and water 24/7. This puts an enormous strain on the electrical grid and requires massive investments into transmission infrastructure. Many states are seeing the surging demand for energy from data centers which are forcing them to increase the energy supply as quickly as possible, often utilizing fossil fuel power plants to meet the demand. The Department of Energy reports data centers are expected to consume 12% of total US electricity by 2028, nearly three times the 2023 electricity demand of 4.4%.

These high energy demands strain California's aging transmission grid and threaten California's aggressive clean energy and climate goals. Incentivizing clean energy adoption and establishing a special rate structure in this rapidly growing space is necessary to protect ratepayers from footing the bill as utilities are racing to build transmission infrastructure. Moreover, a report by Wood MacKenzie in the New York Times found large energy users did not pay enough to cover the full cost of interconnection, other customers had to make up for it. The current rapid buildout of data centers along with innovations in energy efficiency increase the possibility that data centers shut down early. PJM, the grid operator for much of the east coast has seen the average energy bill to jump 5% in a year. Three PJM states, one of which is Virginia, the state with the highest concentration of data centers, saw rates rise 11-16%. Without protections, other ratepayers will be forced to pay for their cost of interconnection. California must take steps to protect ratepayers from bearing the brunt of the financial burden.

SB 886 would require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish a special tariff to protect other ratepayers from transmission costs that supply large load customers. The PUC must also consider prioritized interconnection for large load customers utilizing zero carbon resources. The tariff will ensure electrical grid investments for data centers are fully recovered to ensure other

ratepayers do not end up footing the bill. This will ensure ratepayers do not have skyrocketing costs without increasing the state's reliance on fossil fuels.

(Feel free to include more reasons for your support).

For these reasons, SB 886 (Padilla) would further (Name of Organization's) goal of.. (Insert short statement of bill's importance as it relates to organization), and we are proud to support SB 886 (Padilla)/and encourage your "aye" vote when it is heard in your committee.

Best regards,

Name, Title

Organization

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SB 886 – Data Center Ratepayer Protections Act

The AI boom is powered by massive data centers. Those data centers while driving the AI revolution, also consume massive amounts of energy and water, putting enormous strain on the electrical grid and require massive investments into the electrical grid infrastructure. The recent rise of generative artificial intelligence has driven a corresponding growth in data center demand, with Siemens, a leading data center provider, reporting their data-center business revenue jumping 50% in a year.¹ This puts residential ratepayers' energy reliability at risk as California's grid is overburdened by the sudden load growth, and are liable for stranded assets built to meet that demand.

Data centers often have backup power and utilize cooling systems, requiring large amounts of energy and water to continuously power these facilities through peak demand times. Across many states, the demand for energy from data centers are forcing states to increase the energy supply as quick as possible, with Microsoft signing the largest-ever power purchase agreement to reopen Three Mile Island to power the corporation's computing and artificial intelligence programs.² In Texas, Chevron and ExxonMobil plan to offer electricity for the first time, operating fossil fuel power plants to power data centers.³ Moreover, the Department of Energy reports data centers are expected to consumer 12% of total US electricity by 2028, nearly three times the 2023 electricity demand of 4.4%.⁴

These high energy demands strain California's aging transmission grid and threaten California's aggressive clean energy and climate goals. Siemens's head of Smart Infrastructure states there is not enough green energy to power data centers, pushing companies to look elsewhere to meet their energy needs such as coal.⁵ Incentivizing clean energy adoption and establishing a special rate structure in this rapidly growing space is necessary to protect ratepayers from footing the bill as utilities are racing to build transmission infrastructure. PJM, the grid operator for much of the east coast has seen the average energy bill to jump 5% in a year. Three PJM states, one of which is Virginia, the state with the highest concentration of data centers, saw rates rise 11-16%.⁶ Federal officials stated they would push PJM and tech companies to strike deals ensuring they pay the full cost of interconnection, and California must take similar steps to protect ratepayers from bearing the brunt of the financial burden.

SB 886 would require the PUC to establish a special tariff to protect other ratepayers from transmission costs that supply large data centers while meeting the state's climate goals. The tariff will ensure electrical grid investments for data centers are fully recovered to ensure other ratepayers do not end up footing the bill. A tariff will ensure ratepayers do not have skyrocketing costs without increasing the state's reliance on fossil fuels.

¹ Kienle, Nina. "Data Centers Need to Look Beyond Green Energy, Siemens Executive Says." MSN, January 6, 2025. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/data-centers-need-to-look-beyond-green-energy-siemens-executive-says/ar-AA1x2lmC>.

² Mandler, C. "Three Mile Island Nuclear Plant Will Reopen to Power Microsoft Data Centers." NPR, September 20, 2024. <https://www.npr.org/2024/09/20/nx-s1-5120581/three-mile-island-nuclear-power-plant-microsoft-ai>.

³ McDonnell, Tim. "Data Centers Are Dragging Big Oil into the Power Business." Yahoo! Finance, December 13, 2024. <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/data-centers-dragging-big-oil-124455675.html>.

⁴ "Doe Releases New Report Evaluating Increase in Electricity Demand from Data Centers | Department of Energy." US Department of Energy, December 20, 2024. <https://www.energy.gov/articles/doe-releases-new-report-evaluating-increase-electricity-demand-data-centers>.

⁵ Kienle, Nina. "Data Centers Need to Look Beyond Green Energy, Siemens Executive Says." MSN, January 6, 2025. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/data-centers-need-to-look-beyond-green-energy-siemens-executive-says/ar-AA1x2lmC>.

⁶ <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/01/15/business/energy-environment/data-center-energy-electricity-costs.html>

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Support

- Net-Zero California (co-sponsor)
- The Utility Reform Network (TURN) (co-sponsor)

(LETTERHEAD)

January 28, 2026

Senator Catherine Blakespear
Senate Environmental Quality
1021 O Street, Room 3230
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Senate Bill 887: Good Neighbor Data Centers Leadership Project

Dear Senator Blakespear,

On behalf of (Name of Organization/Municipality), I am pleased to offer our strong support of SB 887 which would clarify that data centers are not ministerial projects exempt from CEQA and allow data centers to be eligible for Environmental Leadership Development Project (ELDP) certification if it meets the criteria as well as some additional requirements specific to data centers regarding water use, clean energy, and paying full infrastructure costs.

(Brief statement describing what the organization/municipality does). *tip: use the organization's website to pull their mission or vision statement. Could use additional demographic details if available.

The AI boom is powered by massive data centers which consume large amounts of energy and water 24/7. Many states are seeing the surging demand for energy from data centers which are forcing them to increase the energy supply as quickly as possible, often utilizing fossil fuel power plants to meet the demand. The Department of Energy reports data centers are expected to consume 12% of total US electricity by 2028, nearly three times the 2023 electricity demand of 4.4%.

Data centers run 24/7, requiring backup generators in the event of a power outage. The backup generators often utilize diesel or other fossil fuels, estimated to create public health costs of more than 5.4 billion dollars from air pollution, linking these facilities to cancer, asthma, and other health issues. Between the years 2019 and 2023, the healthcare costs of data centers surged from 44.68 to 155.44 million. Unless these data centers utilize clean energy, the public health impacts of data centers will dramatically increase.

Data centers also need large amounts of water to cool the systems and prevent overheating. While waterless methods for cooling exist, the industry is not adopting waterless cooling due to energy costs. Developers have focused siting data centers where they can get the fastest interconnection and cheapest electricity rate, and water usage has not been a central consideration. In California, researchers found water consumption by data centers doubled between 2019-2023, equaling 49.9 billion liters. The water shortages caused by data center development is being felt across the US and exacerbates drought conditions, and these issues will continue as 40% of new data centers are located in areas of high or extremely high water stress.

Absent rational standards, the rapid expansion of data centers presents one of the nation's largest energy and environmental challenges.

SB 887 would state data centers are not ministerial projects exempt from CEQA and do not qualify as an advanced manufacturing facility. Data centers would be eligible for ELDP certification if they meet additional requirements on water use, clean energy, and infrastructure costs. This would grant data centers an accelerated CEQA litigation procedure, allowing data center to be built faster and protecting surrounding communities from health and environmental impacts.

(Feel free to include more reasons for your support).

For these reasons, SB 887 (Padilla) would further (Name of Organization's) goal of... (Insert short statement of bill's importance as it relates to organization), and we are proud to support SB 887 (Padilla)/and encourage your "aye" vote when it is heard in your committee.

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The AI boom is powered by massive data centers. Those data centers while driving the AI revolution, also consume massive amounts of energy and water, putting enormous strain on the electrical grid and require massive investments into the electrical grid infrastructure. The recent rise of generative artificial intelligence has driven a corresponding growth in data center demand, with Siemens, a leading data center provider, reporting their data-center business revenue jumping 50% in a year.¹

Data centers run 24/7, requiring backup generators in the event of a power outage. The backup generators often utilize diesel or other fossil fuels, estimated to create public health costs of more than 5.4 billion dollars from air pollution, linking these facilities to cancer, asthma, and other health issues.² Between the years 2019 and 2023, the healthcare costs of data centers surged from 44.68 to 155.44 million.³ Unless these data centers utilize clean energy, the public health impacts of data centers will dramatically increase.

Data centers also need large amounts of water to cool the systems and prevent overheating. While waterless methods for cooling exist, the industry is not adopting waterless cooling due to energy costs. Developers have focused siting data centers where they can get the fastest interconnection and cheapest electricity rate, and water usage has not been a central consideration.⁴ In California, researchers found water consumption by data centers doubled between 2019-2023, equaling 49.9 billion liters.⁵ The water shortages caused by data center development is being felt across the US and exacerbates drought conditions, and these issues will continue as 40% of new data centers are located in areas of high or extremely high water stress.⁶

Absent rational standards, the rapid expansion of data centers presents one of the nation's largest energy and environmental challenges. Currently there are no labor or environmental standards for data center development. Data center developers have claimed changes to CEQA through SB 131 has exempt them, claiming they meet the definition of "advanced manufacturing" which is not in the bill. In Imperial County, the proposed 330 MW data center has been deemed ministerial and exempt from CEQA, despite the city of Imperial raising concerns on the potential impact to nearby city residents and elementary schools. This is despite the project being called "unprecedented in its magnitude" and the nearby Salton Sea contributing to some of the highest respiratory hospitalization rates in the state.⁷

SB 887 would clarify that data centers are not ministerial projects exempt from CEQA and does not qualify as an advanced manufacturing facility. The bill would also allow data centers to be eligible for Environmental Leadership Development Project (ELDP) certification if it meets the criteria as well as some additional requirements specific to data centers regarding

¹ Kienle, Nina. "Data Centers Need to Look Beyond Green Energy, Siemens Executive Says." MSN, January 6, 2025. <https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/other/data-centers-need-to-look-beyond-green-energy-siemens-executive-says/ar-AA1x2lmC>.

² Criddle, Cristina, and Stephanie Stacey. "Pollution from Big Tech's Data Centre Boom Costs US Public Health \$5.4bn." Financial times, February 22, 2025. <https://www.ft.com/content/d595d5f6-79d1-47cb-b690-8597f09b39e7?sharetype=blocked>.

³ <https://www.next10.org/sites/default/files/2025-11/ai-environmental-public-health-costs.pdf>

⁴ Tan, Eli. "Meta Built a Data Center next Door: the Neighbors' Water Taps Went Dry." - The New York Times." The New York Times, July 14, 2025.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2025/07/14/technology/meta-data-center-water.html>

⁵ <https://www.next10.org/sites/default/files/2025-11/ai-environmental-public-health-costs.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.businessinsider.com/how-calculate-data-center-cost-environmental-impact-methodology-2025-6?ref=dispatch.techoversight.org>

⁷ https://www.thedesertreview.com/news/local/imperial-county-advances-grading-for-massive-data-center-city-iid-sound-alerts/article_ff2b7f40-93ac-45eb-b196-2365a992a14e.html

water use, clean energy, and paying full infrastructure costs. Specifically, the bill would require that the data center developer does the following:

- Pays the full cost of interconnection to prevent cost shifts to other ratepayers.
- Does not increase fossil fuel consumption within the state.
- Includes zero-carbon energy storage with at least four hours of capacity at 100 percent of forecasted peak demand for the facility.
- Uses onsite zero-carbon energy storage to provide demand response services to the electrical grid.
- Relies on zero-carbon generation located behind the meter to the maximum extent feasible.
- Recovers fully from the data center operator all electrical grid investments, including costs of new generating capacity, to serve the data center in the event the data center ceases operations.
- Uses recycled water and water-efficient technology or waterless cooling systems.
- Will rely on 100 percent zero-carbon electricity resources to serve hourly energy needs within five years of initial operations, of which 75 percent shall be newly developed.
- Contains a community benefits program.
- Contains a project labor agreement and prevailing wage requirement, consistent with Section 21183.5.

ELDP certification grants the applicants accelerated CEQA litigation procedures, aimed at reducing the CEQA challenge timeline to 270 days. Certified data center applicants can go online faster while also protecting surrounding communities from health and environmental impacts.

Staff Contact

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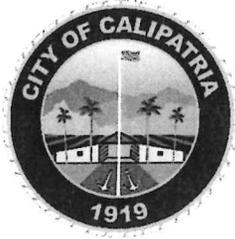
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Support

- Net-Zero California (co-sponsor)
- The Utility Reform Network (TURN) (co-sponsor)



Notice of Public Hearing

City of Calipatria

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Project: City of Calipatria Five-Year PLHA Plan Amendment and 2026 PLHA Program Application for 2022 and 2023 Allocations	Location: City of Calipatria City Limits
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City Council Hearing Date: February 24, 2026
Hearing Time: 6:00 PM
Hearing Location: Calipatria City Hall
 125 N. Park Avenue

Copies of pertinent information are available for review at City Hall during regular business hours. If you would like to know more about the proposed project prior to the public hearing, please contact Melany Amarillas, Associate Planner at the Holt Group, at (760) 337-3883 or mamarillas@theholtgroup.net.

Any person desiring to comment on the above project may do so in writing or may appear in person at the public hearing. Written comments should be directed to the Calipatria City Clerk, 125 N. Park Avenue, Calipatria, CA 92233 and be delivered prior to the Public Hearing date. Please reference the project name in all written correspondence.

Posted: *Melany Amarillas*

Date: 2-12-26



City Council Staff Report

To: Laura Gutierrez, City Manager
Calipatria City Council

From: George Galvan, City Planner

Prepared By: Melany Amarillas, Associate Planner

Date: February 24, 2026

Project: **City of Calipatria Five-Year Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Plan
Amendment and Non-Competitive PLHA Program Application for 2022 and 2023
Allocation**

Granting Agency:	California Department of Housing and Community Development
Funding Type:	Non-competitive allocation
Funding Amount:	2021 Allocation: \$122,280; and 2022 Allocation: \$61,770; and 2023 Allocation: \$45,148; and Five-Year Plan of \$428,076 [2019-2023]
Match Requirement:	No Match
Deadline:	February 28, 2026 for CY 2022 February 28, 2027 for CY 2023
Use of Funds:	(1)To hire an architect consultant to develop pre-approved plans of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's); and (2) provide low-interest loans of \$30,000 to homeowners earning up to 150% AMI to develop ADUs.
Pending Action:	Adopt Resolution 26-04 approving the PLHA Plan amendment, the City of Calipatria 2026 PLHA Application, and the five-year funding allocation plan.

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

On August 17, 2022, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) released a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for the non-competitive allocation of the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program. On January of 2023, the City Council approved and adopted the five-year PLHA Plan and the 2022 PLHA Application submittal on January of 2023. On December 29, 2023, HCD released a NOFA for the non-competitive allocation of the PLHA Program for fiscal years 2021 through 2023. The total available funds for the PLHA program are approximately \$132.1 million for calendar year 2022 and \$128.6 million for calendar year 2023, both years that the City is missing from the five-year PLHA Plan (Refer to **Attachment C** and **Table 1** for additional information). Funding is provided pursuant to Senate Bill 2 (SB-2), which calls for activities to reduce homelessness as well as increase housing opportunities for very low-, low-, and moderate-income homes. The intent of the bill is to provide a permanent on-going source of funding to Local governments for housing-related projects and programs that assist in addressing the unmet housing needs of their local communities. PLHA funds are disbursed in a 5-year cycle.

The City of Calipatria has prepared an amendment application for allocation years 2021-2023 and a new PLHA Application for the allocation of calendar years 2022 and 2023. The city is applying to utilize the funds for (1) to hire an architect consultant to develop pre-approved plans of Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) and (2) to provide low-interest loans of \$30,000 to homeowners earning up to 150% Area Median Income (AMI) to develop ADU's. In order to comply with the PLHA application guidelines, a final adopted resolution must be authorized by the governing board of the City of Calipatria and submitted to HCD by the February 28, 2026 deadline. Additionally, a five-year plan compliant with Section II (G)(8) of the 2024 NOFA must be prepared and made available to the public for review and comment prior to a public hearing. A public hearing (**Attachment B**) was published in the local newspaper and posted at City Hall on February 12, 2026.

Table 1
PLHA Funding Allocation Amounts

Calendar Year (CY)	2022 Allocated Amounts	2026 Application Allocation Amounts	Total 5-YR PLHA Plan
2019	\$77,101	-	\$77,101
2020	\$120,452	-	\$120,452
2021	\$122,280	-	\$122,280
2022	-	\$59,623	\$59,623
2023	-	\$48,620	\$48,620
Five-Year PLHA Plan Total:			\$428,076
Total Available Funds:			\$350,975

**Source: HCD 2024 PLHA Formula Component NOFA*

It is important to note that the 2019 allocation amount was reverted to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund due to the City not having a project that satisfied the funding eligibility criteria during the first

calendar year of the five-year PLHA plan. The 2020 allocation amount has been received by the City and the 2021 allocation amount was requested in February 2026.

ANALYSIS

PLHA Project (to be reviewed by HCD)

As previously mentioned, the City of Calipatria is proposing to utilize the PLHA funds for the following:

- 1) Use \$50,000 from the 2021 Allocation to hire an architect consultant to develop pre-approved plans of ADU's which will be made available for residents to use to construct an ADU; and
- 2) provide low-interest loans of \$30,000 from 2021-2023 Allocations to homeowners earning up to 150% AMI to develop ADU's.

It is important to note that the city will provide the PLHA assistance in the form of a low-interest, deferred loan to the Sponsor of the Project (homeowners). The loan shall be evidenced through a Promissory Note secured by a Deed of Trust, and a Regulatory Agreement shall restrict occupancy and rents in accordance with the Local government-approved underwriting of the Project for a term of at least 10 years. Thus, the City of Calipatria will loan the five-year PLHA funds to the interested homeowners and present the loan documents to the City Council during a separate public hearing before execution.

Each participating homeowner will be required to either rent the ADU or the primary unit as an affordable rental unit for households at or below 150% AMI which will be enforced via a recorded regulatory agreement. All applicants will be subject to comply with Section 2.26.100 "Accessory Dwelling Units" of the Zoning Ordinance.

The City of Calipatria's PLHA plan is consistent with two of the Housing Element goals: (1) Pursue Key Federal Funding Sources for Affordable Housing, Community, Revitalization, and Public Infrastructure; and (2) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) or Second Dwelling Units Incentives Program. The PLHA Plan will create an incentive to property owners to develop accessory dwelling units and utilize these units for very low- and low-income households. Please note that it is anticipated that most of these homeowners will be at or below 60% AMI, but the low-interest loans will be available to homeowners earning up to 150% AMI to provide a higher opportunity of affordable ADU development.

PLHA 5-Year Plan

The City of Calipatria is proposing to allocate 95% of the annual PLHA funds to (1) hire an architect consultant to develop pre-approved plans of ADU's which will be made available for residents to use to construct an ADU and (2) provide low-interest loans of \$30,000 to homeowners earning up to 150% AMI to develop ADU's. The remaining 5% of annual PLHA funds will be allocated to cover the City's Administrative costs for the project (Refer to **Exhibit A** and **Table 2** below for additional information).

Table 2
Five-Year PLHA Funding Plan

Funding Allocation Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of Funds Allocated for the Proposed Affordable Rental Housing Activity	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Area Median Income Level Served	60%	60%	150%	150%	150%
Unmet share of the RHNA at the AMI Level	16	16	-	-	-
Projected Number of Households Served	0	0	2	2	1
Period of Affordability for the Proposed Affordable Rental Housing Activity (55 years required for rental housing projects)	55 Years	55 Years	10 Years	10 Years	10 Years

**Source: 2024 City of Calipatria PLHA Application*

CITY COUNCIL PENDING ACTION

Upon opening the floor for public comments, and receiving testimonies for and against the PLHA application amendment, the 2026 PLHA application, and five-year allocation plan during the public hearing, City staff recommends that the City Council consider the following action via **Attachment D – Resolution 26-04**:

1. Adopt Resolution 26-04, approving the PLHA application amendment, the City of Calipatria 2026 PLHA application, and the five-year funding allocation plan.

Attachments:

- Attachment A – Notice of Public Hearing
- Attachment B – PLHA Application Amendment
- Attachment C – City of Calipatria 2026 PLHA Application
- Attachment D – CC Resolution 26-04
- Exhibit A – Five-Year Funding Allocation Plan

Attachment A – Notice of Public Hearing

PUBLIC NOTICE



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Publish: February 12, 2026

**Attachment C – PLHA Application for Previous
Awardees**

Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Formula Allocation

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) October 15, 2024

2024 Application for **Previous Awardees**



State of California
Gavin Newsom, [Governor](#)

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Tomiquia Moss, [Secretary](#)

Department of Housing and Community Development
Gustavo Velasquez, [Director](#)

Program Design and Implementation, PLHA Program
651 Bannon Street, Sacramento, CA 95811

Email: PLHA@hcd.ca.gov

Website: [Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program \(PLHA\)](#)

Allocation Years	New & Streamlined Submission Deadline	5-Year Plan Amendment Submission Deadline
Year 1 (2019)	n/a	n/a
Year 2 (2020)	n/a	n/a
Year 3 (2021)	02/28/2025	06/30/2025
Year 4 (2022)	02/28/2026	06/30/2026
Year 5 (2023)	02/28/2027	06/30/2027

Instructions

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When opening this file, a yellow banner at the top may appear with a button that says "Enable Content". It is essential that you click this box so that the macros are enabled. Enabling macros is necessary for full worksheet functionality. Macros do not work with Microsoft's Excel version for Apple Mac.

Applications must be submitted electronically to the Department's [HCD Portal Sign In](#) website. To receive an award of CY 2021 funds, applicants are required to submit an application and demonstrate a fully compliant Housing Element and submittal of the applicable Annual Progress Report(s) no later than February 28, 2025. All CY 2021 funds must be awarded by June 30, 2025 or they will revert to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund per statute.

This NOFA will remain open to eligible applicants through June 30, 2027.

Applications must be on the Department's forms and cannot be altered or modified by the Applicant. Excel forms must be in Excel format and 'save as' .xls or .xlsx. Do not 'save as' .xlsm or .pdf format. For application errors please fill out the Application Support worksheet and email the entire workbook to Application Support for application errors at PLHA@hcd.ca.gov.

General Instructions (Additional instructions and guidance are given throughout the Formula Allocation Application in "red" text and in cell comments.

Guideline references are made with "\$" and the corresponding guideline section number.

"Yellow" cells are for Sponsor input. Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration. An Applicant must submit a complete application and other documents consistent with the deadlines stated in this NOFA. Applications submitted in response to this NOFA must meet the threshold requirements set forth in this section and in PLHA Guidelines Section 302.

Required attachments are indicated in "orange" throughout the Streamline Application. Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration. Electronically attached files must use the naming convention in the PLHA Application. For Example: "App1 Tin" or "Reuse Plan".

Threshold items are indicated in "blue" cells.

"Red" shaded cells indicate the Sponsor has failed to meet a requirement of the program. Cells in the worksheet shaded in "red" indicate that the Applicant has failed to meet the minimum required.

Sponsor must complete the following worksheets in the PLHA Formula Allocation Application.

Formula Allocation Application

Urban County

Checklist

Threshold Requireme	Electronic File Name	Document Description	Included?
X	Application and Adopting the PLHA Plan (2021-2023 Allocations) Reso	Pursuant to section 302(c)(4) of the Guidelines, Applicant's PLHA Plan for 2021-2023 allocations is attached to this resolution, and Applicant certifies compliance with all public notice, comment, and hearing requirements in accordance with the Guidelines.	Included
X	App1 TIN	Provide a signed Gov't TIN Form	Included
X	Applicant Delegation Agreement	Legally binding agreement between Delegating and Administering Local Governments.	Not Applicable
X	Plan Adoption Reso	§302(c)(4)(D) Evidence that the Plan was authorized and adopted by resolution by the Local jurisdiction and that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on its content. <u>PLHA webpage for Plan Adoption Resolution Document, located under our Forms tab. If you are not amending your plan with this application this should be the last resolution executed. If you are amending you plan with this application you must submit a new resolution that was executed adopting the new plan.</u>	Included
X	Reuse Plan	Program Income Reuse Plan describing how repaid loans or accrued interest will be used for eligible activities in Section 301.	Included
X	Executed Application	Provide a copy of the signed application. Signature can be typed into the Excel workbook, PDF with Docusigned signature or PDF with wet ink signature in blue ink preferred.	Included

Disclosure of Application (California Public Records Act Statutes of 1968 Chapter 1473): Information provided in the application will become a public record available for review by the public, pursuant to the California Public Records Act Statutes of 1968 Chapter 1473. As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a request under this Act. The Department cautions Applicants to use discretion in providing information not specifically requested, including but not limited to, bank accounts, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information to the Department, the Applicant is waiving any claim of confidentiality and consents to the disclosure of submitted material upon request."

Local Government Formula Allocation for Returning Applicants

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This streamlined application form is limited to Applicants who applied for and received an award under one or more of the previous Formula Allocation NOFA's (2020, 2021, 2022, or 2023).

*****Please note the following change was made in the Amended NOFA*****

**All Applicants requesting an amendment to the 5-Year Plan with this application must redirect 40% of each allocation year being changed towards a homeownership Activity.
 Ownership activities are 2,3,4,7,8,9 (activities 2,3,4, & 8 will only count as ownership if the funds will go towards ownership sub activities as opposed to rental housing sub activities including ADU's)**

Did Applicant receive an award under one or more of the previous NOFA's? (2020, 2021, 2022 or 2023)	Yes
Which Allocation(s) are you applying for with this application?	2022 & 2023
Eligible Applicant Type:	NonEntitlement
Local Government Recipient of PLHA Formula Allocation:	Calipatria
2021 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	n/a
2022 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	\$59,623
2023 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	\$48,620
Allowable Local Admin (5%):	n/a
Allowable Local Admin (5%):	\$2,981
Allowable Local Admin (5%):	\$2,431
Admin requested?	Yes
Admin requested?	Yes
Admin requested?	Yes

Instructions: If the Local Government Recipient of the PLHA Formula Allocation delegated its PLHA formula allocation to another Local Government in any prior round, the Applicant (for which information is required below) continues to be the administering Local Government, which received the award. The PLHA award will be made to the Applicant (upon meeting threshold requirements) and the Applicant is responsible for meeting all program requirements throughout the term of the Standard Agreement.

§300 Eligible Applicants

§300(a) and (b) Eligible Applicants for the Entitlement and Non-Entitlement formula component described in Section §100(b)(1) and (2) are limited to the metropolitan cities and urban counties allocated a grant for the federal fiscal year 2017 pursuant to the federal CDBG formula specified in 42 USC, Section §5306 and Non-entitlement local governments.

Applicant:	City of Calipatria						
Address:	125 North Park Avenue						
City:	Calipatria	State:	CA	Zip:	92233	County:	Imperial
Auth Rep Name:	Laura Gutierrez	Title:	City Manager	Auth Rep. Email:	l_gutierrez@calipatria.com	Phone:	(760) 348-4141
Address:	125 North Park Avenue			City:	Calipatria	State:	CA
Contact Name:	George Galvan	Title:	City Planner	Contact Email:	ggalvan@theholtgroup.net	Contact Phone:	(760) 337-3883
Address:	1601 North Imperial Avenue			City:	El Centro	State:	CA
						Zip Code:	92243

§302 Threshold Requirements

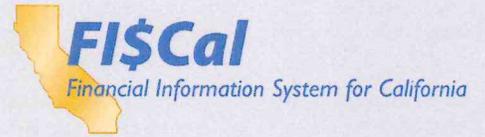
§302(a) Housing Element compliance: Applicant and Delegating Local Government's if applicable Housing Element was adopted by the Local Government's governing body by the application submittal date and subsequently determined to be in substantial compliance with state Housing Element Law pursuant to Government Code Section 65585.	Yes		
§302(b) Applicant or Delegating Local Government has submitted the Annual Progress Report(s) to the Department of Housing and Community Development pursuant to Government Code Section 65400 for the allocations being requested.	Yes		
§302(c)(2) Applicant certifies that submission of the application was authorized by the governing board of the Applicant.	Yes		
§302(c)(5) Is the applicant submitting a plan amendment with this application? (If you wish to reallocate more than 10 percent of funds among Activities from the previously approved 5-Year Plan included in the PLHA program Standard Agreement, Exhibit E you must submit an updated plan and resolution approving the new plan) 40% of each allocation being changed must go towards an ownership activity.	Yes		
If a reallocation of more than 10 percent of funds was made (and Applicant is amending their plan with this application) Applicant has attached an amended Plan and resolution that has been discussed and approved at a publicly-noticed meeting of the governing body.	Yes		
File Name: Application and Plan Adoption Reso	§302(c)(4)(D) Evidence that the Plan was authorized and adopted by resolution by the Local jurisdiction and that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on its content. PLHA webpage for Application and Plan Adoption Resolution Document	Uploaded to HCD?	Yes
§503(b) Applicant certifies that they are in compliance with the State Grants Management Section and are current with any required PLHA Annual Reporting Requirements.			Yes
§302(c)(8) If a program income reuse plan was not submitted with the 2020 application, has Applicant attached a program income reuse plan describing how repaid loans and/or accrued interest will be reused for eligible activities specified in Section 301?			Yes
File Name: Reuse Plan	Program Income Reuse Plan describing how repaid loans or accrued interest will be used for eligible activities in Section 301.	Uploaded to HCD?	Yes

Certifications

On behalf of the entity identified below, I certify that: The information, statements and attachments included in this application are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and correct and I possess the legal authority to submit this application on behalf of the entity identified in the signature block.

Laura Gutierrez	City Manager		2/24/26
Authorized Representative Printed Name	Title	Signature	Date

End of Document



The principal purpose of the information provided is to establish the unique identification of the government entity.

Instructions: You may submit one form for the principal government agency and all subsidiaries sharing the same TIN. Subsidiaries with a different TIN must submit a separate form. Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. Hover over fields to view help information. Please print the form to sign prior to submittal. You may email the form to: vendors@fiscal.ca.gov, or fax it to (916) 576-5200, or mail it to the address above.

Principal Government Agency Name*

Remit-To Address (Street or PO Box)*

City* State * Zip Code*+4

Government Type: City County Special District Federal Other (Specify)
 Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN)*

List other subsidiary Departments, Divisions or Units under your principal agency's jurisdiction who share the same FEIN and receives payment from the State of California.

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Contact Person* Title

Phone number* E-mail address

Signature* Date

Program Income Reuse Plan

The City of Calipatria (“City”) commits to maintaining policies and procedures that segregate Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) for future reuse in accordance with the following policies:

1. All repayments of PLHA loan principle and interest shall be received by City and deposited into separate reuse account maintained by the City’s Finance Department. The City provides a detailed tracking system to document PLHA loans. Including borrower name and address, loan/reference number, grant year and principal and interest.
2. The reuse account shall be an interest-bearing account into which all earned interest shall be deposited. Interest earned shall be considered reuse funds and will be used in the same manner and with the same restrictions as principal and interest payments.
3. All funds deposited into the reuse account shall be the property of the City.
4. All PLHA reuse funds shall be expended in accordance with PLHA regulations. This includes, but is not limited to, income levels, homebuyer education requirements, and coordinated entry requirements.
5. Reuse funds may be used for PLHA eligible in the following categories, but must be in alignment with the State approved PLHA Plan.
 - a. The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work, rental housing that is affordable to extremely low-, very low-, low-, or moderate-income households, including necessary operating subsidies.
 - b. The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of Affordable rental and ownership housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), that meets the needs of a growing workforce earning up to 120-percent of AMI, or 150-percent of AMI in high-cost areas. ADUs shall be available for occupancy for a term of no less than 30-days.
 - c. Assisting persons who are experiencing or at risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, providing rapid rehousing, rental assistance, supportive/case management services that allow people to obtain and retain housing, operating and capital costs for navigation centers and emergency shelters, and the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional housing.
 - d. Accessibility modifications in lower-income owner-occupied housing.
 - e. Efforts to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or vacant homes and apartments.
 - f. Homeownership opportunities, including, but not limited to, down payment assistance.
 - g. Up to five percent (5%) for administration.
6. Reuse funds may be used within the boundaries of the City of Calipatria.
7. The City shall allow HCD full access to the reuse account records for the purpose of determining compliance with PLHA regulations.

**Attachment B – PLHA Application for 5-Year Plan
Amendment**

Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Formula Allocation

Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) October 15, 2024

2024 Application for **5-Year Plan Amendment**



State of California
Gavin Newsom, [Governor](#)

Business, Consumer Services and Housing Agency
Tomiquia Moss, [Secretary](#)

Department of Housing and Community Development
Gustavo Velasquez, [Director](#)

Program Design and Implementation, PLHA Program
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Email: PLHA@hcd.ca.gov

Website: [Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program \(PLHA\)](#)

Allocation Years	New & Streamlined Submission Deadline	5-Year Plan Amendment Submission Deadline
Year 1 (2019)	n/a	n/a
Year 2 (2020)	n/a	n/a
Year 3 (2021)	02/28/2025	06/30/2025
Year 4 (2022)	02/28/2026	06/30/2026
Year 5 (2023)	02/28/2027	06/30/2027

Instructions

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Applications must be submitted electronically to the Department's [HCD Portal Sign In](#) website. To receive an award of CY 2021 funds, applicants are required to submit an application and demonstrate a fully compliant Housing Element and submittal of the applicable Annual Progress Report(s) no later than February 28, 2025. All CY 2021 funds must be awarded by June 30, 2025 or they will revert to the Housing Rehabilitation Loan Fund per statute.

This NOFA will remain open to eligible applicants through June 30, 2027.

Applications must be on the Department's forms and cannot be altered or modified by the Applicant. Excel forms must be in Excel format and 'save as' .xls or .xlsx. Do not 'save as' .xism or .pdf format. For application errors please fill out the Application Support worksheet and email the entire workbook to Application Support for application errors at PLHA@hcd.ca.gov.

General Instructions (Additional instructions and guidance are given throughout the Formula Allocation Application in "red" text and in cell comments.

Guideline references are made with "\$" and the corresponding guideline section number.

"Yellow" cells are for Sponsor input. Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration. An Applicant must submit a complete application and other documents consistent with the deadlines stated in this NOFA. Applications submitted in response to this NOFA must meet the threshold requirements set forth in this section and in PLHA Guidelines Section 302.

Required attachments are indicated in "orange" throughout the Streamline Application. Failure to provide the required attachments and documentation may disqualify your application from consideration. Electronically attached files must use the naming convention in the PLHA Application. For Example: "App1 Tin" or "Reuse Plan".

Threshold items are indicated in "blue" cells.

"Red" shaded cells indicate the Sponsor has failed to meet a requirement of the program. Cells in the worksheet shaded in "red" indicate that the Applicant has failed to meet the minimum required.

Sponsor must complete the following worksheets in the PLHA Formula Allocation Application.

Formula Allocation Application

Urban County

Checklist

Threshold Requireme	Electronic File Name	Document Description	Included?
X	Application and Adopting the PLHA Plan (2021-2023 Allocations) Reso	Pursuant to section 302(c)(4) of the Guidelines, Applicant's PLHA Plan for 2021-2023 allocations is attached to this resolution, and Applicant certifies compliance with all public notice, comment, and hearing requirements in accordance with the Guidelines.	Included
X	App1 TIN	Provide a signed Gov't TIN Form	Included
X	Applicant Delegation Agreement	Legally binding agreement between Delegating and Administering Local Governments.	Not Applicable
X	Plan Adoption Reso	§302(c)(4)(D) Evidence that the Plan was authorized and adopted by resolution by the Local jurisdiction and that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on its content. PLHA webpage for Plan Adoption Resolution Document , located under our Forms tab.	Included
X	Reuse Plan	Program Income Reuse Plan describing how repaid loans or accrued interest will be used for eligible activities in Section 301.	Included
X	Executed Application	Provide a copy of the signed application. Signature can be typed into the Excel workbook, PDF with DocuSigned signature or PDF with wet ink signature in blue ink preferred.	Included

Disclosure of Application (California Public Records Act Statutes of 1968 Chapter 1473): Information provided in the application will become a public record available for review by the public, pursuant to the California Public Records Act Statutes of 1968 Chapter 1473. As such, any materials provided will be disclosable to any person making a request under this Act. The Department cautions Applicants to use discretion in providing information not specifically requested, including but not limited to, bank accounts, personal phone numbers and home addresses. By providing this information to the Department, the Applicant is waiving any claim of confidentiality and consents to the disclosure of submitted material upon request."

PLHA Formula - Amendment for years 2021, 2022, 2023

Rev. 10/28/24

Eligible Applicant Type:	NonEntitlement				
Local Government Recipient of PLHA Formula Allocation:	Calipatria				
2021 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	n/a	2020 Allowable Local Admin (5%):	n/a	Admin requested?	Yes
2022 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	n/a	2021 Allowable Local Admin (5%):	n/a	Admin requested?	Yes
2023 PLHA Formula Allocation Amount:	n/a	2022 Allowable Local Admin (5%):	n/a	Admin requested?	Yes

Instructions: If the Local Government Recipient of the PLHA Formula Allocation delegated its PLHA formula allocation to a Local Housing Trust Fund or to another Local Government, the Applicant (for which information is required below) is the Local Housing Trust Fund or administering Local Government. The PLHA award will be made to the Applicant (upon meeting threshold requirements) and the Applicant is responsible for meeting all program requirements throughout the term of the Standard Agreement.

The 302(c)(4) Plan template worksheet requires first choosing one or more of the Eligible Activities listed below. If "Yes" is clicked, the 302(c)(4) Plan worksheet opens a series of questions about what precise activities are planned. Some specific activities, such as providing downpayment assistance to lower-income households for acquisition of an affordable home, could be included under either Activity 2 or 9. Please only choose one of those Activities; don't list the downpayment assistance under both Activities. **Please note that 40% of each allocation you are requesting to amend with this application MUST be allocated to an activity that supports Homeownership in accordance with the NOFA. Ownership activities are 2,3,4,7,8,9 (activities 2,3,4, & 8 will only count as ownership if the funds will go towards ownership sub activities as opposed to rental housing sub activities including ADU's)**

If the PLHA funds are used for the same Activity but for different Area Median Income (AMI) level, select the highest AMI level the Activity will serve (you can always go lower than what is listed but you may not serve higher than what is listed without completing a plan amendment in the future).

For each year (2021-2023), allocations must equal 100% annually including the allowable administrative costs of up to 5%.

§300 Eligible Applicants

§300(a) and (b) Eligible Applicants for the Entitlement and Non-Entitlement formula component described in Section §100(b)(1) and (2) are limited to the metropolitan cities and urban counties allocated a grant for the federal fiscal year 2017 pursuant to the federal CDBG formula specified in 42 USC, Section §5306 and Non-entitlement local governments.

Applicant:	City of Calipatria					
Address:	125 North Park Avenue					
City:	Calipatria	State:	CA	Zip:	92233	
County:	Imperial					
Auth Rep Name:	Laura Gutierrez	Title:	City Manager	Auth Rep. Email:	l_gutierrez@calipatria.com	
Phone:	(760) 348-4141					
Address:	125 North Park Avenue		City:	Calipatria	State:	CA
Zip Code:	92233					
Contact Name:	George Galvan	Title:	City Planner	Contact Email:	jgalvan@theholtgroup.net	
Contact Phone:	(760) 337-3883					
Address:	1601 North Imperial Avenue		City:	El Centro	State:	CA
Zip Code:	92243					

§300(d) Is Applicant delegated by another Local government to administer on its behalf its formula allocation of program funds? No

§300(d) If Applicant answered "Yes" above, has the Applicant attached the legally binding agreement required by §300(c) and (d)? N/A

A sample agreement can be found by double clicking on the icon to the right 

File Name:	Application and/or Adopting the PLHA Plan (2020-2023 Allocations) Reso	Pursuant to section 302(c)(4) of the Guidelines, Applicant's PLHA Plan for 2020-2023 allocations is attached to this resolution, and Applicant certifies compliance with all public notice, comment, and hearing requirements in accordance with the Guidelines.	Yes	Uploaded to HCD?	Yes
File Name:	Gov TIN	Provide a signed Gov't TIN Form		Uploaded to HCD?	Yes
File Name:	Applicant Delegation Agreement	Legally binding agreement between Delegating and Administering Local Governments (sample provided—just click on icon in row 19, column AH)		Uploaded to HCD?	N/A

§301 Eligible Activities

§301(a) Eligible activities are limited to the following:	Select below:
§301(a)(1) The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of multifamily, residential live-work, rental housing that is affordable to Extremely low-, Very low-, Low-, or Moderate-income households, including necessary operating subsidies.	No
§301(a)(2) The predevelopment, development, acquisition, rehabilitation, and preservation of affordable rental and ownership housing, including Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs), that meets the needs of a growing workforce earning up to 120 percent of AMI, or 150 percent of AMI in high-cost areas. ADUs shall be available for occupancy for a term of no less than 30 days.	Yes
§301(a)(3) Matching portions of funds placed into Local or Regional Housing Trust Funds.	No
§301(a)(4) Matching portions of funds available through the Low- and Moderate-Income Housing Asset Fund pursuant to subdivision (d) of HSC Section 34176.	No
§301(a)(5) Capitalized Reserves for services connected to the preservation and creation of new permanent supportive housing.	No
§301(a)(6) Assisting persons who are experiencing or At-risk of homelessness, including, but not limited to, providing rapid re-housing, rental assistance, supportive/case management services that allow people to obtain and retain housing, operating and capital costs for navigation centers and emergency shelters, and the new construction, rehabilitation, and preservation of permanent and transitional housing.	No
§301(a)(7) Accessibility modifications in Lower-income Owner-occupied housing.	No
§301(a)(8) Efforts to acquire and rehabilitate foreclosed or vacant homes and apartments.	No
§301(a)(9) Homeownership opportunities, including, but not limited to, down payment assistance.	No
§301(a)(10) Fiscal incentives made by a county to a city within the county to incentivize approval of one or more affordable housing Projects, or matching funds invested by a county in an affordable housing development Project in a city within the county, provided that the city has made an equal or greater investment in the Project. The county fiscal incentives shall be in the form of a grant or low-interest loan to an affordable housing Project. Matching funds investments by both the county and the city also shall be a grant or low-interest deferred loan to the affordable housing Project.	No

§302(c)(4)(A) Describe the manner in which allocated funds will be used for eligible activities.
 The City of Calipatria will ensure that the share of funds will be used for two purposes: (1) use \$50,000 of the 2021 Allocation to hire an architect consultant to develop pre-approved plans of ADUs which will be made available to residents to use to construct an ADU. (2) provide low-interest loans of \$30,000 to homeowners earning up to 150% of Area Median Income (AMI) to develop Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU). Each participating homeowner will be required to either rent the ADU or the primary unit as an affordable rental unit for households at or below 150% AMI which will be enforced via a recorded regulatory agreement for a period of 10 years.

§302(c)(4)(B) Provide a description of the way the Local government will prioritize investments that increase the supply of housing for households with incomes at or below 60 percent of Area Median Income (AMI).
 The low-interest loans will be provided to households at or below 150% Area Median Income (AMI). Please note that it is anticipated that most of these homeowners will be at or below 60% of median income.

§302(c)(4)(C) Provide a description of how the Plan is consistent with the programs set forth in the Local Government's Housing Element.
 The City of Calipatria's plan to provide low-interest loans for residents to develop ADUs is consistent with two of the following City's Housing Element goals: (1) Pursue Key Federal Funding Sources for Affordable Housing, Community Revitalization, and Public Infrastructure; and (2) Accessory Dwelling Units (ADU's) or Second Dwelling Units Incentives Program. The PLHA Plan will create an incentive to property owners to develop accessory dwelling units and utilize these units for very low and low income households.

File Name: [Plan Adoption Reso](#) Uploaded to HCD? Yes

Activities Detail (Activities Detail (Must make a selection on Formula Allocation Application worksheet under Eligible Activities, §301))
§302(c)(4)(D) Evidence that the Plan was authorized and adopted by resolution by the Local Jurisdiction and that the public had an adequate opportunity to review and comment on its content.

Total Percentage of Funds Allocated Calculator (2021 - 2023)

2021 Allocation		2022 Allocation		2023 Allocation	
Admin	5%	Admin	5%	Admin	0%
Funds Allocated	0%	Funds Allocated	0%	Funds Allocated	0%
Total Percentage of Funds Allocated for 2021	5%	Total Percentage of Funds Allocated for 2022	5%	Total Percentage of Funds Allocated for 2023	0%

End of Document

Attachment D – Resolution No. 26-04

RESOLUTION NO. CC 26-04

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
AUTHORIZING THE PLHA APPLICATION AND AMENDING THE FIVE-YEAR
PLHA PLAN FOR THE PERMANENT LOCAL HOUSING ALLOCATION PROGRAM**

The City Council of the City of Calipatria hereby consents to, adopts, and ratifies the following resolution:

- A. WHEREAS**, the Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) is authorized to provide up to \$296 million under the SB 2 Permanent Local Housing Allocation Program Formula Component from the Building Homes and Jobs Trust Fund for assistance to Cities and Counties (as described in Health and Safety Code section 50470 et seq. (Chapter 364, Statutes of 2017 (SB 2))); and
- B. WHEREAS**, the State of California (the “State”), Department of Housing and Community Development (“Department”) issued a Notice of Funding Availability (“NOFA”) dated 10/15/2024 under the Permanent Local Housing Allocation (PLHA) Program; and
- C. WHEREAS**, the City of Calipatria is an eligible Local government who has applied for program funds to administer one or more eligible activities, or a Local or Regional Housing Trust Fund to whom an eligible Local government delegated its PLHA formula allocation; and
- D. WHEREAS**, the Department may approve funding allocations for PLHA Program, subject to the terms and conditions of the Guidelines, NOFA, Program requirements, the Standard Agreement, and other contracts between the Department and PLHA grant recipients; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria as follows:

- 1. If Applicant receives a grant of PLHA funds from the Department pursuant to the above referenced PLHA NOFA, it represents and certifies that it will use all such funds in a manner consistent and in compliance with all applicable state and federal statutes, rules, regulations, and laws, including without limitation all rules and laws regarding the PLHA Program, as well as any and all contracts Applicant may have with the Department.

2. Applicant is hereby authorized and directed to receive a PLHA grant, in an amount not to exceed the five-year estimate of the PLHA formula allocations (\$462,611), as stated in Appendix B of the current NOFA, in accordance with all applicable rules and laws.
3. Applicant hereby agrees to use the PLHA funds for eligible activities as approved by the Department and in accordance with all Program requirements, Guidelines, other rules and laws, as well as in a manner consistent and in compliance with the Standard Agreement and other contracts between the Applicant and the Department.
4. **Pursuant to Section 302(c)(4) and 302©(5) of the Guidelines, Applicant’s PLHA Plan Amendment for the 2020-2023 Allocations is attached to this resolution, and Applicant hereby adopts this PLHA Plan Amendment and certifies compliance with all public notice, public comment, and public hearing requirements in accordance with the Guidelines.**
5. **Pursuant to Section 302(c)(4) of the Guidelines, Applicant’s PLHA Plan for the 2019-2023 Allocations is attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, and Applicant hereby adopts this PLHA Plan and certifies compliance with all public notice, public comment, and public hearing requirements in accordance with the Guidelines.**
6. Applicant certifies that it was delegated by the City Manager to submit an application on its behalf and administer the PLHA grant award for the formula allocation of PLHA funds, pursuant to Guidelines Section 300(c) and 300(d), and the legally binding agreement between the recipient of the PLHA funds and the Applicant is submitted with the PLHA application.
7. Applicant certifies that it has or will subgrant some or all of its PLHA funds to another entity or entities. Pursuant to Guidelines Section(c)(3), “entity” means a housing developer or program operator, but does not mean an administering Local government to whom a Local government may delegate its PLHA allocation.
8. Applicant certifies that its selection process of these subgrantees was or will be accessible to the public and avoided or shall avoid any conflicts of interest.
9. Pursuant to Applicant’s certification in this resolution, the PLHA funds will be expended only for eligible Activities and consistent with all program requirements.
10. Applicant certifies that, if funds are used for the acquisition, construction or rehabilitation of for-sale housing projects or units within for-sale housing projects, the grantee shall record a deed restriction against the property that

will ensure compliance with one of the requirements stated in Guidelines Section 302(c)(6)(A), (B) and (C).

11. Applicant certifies that, if funds are used for the development of an Affordable Rental Housing Development, the Local government shall make PLHA assistance in the form of a low-interest, deferred loan to the Sponsor of the Project, and such loan shall be evidenced through a Promissory Note secured by a Deed of Trust and a Regulatory Agreement shall restrict occupancy and rents in accordance with a Local government-approved underwriting of the Project for a term of at least 55 years.
12. Applicant shall be subject to the terms and conditions as specified in the Standard Agreement, the PLHA Program Guidelines and any other applicable SB 2 Guidelines published by the Department.
13. The City Manager of the City of Calipatria is authorized to execute the PLHA Program Application, the PLHA Standard Agreement and any subsequent amendments or modifications thereto, as well as any other documents which are related to the program or the PLHA grant awarded to Applicant, as the Department may deem appropriate.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria at a regularly scheduled meeting held on this 24th day of February 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Michael Luellen, Mayor

Attest: _____
Jane Hurtado, City Clerk

Exhibit A – Five-Year Funding Allocation Plan

Five-Year PLHA Funding Allocation Plan and Amendment

Calendar Year (CY)	2022 Allocated Amounts	2026 Application Allocation Amounts	Total 5-YR PLHA Plan
2019	\$77,101	-	\$77,101
2020	\$120,452	-	\$120,452
2021	\$122,280	-	\$122,280
2022	-	\$59,623	\$59,623
2023	-	\$48,620	\$48,620
Five-Year PLHA Plan Total:			\$428,076
Total Available Funds:			\$350,975

Funding Allocation Year	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Percentage of Funds Allocated for the Proposed Affordable Rental Housing Activity	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%	95.0%
Area Median Income Level Served	60%	60%	150%	150%	150%
Unmet share of the RHNA at the AMI Level	16	16	-	-	-
Projected Number of Households Served	0	0	2	2	1
Period of Affordability for the Proposed Affordable Rental Housing Activity (55 years required for rental housing projects)	55 Years	55 Years	10 Years	10 Years	10 Years



City Council Staff Report

To: City of Calipatria City Council
Laura Gutierrez, City Manager

From: George Galvan, AICP, City Planner

Prepared by: Melany Amarillas, Associate Planner

Date: February 24, 2026

Project: City of Calipatria draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report

Summary:

Subject of Report:	City of Calipatria draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report
Project Location:	Citywide
Recommended Action:	Review and motion to adopt Resolution No. 26-05 adopting the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report
Zoning:	N/A
General Plan:	N/A
Environmental:	Exempt – 15061(b)(3) Common Sense Exemption

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

California Government Code Section 65300 requires that all cities and counties adopt a comprehensive, long-term General Plan for the physical development of a city or county. California Government Code Section 65400 further requires that all cities and counties submit an annual progress report on the General Plan and progress on its implementation to the City Council, the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) each year. The City of Calipatria adopted its last comprehensive General Plan update in conformance with Government Code Section 65300 in September of 2013. The draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report (APR) was prepared to ensure the City of Calipatria remains in compliance with California Government Code Section 65400. To assist in the review of the General Plan APR, the report presents the following information:

- Amendments to the General Plan adopted by the City in 2025.

- Actions carried out by the City that further General Plan goals and policies.
- Demographic and development changes that update the City’s community profile.
- Housing Element implementation programs that have been completed, are in-progress, or are an on-going activity of the City.
- Housing Element implementation programs that have not yet been initiated but are recommended for initiation within the 6th Housing Element Cycle, or as resources are available.

The item was presented to the City of Calipatria Planning Commission on February 17, 2026. Upon reviewing all pertinent documentation and considering all public comments the Planning Commission adopted Resolution PC 26-01 recommending adoption of the draft 2025 General Plan APR to the City Council.

The purpose of this item is to provide an overview of the draft 2025 General Plan APR to the City Council where upon reviewing all comments and documentation for the report, a motion to adopt or not adopt the draft 2025 General Plan APR will be made by the City Council.

ISSUES FOR DISCUSSION

General Plan Annual Progress Reports. California Government Code Section 65400 mandates that cities and counties submit an annual progress report (APR) on the General Plan and progress on its implementation to the City Council, the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) each year. The main purpose of the APR is to provide the City with an update of the progress in implementing its General Plan vision. This annual assessment grants the City an opportunity to adjust or modify its policies or approach to implementation to ensure that it meets its stated vision. A secondary purpose of the APR is to fulfill housing element statutory requirements regarding the City’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs and its efforts to remove governmental constraints to the development of housing in accordance with Government Code Section 65584.3(c) and 65584.5(b)(5).

The draft 2025 General Plan APR was prepared to ensure the City of Calipatria remains in compliance with California Government Code Section 65400. To effectively conduct an in-depth review of the City of Calipatria General Plan, the 2025 annual progress report consists of the following information:

1. Status of Adopted General Plan Elements. The City of Calipatria General Plan is composed of seven mandatory elements consisting of Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Safety, Noise, Conservation, and Open Space Elements and an optional Airport Element. While the City is actively pursuing ways to further its General Plan goals and objectives, none of the eight General Plan Elements were amended in 2025.

While no amendments were completed in 2025, it is important to note that the City updated the Zoning Ordinance which has certain aspects incorporated into the Land Use Element. The proposed updates consist of textual amendments to the Zoning Ordinance to establish an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) ordinance, update the density bonus ordinance, and alleviate constraints for the development of multi-family developments,

emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, residential care homes, farmworker housing, single room occupancies, and low barrier navigation centers in all residential and downtown zones. The textual amendments were reviewed and approved by the Planning Commission in December of 2024 and a final adoption of Ordinance No. 0125 by the City Council took place on January of 2025. The purpose of the textual amendment was to meet the following Housing Element programs:

- Program No. 2 Density Bonus and Incentives Program - The City will update its Zoning Ordinance to include amendments to the Density Bonus Law including but not limited to Assembly Bill (AB) 728.
 - Program No. 7 Zoning Ordinance Review and Update - The City will update its Zoning Ordinance to establish an ADU ordinance, update the density bonus ordinance, and alleviate constraints for the production of a variety of housing types which includes emergency shelters, permanent supportive housing, residential care homes of seven or more people, low barrier navigation centers, farmworker housing, and single room occupancies.
 - Program No. 21 Accessory Dwelling Units - The City will update its Zoning Ordinance to develop a new program to incentivize and promote ADUs or second dwellings for lower- to moderate-income households.
2. General Plan Policies and Objectives Progress. The City of Calipatria carried out numerous projects furthering the goals of the Land Use, Circulation, Conservation/Open Space and Housing Element. No notable updates, projects, nor actions were taken in 2025 in relation to the Noise and Airport Elements. Please refer to Table 1 for additional information.

Table 1	
City of Calipatria General Plan Policies and Objectives Progress	
Goal(s) and Objective(s)*	Progress
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● LU-1: Facilitate development of vacant and under-utilized land. ● LU-2: Provide an adequate mix of low, medium, and high-density residential land uses to house people of all socioeconomic levels. ● HE-2: Update the Zoning Ordinance to include amendments to the Density Bonus Law including but not limited to Assembly Bill (AB) 728. ● HE-7: Update the Zoning Ordinance to establish an ADU ordinance, update the density bonus ordinance, and alleviate constraints for the production of a variety of housing types. 	<p>Adopted Ordinance No. 0125 which facilitates the development of various types of housing across all residential and commercial zones in the city.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HE-21: Update the Zoning Ordinance to develop a new program to incentivize and promote ADUs or second dwellings for lower- to moderate-income households. 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LU-1: Facilitate development of vacant and under-utilized land. LU-2: Provide an adequate mix of low, medium, and high-density residential land uses to house people of all socioeconomic levels. LU-8: Promote manufacturing and industrial development that takes advantage of the railroad through the city. LU-9: Promote commercial and mixed-use development that takes advantage of the highways passing through the city. 	<p>Adopted Ordinance No. 04-25 to implement the Eastside Specific Plan which increases the number of land uses and promotes mixed-use development.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COS-1: Provide open space that meets the needs of present and future city residents and visitors. 	<p>The City of Calipatria currently has \$7,000,000 in awarded grant funds from the Statewide Park program with a due date of June 2028 for the Calipatria Community Park Project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> COS-2: Maintain existing park resources for the enjoyment of all city residents. 	<p>Completed construction of the Hernandez Park Irrigation System and the City Facility Improvement project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-1: Provide a roadway system that effectively facilitates the transport of goods and the installation of pedestrian facilities for public use. 	<p>Completed the environmental documents for the South Brown Avenue Roadway Improvements between Main Street and Church Street. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> C-1: Provide a roadway system that effectively facilitates the transport of goods and the installation of pedestrian facilities for public use. 	<p>Received funds from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program for the Bonita Place Improvements between South Brown Avenue and International Boulevard. Began the design phase.</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-1: Provide a roadway system that effectively facilitates the transport of goods and the installation of pedestrian facilities for public use. 	<p>Completed the environmental documents and received Right-of-Way (ROW) certification for the Main Street Roadway Improvements between Lake Avenue and International Boulevard project. Construction is expected to begin in 2026.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C-1: Provide a roadway system that effectively facilitates the transport of goods and the installation of pedestrian facilities for public use. 	<p>Environmental documents and ROW certification are anticipated to be completed by early 2026 for the Main Street Roadway Improvements between HWY111 and Park Avenue.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-2: Minimize the potential for loss of life, physical injury, property damage, and social disruption resulting from flooding. 	<p>Completed the construction of the Eastside Stormwater Improvement Project.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • S-2: Minimize the potential for loss of life, physical injury, property damage, and social disruption resulting from flooding. 	<p>Began the construction of the Delta Street Pump Station Project.</p>

*LU = Land Use Element, HE = Housing Element, C = Circulation Element, COS = Conservation/Open Space Element, S = Safety Element

3. Community Profile Update. Calipatria’s future is linked to its growth. Long-range planning can ensure continuity between development and the community’s vision, goals, and policies. New patterns of development can sustain and enhance Calipatria’s economic viability and livability. To assist with the General Plan review and analysis, a record of Calipatria’s growth since the adoption of the General Plan in 2013 was prepared. The data in Tables 2 through 5 are taken from the United States Census Bureau American Community Survey (ACS) 5-Year Estimate Data Profiles, Estimates E-5 and E-8 from the California Department of Finance, and the California Department of Education’s Data Quest for school enrollment data. The tables provide statistics for Calipatria on population and household characteristics, education and employment characteristics, and job sector characteristics, respectively.

Table 2				
City of Calipatria Population and Household Characteristics 2013-2024				
Characteristic*	2013	2020	2023	2024
Population	7,574	7,260	6,549	6,548
Incarcerated Population (%)	20	57	47	44
Hispanic (%)	83	73	82	82
Non-Hispanic White (%)	7	7	7	7
Non-Hispanic Asian (%)	0.9	0.5	0	0
Non-Hispanic African American (%)	7	16	10	9
Non-Hispanic Other Race (%)	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1
Median Age	30.6	33.3	34.1	35.7
Household Size	3.71	3.21	3.19	3.05
Median Household Income (\$)	33,893	37,196	52,672	53,299
Median Household Income Imperial County (\$)	41,807	46,222	56,393	57,681

*ACS 5 Year Estimates 2013, 2020, 2023, & 2024

Table 3				
City of Calipatria Housing Characteristics 2013-2024				
Characteristic	2013	2020	2023	2024
Number of Housing Units*	1,960	1,333	1,347	1,487
Owner Occupied (%)*	57	62	64	64
Renter Occupied (%)*	43	38	36	36
Single-Family Units (%)**	78	78	79	79
Multi-Family Units (%)**	17	17	16	16
Mobile Homes (%)**	5	5	5	5
Built After 1960 (%)*	85	76	67	66
Median Owner-Occupied Home Value (\$)*	85,000	144,200	172,900	197,200
Renters Paying 30% or more of gross monthly income (%)*	56	60	41	52
Homeowners Paying 30% or more of gross monthly income (%)*	23	37	34	25

*ACS 5 Year Estimates 2013, 2020, 2023, & 2024, **CA Dept. Finance E-5 and E-8 Estimates

Table 4				
City of Calipatria Educational Characteristics 2013-2024				
Characteristic	2013	2020	2023	2024

Public School Student Enrollment (K-12)*	1,174	1,127	1,086	1,080
High School Graduate or Higher (%)**	61	59	58	59
Bachelor's Degree or Higher (%)**	56	1	3	4
Graduate or Professional Degree (%)**	1	0	1	2

*Data Quest, **ACS 5 Year Estimates 2013, 2020, 2023, & 2024

Table 5				
City of Calipatria Employment Characteristics 2013-2024				
Sector*	2013	2020	2023	2024
Employed Population 16 years and over	1,968	1,034	1,208	1,295
Education (%)	21.2	27.9	19.4	20.8
Retail (%)	12.7	9.4	9.4	7.9
Recreation (%)	0	4.6	3.6	3.7
Public Administration (%)	10.7	2.5	4.9	6.9
Construction (%)	1.8	5.7	4.1	3.2
Transportation (%)	11.8	4.6	6.7	6.8
Manufacturing (%)	7.2	5.5	9.3	5.1
Finance (%)	3.6	0.6	0	0
Professional (%)	5.1	3.8	8.4	9.1
Wholesale (%)	3.4	3.0	3.1	2.1
Information (%)	0	0	0	0
Agriculture (%)	20.2	28.6	29.2	34.5
Other (%)	2.2	3.8	1.8	0
Drove Alone to Work (%)	74.8	83	89	88
Mean Travel Time to Work (minutes)	21.6	17.6	15.3	14.9
Median Earnings (\$)	34,232	45,150	54,714	54,850
Unemployment (%)	13.9	12.2	12.5	7.3

*ACS 5 Year Estimates 2013, 2020, 2023, & 2024

4. Housing Element Progress. State law requires that each jurisdiction in California includes a Housing Element in its General Plan that establishes specific actions, objectives, and timelines for meeting its state mandated Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) for each income level. The RHNA is provided to jurisdictions in eight-year cycles. The current cycle is Cycle 6, which covers the time period of 2021 through 2029. Every year the City prepares an annual Housing Element Progress Report that it submits to California Housing & Community Development (HCD) and State Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI).

Table 6 shows the City's progress in meeting the current RHNA 6th Cycle (October 15, 2021 to October 15, 2029). The 2025 Housing Element Annual Report also includes newly required data on the number of applications submitted to the city, the production of housing units, the number of applications that were approved by the Planning Commission or City Council, and the number of building permits that were issued. The intention is to monitor whether cities are limiting housing production through their approval processes by comparing the number of housing units applied for to the number

of housing units that were constructed. Table 7 shows that 4 residential units have been approved for development and are in the near future construction pipeline.

Table 6 City of Calipatria Cycle 6 RHNA Progress (Planning Period 10/15/21 to 10/15/2029)									
Income Level		RHNA Allocation	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total Units to Date	Total Remaining RHNA
Very Low	Deed Restricted	36	-	-	-	-	-	0	36
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	-	-	-	-		
Low	Deed Restricted	21	-	-	-	-	-	8	13
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	1	3	-	4		
Moderate	Deed Restricted	16	-	-	-	-	-	4	12
	Non-Deed Restricted		-	4	-	-	-		
Above Moderate		78	-	-	-	4	-	4	74
Total RHNA		151							
Total Units			0	5	3	4	4	12	135

Table 7 Submitted Housing Entitlement Applications 2025 Summary	
Total Housing Entitlement Applications	4
Number of Proposed Units in All Applications Received	4
Total Housing Units Approved	4
Total Pending Approval	0

ENVIRONMENTAL

The General Plan Annual Progress Report is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) via Section 15061(b)(3) of the California Code of Regulations. Under this section, projects that can be seen with certainty to have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment are not subject to CEQA. The report is a summary of the progress the city has made towards achieving its General Plan goals and objectives in the past year. Therefore, the item does not constitute a “project” as defined by the California Code of Regulations and can be seen with certainty to have no potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

PENDING ACTION

Upon reviewing and considering all pertinent information, the City Council may motion for either of the following actions:

- Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 adopting the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report;

or

- Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 adopting the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report with modifications as deemed necessary by the City Council;

or

- Not Adopt Resolution No. 26-05 rejecting adoption of the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

Attachments: Attachment A – draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report
 Attachment B – Resolution No. 26-05

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALIPATRIA
ADOPTING THE DRAFT 2025 GENERAL PLAN ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT**

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 65400 mandates that cities and counties submit an annual progress report (APR) on the General Plan and progress on its implementation to the City Council, the Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI) and the Housing and Community Development Department (HCD) each year; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report was prepared to ensure the City of Calipatria remains in compliance with California Government Code Section 65400; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report was reviewed by the Planning Commission during a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 17, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission upon hearing and considering all testimony and arguments, analyzing the information submitted by staff and considering any written and oral comments received, motioned to recommend approval of the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report was reviewed by the City Council during a regularly scheduled meeting held on February 24, 2026; and

WHEREAS, upon hearing and considering all testimony and arguments, analyzing the information submitted by staff and considering any written and oral comments received, the City Council of the City of Calipatria considered all facts relating to the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria as follows:

- A) That the foregoing recitations are true and correct; and
- B) That the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report is exempt from CEQA via Section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines for Implementation under the California Code of Regulations; and
- C) That the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report is consistent with the intent of the City of Calipatria General Plan; and
- D) That based on the evidence presented at the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting, the City Council hereby adopts the draft 2025 General Plan Annual Progress Report.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Calipatria at a regularly scheduled meeting held on this 24th day of February 2026, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

ATTEST:

Michael Luellen, Mayor

Jane Hurtado, City Clerk



City of Calipatria
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POLICY PURPOSE

The City Council has adopted a Code of Ethics and Conduct for its members, as well as for the City's boards and commissions, to ensure the integrity of local government and its effective and fair operation.

A. ETHICS

The residents and businesses of Calipatria are entitled to fair, ethical, and accountable local government that has earned the public's full confidence for integrity. In keeping with the City of Calipatria's Commitment to Excellence (see Appendix A), the effective function of democratic government requires that:

- Public officials, both elected and appointed, comply with both the letter and spirit of the laws and policies affecting government operations;
- Public officials be independent, impartial, and fair in their judgment and actions;
- Public office be used for the public good, not for personal gain; and
- Public deliberations and processes be conducted openly, unless legally confidential, in an atmosphere of respect and civility.

The Ethics section of this Code provides guidance on questions of right and wrong.

1. Act in the Public Interest

Recognizing that stewardship of the public interest must be their primary concern, members shall work for the common good of the people of Calipatria and not for private or personal interests. Members shall assure fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims, and transactions coming before the City Council, boards, and commissions.

2. Comply with the Spirit and Letter of the Law and City Policy

Members shall comply with the laws of the United States, the State of California, and the City of Calipatria in the performance of their public duties. These laws include, but are not limited to:

- The United States and California Constitutions
- The City of Calipatria Municipal Code and ordinances
- Laws pertaining to conflicts of interest, election campaigns, financial disclosures, employer responsibilities, and open government processes
- City policies and regulations

3. Conduct of Members

The professional and personal conduct of members shall be above reproach and avoid even the appearance of impropriety. Members shall refrain from abusive conduct, personal charges, or verbal attacks upon the character or motives of other members, City staff, or the public.

4. Respect for Process
Members shall perform their duties in accordance with established processes and rules of order governing public policy deliberation, meaningful public involvement, and implementation of Council decisions by staff.
5. Conduct of Public Meetings
Members shall:
 - Prepare for public issues;
 - Listen courteously and attentively;
 - Focus on the business at hand;
 - Refrain from interrupting speakers;
 - Avoid personal comments not germane to the issue;
 - Refrain from interfering with orderly meeting conduct.
6. Decisions Based on Merit
Members shall base decisions on the merits and substance of the matter at hand, not on unrelated considerations.
7. Communication
Members shall publicly disclose substantive information relevant to matters under consideration that they have received outside of the public decision-making process.
8. Conflict of Interest
Members shall not use their official positions to influence decisions in which they have a material financial interest or personal relationship that may create the appearance of a conflict. Members shall comply with all disclosure and recusal requirements under state and local law.
9. Gifts and Favors
Members shall not accept gifts, favors, or promises of future benefits that could compromise independence of judgment or create the appearance of impropriety.
10. Confidential Information
Members shall respect confidentiality concerning City property, personnel, and affairs and shall not disclose or use confidential information for personal gain.
11. Use of Public Resources
Members shall not use public resources—including staff time, equipment, supplies, or facilities—for private purposes.
12. Representation of Private Interests
Members shall not appear before the Council, boards, or commissions on behalf of private third-party interests on matters related to their service areas.
13. Advocacy

When designated as delegates, members shall represent official City positions. When expressing personal views, members must clearly state they are not representing the City or their body. Members have the right to endorse candidates for elected office; however, endorsements shall not be displayed or referenced during official City meetings.

14. Policy Role of Members

Members shall respect the council-manager form of government. The Council establishes policy; the City Manager and staff administer and implement policy. Members shall not interfere with administrative functions.

15. Independence of Boards and Commissions

Councilmembers shall not use their position to influence board or commission deliberations.

16. Positive Workplace Environment

Members shall support a constructive workplace environment and avoid creating the perception of improper direction to staff.

B. CONDUCT

The Conduct section describes how officials should treat one another, staff, constituents, and others encountered while representing the City.

The constant theme is respect.

1. Conduct with One Another

In Public Meetings

- Use formal titles (Mayor, Vice Mayor, Councilmember, Chair, Commissioner).
- Practice civility and decorum.
- Honor the role of the Chair.
- Avoid personal comments.
- Demonstrate effective problem-solving.

In Private Encounters

- Maintain respectful behavior.
- Assume written communication may become public.
- Remember private conversations may be observed.
- Board and commission members may express individual opinions in private settings.

2. Conduct with City Staff

- Treat staff as professionals.
- Direct non-routine or policy-related inquiries through the City Manager or City Attorney.
- Do not disrupt staff from performing duties.

- Never publicly criticize individual employees.
- Do not interfere with administrative functions.
- Do not solicit political support from staff.

3. Conduct with the Public

In Public Meetings

- Welcome speakers respectfully.
- Allocate time fairly.
- Demonstrate active listening.
- Maintain an open mind.
- Avoid debate or argument with speakers.
- Follow parliamentary procedure.

In Unofficial Settings

- Make no promises on behalf of the City.
- Avoid personal attacks.
- Remember that members are public representatives at all times.

4. Conduct with Other Public Agencies

Members must clearly distinguish between representing the City and representing personal interests. Official correspondence shall reflect official City positions.

5. Conduct with Boards and Commissions

- Boards and commissions are valuable community resources. Councilmembers shall:
- Express only personal opinions when attending meetings unless formally designated;
- Avoid lobbying members;
- Respect diverse viewpoints;
- Avoid political activity during official proceedings.

6. Agenda Setting

The agenda is prepared by the City Clerk. The City Manager and City Attorney have final authority over agenda items within their administrative areas unless directed otherwise by Council.

7. Conduct with the Media

The Mayor serves as official spokesperson for City positions. Councilmembers must clarify whether comments reflect official policy or personal views. Avoid “off-the-record” communications.

C. SANCTIONS

Sanctions may include:

- Ineligibility for assignments

- Ethics training compliance requirements
- Public hearing discipline procedures
- Investigation and reporting
- Removal from boards or commissions (by majority vote at a noticed public meeting)

All investigative reports shall comply with applicable public records and privacy laws.

D. PRINCIPLES OF PROPER CONDUCT

Proper conduct **IS**:

- Keeping promises
- Being dependable
- Demonstrating patience
- Showing empathy
- Maintaining integrity

Proper conduct **IS NOT**:

- Hostility
- Dishonesty
- Recklessness
- Divisiveness

It all comes down to respect.

Respect for one another as individuals, respect for the validity of different opinions, respect for the democratic process, and respect for the community that we serve.

E. CHECKLIST FOR MONITORING CONDUCT

Members should reflect:

- Would I be proud to defend this action publicly?
- Is it fair and morally sound?
- Would I approve if I were on the receiving end?
- Does this build or erode trust?
- Do I listen and understand the views of others?

F. IMPLEMENTATION

This Code is intended to be self-enforcing. It shall be included in orientations for:

- Council candidates
- Board and commission applicants
- Newly elected and appointed officials

All members shall sign an acknowledgment affirming they have read and understand the Code.

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APPENDIX A - MODEL OF EXCELLENCE MEMBER STATEMENT

**CITY OF CALIPATRIA
MODEL OF EXCELLENCE MEMBER STATEMENT**

As a member of the Calipatria City Council or a Calipatria board or commission, I agree to uphold the Code of Ethics and Conduct and conduct myself according to the following Model of Excellence:

I will:

- Recognize the worth and contributions of others;
- Foster an atmosphere of respect and civility;
- Act with honesty, integrity, fairness, and respect;
- Respect dignity and privacy;
- Keep the common good as my highest purpose;
- Avoid divisive conduct;
- Treat all individuals as I wish to be treated.

I affirm that I have read and understood the City of Calipatria Code of Ethics and Conduct for Elected and Appointed Officials.

Signature

Date