



MEETING NOTES

KCAG RHNA Advisory Committee Monday, February 28, 2022 Via Zoom

Participants Present

Terri King, KCAG
Joe Cosgrove, KCAG
Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Specialist, HCD
Tawny Macedo, Fair Housing Manager, HCD
Annelise Osteberg, Senior Specialist, HCD
Kevan Roflness, Housing Policy Specialist, HCD
Chuck Kinney, County of Kings, Kings County Development Agency
Kao Yang, Community Development Director, City of Avenal
Kevin Tromborg, City of Corcoran, Community Development
Sandra Lerma, City of Hanford
Kristie Baley, City of Lemoore, Community Development
Mary Beatie, City of Hanford, Community Development
John Douglas, JHD Planning, LLC
George Buell, Civic Solutions
Edith Medina, Civic Solutions

I. INTRODUCTIONS

Terri King and Joe Cosgrove welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the KCAG RHNA Committee and introduced the consultant team from Civic Solutions that was selected to assist KCAG with the 6th cycle RHNA process.

George Buell, Edith Medina and John Douglas from the consultant team introduced themselves. John assisted Kings County jurisdictions with their previous two Housing Element updates and will serve as the primary contact for the consultant team.

Attendees also introduced themselves.

II. OVERVIEW

John Douglas gave a slide presentation with an overview of the 3-step RHNA process established in State housing law:

- The first step is the assignment of a Countywide RHNA Allocation by HCD, which has been completed. The total housing need assigned to KCAG is 9,429 housing units for 6th RHNA planning cycle.
- The second step is preparing the RHNA allocation plan, which assigns a portion of the total housing need for the KCAG region to each of the 5 jurisdictions. There are detailed statutory requirements that guide the development of RHNA plan, including "RHNA planning factors." KCAG must conduct a survey of the member jurisdictions regarding the planning factors and consider the responses in development the RHNA methodology. Public participation is also a key requirement of the RHNA plan, which includes KCAG member jurisdictions and other stakeholders with an interest or

- expertise in housing issues. A major new requirement for this RHNA cycle is affirmatively furthering fair housing (AFFH).
- The third major step in the RHNA process is for each jurisdiction to update its Housing Element. The RHNA allocations are a key component of the Housing Element update process, and the Housing Element must demonstrate that there are adequate sites with appropriate zoning to fully accommodate the RHNA allocation at each income level.

Preparation of the RHNA Allocation Plan will entail:

- Compilation and analysis of housing and demographic data, which includes surveys completed by the member jurisdictions.
- Coordination with the RTP/SCS, especially the growth forecast.
- Public engagement and hearings.
- RHNA methodology - analysis of what factors and relative weights should be considered in assigning housing allocations among the jurisdictions and the distribution of housing units to the four income categories specified RHNA.
- Public review, HCD review, appeals (if necessary), RHNA plan adoption, and HCD review.

III. Next Steps

- The overall schedule was reviewed with the preliminary methodology and allocations to be developed by Summer 2022.
- It was agreed that Committee meetings should be scheduled immediately following the monthly KCAG TAC meetings.
- The Committee discussed the approach for identifying RHNA stakeholders.
 - Self Help Enterprises and the Kings County Homelessness Collaborative should be invited to participate
 - Member jurisdictions will be polled to help develop this list.
- Surveys will be distributed to the member jurisdictions and the consultant team will assist as needed.
- Tom Brinkhuis noted that HCD will review KCAG's RHNA process to ensure that it meets the statutory objectives. He noted that a long list of factors is mentioned in the statute but HCD is not expecting that all factors will be incorporated in the methodology.
- John Douglas noted that an example of a unique factor for Kings County is Lemoore Naval Air station.
- Terri King noted that survey responses and correspondence should be sent to her directly.
- Terri King announced that the next Committee meeting will immediately follow the March 9th TAC meeting
- John Douglas noted that the next meeting should be fairly short and provide opportunities to answer questions regarding the jurisdiction surveys.