

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Regional Planning Committee

May 13, 2021

Agenda Item 6.a.

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#### Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology and Draft RHNA Allocations

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**Subject:** Presentation on the Final RHNA Methodology, including feedback received from the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD).

**Background:** RHNA is the state-mandated<sup>1</sup> process to identify the number of housing units (by affordability level) that each jurisdiction must accommodate in the Housing Element of its General Plan. The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) determined Bay Area communities must plan for 441,176 new housing units from 2023 to 2031.

ABAG convened an ad hoc [Housing Methodology Committee](#) (HMC) from October 2019 to September 2020 to advise staff on the methodology for allocating a share of the region's total housing need to every local government in the Bay Area. The HMC included local elected officials and staff as well as regional stakeholders to facilitate sharing of diverse viewpoints across multiple sectors. The ABAG Executive Board approved the Proposed RHNA Methodology in October 2020 and held a public comment period from October 25 to November 27. After considering comments received, the ABAG Executive Board approved the Draft RHNA Methodology in January 2021.

**Issues:** **Final RHNA Methodology and Draft RHNA Allocations**

As required by law, ABAG submitted the Draft RHNA Methodology to HCD in February 2021 for its review. On April 12, 2021, HCD sent ABAG a letter confirming that the Draft RHNA Methodology furthers the RHNA objectives (**Attachment A**). As a result of this finding, ABAG can now approve the Draft RHNA Methodology as the Final RHNA Methodology without additional modifications.

**Attachment B**, the *Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan: San Francisco Bay Area, 2023-2031*, provides a detailed description of the Final RHNA Methodology and the Draft RHNA Allocations.

**Next Steps:** The ABAG Executive Board is slated to consider approval of the Final RHNA Methodology and Draft Allocations at its May 20, 2021 meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> See California [Government Code §65584](#).

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**Recommended Action:** The ABAG Regional Planning Committee is requested to recommend ABAG Executive Board approval of the Final RHNA Methodology and Draft RHNA Allocations.

**Attachments:**

- A. HCD Letter Dated April 12, 2021: Findings on ABAG Draft RHNA Methodology
- B. *Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan: San Francisco Bay Area, 2023-2031*
- C. Presentation

**Reviewed:**

  
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