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**California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Sounding Board Meeting #3**

Topics: Housing + Transportation Planning Alignment & Climate Change

Wednesday May 31, 2023, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

California's Housing Future 2040 Background: AB 101 (2019) directs HCD to engage stakeholders and collaborate with the Office of Planning and Research (OPR) to develop recommendations related to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process and methodology. Upon completion of this stakeholder engagement process, HCD will compile its findings and recommendations, and will submit a report to the Legislature by December 31, 2023.

Sounding Board Role: HCD is convening a Sounding Board of approximately 30 stakeholders as part of this stakeholder engagement initiative. This Sounding Board will be focused on a series of specific, technical questions where HCD is looking for targeted ideas or feedback to consider when drafting the recommendation report; the Sounding Board will not be a decision-making body. The Sounding Board will be one of the mechanisms for providing feedback on California's Housing Future 2040: The Next RHNA. All stakeholders will have opportunities to provide feedback throughout the process: 1) Responding to the Survey mentioned above, 2) Providing comments on the topics covered in the Sounding Board meetings, see below, and 3) Providing comments anytime throughout the process to the main email box CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov (note HCD appreciates comments by September 15, 2023).

Public Comments: HCD will post Sounding Board agendas on its website one week in advance of Sounding Board meetings. These meetings will not be open to the public, but the public is welcome to submit written public comments regarding the meeting agenda items with the subject line "Sounding Board agenda comment" to CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov. HCD recommends that comments be submitted at least 24 hours in advance of meetings, but HCD will continue to consider public comments submitted after the meeting. HCD will review and consider all public comments that are submitted and may share submitted public comments with Sounding Board attendees.

Meeting Goals: The goal of this meeting will be to find possible ideas for ways to better align housing and transportation planning, and to better utilize the RHNA process to adapt housing land use patterns to the impacts of climate change.

Sounding Board Meeting #3 Proposed Agenda

Time	Topic	Who
1:00 – 1:10 PM	Welcome and Review Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff • Facilitator
1:10 – 1:55 PM	<p>Housing + Transportation Planning Alignment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the goals of aligning RHNA and the RTP/SCS to achieve consistency between the two processes?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>How do we better achieve these goals?</i> ○ <i>What steps in the housing/transportation planning processes have to be aligned in order to achieve those goals?</i> • <i>HCD is considering a few possible solutions to better align housing & transportation planning and would like feedback these solutions and how they could work in practice:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Require that the RTP/SCS forecasted development pattern also further the five statutory objectives of RHNA</i> ○ <i>Define what “consistency” means and clarify how Councils of Government (COGs) should navigate a scenario where the RTP/SCS growth pattern does not further the statutory objectives of RHNA</i> ○ <i>Unlink the RTP/SCS forecasted development pattern from the RHNA allocation plan</i> • <i>Are there any other ideas for how the RHNA process can be leveraged to promote a growth pattern that reduces VMT and GHG by increasing development in location efficient areas?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff (introduce topic) • Facilitator • Sounding Board members
1:55 – 2:30 PM	<p>Climate Change – Environmental Hazards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can the RHNA process be leveraged to promote a more resilient growth pattern that is less</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCD staff (introduce topic) • Facilitator • Sounding Board

	<p><i>likely to expose residents to climate-related disasters (wildfire, drought, flood, extreme heat, sea level rise)?</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>How can the RHNA process reduce environmental hazard exposure for disadvantaged and historically underserved populations?</i> ○ <i>In what situations should climate-related risks be avoided versus mitigated?</i> ○ <i>How can we predict what areas are highest risk when many overlapping risks are present and some are episodic?</i> ○ <i>How should regions balance promoting resilient growth patterns with affirmatively furthering fair housing?</i> 	<p><i>Board members</i></p>
<p>2:30 – 2:55 PM</p>	<p>Loss of Units During a State of Emergency</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>How should the RHNA process promote growth in areas that have already experienced climate-related disasters?</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>When housing units are lost during a disaster, the RHNA in that region is increased to account for those lost units. How should those units be allocated? Should the RHNA account for potential changes to development patterns in high risk/high exposure areas after disasters?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>HCD staff (introduce topic)</i> ● <i>Facilitator</i> ● <i>Sounding Board members</i>
<p>2:55 – 3:00 PM</p>	<p>Next Steps and Wrap Up</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>What worked well today?</i> ● <i>Any suggested format changes for when we meet next?</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>HCD staff</i> ● <i>Facilitator</i>

Background Reading Materials: HCD has provided the following background reading materials ([available on the RHNA webpage](#)) to help inform the meeting discussion.

These include the following:

- Summary of SB 375 and the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS)
 - [The California Air Resources Board \(CARB\) Sustainable Communities and Climate Protection Webpage](#)
 - [The Basics of SB 375 \(Institute for Local Government\)](#)
- Background on RHNA & Loss of Units During a State of Emergency

Upcoming Meeting Schedule

	Date	Topics
Meeting #4	Monday June 5, 2023	Process Improvements & Overflow from Previous Meetings