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Mr. Henry Gardner, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Gardner:

**Re: Schedule for ABAG's Regional Housing Needs Allocation**

This is in response to your May 25, 2007 letter requesting a 30-day extension to ABAG's Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) schedule. The Department approves your one month extension request for activities scheduled in 2007. The schedule changes now require ABAG to issue its draft RHNA by July 31 and respond to any requests for revisions by November 30. Attachment 1 reflects changes made to due dates in 2007.

As your letter acknowledges, granting this extension does not change or extend other deadlines applicable to the RHNA process. The statutory due date to update housing element for jurisdictions within your region remains June 30, 2009.

The Department looks forward to working with ABAG to complete the regional housing need process per Attachment 1 and also in cosponsoring workshops with ABAG to assist jurisdictions in updating their housing elements. If the Department can provide any additional assistance, or answer any questions, please contact Glen A. Campora, Senior Policy Advisor, at (916) 327-2640.

Sincerely,

Cathy E. Creswell  
Deputy Director

Enclosure

cc: Paul Fassinger, Director, Research and Analysis, ABAG  
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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Revised May 21, 2007 Schedule for ABAG Regional Housing Needs Allocation**

Regional Allocation Deadlines		Allocation Deadlines if Subregional Option Used	
<b>2006</b>			
April 30	ABAG/HCD consultation on region's share of statewide housing need [65584.02(b)]		
June 30	ABAG requests information from jurisdictions for developing methodology [65584.04(b)(1)]		
December 31	ABAG develops a proposed methodology [65584.04(a)]. Start of 60-day public comment period about methodology [65584.04(h)]; must include at least one public hearing [65584.04(c)]	August 31	Deadline for creating subregional entities [65584.03(a)]
		December 31	The subregion develops a proposed methodology [65584.04(a)]. Start of 60-day public comment period about methodology [65584.04(h)]; must include at least one public hearing [65584.04(c)]
<b>2007</b>			
January – March	<b>ABAG adopts a final methodology</b> [65584.04(h)]	January – March	<b>Subregion adopts a final methodology</b> [65584.04(h)]
March 1	HCD determination of regional housing need [65584.02(a)(1)]		
Prior to July 31	ABAG issues DRAFT RHNA [65584.05(a)].	May 17	ABAG determination of housing need assigned to each subregion. At least one public hearing must be held prior to allocation [65584.03(c)].
Prior to July 31	ABAG reviews Subregion's draft RHNA for compliance with Gov. Code Sec. 65584.03(d); if noncompliant, ABAG completes allocation process for affected jurisdictions	Prior to June 30	Subregion issues DRAFT RHNA [65584.05(a)].
Prior to September 30	Local jurisdictions may request revisions to DRAFT allocation [65584.05(b)]	Prior to August 31	Local jurisdictions may request revisions to DRAFT allocation [65584.05(b)]
Prior to November 30	ABAG responds to revision requests (within 60 days of submittal) [65584.05(c)]	Prior to October 31	Subregion responds to revision requests (within 60 days of submittal) [65584.05(c)]
December – February	Local jurisdictions may appeal DRAFT RHNA (60 day period)	December – February	Local jurisdictions may appeal DRAFT RHNA (60 day period)
<b>2008</b>			
January- Feb.	Continuation of 60 days for Local jurisdictions to appeal DRAFT RHNA	January- Feb.	Continuation of 60 days for Local jurisdictions to appeal DRAFT RHNA
January – April	ABAG public hearing on appeals (within 60 days after deadline for filing appeal) [65584.05(e)].	January - April	Subregion public hearing on appeals (within 60 days after deadline for filing appeal) [65584.05(e)].
February – April	ABAG issues FINAL RHNA proposal (within 45 days of end of 60-day appeals period) [65584.05(f)].	February – April	Subregion issues FINAL RHNA proposal (within 45 days of end of 60-day appeals period) [65584.05(f)].
February – June	ABAG public hearing to adopt FINAL allocation (within 45 days of issuing final allocation) [65584.05(h)]. Submit adopted Final Allocation to HCD.	February-March (prior to ABAG)	Subregion public hearing to adopt FINAL allocation (within 45 days of issuing final allocation) [65584.05(h)]. Subregions submit FINAL allocations to ABAG
August	HCD completes review of FINAL RHNA [65584.05(h)].		
<b>2009</b>			
June 30	Adopted Housing Element updates due to HCD, preceded by submittal of draft elements		

Notes: This task schedule supercedes due dates that would be applicable if the process were to be implemented pursuant to Section 65584 rather than pursuant to Section 65584.02. The planning period for housing element updates is July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The regional housing need allocation period for ABAG is January 1, 2006 through June 30, 2014; these dates represent the date when Department of Finance (DOF) will provide its estimate of the current local housing stock and the end of the planning period, respectively.