

Association of Bay Area Governments

Administrative Committee

October 29, 2021

Agenda Item 6.a.

Regional Housing Needs Allocation Appeal

Subject: Report on Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Appeal for the County of Sonoma.

Background: RHNA is the state-mandated¹ 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.

On May 20, 2021, the ABAG Executive Board approved the [Final Regional Housing Needs Allocation \(RHNA\) Methodology and Draft Allocations](#). Release of the Draft RHNA Allocations initiated the appeals phase of the RHNA process.² ABAG received 28 appeals from Bay Area jurisdictions by the July 9, 2021 deadline.

Per Government Code Section 65584.05(d), ABAG is required to hold a public hearing to consider all appeals filed. The ABAG Administrative Committee will consider the appeal submitted by the County of Sonoma. The County submitted two RHNA appeals, and ABAG-MTC staff has addressed both appeals in its staff response.

Recommended Action: The Administrative Committee is requested to take preliminary action on the RHNA appeal from the County of Sonoma.

The Administrative Committee is requested to deny the RHNA appeal from the County of Sonoma.

Attachments:

- a. County of Sonoma RHNA Appeal #1
- b. County of Sonoma RHNA Appeal #2
- c. County of Sonoma RHNA Jurisdiction Presentation
- d. ABAG-MTC Staff Report
- e. ABAG-MTC Staff Presentation
- f. Public Comment for County of Sonoma RHNA Appeal

Reviewed:



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¹ See California [Government Code §65584](#).

² See [Government Code Section 65584.05](#) for an overview of the appeals process.