



MEMO

Date: March 3, 2011
To: ABAG Executive Board
From: Hing Wong, Senior Planner
Subject: Acknowledgement of Subregion Formation

Subregional Designation

As the council of governments for the San Francisco Bay Area, ABAG is responsible for the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA). As part of this responsibility, the region will allocate a portion of the total housing need to any subregion that is formed.

We expect that there will be several subregions as part of the Bay Area's 2014-2022 RHNA. The law states that any subregion must be acknowledged by the council of governments.

Subregional Responsibilities

By forming a subregion, a group of jurisdictions takes on the responsibilities for creating a housing need allocation for their geographic area. There are a variety of specific requirements in the housing law. To the extent possible, ABAG's staff will help subregions complete their work. We encourage the participation of subregional representatives in the SCS Housing Methodology Committee and other regional forums. The subregions should work directly with the California Department of Housing and Community Development.

Subregional Allocation

While the region determines its own allocation method, it must be consistent with state housing goals and factors. There is a prescribed method of allocating a share of the need to any subregions:

“The share or shares allocated to the delegate subregion or subregions by a council of governments shall be in a proportion consistent with the distribution of households assumed for the comparable time period of the applicable regional transportation plan.”

In the previous RHNA cycle, the region assigned the San Mateo subregion a share of the regional need based on its share of the forecasted regional housing growth during the RHNA period. If a subregion is unable to complete its work, ABAG would be responsible for making an allocation to jurisdictions that had been part of that subregion.

ABAG staff is asking for acknowledgement of the identified subregions and the authority to enter into delegation agreements with those subregions.

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EXECUTIVE BOARD**

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**ACKNOWLEDGING FORMATION OF REGIONAL HOUSING NEED ALLOCATION
(RHNA) SUBREGIONS AND AUTHORIZING NEGOTIATION AND EXECUTION OF
DELEGATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN ABAG AND RHNA SUBREGION(S)**

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is a joint powers agency formed pursuant to the agreement of its members and California Government Code §§ 6500, et seq., and is the council of governments (COG) for the San Francisco Bay Area; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Housing Element Law ("Act") at California Government Code §§ 65580, et seq., each COG and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) are required to determine the existing and projected housing needs in the COG's region; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, ABAG determines each city's and county's share of the regional housing needs through the regional housing need allocation process (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, local governments have the option of forming, by March 16, 2011, a RHNA subregion to allocate a share of the regional housing need among themselves; and

WHEREAS, local governments in the region have made inquiries about forming a RHNA subregion; and

WHEREAS, the Act requires that ABAG acknowledge the formation of RHNA subregions and to enter into a delegation agreement with each one that forms; and

WHEREAS, local governments have notified ABAG in writing of their intent to form the RHNA subregions, all as is listed in Attachment A to this resolution.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments hereby:

1. Acknowledges the formation of the RHNA subregion by local governments as shown in Attachment A to this resolution; and
2. Authorizes staff to negotiate and execute a delegation agreement with each RHNA subregion that forms.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this 17th day of March, 2011.

Mark Green
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Administrative Committee of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the 17th day of March, 2011.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
Legal Counsel

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ATTACHMENT A

As of March 3, 2011, ABAG has received formal written notice from local governments regarding their intent to form Napa Subregion. In addition, the listed jurisdictions may be interested in forming the San Mateo and Solano Subregions:

San Mateo Subregion

Town of Atherton
City of Belmont
City of Brisbane
City of Burlingame
Town of Colma
City of Daly City
City of East Palo Alto
City of Foster City
City of Half Moon Bay
Town of Hillsborough
City of Menlo Park
City of Millbrae
City of Pacifica
Town of Portola Valley
City of Redwood City
City of San Bruno
City of San Carlos
City of San Mateo
City of South San Francisco
Town of Woodside
County of San Mateo

Solano Subregion

City of Benicia
City of Dixon
City of Fairfield
City of Rio Vista
City of Suisun City
City of Vacaville
City of Vallejo
County of Solano

Napa Subregion

City of American Canyon
City of Calistoga
City of Napa
City of St. Helena
City of Yountville
County of Napa