

Iskow stepping down at Mutual Housing California

[Rachel Iskow, CEO at affordable housing developer Mutual Housing California](#), announced Thursday that she's stepping down from the company at year's end.

In an email, Iskow said she was proud to be leaving the nonprofit organization in a good place.

"When I started working with Mutual Housing in 1994, we were two employees in a tiny office, generously supported by the staff of the [Sacramento Housing and Redevelopment Agency](#) and NeighborWorks America," Iskow said in the email. "Today, with 64 full-time employees, an active housing development pipeline, a successful property management division, and a renowned community building program, I wonder if the founders could ever have imagined this amazing reach."

Based in an office in South Sacramento, Mutual Housing California developed a number of projects in recent years under Iskow. They include [Spring Lake](#), an affordable community in Woodland of 62 units intended for families of agricultural workers, and New Harmony, a 69-unit affordable housing project in Davis.

Mutual Housing is also working through approvals and finding financing for projects such as [Lavender Courtyard](#), a 50-unit mixed-use project in midtown Sacramento, and Mutual Housing on the Boulevard, a 120-unit project in South Sacramento.

Iskow said she was proud of her involvement in Sacramento's 2008 adoption of an ordinance for mandatory rental home inspections, and helping develop Sacramento County's first solar-producing multifamily property in 2002.

Before she leaves, she said, she wanted to complete predevelopment for Lavender Courtyard and a second phase of Spring Lake.

Mutual Housing's board has created a transition committee to find a replacement, Iskow said.

Before joining the nonprofit in 1994, she worked at Rural California Housing Corp. and also worked with a battered women's assistance group in San Francisco.

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Rachel Iskow is executive director of Mutual Housing California. *Photography by Dennis McCoy.*

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