

MEMO

To: ABAG Executive Board
From: Alex Amoroso, Senior Planner
Date: 9/21/00
Subject: Regional Housing Needs Determination (RHND) Update

Response to Comment Letters

The final day for responses and requests for revisions to RHND allocations was August 31. As of that date, all comment letters from jurisdictions had to have been received. ABAG staff will be working for the next sixty days to reply to the comments and requests for revisions.

To date, Ninety-six letters have been received. These letters fit into several categories.

- Responses and requests for revisions to the Second Official Release of the RHND Allocations (February 1, 2000)
- Responses and requests for revisions to the Third Official Release of the RHND allocations (June 1, 2000)
- Comment letters from sources other than jurisdictions
- Letters that state acceptance of the proposed RHND allocations

In several cases, individual jurisdictions have sent more than one letter. Staff will be consolidating responses in these cases, so that all issues are addressed in a cohesive manner. A list of all letters received, along with their current status will be available to the Board at the September 21 meeting.

Appeal Process

Assuming that not all revision requests will be resolved as a result of the response to comments, staff is preparing for an appeal process. In prior meetings, the Board has adopted several criteria and guidelines for the appeals process. Additionally, volunteers have been appointed from both the Board and Regional Planning Committee to serve on the appeals committee. Staff will be contacting volunteers and developing a schedule of potential appeal hearing dates in January and February.

Blueprint for Bay Area Housing Update

ABAG staff and consultants, along with an advisory committee, continue work on the Blueprint document. The anticipated release date for the document has been moved to late October, still providing timely assistance for jurisdictions in updating their housing elements. Workshops will be planned for early 2001 to explain housing element update requirements and opportunities.