

6th CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS PLAN



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**IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING)
THE FINAL 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL)
HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION PLAN)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 23-02

RE: 6TH CYCLE RHNA**

WHEREAS, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is a Council of Governments (COG) formed by a joint powers agreement pursuant to the provisions of Government Code Section 6500 et seq.; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 65584 et seq. requires KCAG to prepare a regional housing needs allocation (RHNA) plan, including consideration of housing needs of persons and households of all income levels; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2022 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) determined that the existing and projected regional share of housing need for Kings County jurisdictions is 9,429 units for the period of June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04 KCAG is responsible for preparing and adopting a RHNA Plan for distributing the regional housing need to local jurisdictions in Kings County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584(d), the RHNA Plan methodology must further the following objectives:

- (1) Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability;
- (2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns;
- (3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing;
- (4) Balancing disproportionate household income distributions; and
- (5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing; and

WHEREAS, KCAG established a RHNA Technical Advisory Committee comprised of representatives from each jurisdiction in Kings County for the purpose of providing technical guidance in preparing the RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04(b), in March 2022 KCAG distributed surveys regarding planning factors and fair housing issues to each member agency; and

WHEREAS, based upon the requirements of State law and input from HCD, local agencies and other interested stakeholders, KCAG prepared a preliminary draft RHNA methodology in compliance with Government Code Section 65584(d), which was posted and sent to HCD, KCAG member agencies and other stakeholders on May 31, 2022 for public review; and

WHEREAS, based upon input from HCD, local agencies and other interested stakeholders, KCAG prepared a revised preliminary draft RHNA methodology in compliance with Government Code Section 65584(d), which was posted and sent to HCD, KCAG member agencies and other stakeholders on July 21, 2022 for public review; and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022 the KCAG Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and invited public testimony from all interested parties. No opposition to the draft methodology was submitted at the hearing, and at the conclusion of the hearing the Commission directed staff to submit the draft methodology to HCD for review pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04(h); and

WHEREAS, on July 27, 2022 after review by the KCAG Commission the draft KCAG RHNA Methodology was posted on the KCAG website and delivered to HCD; and

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2022 HCD issued a letter finding that the draft KCAG RHNA Methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code Section 65584(d); and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2022 the KCAG RHNA Technical Advisory Committee recommended approval of the RHNA Methodology by the KCAG Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022 the KCAG Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing and invited public testimony from all interested parties. No opposition to the draft methodology was submitted at the hearing, and at the conclusion of the hearing the Commission adopted Resolution No. 22-03 approving the 6th cycle Kings County RHNA Methodology; and

WHEREAS, on October 26, 2022 KCAG posted the approved RHNA Methodology and draft allocation of additional housing units needed during the 2023-2032 period in the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore and the unincorporated portions of Kings County consistent with the RHNA Methodology and California Government Code Section 65584.05, which initiated a 45-day appeal period during which any local government within the KCAG region or HCD had the opportunity to appeal to KCAG for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated to one or more local governments; and

WHEREAS, no appeals were received by KCAG during the 45-day appeal period, which ended on December 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2023 KCAG posted the proposed Final 6th Cycle RHNA Plan for review by all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2023 the KCAG RHNA Technical Advisory Committee reviewed the proposed Final 6th Cycle RHNA Plan and recommended its approval by the KCAG Commission; and

WHEREAS, on January 25, 2023 the KCAG Commission conducted a duly noticed public hearing regarding the proposed Final 6th Cycle RHNA Plan and invited public testimony from all interested parties; and

WHEREAS, the KCAG Commission has reviewed and considered all comments received from the public in regard to the proposed Final RHNA Plan; and

WHEREAS, RHNA determinations are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Division 13 (commencing with Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the KCAG Commission finds and declares as follows:

- 1 The foregoing recitals are true and correct.

2. Based upon the facts and analysis set forth in staff report and the proposed Final RHNA Plan (Exhibit "A" attached hereto), the KCAG Commission finds that the Kings County 6th cycle RHNA Plan has been prepared in compliance with State law. The Commission further finds that pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04(m):

a) The Final RHNA Plan allocates housing units within the region consistent with the development pattern included in the sustainable communities strategy.

b) The Final RHNA Plan ensures that the total regional housing need, by income category, as determined pursuant to Government Code Section 65584 is maintained, and that each jurisdiction in the region receives an allocation of units for low- and very-low-income households.

c) The Final RHNA Plan demonstrates consistency with the sustainable communities strategy in the regional transportation plan and furthers the objectives listed in Government Code Section 65584(d).

3. KCAG hereby adopts the Final RHNA Plan as set forth in Exhibit "A".

4. KCAG staff is directed to transmit a copy the Final RHNA Plan to each jurisdiction in Kings County and to HCD pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(g).

5. The Executive Director or her designee(s) is directed to take such further actions as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the intent of this Resolution.

6. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

The foregoing Resolution was adopted on a motion by Commissioner Palmerin, seconded by Commissioner Paden, at a meeting held on the 25th day of January, 2023 by the following vote:


AYES: Palmerin, Paden, Neves, Chaney, Fagundes

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT: Preciado

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
COMMISSION


Chair

WITNESS, my hand this 25th day of January, 2023.


Terri King, Executive Director

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INTRODUCTION

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment, or RHNA, is the State-mandated process requiring cities and counties to plan for adequate housing to accommodate the existing and future housing needs for all economic segments of their communities.

The entire RHNA process is comprised of three major phases: 1) the Regional Housing Needs Determination, which identifies the region's total housing need during the planning period; 2) preparation of the RHNA Plan, which allocates a share of the region's total housing need to each member jurisdiction; and 3) City and county Housing Element updates. These three steps are summarized below. This RHNA Plan document describes the process and methodology that was used in developing the 6th cycle RHNA allocations for the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) region, which includes the County of Kings and the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore.

Step 1: Regional Housing Needs Determination

The RHNA process and related Housing Element updates in Kings County occur on 8-year cycles.¹ Prior to the beginning of each cycle, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) determines the total housing need for the region in consultation with the California Department of Finance and the regional council of governments. The RHNA determination is based on regional growth projections and other factors such as vacancy rates and existing housing problems such as cost burden and overcrowding.

The total housing need is also distributed among four income categories that correspond with Housing Element requirements. In January 2022 HCD issued the 6th cycle RHNA determination (Appendix A) for the KCAG region as shown in Table 1.

¹ State housing law (Government Code Sec. 65588(f)) establishes a "planning period" and a "projection period." The "planning period" is the time period between Housing Element due dates while the "projection period" is the time period for which the regional housing need is calculated. At the time this document was prepared, HCD had established a 6th cycle planning period for Kings County of January 31, 2024 to January 31, 2032 and a projection period of June 30, 2023 to January 31, 2032. (<https://www.hcd.ca.gov/sites/default/files/docs/planning-and-community/housing-element/6th-web-he-duedate.pdf>)

Table 1: Kings County 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Determination

Income Category	Percent	Housing Units
Very-low*	23.9%	2,257
Low	17.7%	1,672
Moderate	18.6%	1,753
Above-Moderate	39.7%	3,747
TOTAL	100.0%	9,429

*The extremely-low category is included in the very-low category

Source: HCD, January 11, 2022

Step 2: RHNA Plan

In the second step of the RHNA process, the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) is responsible for developing a methodology for allocating a share of the regional housing need to each of its five member jurisdictions. This methodology is the core of the RHNA Plan and is the primary focus of this document. As described below, KCAG must demonstrate how the methodology complies with State law, including statutory RHNA objectives, planning factors, and procedural requirements including public participation.

Step 3: Housing Element Updates

After final adoption of the RHNA Plan, each city and the County must prepare and adopt an updated Housing Element that demonstrates, among other things, how the jurisdiction can accommodate its assigned RHNA allocation at each income level through its land use plans, development regulations and implementation actions.

STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

State law² establishes detailed requirements for the RHNA process, including statutory objectives, planning factors to be considered, and procedural requirements, including opportunities for public participation as discussed below.

² Government Code Sec. 65584 et seq.

RHNA Objectives

Key objectives for the RHNA process are set forth in State law³ and KCAG is required to demonstrate how its methodology furthers each of the following objectives:

- 1) Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.*
- 2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 65080.*
- 3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.*
- 4) Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.*
- 5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing.*

The RHNA Methodology section below describes how these objectives have been addressed.

Planning Factors

In addition to the RHNA objectives listed above, there are several planning factors⁴ that KCAG must consider in developing the methodology for allocating each jurisdiction's share of the total regional housing need. Each of the factors should be included to the extent that it is relevant and sufficient data is available, and KCAG is required⁵ to survey

³ Government Code Sec. 65584[d]

⁴ Government Code Section 65584.04(e)

⁵ Government Code Section 65584.04(b)

its member jurisdictions regarding how each factor relates to housing need in the jurisdiction.

While the RHNA objectives are goals for the methodology to achieve, the planning factors are specific issues that must be considered when developing the allocation methodology. KCAG has discretion on how each factor should be applied, and the methodology may include numerical weighting of various factors. Not every factor may be relevant to the region or a particular jurisdiction, and KCAG has discretion to determine which factors are appropriate to incorporate in the methodology. The planning factors are summarized as follows.

1. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions outside jurisdiction's control
2. Availability of land suitable for urban development
3. Lands protected from urban development under existing federal or state programs
4. County policies to preserve prime agricultural land
5. Distribution of household growth in the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and opportunities to maximize use of transit and existing transportation infrastructure
6. Jurisdictional agreements to direct growth toward incorporated areas
7. Loss of deed-restricted affordable units
8. Housing needs of farmworkers
9. Housing needs generated by a university within the jurisdiction
10. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing
11. Households paying more than 30 percent and more than 50 percent of their income in rent
12. The rate of overcrowding
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness
14. Units lost during a state of emergency that have yet to be replaced
15. The region's greenhouse gas targets

Local Jurisdiction Surveys

Government Code Section 65584.04(b) requires that the council of governments survey its member jurisdictions regarding the planning factors and fair housing issues relevant to each jurisdiction. KCAG distributed two separate surveys, one focusing on planning

factors and the other on fair housing issues, to member jurisdictions in March 2022. The survey forms are provided in Appendices E and F and responses from the jurisdictions are provided in Appendices G and H.

RHNA METHODOLOGY

This section describes KCAG's methodology for allocating a share of the total regional housing need by income level to each member jurisdiction, as well as an explanation of how the methodology furthers the five RHNA objectives identified in Government Code Section 65584(d). The methodology consists of two components: 1) the total housing need allocation to each jurisdiction, and 2) the distribution of units by income category.

Total Housing Need Allocations

Pursuant to State law, KCAG reviewed and considered available data and jurisdictional survey responses related to the statutory objectives and planning factors described above. After discussions spanning multiple meetings of the RHNA Technical Advisory Committee, detailed discussions with jurisdiction representatives, and consultation with HCD, KCAG selected the following four factors as the basis for allocating RHNA shares to each jurisdiction.

1. Projected housing growth
2. Projected employment growth
3. Access to opportunity
4. Housing vacancy rates

KCAG's rationale for selecting these factors for use in the RHNA allocation methodology is described below. The demographic data sources used in the analysis are provided in Appendix D.

Factor 1: Projected Housing Growth

State law⁶ requires that planning for housing be coordinated and integrated with the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). To achieve this requirement, the RHNA plan must allocate housing units within the region consistent with the development pattern included in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS). A typical way this requirement is met is by using the same socio-economic data and assumptions in both the RTP/SCS

⁶ Government Code Section 65584.04(m)

and the RHNA. It should be noted that State law does not provide a specific definition for the term “development pattern” and KCAG has discretion over what would constitute consistency between the RHNA and the development pattern described in the RTP/SCS.

On September 14, 2022 KCAG adopted the 2022 RTP/SCS update, which incorporates assumptions for housing and employment growth that affect future transportation needs. To achieve the RHNA consistency requirement, this RHNA factor uses the same RTP assumptions for future housing development from the present (2022) to the RTP/SCS 2050 horizon year.

Factor 2: Projected Employment Growth

Employment growth creates the need for additional housing for local workers. As with projected housing growth, the employment growth forecast is a major consideration in planning for future transportation needs and the RHNA must be consistent with the development pattern used in the RTP/SCS. This factor utilizes the RTP/SCS forecast of employment growth from the present (2022) to the 2050 horizon year.

Factor 3: Access to Opportunity

Access to opportunity is essential in providing lower-income households and disadvantaged communities greater possibilities for upward economic and social mobility. Allocating more housing in areas with greater opportunity is a key strategy for addressing the RHNA statutory objective of affirmatively furthering fair housing.

HCD and the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (TCAC) have created a statistical tool for evaluating access to opportunity at the census tract level (for urban areas) and block group levels (for rural areas) by using 21 indicators: Income, Adult Educational Attainment, Labor Force Participation, Job Proximity, Median Home Value, 12 environmental health/pollution indicators, 4th Grade Math Proficiency, 4th Grade Reading Proficiency, High School Graduation Rate, and Students Living Above the Federal Poverty Level. For the RHNA methodology, this factor is based on HCD/TCAC opportunity ratings of *highest resource*, *high resource* and *moderate resource* aggregated to the jurisdiction level as calculated by HCD.

Factor 4: Housing Vacancy Rates

Some housing vacancy is necessary to provide opportunities for residential mobility and to maintain a healthy balance between housing supply and demand. When vacancy rates are very low, mobility is restricted and prices and rents are driven up by competition for insufficient housing units. HCD’s total countywide RHNA determination

included a housing need adjustment based on housing vacancy rates, and recent vacancy rates published by the Department of Finance as of January 1, 2022⁷ were used as a factor in the RHNA allocation methodology by assigning more units in jurisdictions where vacancy rates are lower than the countywide average.

Factor Weighting

State law⁸ provides that the RHNA methodology may include numerical weighting of the selected factors to establish the percentage of the total housing allocation that will be distributed based on each factor. KCAG used its discretion in assigning factor weights based upon an assessment of the relationship between each factor and the statutory RHNA objectives. The methodology assigns Factors 1 and 2 (housing and employment growth) equal weights of 40% each, while Factor 3 (access to opportunity) is assigned a weight of 20%. Factor 4 (vacancy) is then used to shift housing units among jurisdictions to facilitate a more comparable vacancy rate across jurisdictions. This factor results in a proportionate increase in the housing allocations to the cities, all of which have lower than average vacancy rates, and a corresponding reduction in the allocation to the unincorporated county area, which has a higher than average vacancy rate.

Total Housing Need Allocations

Based upon the weights and vacancy adjustments described above, the total housing need for each jurisdiction is as follows.

Table 2: RHNA Allocations by Jurisdiction

Jurisdiction	RHNA Allocation	Percent of Total
Avenal	277	3%
Corcoran	715	8%
Hanford	5,547	59%
Lemoore	2,329	25%
Unincorporated	561	6%
TOTAL	9,429	100%

⁷ California Department of Finance, E-5 City/County Population and Housing Estimates, 1/1/2022

⁸ Government Code Section 65584.04(f)

Distribution of Housing Need by Income Category

The regional housing determination assigned to KCAG by HCD includes both total housing units and a distribution of those housing units to four affordability categories: very-low-income, low-income, moderate-income, and above moderate-income. Income categories are prescribed by State law⁹ and the distribution is derived based on household income characteristics in each jurisdiction and the countywide median income as reported in recent U.S. Census American Community Survey data.

After the total housing allocations are determined for each jurisdiction through the methodology described above, the allocations in each jurisdiction must be distributed among the four income categories. The total of the allocations in each income category for the five jurisdictions must equal the regional total for each income category.

One of the statutory RHNA objectives is “allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.” The purpose of this objective is to address disparities in housing needs and access to opportunity in order to help overcome past patterns of segregation.

A common method for addressing this objective is through the use of an “income-shift” methodology to adjust the assigned number of units by income category in each jurisdiction. The income-shift approach adjusts each jurisdiction’s housing allocation in each the four income categories based on the relationship between the percentage of households in an income category for the entire county and the jurisdiction’s existing proportion of households in that income category. The goal of the income-shift process is to facilitate a more comparable distribution of housing units by income category among jurisdictions over time.

The percentage of each jurisdiction’s distribution among the four Income categories is first determined using the countywide median income as a benchmark. Each jurisdiction’s income distribution is then compared to the county’s overall household income distribution. For example, if a jurisdiction currently has 30% of its households in the very-low-income category while the county as a whole has only 20%, the jurisdiction is considered as having an overconcentration of very-low-income households. With an income-shift equity adjustment that jurisdiction is assigned a smaller percentage of very-

⁹ California Health and Safety Code Section 50093 et seq.

low-income households for its RHNA allocation than the countywide average in order to reduce its current overconcentration of lower-income households.

Income-shift equity adjustments are expressed in percentages, such that a “100% equity adjustment” means that a jurisdiction’s allocation in an income category would be shifted by 100% of the difference between the jurisdiction’s current percentage of households in that category and the countywide average. In the hypothetical jurisdiction with 30% very-low-income households and a countywide ratio of 20% very-low-income households, a 100% equity adjustment would assign this city 20% of its total RHNA allocation in the very-low-income category. HCD recommends an equity adjustment factor of 150%. In this example, a 150% adjustment would result in this city receiving an allocation of 15% of its total units in the very-low-income category.

Based on HCD guidance KCAG has selected an income-shift equity adjustment factor of 150%. Applying this equity adjustment to the five jurisdictions results in the following RHNA allocations:

Table 3: RHNA Allocation by Income Category

Jurisdiction	Very Low		Low		Moderate		Above Moderate		Total
	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units	%	Units
Avenal	48	17.3%	37	13.3%	55	20.0%	137	49.4%	277
Corcoran	122	17.1%	116	16.3%	118	16.5%	359	50.2%	715
Hanford	1,369	24.7%	993	17.9%	1,066	19.2%	2,119	38.2%	5,547
Lemoore	586	25.1%	437	18.8%	408	17.5%	898	38.6%	2,329
Unincorporated	132	23.5%	89	15.9%	106	18.9%	234	41.8%	561
County totals	2,257	23.9%	1,672	17.7%	1,753	18.6%	3,747	39.7%	9,429

CONSISTENCY WITH STATUTORY RHNA OBJECTIVES

Pursuant to statutory requirements, KCAG prepared the RHNA methodology in order to further each of the five statutory objectives (Gov. Code Sec. 65584[d]) as follows:

Objective 1. *Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.*

The methodology for allocating housing to each income tier supports an equitable distribution of housing by assigning more housing need to jurisdictions with higher projected housing and employment growth and higher opportunity. The methodology

also assigns a higher proportion of housing units in an income category when a jurisdiction currently has a lower share of households in that income category. The methodology also allocates a share of low- and very-low-income housing need to each of the five member jurisdictions.

Objective 2. *Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 65080.*

The methodology promotes infill development and efficient development patterns, supports greenhouse gas reduction targets and protects environmental and agricultural resources by allocating more housing in the most urbanized areas with the greatest proximity to employment opportunities, transportation connectivity, public utilities, schools, medical facilities, and commercial services. The highest concentrations of environmental and agricultural resources are located in the unincorporated county area, which is allocated lower housing need relative to the most urbanized communities, thereby helping to preserve those resources.

Objective 3. *Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.*

The methodology promotes an improved relationship between jobs and housing by allocating more housing need to jurisdictions where the highest job growth is expected. According to the 2022 RTP/SCS growth forecast, approximately 83% of all employment growth in Kings County through 2050 is expected to occur in Hanford and Lemoore and the total housing need allocated to these two jurisdictions comprises approximately 84% of the countywide total. The methodology also promotes an improved balance between low-wage jobs and affordable housing units by allocating a higher percentage of lower-income units to the most urbanized areas of Hanford and Lemoore where the highest concentrations of service sector jobs exist, such as retail trade and social services.

Objective 4. *Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.*

The methodology supports this objective by using a 150% equity income-shift to allocate a lower proportion of housing units in an income category when a jurisdiction's current proportion of households in that income category is higher than the regional average. As a result, each jurisdiction is assigned housing units by income level that

would shift its share of housing in each income category closer to the regional average over time.

Objective 5. Affirmatively furthering fair housing.

The methodology supports the objective of affirmatively furthering fair housing by incorporating HCD/TCAC opportunity ratings in the methodology to allocate more housing need in areas with greater opportunity. The methodology results in a higher share of housing units allocated to the cities of Hanford and Lemoore, which also offer the greatest opportunity as defined by the HCD/TCAC opportunity indicators.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

State law includes specific requirements for public involvement in the RHNA process, including public hearings at key stages of the RHNA Plan preparation. The following is a summary of the public participation process during preparation of the RHNA Plan.

KCAG RHNA Technical Advisory Committee

At the outset of the RHNA process a RHNA Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) was established, including senior staff representatives from the five member jurisdictions and KCAG staff.

The RHNA TAC met on a monthly basis throughout the course of the process beginning in February 2022. Notices of TAC meetings were distributed to the list of stakeholders prior to each meeting, and agendas were posted on the KCAG website at <https://www.kingscog.org/housing>. The Committee guided the preparation of the RHNA methodology and provided recommendations to KCAG staff and the KCAG Commission at key stages of the process.

Stakeholder List

Upon initiation of the project KCAG staff compiled a list of stakeholders who were invited to participate in the RHNA process. The stakeholder list included local organizations with expertise in housing issues, particularly affordable housing development and special housing needs such as homelessness, farmworkers, and persons with disabilities. On April 18 and December 19, 2022 KCAG RHNA team members attended meetings of the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative and gave presentations on the RHNA process. The Collaborative includes representatives of public agencies and homeless service providers with extensive knowledge of local homelessness issues.

California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD)

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 65584.04(i), HCD is required to review the draft RHNA methodology to determine whether it furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code Section 65584(d). KCAG consulted with HCD staff throughout the course of the RHNA process, and on July 27, 2022 KCAG submitted the draft methodology to HCD for review. On September 21, 2022 HCD issued a letter finding that the draft methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d) (Appendix B).

Subsequent to adoption by the KCAG Commission, the final RHNA Plan was submitted to HCD for review on January 26, 2023 as required by Government Code 65584.05(g). On _____ HCD issued a letter finding that _____.

KCAG Commission

The KCAG Commission is the decision-making body for the Kings County Association of Governments. The Commission is comprised of six local elected officials – one City Council member from each of the four member cities and two members of the County Board of Supervisors. The Commission conducted public hearings and was the decision-making authority regarding the RHNA methodology and the final RHNA Plan.

Opportunities for Public Review

Public meetings were held by the RHNA TAC on a monthly basis from February 2022 through January 2023. Meeting notices were posted on the KCAG website and distributed to the stakeholder list prior to each meeting.

During its meetings of February 28, March 9, April 13, May 11, June 8, July 13, and October 12, 2022 the TAC reviewed RHNA requirements, including statutory objectives and planning factors, and discussed potential data sources and alternatives for the RHNA methodology. At its May 11, 2022 meeting the TAC reviewed a preliminary draft methodology and authorized KCAG staff to distribute the preliminary methodology for public review. Subsequent to the May 11 Committee meeting HCD provided additional data to KCAG staff, which was incorporated into the preliminary draft methodology and posted for public review on May 31.

In June 2022 revised RTP growth forecast data became available, which was incorporated into a revised preliminary draft RHNA methodology and posted for public review on July 13, 2022 along with a notice of a public hearing to be conducted by the KCAG Commission on July 27, 2022 to receive public comments pursuant to Government Code Sec. 65584.04(d). At its meeting of July 27, 2022 the KCAG

Commission conducted a public hearing on the preliminary methodology. No public comments were received at the public hearing, and the KCAG Commission accepted the draft methodology by unanimous vote and directed KCAG staff to submit the draft methodology to HCD for review.

The draft methodology was submitted to HCD on July 27, 2022, and on September 21, 2022 HCD issued a letter (Appendix B) finding that the draft methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d).

On October 26, 2022 the KCAG Commission conducted a public hearing and adopted a resolution approving the RHNA methodology. No public comments were received regarding the methodology.

Pursuant to Government Code 65584.05(b), on October 26, 2022 KCAG posted the Draft RHNA Allocations and distributed public notice of the opportunity for any local government within the KCAG region or HCD to file an appeal to KCAG for a revision of the share of the regional housing need proposed to be allocated to one or more local governments. The 45-day appeal period closed on December 12, 2022 with no appeals filed.

On January 4, 2023 KCAG issued the proposed final RHNA Plan pursuant to Government Code 65584.05(c). Notice of the posting of the proposed Plan was distributed to KCAG member jurisdictions and the RHNA stakeholders list.

At its meeting of January 11, 2023 the RHNA TAC reviewed the proposed final RHNA Plan and unanimously recommended its adoption by the KCAG Commission.

On January 25, 2023 the KCAG Commission conducted a public hearing to consider approval of the final RHNA Plan pursuant to Government Code 65584.05(g). At the conclusion of the hearing the Commission adopted Resolution No. 23-02 approving the final RHNA Plan.

On January 26, 2023 the approved final RHNA Plan was submitted to HCD pursuant to Government Code 65584.05(g) and on _____ HCD issued a letter finding that _____ (Appendix C).



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APPENDICES



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APPENDIX A

KINGS COUNTY 6TH CYCLE REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA - BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY

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January 11, 2021

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Dear Executive Director Terri King:

RE: Final Regional Housing Need Determination

This letter provides the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) with its Final Regional Housing Need Determination. Pursuant to state housing element law (Government Code section 65584, et seq.), the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to provide the determination of KCAG's existing and projected housing need. In assessing KCAG's regional housing need, HCD and KCAG staff completed a consultation process from August 2021 through December 2021 that included the methodology, data sources, and timeline for HCD's determination of the Regional Housing Need. To inform this process, HCD also consulted with Walter Schwarm and Doug Kuczynski of the California Department of Finance (DOF) Demographic Research Unit.

Attachment 1 displays the minimum regional housing need determination of **9,429** total units across four income categories. KCAG is to distribute the units amongst the region's local governments. Attachment 2 explains the methodology applied pursuant to Government Code section 65584.01. In determining KCAG's housing need, HCD considered all the information specified in state housing law (Government Code section 65584.01(c)).

KCAG is responsible for adopting a methodology distributing the regional housing need determination, and for adopting a final RHNA plan for the projection period beginning on June 30, 2023 and ending on January 31, 2032. Pursuant to Government Code section 65584(d), the methodology to prepare KCAG's RHNA plan must further the following objectives:

- (1) Increasing the housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability.
- (2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, protecting environmental and agricultural resources, and encouraging efficient development patterns
- (3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing

Terri King, Executive Director
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- (4) Balancing disproportionate household income distributions
- (5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing

Pursuant to Government Code section 65584.04(d), to the extent data is available, KCAG shall include the factors listed in Government Code section 65584.04(d)(1-13) to develop its RHNA plan. Also, pursuant to Government Code section 65584.04(f), KCAG must explain in writing how each of these factors was incorporated into the RHNA plan methodology and how the methodology furthers the statutory objectives described above.

HCD encourages all KCAG's local governments to consider the many affordable housing and community development resources available to local governments. HCD's programs can be found at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/nofas.shtml>.

HCD commends KCAG's leadership in fulfilling their important role in advancing the state's housing, transportation, and environmental goals. HCD looks forward to continued partnership with KCAG and member jurisdictions and assisting KCAG in planning efforts to accommodate the region's share of housing need.

If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions, please contact Tom Brinkhuis, Senior Housing Policy Specialist at (916) 776-7707 or tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Tyrone Buckley
Assistant Deputy Director of Fair Housing

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ATTACHMENT 1

**HCD REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION
KCAG: June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032**

<u>Income Category</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Housing Unit Need</u>
Very-Low*	23.9%	2,257
Low	17.7%	1,672
Moderate	18.6%	1,753
Above-Moderate	39.7%	3,747
Total	100.0%	9,429
* Extremely-Low	11.9%	Included in Very-Low Category

Income Distribution:

Income categories are prescribed by California Health and Safety Code (Section 50093, et. seq.). Percents are derived based on Census/ACS reported household income brackets and county median income.

ATTACHMENT 2

HCD REGIONAL HOUSING NEED DETERMINATION: June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032

Methodology

KCAG: PROJECTION PERIOD (8.5 years) HCD Determined Population, Households, & Housing Unit Need		
Reference No.	Step Taken to Calculate Regional Housing Need	Amount
1.	Population: January 31, 2031 (DOF June 30, 2031 projection adjusted + 7 months to January 31, 2032)	173,575
2.	- Group Quarters Population: January 31, 2032 (DOF June 30, 2031 projection adjusted + 7 months to January 31, 2032)	-18,915
3.	Household (HH) Population	154,660
4.	Projected Households	51,610
5.	+ Vacancy Adjustment (3.12%)	+1,612
6.	+ Overcrowding Adjustment (4.84%)	+2,496
7.	+ Replacement Adjustment (.5%)	+258
8.	- Occupied Units (HHs) estimated June 30, 2023.	-46,828
9.	+ Cost Burden Adjustment	+281
Total	6th Cycle Regional Housing Need Assessment (RHNA)	9,429

Detailed background data for this chart available upon request.

Explanation and Data Sources

- 1-4. Population, Group Quarters, Household Population, & Projected Households: Pursuant to Gov. Code Section 65584.01, projections were extrapolated from KCAG and DOF projections. Population reflects total persons. Group Quarter Population reflects persons in a dormitory, group home, institute, military, etc. that do not require residential housing. Household Population reflects persons requiring residential housing. Projected Households reflect the propensity of persons within the Household Population to form households at different rates based on American Community Survey (ACS) trends.
5. Vacancy Adjustment: HCD applies a vacancy adjustment based on the difference between a standard 5% vacancy rate and the region's current "for rent and sale" vacancy percentage to determine healthy market vacancies to facilitate housing availability and resident mobility. The adjustment is the difference between standard 5% vacancy rate and the region's current vacancy rate (**1.88%**) is based on the 2015-2019 ACS data. For KCAG, that difference is **3.12%**.
6. Overcrowding Adjustment: In counties where the overcrowding rate is greater than the comparable region's overcrowding rate, HCD applies an adjustment based on the amount the region's overcrowding rate exceeds the comparable region's overcrowding rate. For KCAG, the region's overcrowding rate (**8.19%**) is higher than the national overcrowding rate (3.35%), resulting in a **4.84%** adjustment.
7. Replacement Adjustment: HCD applies a replacement adjustment from between .5% and 5% to the total housing stock based on the current 10-year average of demolitions in the region's local government annual reports to Department of Finance

(DOF). For KCAG, the 10-year average is **.43%**, therefore a **.5%** adjustment was applied.

8. Occupied Units: This figure reflects DOF's estimate of occupied units at the start of the projection period (June 30, 2023).
9. Cost Burden Adjustment: HCD applies an adjustment to the projected need by comparing the difference in cost burden by income group for the region to the cost burden by income group for the nation. The very low- and low-income RHNA is increased by the percent difference ($67.21\% - 60.25\% = \mathbf{6.96\%}$) between the region and the nation's cost burden rate for households earning 80% of area median income and below, then this difference is applied to very low- and low-income RHNA proportionate to the share of the population these groups currently represent. The moderate- and above moderate-income RHNA is increased by the percent difference ($10.35\% - 9.89\% = \mathbf{0.46\%}$) between the region and the nation's cost burden rate for households earning above 80% area median income, then this difference is applied to moderate- and above moderate-income RHNA proportionate to the share of the population these groups currently represent. Data is from 2014-2018 CHAS.

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APPENDIX B

HCD METHODOLOGY CONSISTENCY DETERMINATION

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September 21, 2022

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Dear Terri King:

RE: Review of Draft Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology

Thank you for submitting the draft Kings County Association of Government's (KCAG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Methodology. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.04(i), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to review draft RHNA methodologies to determine whether a methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code Section 65584(d).

The draft KCAG RHNA methodology begins with the total regional determination provided by HCD of 9,429 units. Next, the methodology uses three weighted factors to adjust the total RHNA for each jurisdiction:

- Projected Housing Growth (40 percent) – This factor allocates more RHNA to jurisdictions with higher projected household growth based on the Regional Growth Forecast that is currently in development for KCAG's 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS).
- Projected Employment Growth (40 percent) – This factor allocates more RHNA to jurisdictions with higher projected job growth between 2022 and 2050 based on forecasted employment growth from the Regional Growth Forecast of the RTP/SCS.
- Access to Opportunity (20 percent) – This factor allocates more RHNA to jurisdictions with larger shares of highest, high, and moderate resourced areas based on a modified version of the TCAC/HCD Opportunity Map.

Next, a fourth factor – housing vacancy rates – is used to assign more units to cities with lower vacancy rates than the county average. This factor is intended to increase housing allocations to the cities with a proportionate decrease to the unincorporated county area.

To establish allocations across RHNA's four income categories, the methodology uses an income-shift based on median income. Each jurisdiction's income distribution in RHNA's four income categories is compared to the county's distribution then that difference is multiplied by 150 percent.

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HCD has completed its review of the methodology and finds that the draft KCAG RHNA Methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d).¹ KCAG's draft methodology directs more RHNA units – particularly lower income units – into high resource areas, areas with higher housing costs, and jobs-rich areas with access to more jobs via transit and lower average vehicle miles traveled (VMT). The draft methodology's income-shift adjustment also increases the number of lower income units going to higher income areas as a percentage of their total allocation. HCD commends KCAG for including factors in the draft methodology linked to the statutory objectives such as access to opportunity.

Below is a brief summary of findings related to each statutory objective described within Government Code Section 65584(d):

1. Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low-income households.

On a per household basis, the methodology allocates more total RHNA and lower income RHNA to jurisdictions with more higher income households. Jurisdictions with higher housing costs – both in terms of home values and rent – also receive more RHNA on a per household basis. Lastly, jurisdictions with higher percentages of homeowners receive a higher percentage of lower income RHNA relative to their total allocation.

2. Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 65080.

The draft methodology encourages more efficient development by including factors associated with the RTP/SCS growth forecasts to determine each jurisdiction's total allocation. Jurisdictions with access to more jobs via a 30-minute commute receive more RHNA per household and more total RHNA. Jurisdictions with access to more jobs via a 45-minute transit commute also receive more RHNA per household and more total RHNA. Further, cities with lower annual VMT per household receive more RHNA per household and more total RHNA.

3. Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.

The draft methodology allocates more lower income RHNA relative to household share to

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¹ While HCD finds this methodology furthers statutory objectives, applying this methodology to another region or cycle may not necessarily further the statutory objectives as housing conditions and circumstances may differ.

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the jurisdictions with the highest lower income jobs-housing fit ratios. The jurisdictions with lower jobs-housing fit ratios receive less lower income RHNA allocations per household.

4. Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.

On average, jurisdictions with a larger existing share of lower income households receive smaller allocations of low- and very low-income units as a percentage of the total RHNA. For jurisdictions with higher shares of lower income households, the average lower income allocation is 34 percent of total RHNA. The average lower income allocation for cities with smaller percentages of lower income households is 43 percent.

5. Affirmatively furthering fair housing, which means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.

Jurisdictions with more access to opportunity receive larger total and lower income allocations on a per household basis. More specifically, jurisdictions with at least 55 percent high/highest resource areas receive a share of lower income RHNA that is, on average, 158 percent of their share of households, compared to 32 percent for other jurisdictions. Further, jurisdictions with more low-resource and high-segregation/poverty areas receive smaller total RHNA and lower income allocations on a per household basis.

HCD appreciates the active role of KCAG staff in providing data and input throughout the draft KCAG RHNA methodology development and review period. HCD especially thanks John Douglas for their significant efforts and assistance.

HCD looks forward to continuing our partnership with KCAG to help its member jurisdictions meet and exceed the planning and production of the region's housing need. Support opportunities available for the KCAG region this cycle include, but are not limited to:

- Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 – \$600 million state and federal investment to advance implementation of adopted regional plans. REAP 2.0 funding may be used for planning and implementation that accelerate infill housing development and reduce per capita vehicle miles

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traveled. <https://hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/active-funding/reap2.shtml>.

- Prohousing Designation Program – Ongoing awards distributed over-the-counter to local jurisdictions with compliant Housing Elements and prohousing policies. Those awarded receive additional points or preference when applying to housing and non-housing funding programs including the Affordable Housing & Sustainable Communities (AHSC), Infill Infrastructure Grant (IIG), and Transformative Climate Communities (TCC).
- HCD also encourages all Kings County local governments to consider the many other affordable housing and community development resources available to local governments, including the Permanent Local Housing Allocation program. HCD's programs can be found at <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/nofas.shtml>.

If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions, please contact Annelise Osterberg, Housing Policy Specialist at (916) 776-7540 or annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Deputy Director of Fair Housing



APPENDIX C

HCD FINAL RHNA PLAN DETERMINATION

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February 23, 2023

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Dear Executive Director Terri King:

RE: Review of Adopted 2023-2031 Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan

Thank you for submitting the adopted Kings County of Governments (KCAG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

HCD has completed its review and is pleased to approve KCAG's adopted RHNA Plan, upon finding it consistent with HCD's January 11, 2021 regional housing need determination of 9,429 housing units. Please distribute the RHNA Plan to inform all local governments of their share of new housing need to be addressed in their sixth cycle Housing Element by January 31, 2024. In updating their Housing Elements, local governments may credit new units approved, permitted, and/or built beginning from the start date of the RHNA projection period, June 30, 2023, towards their RHNA.

HCD is committed to assisting KCAG's local governments in preparing and implementing updated Housing Elements to effectively address the region's housing need. Local governments are encouraged to develop land use strategies to maximize land resources, encourage affordable housing, and promote a variety of housing types, thus furthering the state's economic, fair housing, and environmental objectives.

We appreciate KCAG's efforts in completing the RHNA process. If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions please contact Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov or Annelise Osterberg, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

Tyrone Buckley
Assistant Deputy Director

APPENDIX D

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

KCAG RTP/SCS REGIONAL GROWTH FORECAST

2022 Study Year	Housing Units			Employment
Jurisdiction	Single Family	Multi Family	Total	Total
Armona CSD	904	176	1,080	424
Avenal	1,510	835	2,346	2,530
Corcoran	3,035	885	3,921	4,264
Hanford	15,406	4,510	19,917	19,688
Home Garden CSD	257	36	294	38
Kettleman City CSD	268	94	362	231
Kings County	5,799	1,462	7,261	16,067
Lemoore	6,399	2,706	9,105	5,080
Stratford PUD	250	64	314	178
TOTAL	33,830	10,770	44,600	48,500
Total Unincorporated	7,479	1,833	9,312	16,938

2050 Study Year	Housing Units			Employment
Jurisdiction	Single Family	Multi Family	Total	Total
Armona CSD	910	179	1,090	430
Avenal	1,738	930	2,667	2,826
Corcoran	3,507	937	4,444	5,081
Hanford	19,602	5,584	25,186	25,921
Home Garden CSD	259	36	295	40
Kettleman City CSD	269	111	380	243
Kings County	5,940	1,490	7,430	16,538
Lemoore	8,370	2,816	11,186	6,440
Stratford PUD	253	68	322	181
TOTAL	40,848	12,152	53,000	57,700
Total Unincorporated	7,632	1,885	9,517	17,433

Source: KCAG, June 2022

HCD/TCAC OPPORTUNITY SCORES

Jurisdiction	Highest Resource	High Resource	Moderate Resource	Low Resource	High Segregation & Poverty	NA	Total	Percent Highest/High/Moderate Resource
Avenal	0	0	0	0	2,515	0	2,515	0%
Corcoran	0	0	821	1,534	2,017	0	4,372	19%
Hanford	7,466	3,730	1,743	6,090	1,323	0	20,352	64%
Lemoore	5,403	4,074	0	0	0	0	9,477	100%
Unincorporated	949	1,566	1,815	803	0	1,603	6,736	64%

Source: HCD, May 2022

HOUSING VACANCY RATES 2022

Jurisdiction	Vacancy Rate
Avenal	4.2%
Corcoran	5.1%
Hanford	3.8%
Lemoore	3.6%
Unincorporated	9.7%
TOTAL	5.2%
Source: DOF, 2022	

INCOME DISTRIBUTION BY JURISDICTION

Jurisdiction	VL	Low	Mod	Above
Avenal	0.352	0.250	0.065	0.335
Corcoran	0.357	0.187	0.151	0.305
Hanford	0.195	0.153	0.084	0.568
Lemoore	0.186	0.134	0.126	0.554
Unincorporated	0.221	0.195	0.093	0.490
Total	0.222	0.167	0.100	0.511
Source: HUD CHAS based on 2018 ACS				



APPENDIX E

PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY FORM

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Kings County 6th RHNA Planning Factors Jurisdiction Survey

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process is governed by California Government Code, Section 65584.04(b)(1) states that "each council of governments shall survey each of its member jurisdictions to request, at a minimum, information regarding the factors listed in subdivision (e)" The purpose of the survey is to assist KCAG in developing an appropriate methodology for allocating a portion of the total Kings County Regional Housing Need Allocation of 9,429 housing units to each of the five member jurisdictions, and for distributing RHNA allocations among income categories.

In compliance with this requirement, the attached survey form includes each of the statutory factors to be considered in developing the RHNA methodology. Please provide any data or other information you believe is relevant in your jurisdiction for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Plan consistent with the statutory objectives of Government Code Sec. 65584(d), which are listed in Attachment 1.

Survey responses will be used in developing an equitable methodology for allocating a portion of the total countywide housing need to each jurisdiction consistent with the requirements of State law.

Please note, pursuant to State law the following criteria shall not be a justification for a determination or a reduction in a jurisdiction's share of the regional housing need:

- (1) Any ordinance, policy, voter-approved measure, or standard of a city or county that directly or indirectly limits the number of residential building permits issued by a city or county.
- (2) Prior underproduction of housing in a city or county from the previous regional housing need allocation, as determined by each jurisdiction's annual production report submitted pursuant to subparagraph (H) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) of Section 65400.
- (3) Stable population numbers in a city or county from the previous regional housing needs cycle.

Results of survey will be reported on the KCAG website, as required by State law.

Responses to this survey and supplemental documents should be submitted by **March 24, 2022** to Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us.

Questions regarding this survey may be directed to John Douglas at John@JHDPlanning.net

Thank you!

JURISDICTION INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	
Preparer Name and Title:	
Email:	
Phone:	

PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing	
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions made outside of the jurisdiction's control	
3. Availability of land suitable for urban development	
4. Lands protected from development under Federal or State programs	
5. County policies to preserve agricultural land	
6. Distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation planning and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation	
7. Agreements between a county and cities to direct growth to incorporated areas of the county	
8. Loss of low-income units through contract expirations	
9. Percentage of households that pay more than 30% and more than 50% of their income on rent	
10. Rate of overcrowding	
11. Farmworker housing needs	
12. Housing needs generated by the presence of a university campus within the jurisdiction	
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness	
14. Loss of units during a declared state of emergency that have yet to rebuilt at the time of this survey	
15. The region's greenhouse gas emission targets provided by the California Air Resources Board	
16. Other factors	

ATTACHMENT 1**RHNA OBJECTIVES (Government Code 65584(d))**

(d) The regional housing needs allocation plan shall further all of the following objectives:

(1) Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low income households.

(2) Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to Section 65080.

(3) Promoting an improved intraregional relationship between jobs and housing, including an improved balance between the number of low-wage jobs and the number of housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction.

(4) Allocating a lower proportion of housing need to an income category when a jurisdiction already has a disproportionately high share of households in that income category, as compared to the countywide distribution of households in that category from the most recent American Community Survey.

(5) Affirmatively furthering fair housing. (e) For purposes of this section, "affirmatively furthering fair housing" means taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws.



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APPENDIX F

AFFIRMATIVELY FURTHERING FAIR HOUSING SURVEY FORM



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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Survey

KCAG is required to consider information related to affirmatively further fair housing (AFFH) as part of the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan. Information related to AFFH may be obtained from local analysis for housing choice, housing elements, and other sources.

INSTRUCTIONS: This survey has four sections: 1) Jurisdiction information; 2) Data Sources; 3) Fair Housing Issues; and, 4) Fair Housing Strategies and Actions. Using your jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, Assessment of Fair Housing, and/or local housing element, please answer the questions below about local issues, strategies and actions regarding AFFH.

In addition, for any questions or sections needing additional space or if you are providing supplemental document, please make sure to check the box that you have attached any supplemental documents.

Responses to this survey and supplemental documents should be submitted by **March 30, 2022** to Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us. Questions regarding this survey may be directed to John Douglas at John@JHDPlanning.net. *Thank you!*

Jurisdiction Information

Jurisdiction:	
Preparer Name and	
Email:	
Phone:	

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please provide website link here: _____

¹ Per Government Code 65584(e), affirmatively furthering fair housing is defined as "taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws."

2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	
Website link:	

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☐ IN PROCESS ☐

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

- ☐ An environmental justice chapter or element
☐ Throughout the General Plan
☐ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	

b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	
d. Major private investments	
e. Municipal or State services and amenities	
f. Foreclosure patterns	
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	
b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Support or opposition from public officials	
d. Discrimination in the housing market	
e. Lack of fair housing education	
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
Select all that apply.

- ☐ Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations
- ☐ Partnership with schools
- ☐ Partnership with health institutions
- ☐ Variety of venues to hold community meetings
- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

APPENDIX G

JURISDICTIONAL PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY RESPONSES

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JURISDICTION INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	City of Avenal
Preparer Name and Title:	Kao Nou Yang, Director of Community and Economic Development
Email:	kyang@cityofavenal.us
Phone:	(559) 386-5776

PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and Information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing	The City is currently in construction of 120 to the south and a tentative tract map for 113 home to the north of the city. Housing development is coming, it just a matter of process.
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions made outside of the jurisdiction's control	The City of Avenal ONLY utilizes Surface water allocated by USBR. The City does not utilize Groundwater as potable water. We are bound by what is allocated to us each year and each year those allocations gets cut more and more. The city is already on a water restriction and still continues to restrict water usage.
3. Availability of land suitable for urban development	The City is approximately 85% to 980% residentially zoned. The main issue we have her is economic development not so much community housing.
4. Lands protected from development under Federal or State programs	Majority of the AG land associated with the city is Farm land and Oil land by Chevron and the Kettleman Hills. Which is not idea for development.
5. County policies to preserve agricultural land	N/A Williamson Act not Farmland Security Zone is a major issue for the city
6. Distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation planning and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation	The City is so far in regards of location that the Local Reginal Transportation only services the city once or twice a day. The city is tucked into a corner of the county and it take about 40 to the City of Hanford and 30 Min to the City of Lemoore.
7. Agreements between a county and cities to direct growth to incorporated areas of the county	N/A I don't know if we have an official agreement between the City and the County for Economic growth.
8. Loss of low-income units through contract expirations	N/A
9. Percentage of households that pay more than 30% and more than 50% of their income on rent	Majority of the Homes I believe in the City are rented and not owner occupied. Whether the rent percentages are high or low i do not know.
10. Rate of overcrowding	There are some residences that have multiple generations living with each other but we do have new homes coming into development and those multiple generation are in the process of purchasing new homes or working on purchasing their own homes.
11. Farmworker housing needs	City does need more housing for farmworkers because they city does see an influx of farm labors coming in seasonally. We do not have enough designed fam labor housing for the needs of the City
12. Housing needs generated by the presence of a university campus within the jurisdiction	N/A
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness	N/A
14. Loss of units during a declared state of emergency that have yet to rebuilt at the time of this survey	During the Covid 19 pandemic housing development and construction did halt due to influx of housing prices and the real estate

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and Information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
	market. We did lose some developers due to not being able to afford to developed the property.
15. The region's greenhouse gas emission targets provided by the California Air Resources Board	The City doe have an adopted Climate Action plan with some of the local jurisdictions.
16. Other factors	Economic needs for stability to keep income stable is what the city main needs to work and expand. With the water being limited an jobs being limited intown it hard for the city to grow if we can not offer economic development to the community.

JURISDICTION INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	City of Corcoran
Preparer Name and Title:	Kevin J. Tromborg; Com/Dev Director
Email:	Kevin.tromborg@cityofcorcoran.com
Phone:	559-992-2151 ext. 2110

PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing	See General Plan
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions made outside of the jurisdiction's control	Working with Grant funding and engineers
3. Availability of land suitable for urban development	See General Plan
4. Lands protected from development under Federal or State programs	N/A
5. County policies to preserve agricultural land	N/A
6. Distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation planning and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation	<i>Working on a local public transportation plan to service the whole community</i>
7. Agreements between a county and cities to direct growth to incorporated areas of the county	N/A
8. Loss of low-income units through contract expirations	None
9. Percentage of households that pay more than 30% and more than 50% of their income on rent	N/A
10. Rate of overcrowding	No direct information, however, overcrowding exist
11. Farmworker housing needs	
12. Housing needs generated by the presence of a university campus within the jurisdiction	N/A
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness	No direct information
14. Loss of units during a declared state of emergency that have yet to rebuilt at the time of this survey	N/A
15. The region's greenhouse gas emission targets provided by the California Air Resources Board	Targeted at 13%
16. Other factors	

JURISDICTION INFORMATION

Jurisdiction:	City of Lemoore
Preparer Name and Title:	Kristie Baley
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Phone:	(559) 924-6744

PLANNING FACTORS SURVEY

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
1. Existing and projected jobs and housing relationship, particularly low-wage jobs and affordable housing	See 2030 General Plan adopted May 8, 2008 https://lemoore.com/communitydevelopment/general-plan/ MSR and SOI Update in process, expected to be available April 2022
2. Lack of capacity for sewer or water service due to decisions made outside of the jurisdiction's control	State of CA requirements.
3. Availability of land suitable for urban development	See General Plan adopted May 8, 2008 https://lemoore.com/communitydevelopment/general-plan/ – Draft MSR and SOI Update in process, expected to be available April 2022
4. Lands protected from development under Federal or State programs	53 acres of undeveloped land located on the west side of Marsh Drive on both sides of Bush Street. The land had originally been designated for Low Density Residential use. It was changed to Community Facilities after an agreement was reach between Pharris, LLC and Naval Air Station Lemoore to keep the site permanently undeveloped.
5. County policies to preserve agricultural land	See Figure 5-3 of the SOI Update (Williamson Act Lands)
6. Distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation planning and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation	See Figure 4.1.9 of the SOI (Public Transportation)
7. Agreements between a county and cities to direct growth to incorporated areas of the county	Mutual Aid Agreement with Kings County for additional fire protection services, Kings Area Rural Public Transit Authority to provide public transportation to its residents, Kings Waste and Recycling Authority to provide refuse disposal to residents
8. Loss of low-income units through contract expirations	No Specific Data.
9. Percentage of households that pay more than 30% and more than 50% of their income on rent	According to the 2020 American Community Survey's 5 Year Estimate, 360 families below 50% poverty level.
10. Rate of overcrowding	According to 2020 American Community Survey's 5 Year Estimate 292 households with 1 to 1.5 occupants per room and 148 with more than 1.5 occupants per room.
11. Farmworker housing needs	City of Lemoore zoning allows farmworker housing, but have not had any recent requests
12. Housing needs generated by the presence of a university campus within the jurisdiction	No specific data
13. Housing needs of individuals and families experiencing homelessness	No specific data
14. Loss of units during a declared state of emergency that have yet to rebuilt at the time of this survey	None

Statutory Planning Factor	Relevant data and information that should be considered in the RHNA methodology consistent with statutory objectives [Government Code Sec. 65584(d)]
15. The region's greenhouse gas emission targets provided by the California Air Resources Board	Countywide target 13% reduction by 2035 (base year 2005) according to the Air Quality Resources Board
16. Other factors	

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APPENDIX H

JURISDICTIONAL AFFH SURVEY RESPONSES



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Jurisdiction Information

Jurisdiction:	City of Avenal
Preparer Name and	Kao Nou Yang, Director of Community & Economic
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Phone:	(559) 386-5776

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please provide website link here: _____

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2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	Adopted 03-22-2018
Website link:	https://www.cityofavenal.com/370/General-Plan

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☒ IN PROCESS ☐

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

- ☐ An environmental justice chapter or element
- ☐ Throughout the General Plan
- ☐ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

Within the City, the majority demographic is approximately 87% Hispanic or Latino. There is no demographic trends or segregation housing patterns presented.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	N/A
b. Patterns of community opposition	N/A
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	Most homes are rentals or rehabbed homes from renters.
d. Major private investments	N/A

e. Municipal or State services and amenities	N/A
f. Foreclosure patterns	N/A
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	
b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Support or opposition from public officials	
d. Discrimination in the housing market	N/A
e. Lack of fair housing education	The City of Avenal is a low income and disadvantaged community. Most residents are not homeowners due to some housing and income discrepancies. Some make just about enough to miss the threshold of First-Time home buyers or does not make enough to even apply for the Program
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	Most residents are not understanding all the information needed or given for housing. So they need help understanding what applies.

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
Select all that apply.

☒ Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations

- ☒ Partnership with schools
- ☐ Partnership with health institutions
- ☒ Variety of venues to hold community meetings
- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

The city has a very low-income population and that put them more at a disadvantage on the residents than housing needs. There is little economic growth here for job opportunities and sustainability, so it is hard to save and purchase a home. Even though there is assistance programs and homes available.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

The City has partnered with Self-Help enterprises for many years to provide First time home buyers loans and grants as well as rehabilitation loans for housing rehab. The community needs to be able to understand the community program and process more and what is required and why things are required. As much information as the city has provided the residences. One of the main things comes to cost, loans and eligibility.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐



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Jurisdiction Information

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Preparer Name and	Kao Nou Yang, Director of Community & Economic
Email:	kyang@cityofavenal.us
Phone:	(559) 386-5776

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☐ NO ☐

If yes, please provide website link here: _____

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2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	Adopted 03-22-2018
Website link:	https://www.cityofavenal.com/370/General-Plan

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☒ IN PROCESS ☐

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- ☐ Throughout the General Plan
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Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

Within the City, the majority demographic is approximately 87% Hispanic or Latino. There is no demographic trends or segregation housing patterns presented.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	N/A
b. Patterns of community opposition	N/A
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	Most homes are rentals or rehabbed homes from renters.
d. Major private investments	N/A

e. Municipal or State services and amenities	N/A
f. Foreclosure patterns	N/A
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	
b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Support or opposition from public officials	
d. Discrimination in the housing market	N/A
e. Lack of fair housing education	The City of Avenal is a low income and disadvantaged community. Most residents are not homeowners due to some housing and income discrepancies. Some make just about enough to miss the threshold of First-Time home buyers or does not make enough to even apply for the Program
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	Most residents are not understanding all the information needed or given for housing. So they need help understanding what applies.

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
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- ☐ Partnership with health institutions
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- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

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Jurisdiction:	City of Corcoran
Preparer Name and	Kevin J. Tromborg: Com/Dev Director
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Phone:	(559) 992-2151 ext. 2110

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

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2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	March 19, 2007
Website link:	Cityofcorcoran.com

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☐ IN PROCESS ☒

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

- ☐ An environmental justice chapter or element
☐ Throughout the General Plan
☒ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

Corcoran is a disadvantaged community. The bulk of our housing sub-division and Multifamily projects in the past 20 years have been low income. The new housing and Multi family housing have not been segregated by income or cultural demographics.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	Our Land Use and zoning regulations to not impact these issues.

b. Patterns of community opposition	N/A
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	This is a concern considering our disadvantaged community
d. Major private investments	N/A
e. Municipal or State services and amenities	Because Corcoran is 16 miles from another City, this has been an issue
f. Foreclosure patterns	No apparent impact
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	No apparent impact
b. Patterns of community opposition	N/A
c. Support or opposition from public officials	This has not been an issue.
d. Discrimination in the housing market	N/A
e. Lack of fair housing education	This could have an impact
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
Select all that apply.

- ☒ Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations
- ☒ Partnership with schools
- ☒ Partnership with health institutions
- ☒ Variety of venues to hold community meetings
- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

We are not aware of any issues regarding segregation and Fair Housing however, the steps the City of Corcoran takes are our General Plan, our zoning code, the California Health and Safety Code, The Ca. Building Codes of regulation and the City of Corcoran's Mission Statement.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

We have not taken specific steps, however we follow state and federal regulations regarding these issues.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒



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Jurisdiction Information

Jurisdiction:	City of Hanford
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Phone:	559-585-4764

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☒ NO ☐

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2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	April 24, 2017
Website link:	cityofhumboldt.ca.com/departments/community-development/planning

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

- division/
general plan

YES ☒ NO ☐ IN PROCESS ☐

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

- ☒ An environmental justice chapter or element (in the health safety & noise element)
- ☐ Throughout the General Plan
- ☐ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

The city recently contracted with CSET to offer fair housing education to; a) the community b) landlord training

- provide training to City staff/elected regarding fair housing issues
- reasonable accommodation resources ADIT & current events.
- provide one-to-one education sessions for Humboldt residents monthly

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

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Select all that apply.

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- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

The city offers a down payment assistance program and housing rehab program.
• offered rental assistance during COVID.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	
d. Major private investments	
e. Municipal or State services and amenities	
f. Foreclosure patterns	N/A
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	
b. Patterns of community opposition	
c. Support or opposition from public officials	
d. Discrimination in the housing market	
e. Lack of fair housing education	lack of agencies to offer services
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	lack of housing resources to offer fair housing education

Section 6

CONCLUSIONS, IMPEDIMENTS AND ACTIONS

The earlier sections of this AI identify common problems and potential barriers to fair housing in the City of Hanford. This section builds on the previous analysis, summarizes conclusions and outlines the City's commitment to actions for addressing the impediments to fair housing. Certain households and individuals may be more susceptible to discrimination due to special circumstances, needs or personal attributes.

Conclusions and Impediments

The following is a list of key conclusions and potential impediments that may exist in the City of Hanford.

Housing Affordability

Cost Burden

HUD defines a housing cost burden as greater than 30% of a household's income being spent on housing. The cost of housing and overall affordability is by far the most common housing problem, with greater than 12,190 of all households in Hanford experiencing a cost burden greater than 30% , and 12,620 with a cost burden greater than 50%. High housing costs can cause households to spend a disproportionate percentage of their income on housing. This may result in repayment problems, deferred maintenance or overcrowding.

- Lived here my whole life, I know many locals, Housing Discrimination has never been an issue in Hanford.
 - Property pros had a two-bedroom apartment for rent and they said it was still available and when they learned I had a 2 month old baby they said they couldn't rent it to me
7. What can be done to prevent housing discrimination in Hanford?
- I don't know
 - Not funding this city project, it's near guaranteed to be mismanaged by local government and not used for its intended purpose. Hanford is actively decentralizing and promoting a (sub)urban sprawl while ranking #1 on Bloomberg's "Brain Drain" list in the entire United States, meaning that there's less work/opportunity for education/educated residents. A very bad ranking for a small town. Being a part of Hanford's teenage/youth population, the city needs to focus instead on developing the city center by taking away restrictive zoning laws, promoting small businesses (economic opportunity for all residents) and a mixed-use residential/commercial downtown. Sadly, I see no future growth/opportunity here in my hometown and will move away as soon as I graduate to a university. After following the politics for years, the city government favors large box-stores and food chains, causing many small-businesses to shut down. The growing lack of business, tech, or other unique local opportunities affects all residents of all races/gender/sexuality and will only further economically divide these groups. I love my hometown. Focusing on issues like "Housing Discrimination" distracts from the real underlying issues (that also contribute to any displacement) caused by local government.

Cost burden by Race / Ethnicity

When comparing cost burden by race/ethnicity, 21% of all Hispanic households experienced severe housing cost burden (more than 50% paid for housing), which is the highest amongst other racial/ethnic groups in the City. Hispanics also have the highest rate of cost burden (21%) in the Region (Hanford-Corcoran, CA).

A disproportionately greater need exists when the members of racial or ethnic group at a given income level experience a housing cost burden at a greater rate (10 percentage points or more) than the income level as a whole.

When comparing the jurisdiction as a whole, 17% of Hanford's population paid 30-50% of their income on housing, and 15% of the population paid more than 50%. However, there were no racial or ethnic group that experienced a disproportionately greater housing cost burden. Hispanics had the highest percentage of its population paying more than 30% (8 percent) and more than 50% (7 percent) of their income on housing costs. Whites had the second highest percentage of households with a cost burden, at 7% paying more than 30 percent and 8% paying more than 6 percentage of their income on housing.

Fair Housing Survey

- 58 percent of respondents believed they or someone they knew encountered discrimination through "refusing, discouraging, or charging more to rent an apartment or buy a home." This was followed by 18.8 percent of respondents who believed that they or someone they knew encountered housing discrimination through "steering a person to another apartment, complex or neighborhood."
- 33.3 percent of respondents believe they are not well informed on housing discrimination issues.
- 56.4 percent of Hanford respondents would report it if they encountered housing discrimination. Only 7.7 percent of respondents said they would ignore it if they encountered housing discrimination.
- 35.6 percent, do not know who to report housing discrimination to. This was followed by 34.2 percent of respondents who would report it to the City of Hanford, while 30.1 percent would report it to the Housing Authority.

Actions

The proposed actions to address the impediments to fair housing choice are organized by type.

Reduce Housing Cost Burden

Action 1.1 The City will continue to explore the development and rehabilitation of affordable housing opportunities with its local non-profit and for-profit developers, as well as employers. Local partners include, but are not limited to the following:

- Housing Authority of Kings County
- California Department of Housing and Community Development

Action 1.2 The City of Hanford will continue to research and apply for private and public funding to support affordable homeownership programs.

Action 1.3: The City of Hanford will continue to adapt the homebuyer program to match current market conditions thus assuring the most efficient use of available funding.

Action 1.4 The City of Hanford will continue to fund its Emergency Repair Program which is designed to provide financial assistance for those emergency repairs that pose an immediate threat to ones health and safety.

Time Frame: *Ongoing*

Promoting fair housing education and enforcement

Action 2.1 : The City of Hanford will continue to support efforts to educate tenants, and owners and agents of rental properties regarding their fair housing rights and responsibilities.

Action 2.2: The City of Hanford will continue to support local advocate agencies and community stakeholders in efforts to disseminate fair housing information to people within the community.



City Hanford

Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice

Time Frame: *Ongoing*

_____, hereby certify that this Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice for the City of Hanford represents the City's conclusions about impediments to fair housing choice, as well as actions necessary to address any identified impediments.

City Administrator _____
City of Hanford

Date _____

Jurisdiction Information

Jurisdiction:	Kings County
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Phone:	559-852-2674

Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, please provide website link here: _____

2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	December 8, 2020
Website link:	https://www.countyofkings.com/departments/community-

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☒ IN PROCESS ☐

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

- ☐ An environmental justice chapter or element
☐ Throughout the General Plan
☐ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

In the past 10 years housing has continued to develop mostly within the unincorporated community of Armona. Armona is the only area of Kings County that has had a residential subdivision building homes. Kings County has not received any complaints or reports showing any discrimination due to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, familial status nor disability.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
b. Patterns of community opposition	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
d. Major private investments	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
e. Municipal or State services and amenities	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
f. Foreclosure patterns	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.
g. Other	No issues of segregated housing patterns or racially or ethnically concentrated areas of poverty have been reported within the last 10 years.

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
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a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.
b. Patterns of community opposition	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.
c. Support or opposition from public officials	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.
d. Discrimination in the housing market	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.
e. Lack of fair housing education	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	No issues of been reported within the last 10 years.

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
Select all that apply.

- ☒ Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations
- ☒ Partnership with schools
- ☐ Partnership with health institutions
- ☒ Variety of venues to hold community meetings
- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☐ Other: _____

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

Broad community outreach to obtain input from all when creating new land use laws has worked well to ensure that everyone is included in planning for equal housing opportunity in Kings County.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

Broad community outreach to obtain input from all when creating new land use laws has worked well to ensure that everyone is included in planning for equal housing opportunity in Kings County which does not displace individuals.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☐



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Affirmatively Furthering Fair Housing (AFFH) Survey

KCAG is required to consider information related to affirmatively further fair housing¹ (AFFH) as part of the development of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) Plan. Information related to AFFH may be obtained from local analysis for housing choice, housing elements, and other sources.

INSTRUCTIONS: This survey has four sections: 1) Jurisdiction information; 2) Data Sources; 3) Fair Housing Issues; and, 4) Fair Housing Strategies and Actions. Using your jurisdiction's Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice, Assessment of Fair Housing, and/or local housing element, please answer the questions below about local issues, strategies and actions regarding AFFH.

In addition, for any questions or sections needing additional space or if you are providing supplemental document, please make sure to check the box that you have attached any supplemental documents.

Responses to this survey and supplemental documents should be submitted by **March 30, 2022** to Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us. Questions regarding this survey may be directed to John Douglas at John@JHDPlanning.net. *Thank you!*

Jurisdiction Information

Jurisdiction:	City of Lemoore
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Data Sources

1. Does your jurisdiction have an Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Choice or an Assessment of Fair Housing due to U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirements?

YES ☐ NO ☒

If yes, please provide website link here: _____

¹ Per Government Code 65584(e), affirmatively furthering fair housing is defined as "taking meaningful actions, in addition to combating discrimination, that overcome patterns of segregation and foster inclusive communities free from barriers that restrict access to opportunity based on protected characteristics. Specifically, affirmatively furthering fair housing means taking meaningful actions that, taken together, address significant disparities in housing needs and in access to opportunity, replacing segregated living patterns with truly integrated and balanced living patterns, transforming racially and ethnically concentrated areas of poverty into areas of opportunity, and fostering and maintaining compliance with civil rights and fair housing laws."

2. When did your jurisdiction last update the General Plan?

Date:	May 8, 2008
Website link:	https://lemoore.com/communitydevelopment/general-plan/

3. Does your General Plan have an environmental justice/social equity chapter or integrate environmental justice/social equity, per SB 1000?

YES ☐ NO ☒ IN PROCESS ☐

If you answered yes or in process above, how does your General Plan integrate or plan to integrate environmental justice? *Select one below.*

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- ☐ Both

Fair Housing Issues

4. Describe demographic trends and segregated housing patterns in your jurisdiction over the past 10 years. Do any groups experience disproportionate housing needs? *If additional space is needed, please attach a supplemental document.*

No specific data.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒

5. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following factors impacted your jurisdiction in contributing to segregated housing patterns or racially- or ethnically-concentrated areas of poverty?

Factor	Description of Impact
a. Land use and zoning laws, such as minimum lot sizes, limits on multi-unit properties, height limits, or minimum occupancy restrictions	No housing projects denied or reduced in size due to zoning laws.

b. Patterns of community opposition	No
c. Economic pressures, such as increased rents or land and development costs	No specific data.
d. Major private investments	Most housing is privately funded.
e. Municipal or State services and amenities	No
f. Foreclosure patterns	Not that we are aware of.
g. Other	

6. In the last 10 years, to what extent have the following acted as determinants for fair housing and compliance issues in your jurisdiction?

Determinant	Description of Extent of Determinant
a. Unresolved violations of fair housing or civil rights laws	None that we are aware of.
b. Patterns of community opposition	None
c. Support or opposition from public officials	None
d. Discrimination in the housing market	None that we are aware of.
e. Lack of fair housing education	No
f. Lack of resources for fair housing agencies and organizations	No

Fair Housing Strategies and Actions

7. What are your public outreach strategies to reach disadvantaged communities?
Select all that apply.

- ☐ Partnership with advocacy/non-profit organizations
- ☐ Partnership with schools
- ☐ Partnership with health institutions
- ☐ Variety of venues to hold community meetings
- ☐ Door-to-door interaction
- ☐ Increased mobile phone app engagement
- ☒ Other: Self Help Enterprises and Kings County Housing Authority

8. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to overcome historical patterns of segregation or remove barriers to equal housing opportunity?

A mixture of housing with different income levels in neighborhoods.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒

9. What steps has your jurisdiction undertaken to avoid, minimize, or mitigate the displacement of lower-income households?

No lower-income housing projects denied due to zoning laws.
28 unit senior affordable apartment complex approved in 2018 and certificate of occupancy issued in 2021.
Notice of Availability/Offer to Sell Surplus Property for affordable housing project (Gov Code Section 54222) published with HCD in January of 2022.

If supplemental document provided, is it attached? YES ☐ NO ☒



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APPENDIX I

PUBLIC NOTICES



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**KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
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REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Commission will hold a public hearing to receive comments regarding the preliminary methodology for the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) within Kings County for the 2023-2032 period.

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KCAG has prepared a Preliminary Draft RHNA Methodology, which is available for review at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at: <https://www.kingscog.org/housing>

The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** at the City of Hanford, City Council Chambers located in the Civic Auditorium located at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford. Members of the public who wish to participate in this meeting can do so in one of the following three ways: (1) by attending the meeting in person, (2) by submitting written comments on any matter within the KCAG Commission's subject matter jurisdiction, regardless of whether it is on the agenda for KCAG Commission consideration or action and those written comments will be entered into the administrative record of the meeting, or (3) remotely via Zoom.

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Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 65584 et seq. KCAG must prepare a RHNA Plan identifying the number of additional housing units needed during the 2023-2032 period in the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore and the unincorporated portions of Kings County.

On January 11, 2022 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued its determination that a minimum of 9,429 additional housing units are needed in the Kings County region during the period June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032. KCAG is required to prepare a methodology and adopt a plan for allocating this regional housing need among the region's jurisdictions consistent with objectives and procedures set forth in State law.

KCAG prepared a Draft RHNA Methodology, which was reviewed by the KCAG Commission at a public hearing on July 27, 2022 and submitted to HCD for review. On September 21, 2022 HCD issued a letter finding that the Draft KCAG RHNA Methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d).

Pursuant to Government Code 65584.04(k) the KCAG Commission hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt the Final RHNA Methodology consistent with the Draft Methodology as reviewed by HCD. The proposed Final RHNA Methodology and related materials are available for review at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at: <https://www.kingscog.org/housing>

The KCAG Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments from any interested parties prior to taking action on this item. The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Hanford City Council Chambers located in the Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA. Interested parties who wish to participate in this meeting can do so in one of the following three ways: (1) by attending the meeting in person, (2) by submitting written comments prior to the meeting, or (3) remotely via Zoom.

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REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION METHODOLOGY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) Commission will hold a public hearing to receive public comments and consider final approval of methodology to be used in the Kings County Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Plan for the 2023-2032 period. Pursuant to California Government Code Sec. 65584 et seq. KCAG must prepare a RHNA Plan identifying the number of additional housing units needed during the 2023-2032 period in the cities of Avenal, Corcoran, Hanford and Lemoore and the unincorporated portions of Kings County. On January 11, 2022 the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) issued its determination that a minimum of 9,429 additional housing units are needed in the Kings County region during the period June 30, 2023 through January 31, 2032. KCAG is required to prepare a methodology and adopt a plan for allocating this regional housing need among the regions jurisdictions consistent with objectives and procedures set forth in State law. KCAG prepared a Draft RHNA Methodology, which was reviewed by the KCAG Commission at a public hearing on July 27, 2022 and submitted to HCD for review. On September 21, 2022 HCD issued a letter finding that the Draft KCAG RHNA Methodology furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584(d). Pursuant to Government Code 65584.04(k) the KCAG Commission hereby provides notice of its intent to adopt the Final RHNA Methodology consistent with the Draft Methodology as reviewed by HCD. The proposed Final RHNA Methodology and related materials are available for review on KCAGs website at: <https://www.kingscog.org/housing> The KCAG Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments from any interested parties prior to taking action on this item. The public hearing will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. at the Hanford City Council Chambers located in the Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA. Interested parties who wish to participate in this meeting can do so in one of the following three ways: (1) by attending the meeting in person, (2) by submitting written comments prior to the meeting, or (3) remotely via Zoom. Parties who wish to participate in the meeting electronically can do so via Zoom Call in Number 1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID 599-973-9795 and Participant Code 93245, as noted on the meeting agenda. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received at the KCAG office no later than 1:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the noticed meeting. Written comments by email should be sent to Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us. To submit such comments by U.S. Mail, please forward them to Terri King, Executive Director, KCAG, 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA 93245.

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Pursuant to Government Code 65584.05(g) the KCAG Commission hereby provides notice of intent to consider adoption of the Final RHNA Plan, which is available for review at the KCAG office located at 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA and on KCAG's website at: <https://www.kingscog.org/housing>

The KCAG Commission will conduct a public hearing to receive comments from any interested parties prior to taking action on this item. The public hearing will be held on **Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.** at the Hanford City Council Chambers located in the Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA. Interested parties who wish to participate in this meeting can do so in one of the following three ways: (1) by attending the meeting in person, (2) by submitting written comments prior to the meeting, or (3) remotely via Zoom. Parties who wish to participate in the meeting electronically can do so via Zoom Call in Number 1-669-900-6833, Meeting ID 599-973-9795 and Participant Code 93245, as noted on the meeting agenda. To submit written comments by U.S. Mail or email for inclusion in the meeting record, they must be received at the KCAG office no later than 1:00 p.m. on the afternoon of the noticed meeting. Written comments by email should be sent to Terri.King@co.kings.ca.us. Comments by U.S. Mail should be sent to KCAG, 339 W. D Street, Suite B, Lemoore, CA 93245.

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