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**To:** ABAG Executive Board  
**From:** Alex Amoroso, Senior Planner  
**Date:** 3/16/00  
**Subject:** Regional Housing Needs Determination Update

The Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) 90 day comment period, restarted on February 1, is half over. Staff has received letters from a number of jurisdictions. Additionally, staff has been making presentations to organizations of elected officials, city/town/county managers and other groups about the RHND numbers and process. Several more presentations are scheduled prior to the Executive Board meeting. The Board will receive an update about those meetings.

Dialogue continues with the State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) related to the ABAG RHND program.

Certain comments have been pervasive in the letters and statements received by staff. They include the following:

- ? The RHND allocation for jurisdiction exceeds a reasonable number of units that can be planned for or built during the 1999-2006 planning period.
- ? The methodology in place does not adequately reflect the jobs/housing mismatch issue faced by the Bay Area.
- ? Our jurisdiction does not have an adequate supply of land to accommodate the number of units identified.

Other comments received have been more directly related to specific jurisdictional issues. A number of jurisdictions have noted that the RHND allocation is acceptable.

At least three counties and some number of the jurisdictions therein (Sonoma, Solano and Alameda) are working towards a possible redistribution of RHND allocations. Results from these processes are anticipated by the end of April and will be reported on at that time.

HCD staff is unable to attend the Executive Board meeting. However, ABAG staff will be meeting with HCD representatives during the week of March 6, and will report back to the Executive Board about the meeting.

To date, only one elected official (Mayor Brown of Livermore) and two professional planners have volunteered for the appeals committee. Volunteers will be solicited from the RPC in April, however, there is still a need for two additional elected officials from the Executive Board.

Staff will provide further details on the noted subjects at the Board meeting of March 16.