



Building Industry Association of Southern California, Inc.

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To: BIASC Governing Board

From: Jeff Montejano, CEO

Subject: RHNA Update

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) is currently in the process of developing a new Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA), which will project regional housing needs during the 2021-2029 time period and allocate those projected needs to local jurisdictions for use in their planning processes.

BIASC has been an active participant in the RHNA development process, with representation on the RHNA Subcommittee and the Technical Advisory Group. This memo provides a high-level overview of where the process currently stands, along with key upcoming milestones.

Current Status

The RHNA process has two primary components: (1) assessment of the overall regional housing needs, and then (2) the allocation of projected needs among local jurisdictions for use in their respective planning processes. The overall regional assessment of needs should be completed late this summer. SCAG's staff is also now in the process of developing the RHNA allocation methodology (guidance and rules for allocating the overall RHNA numbers among its constituent local jurisdictions). The challenges are much greater than in prior RHNA cycles because of the combination of the ever-worsening housing crisis and various new state laws aimed at requiring local jurisdictions to plan for housing for all income levels.

Also, BIASC has received inquiries regarding the RHNA subregion process. Per state law, two or more geographically contiguous jurisdictions may form a RHNA subregion. A RHNA subregion is delegated the responsibility of developing its own RHNA methodology and a RHNA allocation for each jurisdiction within the subregion. Although not mandated by state law, SCAG is offering financial assistance in the amount of \$2,500 for each jurisdiction within an approved RHNA subregion. For jurisdictions considering forming a RHNA subregion, they have until June 28, to notify SCAG of their intent.

Key Upcoming Milestones

- Subregion Delegation Notification Deadline: June 28, 2019
- Release of Proposed RHNA Methodology for Public Review/Comment: July 1, 2019
- State Release of RHNA Determination for SCAG Region: August 2019
- Public Hearing on Proposed RHNA Allocation Methodology: August/September 2019
- State Review of Proposed RHNA Allocation Methodology: Fall 2019

Connect SoCal Stakeholder Outreach

SCAG is seeking stakeholder input regarding Connect SoCal, the 2020-2045 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy. Connect SoCal will present a long-range vision that balances future mobility and housing needs with economic, environmental, and public health goals.

SCAG will be hosting a series of workshops to share information about Connect SoCal and to solicit input from stakeholders. You can find the workshop calendar [HERE](#). For those who are unable to attend, but would like to provide input, SCAG has created an online survey, which you can access [HERE](#).

Additional Resources

Stakeholders with specific questions, or who are looking to become engaged in the RHNA process, are encouraged to contact SCAG staff. Key contact: SCAG Senior Regional Planner, Ma'Ayn Johnson at johnson@scag.ca.gov or (213) 236-1975.

In addition, RHNA Subcommittee meetings occur every first Monday of the month and are open to the public. The RHNA Subcommittee is tasked with making recommendations on RHNA policy and methodology. The meeting schedule and agendas can be found [HERE](#).

For any additional inquiries, please contact BIASC Public Affairs Manager Karissa Willette at kwillette@biasc.org or (949) 777-3859.