

**RESOLUTION NO. 2026-18**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE HOUSING ELEMENT IMPLEMENTATION AND GENERAL PLAN 2025 ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT.**

**WHEREAS** the State of California requires cities to have an adopted General Plan to provide guidance on land use decisions; and,

**WHEREAS** on April 22, 2015, the City Council of the City of Coachella approved the General Plan 2035 document along with the Program EIR and Climate Action Plan; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Coachella General Plan 2035 is the City’s comprehensive long-term policy document comprised of goals and policies for achieving Coachella’s vision. The plan guides land use and physical development of the geographic area of the incorporated City limits; and

**WHEREAS** the General Plan contains the seven State-required elements and four additional elements, as follows: 1) Land Use; 2) Circulation; 3) Housing; 4) Conservation; 5) Open Space; 6) Noise; 7) Safety; 8) Mobility, 9) Health and Wellness; 10) Sustainability; 11) Infrastructure and Public Services; and

**WHEREAS** each element of the General Plan has a set of goals and policies that are intended to achieve specific objectives. The City’s General Plan Implementation Action Matrix lists and prioritizes specific projects and ongoing programs or “Implementation Measures” that align with goals and policies in General Plan Elements, excluding Housing. For the Housing Element, implementation measures are included in a Housing Action Plan certified by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) with the Housing Element; and

**WHEREAS** California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 6, Sections 6200, *et seq.*, requires the City to use in the report forms and definitions adopted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to report on the status and progress implementing the City’s Housing Element; and,

**WHEREAS** California Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(B) requires the City to include in the APR the City’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs; and,

**WHEREAS**, California Code of Regulations, Title 25, Division 1, Chapter 6, Section 6200, *et seq.*, requires the City to use in the report forms and definitions adopted by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to report on the status and progress implementing the City’s Housing Element; and,

**WHEREAS** California Government Code Section 65400(a)(2)(F) requires the City to include in the report an assessment of the degree to which the General Plan complies with the guidelines developed and adopted pursuant to Section 65040.2 and the date of the last revision to the General Plan; and,

**WHEREAS** California Government Code Section 65400(a)(2) requires the City to submit the report to the California Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and HCD by April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Division has determined in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) that the General Plan 2025 Annual Progress Report (2025 APR) is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The APR is an informational report documenting progress towards implementing the General Plan and does not make decisions for City actions; and,

**WHEREAS**, on March 25, 2026, the City Council of the City of Coachella held a public meeting on the 2025 APR, considered written and oral comments, and facts and evidence presented by City staff, and other interested parties. The 2025 APR is Attachment 2 and Attachment 3 of the March 25, 2026 City Council staff report, incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COACHELLA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Incorporation of Recitals.

The City Council hereby finds that all of the facts in the Recitals are true and correct and are incorporated and adopted as findings of the City Council as if fully set forth in this resolution.

Section 2. CEQA Findings.

The Progress Report is not a project under the California Environmental Quality (CEQA) because the report is an informational report documenting progress towards implementing the General Plan and does not make decisions for City actions.

Section 3. Acceptance of 2025 APR.

Based on the foregoing recitals and findings above, and the written and oral comments, facts, and evidence presented, the City of Coachella City Council, pursuant to Section 65400(a)(2) of the Government Code, has reviewed the 2025 APR that is Attachment 2 and 3 to the March 25, 2026 City Council staff report, incorporated herein by reference. The City Council accepts and finds the 2025 APR:

- A. Adequately assesses the status of the General Plan and Housing Element and its implementation;

- B. Provides information regarding the City’s progress in meeting its share of regional housing needs;
- C. Uses the forms and definitions adopted by HCD to report on the status and progress in implementing the City’s Housing Element;
- D. Adequately assesses the degree to which the General Plan complies with the General Plan Guidelines; and
- E. Accurately documents the date of the last revision to the General Plan.

Section 4. Submission of Progress Report.

Pursuant to the California Government Code Section 65400(a)(2), the City shall submit the Progress Report to the California Governor’s Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation and HCD.

Section 5. Certification.

The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and enter it into the book of original resolutions.

**PASSED APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Steven A. Hernandez  
Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Angela M. Zepeda  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Best, Best & Krieger  
City Attorney

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

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing Resolution No. 2026-18 was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Coachella at a regular meeting thereof, held on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March 2026 by the following vote of Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Delia Granados  
Deputy City Clerk