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**Subject:** Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology Concepts

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**Executive Summary**

The Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) is a state mandate that requires each community to plan for its share of the state's housing need, for people at all income levels. The most recent RHNA covers the seven-year period from 2007-2014. It is ABAG's responsibility to distribute this need to local governments. With the passage of SB 375, ABAG and MTC must identify areas within the region sufficient to house an eight-year projection of the regional housing need for all income groups. Additionally, the housing allocation plan must allocate housing units within the region *consistent with* the development pattern included in the Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS).

Staff will provide an update on the work done by ABAG and MTC staff, with the assistance of the SCS Housing Methodology Committee (HMC), to develop the RHNA methodology for the 2015-2022 period. Since January 2011, members of the HMC have been discussing and refining the conceptual framework for allocating a portion of the region's total housing need to each jurisdiction in the region. The HMC has reached consensus about most of the major components of the methodology, however, there are still areas where discussion is ongoing.

Staff will present an overview of the proposed methodology framework as well as a summary of the HMC's discussion to date. The HMC will meet on September 8 to continue refining the details of the RHNA methodology. Staff will provide an update from the HMC to the Executive Board at the meeting.

**Recommended Action**

None.

**Next Steps**

None.

**Attachments:** Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology Concepts