

Update on Housing Element Status, Regional Housing Technical Assistance and Housing Policy Grants

ABAG Housing & BAHFA Oversight Committees

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Housing Element Status (as of 2/19/25)

- 100 certified Housing Elements
- 1 certification revoked for failure to rezone
 - Portola Valley
- 8 still in process:
 - 2 Housing Elements in review at HCD:
 - Lafayette
 - San Mateo County
 - 6 Housing Elements found to be out of compliance by HCD:
 - Atherton
- Clayton
- Belvedere
- Half Moon Bay

- Martinez
- Pacifica





Regional Housing Technical Assistance (RHTA)

- Shift in focus from drafting Housing Elements to:
 - Implementing policies and programs in certified Housing Elements
 - Adopting policies consistent with MTC's Transit Oriented Communities (TOC) Policy
 - Post-REAP succession planning
- Continuing to develop and deploy a wide range of technical assistance resources to support Bay Area jurisdictions



Annual New Laws and APR Webinars



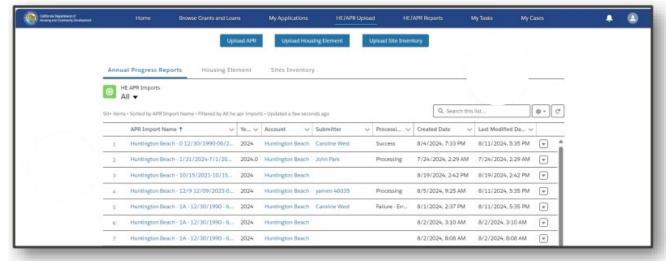
2024 New Laws Webinar:

- Jointly presented with Goldfarb & Lipman LLP
- 30+ new laws covered
- Color-coded action guide
- 380 attendees



2024 APR Webinar:

- Jointly presented with HCD
- Intro to new HCD APR Submission Portal
- Preview of reporting changes for 7th Cycle
- 227 attendees







ADU Workgroup

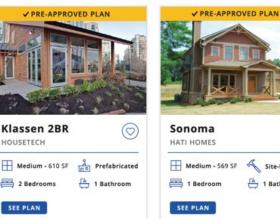


5 recorded sessions on hot topics including:

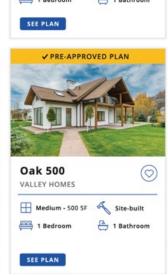
- Permit streamlining
- Pre-approved plans
- Amnesty
- Condo-ization
- Incentives



✓ PRE-APPROVED PLAN







Site-built







Housing Policy Grants

- Last month, MTC awarded \$2.2 million for 7 housing policy grants as part of an integrated call for projects to support local governments with TOC Policy implementation.
 - Other categories of support include zoning reform (\$9.4 million), parking policies (\$4 million), and station access planning (\$4.1 million)
- The housing policy grants were the most oversubscribed category.
 - 22 applications were received seeking \$7,078,000
- Grants will leverage staff expertise from MTC-ABAG as well as BAHFA
- Award highlights include:
 - Marin County multi-jurisdiction creation of a Community Land Trust
 - San Mateo County multi-jurisdictional "grand nexus study" to evaluate impact fees
 - Emeryville application to support a multifaceted set of policy reforms





Planning for the Future of RHTA

- Per recent program evaluation, this award-winning program has provided significant benefit to local governments to implement housing policies.
- It is an example of a success/value-add for regionalism on housing topics.
- Program is largely funded by one-time state grants (REAP 1.0 and 2.0) scheduled to expire in the first half of 2026.
- Staff are in early stages of exploring funding to extend the program beyond mid-2026.





Next Steps

- Early 2026 expenditure deadline for work funded by REAP 2
- Working with County Planning Collaboratives on succession planning
- MTC-funded policy grants getting into contract soon
- Exploring funding options for continuation of RHTA







Thank You.

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