Notice of Public Hearing

The Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments (AMBAG) will hold a public hearing on the **Final 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology.** The AMBAG Board of Directors will consider approving a Final RHNA Methodology and direct staff to release the Draft RHNA Plan allocating shares of the regional housing need to AMBAG's member jurisdictions. The release of the Draft RHNA Plan initiates a 45-day appeal period allowing a member jurisdiction or HCD to appeal for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated. (Gov. Code, § 65584.05(b).)

The public hearing will be held virtually on Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 6:00 pm at an AMBAG Board of Directors' regular meeting. Information regarding the AMBAG Board of Directors' public hearing is available at: www.ambag.org.

California State Housing Element Law (Government Code, § 65584 et seq.) requires AMBAG, acting in the capacity of Council of Governments, to develop a RHNA methodology for distributing existing and projected regional housing need to AMBAG's local jurisdictions in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties. Housing law sets forth a process, schedule, objectives, and factors to use in developing the RHNA methodology. The RHNA methodology must address allocation of housing units by jurisdiction, housing units by income group, and must address further five statutory objectives and include 13 housing-related factors. AMBAG must determine each local member jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need. AMBAG is responsible for allocating 33,274 housing units amongst the jurisdictions located in Monterey and Santa Cruz counties within the COG region.

In light of Governor Newsom's State of Emergency declaration regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and in accordance with Executive Order N-29-20 and AB 361, which allows public agencies to continue to use teleconferencing, the public hearing will be conducted virtually via GoToWebinar. The AMBAG Board of Directors will participate in the public hearing from individual, remote locations. Members of the public will need to attend the public hearing remotely via GoToWebinar.

To participate via GoToWebinar, please register for the Wednesday, April 13, 2022 AMBAG Board of Directors meeting at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7550946003674320651. You will be provided information and instructions for participation to join the public hearing.

Persons who wish to address the AMBAG Board of Directors on an item to be considered at this public hearing are asked to submit comments in writing at info@ambag.org by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 or provide verbal comments during the public hearing.