

California's Housing Future 2040: The Next Regional Housing Needs Allocation

CTC/CARB/HCD Joint Meeting 4/6/23

Stakeholder Engagement Plan

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Background

- Important improvements made to RHNA in the 6th cycle
- Building off the accomplishments of RHNA in the 6th cycle, AB 101 (2019) directs HCD, in collaboration with OPR and after engaging in stakeholder participation, to develop recommendations related to the RHNA process and methodology that promote and streamline housing development and substantially address California's housing shortage.
- HCD is required to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the legislature by December 31, 2023



Timeline & Next Steps

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 - March May 2023: Stakeholder Engagement Period
 - Survey, Technical Experts Sounding Board, 1:1 Listening sessions with state agencies, & more
 - July 1, 2023: HCD Progress Update to the Legislature
 - Dec 31, 2023: Final Recommendation Report Due to the Legislature
- Helpful Resources
 - Survey: https://arcg.is/1rme0j
 - RHNA webpage: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/regional-housing-needs-allocation
 - Inbox: CAHousingFuture2040@hcd.ca.gov



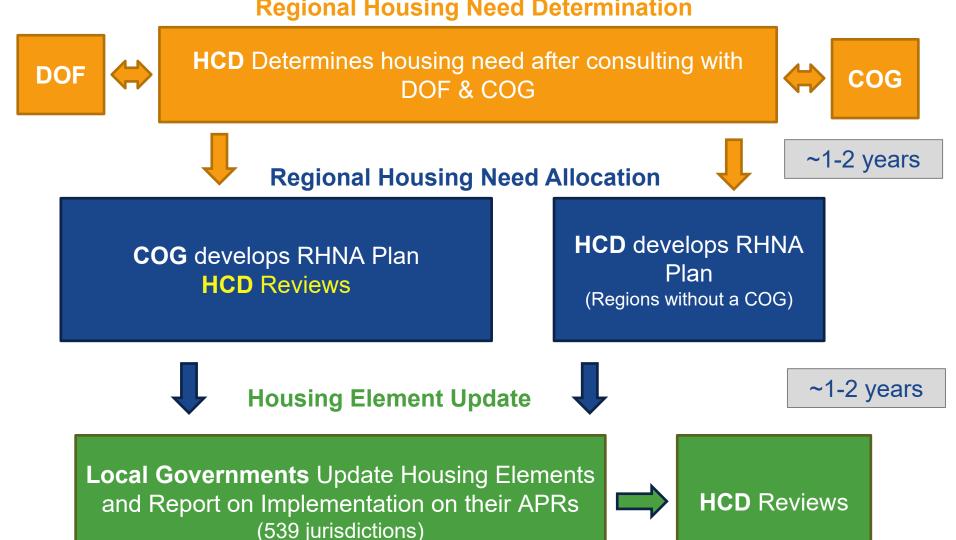
What is RHNA & How Does it Help Achieve the State's Climate Goals?

Understanding RHNA

- The RHNA process refers to the first two steps (Determination and Allocation) in a multi-step process for how California plans for housing needs in each region of the state.
 - The creation of the big number for each region (Determination), and how that big number is distributed to cities and counties (Allocation)
- RHNA is
 - A quantification of housing needs for a region, based on population growth and other factors
 - A planning requirement implemented by updating the housing element
- RHNA is not
 - A prediction of building permit, construction, or housing activity
 - A ceiling of potential housing market demand or production
 - Limited due to existing land use capacity or growth (rezoning is often necessary to accommodate RHNA)

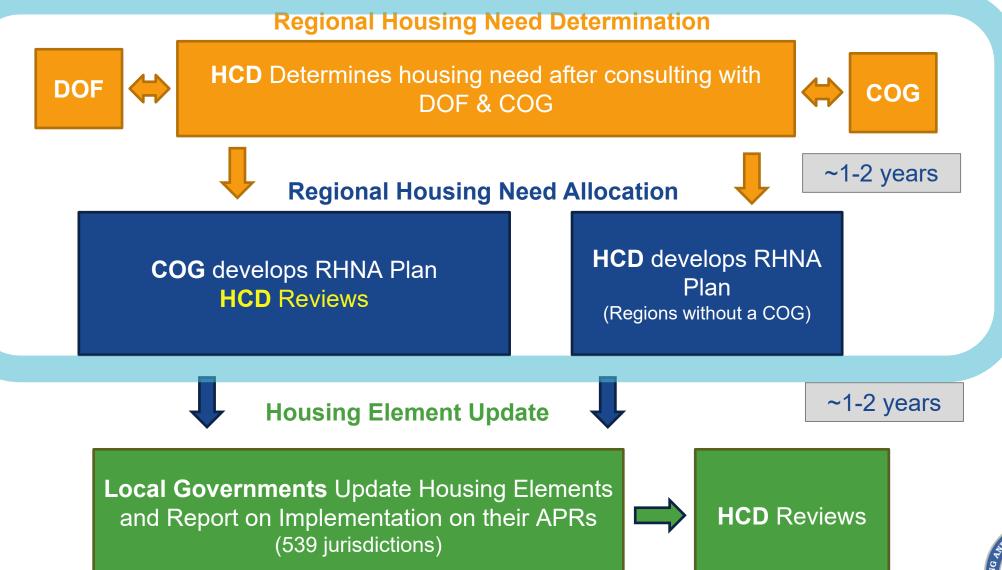
Regional Housing Need Process

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RHNA's Focus on Climate Change

- In the 6th cycle, the RHNA objectives & methodologies prioritized infill development, transit-supportive densities, building housing closer to jobs, mixed-income communities, and equitable access to opportunity
- Changing land use patterns to meet housing, economic, and climate goals is at the center of RHNA
 - All of these changes to land use patterns through the RHNA planning process reduce Vehicle Miles Travelled
 - Potential for improved RHNA & RTP/SCS alignment



Questions for Discussion

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- Given the overview of RHNA today:
 - What currently works well in the RHNA & SCS processes?
 - What are some things you would like the state to explore going forward?
- A lack of housing, especially affordable housing near jobs, resources, or transit has been identified as a key contributor to excess vehicle travel. How can CARB, CTC, and HCD align our efforts related to regional planning, including RHNA and the RTP/SCS process, to best promote shared goals of affirmatively furthering fair housing, efficiently promoting convenient access to opportunity, and meeting climate goals?

Thank you!

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