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# SPECIAL MEETING

**Agenda:** KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS COMMISSION

**Place:** In-Person

City of Hanford, City Council Chambers  
Civic Auditorium  
400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230

**Other Locations:**

City of Avenal  
Avenal City Hall  
919 Skyline Blvd., Avenal, California

City of Corcoran  
Corcoran City Hall  
832 Whitley Ave., Corcoran, California

**Zoom Meeting**

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Phone only: 1-669-900-6833

**Time:** 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2022

**KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TEMPORARY PUBLIC MEETING PROTOCOL**

KCAG hereby provides notice that effective April 1, 2022 it will return to in-person and public meetings. However, due to the renovation of the Kings County Board of Supervisors Chambers, the location and time of the Commission's regular monthly meetings has changed. Until further notice and the completion of the renovation of the Board of Supervisors Chambers, KCAG will be holding special meetings on a monthly basis at the City of Hanford, City Council Chambers located at the Civic Auditorium located at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, California 93230

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**Commission Members**

Commissioner Joe Neves, Chair  
Commissioner Sid Palmerin, Vice Chair  
Commissioner Kalish Morrow  
Commissioner David Orth  
Commissioner Alvaro Preciado  
Commissioner Doug Verboon

Supervisor, County of Kings  
Councilmember, City of Corcoran  
Councilmember, City of Hanford  
Councilmember, City of Lemoore  
Councilmember, City of Avenal  
Supervisor, County of Kings

**ITEM**

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**ACTION**

**I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER - Chairman**

**A. Roll Call**

**B. Unscheduled Appearances**

Any person may address the Commission on any subject matter within the jurisdiction or responsibility of the Commission at the beginning of the meeting; or may elect to address the Commission on any agenda item at the time the item is called by the Chair, but before the matter is acted upon by the Commission. Unscheduled comments will be limited to three minutes.

**C. Minutes**

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**II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

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**C. Correspondence**

**D. Staff Comments**

**E. Commissioner Comments**

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| 1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on July 27, 2022   | -                  | Action                        |
| 2. Preliminary Draft 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation Methodology  | 9-12<br>Attachment | Information<br>Public Hearing |
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**B. Adjourn to Closed Session**

1. Closed Session for the Discussion of the Following:
  - a. Performance Review – Executive Director  
Public employee performance evaluation review, pursuant to subdivision (b)(1) of Government Code section 54957
  - b. Conference with Labor Negotiator: [Govt. Code Section 54957.6]  
KCAG Negotiator: Kris B. Pedersen, General Legal Counsel  
Executive Director

**C. Adjourn Closed Session / Reconvene Open Session**

Public report of action taken in closed session, pursuant Government Code section 54957.1

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

**B. Staff Comments**

**C. Commissioner Comments**

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for August 10, 2022**



# MINUTES

## I. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Kings County Association of Governments (KCAG) was called to order by Joe Neves, Chairperson, at 3:05 p.m., on June 22, 2022, in the Hanford City Council Chambers, Civic Auditorium at 400 N. Douty Street, Hanford, CA and via Zoom Meeting.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Kalish Morrow, Joe Neves, David Orth, Sid Palmerin, Doug Verboon

CALTRANS REPRESENTATIVE: David Padilla via Zoom

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT: Alvaro Preciado

STAFF PRESENT: Terri King, Joel Gandarilla, Luiz Ledezma, Kayley Clay, Teresa Nickell

KCAG COUNSEL PRESENT: Kris Pedersen

VISITORS PRESENT: Heather Corder, Cynthia Baruch via zoom, Dominic Tyburski via zoom

### A. Roll Call

Joel Gandarilla conducted roll call. A quorum was present.

### B. Unscheduled Appearances

None.

### C. Minutes

#### 1. Minutes of May 25, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Neves) to approve the Minutes of the May 25, 2022 meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Neves, Padilla, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado  
Abstain: Morrow, Orth, Palmerin

**II. KCAG TRANSPORTATION POLICY COMMITTEE**

**A. General Transportation Items**

**1. FY 2022-23 Transportation Development Act Resolutions**

Teresa Nickell stated that the Social Services Transportation Advisory Council (SSTAC) presented its recommendation to the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee concerning potential unmet transit needs in Kings County for FY 2022-23. The City of Corcoran, the Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and KCAG have held separate public hearings for public testimony regarding unmet transit needs as required by the California Transportation Development Act (TDA). She reviewed the five requests to KCAPTA that were received during the public hearing process for Kings County. KCAG staff concurs with the recommendation letter by the SSTAC to the KCAG TPC with the finding that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kings County.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to adopt Resolution No. 22-07 approving the determination that there are no unmet transit needs that are reasonable to meet within Kings County. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Verboon) to adopt Resolution No. 22-08 approving the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 Local Transportation Fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to adopt Resolution No. 22-09 approving the apportionment and allocation of the FY 2022-23 State Transit Assistance fund. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

**2. Final Triennial Performance Audit Reports**

Teresa Nickell stated that every three years KCAG, as the regional transportation planning agency, is required to have a performance audit of its activities and the activities of each public transit operator that receives funds under Article 4 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA). KCAG selected the firm Moore & Associates to conduct the audits for KCAG, Kings County Area Public Transit Agency (KCAPTA), and City of Corcoran for the triennial audit period of FY 2018-through 2020-21. The draft Triennial Performance Audits were presented last month and the final audit reports have been received.

A motion was made and seconded (Palmerin / Verboon) to accept the final Triennial Performance Audit reports for KCAG, KCAPTA, and City of Corcoran for submittal to Caltrans. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

3. 2022 Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy Update

Terri King stated that every four years KCAG is required to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and that California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) requires that the 2022 RTP include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as an integrated element of the plan to explain how the region will meet the California Air Resources Board (ARB) established emission reduction targets for Greenhouse Gases (GHG) from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks. As for KCAG in this RTP/SCS cycle, the GHG emission reduction targets are 5% for 2020 and 13% for 2035. In the SCS, KCAG is required to identify the preferred scenario that reflects the region's best interest in future development and meets the GHG emission reduction targets. KCAG staff, working with local agencies, explored various strategies to not only contribute to reducing GHG emissions, but also are practical to be deployed in the highly rural setting of Kings County. The strategies are summarized into five categories: land use, mobility improvement, operational improvements, active transportation, public transit, and alternative fuel vehicles. The RTP/SCS public workshops series are aimed to foster the general public's better understanding of RTP/SCS and provide opportunities for them to be engaged in the integrated land use and transportation planning process, and to solicit feedback regarding the RTP/SCS scenarios.

Terri King stated that in order to facilitate the adoption and submittal of the 2022 RTP/SCS, Environmental Impact Report, 2022 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP), and corresponding Air Quality Conformity Analysis before the September 30, 2022, deadline, special meetings of the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee will need to be scheduled, and the recommended dates are August 10, 2022, and September 14, 2022.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Morrow) to schedule special meetings for the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on August 10, 2022, and September 14, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Padilla, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

**B. Caltrans Report**

David Padilla reported that Caltrans is in the process of nominating projects for the Reconnecting Communities grant funding opportunities and that for Kings County they are nominating the SR 198 and 9th Avenue interchange project. There is an additional Safe Streets and Roads grant program for local agencies. Letters of support may be requested from Caltrans. Regarding the Caltrans projects, the Kettleman City roundabout project is in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase with construction anticipated to start in 2024; the SR 41 Excelsior Expressway is in the design and right-of-way acquisition phase with construction to start in 2025; and there is a project on I-5 near the Kern and Kings County Line.

**C. Correspondence**

None.

**D. Staff Comments**

None.

**E. Commissioner Comments**

None.

**III. KCAG COMMISSION**

**A. General Commissioner Items**

1. Reaffirm all Actions Taken by the TPC on June 22, 2022

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to reaffirm all actions taken by the KCAG Transportation Policy Committee on June 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

2. Authorize Out of State Travel for San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC

Terri King reported that the San Joaquin Valley Voice Trip to Washington, DC will be in person this year and will take place September 19-22, 2022 with meetings on the 20th and 21st. At the KCAG Commission's May 25, 2022 meeting, approval for Commissioner Doug Verboon and the Executive Director, Terri King to participate in the 2022 trip on behalf of Kings County was provided.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to authorize out of state travel for the Executive Director to participate in the 2022 Valley Voice Washington D.C. trip on September 19-22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

3. Valleywide Meeting Agendas

Terri King summarized the topics for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Planning Agencies Policy Council meeting on Friday, June 24, 2022, and the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing meeting the say day.

4. Election of new Officers

Terri King opened the nominations for new officers. Commissioner Palmerin asked if the nomination had to take place on a yearly basis. The reply was that the KCAG Bylaws require yearly nominations.

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Palmerin) to nominate Joe Neves as Chair for the KCAG Commission, to close nominations, and elect as Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

A motion was made and seconded (Verboon / Orth) to nominate Sid Palmerin as Vice-chair for the KCAG Commission, to close nominations and elect as Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Morrow, Neves, Orth, Palmerin, Verboon  
Noes: None  
Absent: Preciado

**B. Closed Session**

The Closed session to discuss Performance Review – Executive Director was tabled for a later date.

**IV. MISCELLANEOUS**

**A. Correspondence**

None.

**B. Staff Comments**

Terri King announced the open recruitment to fill the vacant Fiscal Analyst position and outlined some of the items for next month's KCAG Commission meeting.

**C. Commissioner Comments**

Commissioner Morrow mentioned an email alert from the California League of Cities regarding a legislative bill of concern, AB 2237 (Friedman).

Commissioner Orth reported on the efforts to assist with the Little League Regional State tournament in Lemoore.

Commissioner Verboon stated that water has reached the Kings River and other waterways in our area for an eight to ten week run for the benefit of our community.

**V. ADJOURNMENT: Next meeting scheduled for June 27, 2022**

There being no further business before the Kings County Association of Governments Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

KINGS COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS

Terri King, Executive Director





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TO: KCAG Transportation Policy Committee  
FROM: Terri King, Executive Director  
DATE: July 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Finding

### Introduction

The Kings County Association of Governments, as the state recognized Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the Kings County Region, is required by Title 23 United States Code (USC) §134 to adopt a Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), based on the latest available information provided by Caltrans, each city, and the county, every four years.

California Senate Bill 375 (SB 375) requires that the 2022 RTP include a Sustainable Communities Strategy (SCS) as an integrated element of the plan to explain how the region will meet the California Air Resources Board (ARB) established emission reduction targets for Greenhouse Gases (GHG) from passenger vehicles and light duty trucks.

California Government Code §65080 et seq., the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), require the preparation of an accompanying environmental document that addresses the cumulative environmental impacts of the projects and programs contained in the RTP.

As the MPO for the Kings Region, KCAG is required to biennially adopt and maintain through amendments and modifications a Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) as part of the formal process of applying for federal funds from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and Federal Transit Administration (FTA). Projects requiring federal funding, a federal action, or projects that are considered regionally significant must be included in the FTIP.

As a MPO in a National Ambient Air Quality Standard Non-attainment region; the Clean Air Act Section 176(c) (42 U.S.C. 7506(c)) and U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) transportation conformity regulations (40 CFR 93 Subpart A), KCAG is also required to demonstrate conformity to the State Implementation Plan (SIP) before the RTP and TIP are approved by the MPO or accepted by the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT).

KCAG staff has prepared the required documents for 2022 as follows:

### Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan / Sustainable Communities Strategy

The RTP is the region's blueprint for future transportation improvements and investments based on specific transportation goals, objectives, and policies as defined by the community and its elected officials.

The RTP discusses major transportation issues of the San Joaquin Valley and the Kings County region including state highways, routes of regional significance, public transit, railroads, aviation facilities, non-motorized facilities, transportation systems management, and transportation control measures.

The Four Elements of the RTP are the:

The Policy Element, which describes the transportation issues and identifies the transportation needs of the region. It also identifies the policies developed by the region to meet the needs;

The Action Element identifies the short and long term activities that the region will implement to affect the policies and in turn meet the regional transportation needs; and

The Financial Element, which describes the current and anticipated revenue sources and the financial techniques that the region will employ to be able to implement the action element.

The Sustainable Communities Strategy demonstrates how the region will meet the greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets established by ARB through integrated land use/transportation planning, coupled with a series of off-model strategies. Four SCS scenarios were proposed and are being presented to the public through a comprehensive public outreach program to solicit public input. Each of the scenarios meet the GHG emission reduction targets to varying degrees utilizing various strategies.

The August 10th KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting will include a presentation on the four scenarios developed for the SCS and a preferred scenario will be selected at the August 24th KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

#### Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

California environmental law requires an environmental document prepared to accompany the development of the RTP. The environmental document must evaluate, on a program level, the potential impacts of the projects listed in the RTP. The environmental document prepared for the 2022 RTP is an Environmental Impact Report and will evaluate the RTP projects and their potential impacts on various environmental issues in Kings County.

#### The 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP)

The FTIP is a financially constrained multimodal transportation program developed by KCAG through its member agencies and in cooperation with State and Federal agencies. Serving as the incremental implementation mechanism for the long-range Regional Transportation Plan, the FTIP is composed of two major parts. The first is a priority list of projects and project phases to be carried out in each year of the four year period after the initial adoption of the FTIP. The second is a financial plan that demonstrates how the FTIP can be implemented. The financial plan is also required to indicate all public and private resources and financing techniques that are expected to be used to carry out the plan.

#### Air Quality Conformity Document

Kings County is part of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin, a non-attainment area for several emissions pollutants and fine particle dust. Each transportation project included in the RTP must be evaluated for its potential to exacerbate the air quality in the region. The Air Quality Conformity evaluates the projects through the use of air quality software developed by the California Air Resources Board. The projects in the RTP and FTIP must pass the air quality conformity limits (budgets) in order for the Kings County Region to continue to deliver projects.

## Public Review and Adoption

The requirement of a public review and comment period for different documents varies: 55 days are required for the RTP/SCS, 45 days for the EIR, and 30 days for the FTIP and the Air Quality Conformity document. To fulfill these requirements, the Draft 2022 RTP/SCS was released on July 7, 2022, and the EIR, FTIP and the Air Quality conformity documents was released on July 15, 2022.

Two public hearings are scheduled, one of which will take place at the August 10th KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting to consider comments on all documents and an additional public hearing will be conducted on August 24th to consider comments on the Draft 2022 SCS.

Presentations on the draft RTP/SCS were provided to each City Council and the Board of Supervisors. Three public workshops to present the Draft 2022 RTP and SCS scenarios to receive additional public comment and feedback on the preferred scenario were held on July 19th in Avenal, July 20th in Hanford, and a virtual workshop on July 21st.

The adoption of all the documents are scheduled for the September 14, 2022 KCAG Transportation Policy Committee meeting.

Copies of each document can be downloaded from the KCAG website at [www.kingscog.org](http://www.kingscog.org) and for specific documents at:

Draft 2022 RTP/SCS, EIR, Air Quality Conformity: [https://www.kingscog.org/2022rtp\\_update](https://www.kingscog.org/2022rtp_update)

Draft 2023 FTIP: [https://www.kingscog.org/2023\\_ftip](https://www.kingscog.org/2023_ftip)

## Recommendation

KCAG staff recommends that the Draft 2022 Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy, Environmental Impact Report, 2023 Federal Transportation Improvement Program, and Air Quality Conformity Finding be reviewed and comments provided before the closing dates.



**TO:** KCAG Commission  
**FROM:** Terri King, Executive Director  
**DATE:** July 27, 2022  
**SUBJECT:** Preliminary Draft 6<sup>th</sup> Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology

## OVERVIEW

Regional councils of governments such as KCAG play an essential role in addressing the housing needs of California families. Under State law, the framework for housing planning includes three major steps, which occur on eight-year cycles. In Kings County, KCAG has direct responsibility for the first two steps while cities and the County have responsibility for the third step in the process, as follows:

1. **Regional Housing Needs Determination:** Prior to each planning cycle, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) assigns KCAG a total regional housing need assessment (RHNA) determination for the next eight-year planning period, divided among four income categories. Kings County is currently in the planning process for the 6<sup>th</sup> cycle, in reference to the six RHNA periods since the comprehensive overhaul of State housing law in 1980. In January of this year HCD assigned KCAG a RHNA total of 9,429 units for the new planning period (Attachment 1). It is important to note that HCD's RHNA determination represents a planning target, not a development forecast or mandate for future housing construction. RHNA allocations are generally higher than the expected level development because a fundamental purpose of the RHNA is to ensure that ample opportunities for housing development are available.
2. **RHNA Plan:** After receiving the regional housing allocation from HCD, KCAG is responsible for developing a methodology for distributing the total housing need among the five KCAG member jurisdictions. State law requires that this methodology further specific objectives and consider a list of planning factors as discussed in the preliminary RHNA methodology. After opportunities for public review of the draft methodology, KCAG must adopt a RHNA Plan that allocates a share of the total countywide housing need to each of the five jurisdictions based on State law and HCD guidelines. Today's public hearing is one of the requirements of this second step of the process.
3. **Housing Element Updates:** After KCAG adopts the final RHNA Plan, each jurisdiction must then prepare a Housing Element update that demonstrates, among other things, how the jurisdiction can accommodate its RHNA allocation at each income level through a parcel-specific analysis of its land use plans and development regulations. As noted above, the RHNA allocations are planning targets, not development predictions or mandates, and jurisdictions must identify realistic opportunities for housing development commensurate with the RHNA allocations. If a jurisdiction cannot demonstrate the availability of sufficient parcels with appropriate zoning to accommodate the RHNA allocation, land use plans and regulations must be amended to provide adequate capacity.

Step 1 of the RHNA process concluded in January of this year when HCD issued the RHNA determination to KCAG (Attachment 1). In February, KCAG initiated Step 2 of the RHNA process, which included the formation of a RHNA Advisory Committee comprised of staff representatives from each of the five member jurisdictions. During the past several months KCAG staff and consultant team have

been working with the RHNA Advisory Committee to develop a draft methodology for allocating RHNA shares to member jurisdictions. Agendas and other materials from RHNA Advisory Committee meetings are posted on KCAG’s website at <https://www.kingscoq.org/index.asp?SEC=64842BF8-D8CD-46BC-ABBF-C6E5FCAEBF6F&DE=4F5153B8-160C-4073-A6B3-B046094E65E6&Type=B> BASIC.

**PRELIMINARY DRAFT RHNA METHODOLOGY**

Since February of this year KCAG staff and consultants have been coordinating closely with the RHNA Advisory Committee to prepare a preliminary methodology for allocating shares of the regional housing need to the five jurisdictions. The preliminary methodology has been guided by the requirements of State law, recommendations from HCD, data analysis, data provided by member jurisdictions, and discussions with the RHNA Committee. The major factors utilized in the preliminary draft methodology are the following:

- Projected housing and employment growth
- Housing vacancy rates
- Housing opportunity areas as determined by HCD and the Tax Credit Allocation Committee
- Current household income data

One of the important requirements of State law is that the RHNA Plan be consistent with the development pattern reflected in the Regional Transportation Plan and Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). The draft RHNA methodology furthers this requirement by using the same growth forecast as the 2022 RTP/SCS update that is currently in process.

At its meeting of July 13, 2022 the RHNA Advisory Committee reviewed the preliminary draft methodology and unanimously recommended that the Commission conduct a public hearing to receive public comments on the draft methodology as required by State law. On July 14, 2022 notice of the availability of the preliminary draft RHNA methodology and notice of the July 27, 2022 KCAG Commission public hearing was distributed by email to member agencies and KCAG’s list of RHNA stakeholders. The preliminary draft methodology document provides a detailed explanation of the legal requirements, proposed approach, reference materials, and opportunities for public involvement in the development of the RHNA methodology and is posted for public review on KCAG’s website at: <https://www.kingscoq.org/index.asp?SEC=64842BF8-D8CD-46BC-ABBF-C6E5FCAEBF6F&DE=4F5153B8-160C-4073-A6B3-B046094E65E6&Type=B> BASIC

The preliminary methodology results in the following RHNA allocations by income category for each jurisdiction:

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	1,370	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%	899	38.6%	2,329
Unincorporated	132	23.5%	89	15.9%	106	18.9%	234	41.8%	561
County total	2,257	23.9%	1,672	17.7%	1,753	18.6%	3,747	39.7%	9,429

Government Code Sec. 65584.04(d) requires KCAG to conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the draft RHNA methodology. Based upon comments received from member jurisdictions, HCD, and other stakeholders, KCAG may make revisions to the draft methodology as appropriate. At the time this report was prepared, no comments had been received regarding the preliminary draft methodology. KCAG staff recommends that the Commission conduct a public hearing, receive public testimony, and

provide direction to staff as described below. Staff will provide the Commission with any public comments received at or prior to the public hearing.

## NEXT STEPS

### HCD Review

Following this public hearing, the draft RHNA methodology must be submitted to HCD for a formal 60-day comment period. HCD has been provided with a copy of the preliminary draft RHNA methodology for informal review. HCD must then issue written findings regarding whether the draft methodology furthers the RHNA objectives set forth in Government Code Sec. 65584(d).

### KCAG Public Hearing to Consider Approval of the RHNA Methodology

After receiving HCD's findings, the KCAG Commission must conduct a second public hearing to receive public comments and consider final approval of the RHNA methodology. If the Commission approves the methodology, draft RHNA allocations based on the final methodology will then be distributed for public review and opportunity for appeals.

### Appeals

Within 45 days following publication of the draft RHNA allocations, any KCAG member jurisdiction or HCD may file an appeal to KCAG requesting a revision of the allocation to one or more jurisdictions. Appeals must be based upon comparable data available for all affected jurisdictions and accepted planning methodology, supported by adequate documentation, and include a statement as to why the revision is necessary to further the intent of the statutory RHNA objectives. An appeal must also be consistent with the development pattern in the RTP/SCS and shall be limited to any of the following circumstances:

- (1) The council of governments failed to adequately consider the information submitted pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 65584.04.
- (2) The council of governments failed to determine the share of the regional housing need in accordance with the approved RHNA methodology in a manner that furthers, and does not undermine, the intent of the statutory objectives.
- (3) A significant and unforeseen change in circumstances has occurred in the local jurisdiction or jurisdictions that merits a revision to the RHNA.

### Comments on Appeals (if necessary)

If any appeals are filed, they will be published on KCAG's RHNA website and a 45-day comment period will begin during which any KCAG jurisdiction or HCD may submit a comment on any appeal. If no appeals are filed, the draft allocation will be issued as the proposed Final RHNA Allocation Plan.

### Decision on Appeals (if necessary)

If any appeals are filed, the KCAG Commission must conduct a public hearing and determine whether to uphold or deny the appeals. If any appeal to reduce a jurisdiction's RHNA allocation is granted, the reduction in housing allocation must be reallocated to increase the allocation in other jurisdictions so that the regional total allocation is maintained.

Final RHNA Plan Adoption

Upon conclusion of any appeal proceedings, the Commission has final authority to approve the RHNA Plan.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

1. Conduct public hearing to receive comments on the preliminary draft RHNA methodology
2. Accept the preliminary RHNA methodology and direct staff to transmit the methodology to HCD for 60-day review; or

Direct staff to prepare a revised methodology based upon comments received, and submit to HCD for 60-day review

Attachments

1. HCD Final Regional Housing Need Determination letter of January 11, 2022
2. Preliminary Draft RHNA Methodology  
(posted at: [https://www.kingscoq.org/index.asp?SEC=64842BF8-D8CD-46BC-ABBF-C6E5FCAEBF6F&DE=4F5153B8-160C-4073-A6B3-B046094E65E6&Type=B\\_BASIC](https://www.kingscoq.org/index.asp?SEC=64842BF8-D8CD-46BC-ABBF-C6E5FCAEBF6F&DE=4F5153B8-160C-4073-A6B3-B046094E65E6&Type=B_BASIC))



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TO: KCAG Commission  
FROM: Teresa Nickell, KCAG Staff  
DATE: July 27, 2022

SUBJECT: Areawide Planning Review No. 22-01  
USDA Rural Development Housing Preservation Grant Program

## **Application**

Self-Help Enterprises is applying for a competitive grant in the amount of \$200,000. The applicant will provide \$10,000,000 from State funding and \$121,500 from program income in addition to the requested grant.

## **Scope of the Project**

The grant applicant is requesting funding from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to be used for housing rehabilitation for a minimum of eight (8) low income households, as supplemental funding towards already committed Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME, CALHOME, Household Water Well System (HWWWS), and State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) grant funds. The funding will assist with zero interest deferred payment loans for low to very-low income households located in Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) target rural areas having less than 50 percent of county median income throughout the counties of Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, Stanislaus, and Tulare.

## **Comments Received**

The comment period ended July 15, 2022, and staff received written comments from the following agencies that the project does not duplicate or conflict with any of their programs:

- City of Lemoore Community Development
- Kings County Public Health
- Kings County Office of Education
- Kings County Environmental Health Division
- Reef-Sunset Unified School District
- Caltrans District 6

## **Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the project works in coordination and does not conflict with other County programs and should be undertaken now. Staff also recommends that the KCAG Commission's comments include and ratify those of staff and other reviewers regarding Planning Review No. 22-01.



Application for Federal Assistance SF-424

\*1. Type of Submission:

- Preapplication
- Application
- Changed/Corrected Application

\*2. Type of Application:

- New
- Continuation
- Revision

\* If Revision, select appropriate letter(s):

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\* Other (Specify):

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\* 3. Date Received:

Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.

4. Applicant Identifier:

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5a. Federal Entity Identifier:

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5b. Federal Award Identifier:

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State Use Only:

6. Date Received by State:

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7. State Application Identifier:

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8. APPLICANT INFORMATION:

\* a. Legal Name:

Self Help Enterprises

\* b. Employer/Taxpayer Identification Number (EIN/TIN):

04-15926768

\* c. UEI:

YWCPA31K8JY6

d. Address:

\* Street1:

P.O. Box 6520

Street2:

8445 W. Elwin Court

\* City:

Visalia

County/Parish:

Tulare

\* State:

CA California

Province:

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\* Country:

USA: UNITED STATES

\* Zip / Postal Code:

93290

e. Organizational Unit:

Department Name:

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Division Name:

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f. Name and contact information of person to be contacted on matters involving this application:

Prefix:

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\* First Name:

Maria

Middle Name:

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\* Last Name:

Alvarez

Suffix:

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Title:

Administrative Analyst

Organizational Affiliation:

Self Help Enterprises

\* Telephone Number:

(559)802-1585

Fax Number:

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\* Email:

maria@selfhelpenterprises.org

**Application for Federal Assistance SF-424**

**\* 9. Type of Applicant 1: Select Applicant Type:**

My Nonprofit with 501C3 IRS Status (Other than Institution of Higher Education)

Type of Applicant 2: Select Applicant Type:

Type of Applicant 3: Select Applicant Type:

\* Other (specify):

**\* 10. Name of Federal Agency:**

USDA Rural Housing Development

**11. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number:**

CFDA Title:

**\* 12. Funding Opportunity Number:**

USDA RD HGFPHRG2022

\* Title:

Rural Housing Preservation Grant

**13. Competition Identification Number:**

Title:

**14. Areas Affected by Project (Cities, Counties, States, etc.):**

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**\* 15. Descriptive Title of Applicant's Project:**

Housing Preservation Grant Program for low-income and very low-income households, providing loans/grants for housing rehabilitation.

Attach supporting documents as specified in agency instructions.

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16. Congressional Districts Of:

\* a. Applicant CA-022

\* b. Program/Project CA-005, CA-009 CA-013, CA-020, CA-022

Attach an additional list of Program/Project Congressional Districts if needed.

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17. Proposed Project:

\* a. Start Date: 10/01/2022

\* b. End Date: 09/30/2023

18. Estimated Funding (\$):

* a. Federal	200,000
* b. Applicant	
* c. State	10,000,000
* d. Local	
* e. Other	
* f. Program Income	121,500
* g. TOTAL	

19. Is Application Subject to Review By State Under Executive Order 12372 Process?

- a. This application was made available to the State under the Executive Order 12372 Process for review on 6/14/2022
- b. Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.
- c. Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.

20. Is the Applicant Delinquent On Any Federal Debt? (If "Yes," provide explanation in attachment)

- Yes
- No

If "Yes", provide explanation and attach

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21. \*By signing this application, I certify (1) to the statements contained in the list of certifications\*\* and (2) that the statements herein are true, complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I also provide the required assurances\*\* and agree to comply with any resulting terms if I accept an award. I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or claims may subject me to criminal, civil, or administrative penalties. (U.S. Code, Title 218, Section 1001)

I AGREE

\*\* The list of certifications and assurances, or an internet site where you may obtain this list, is contained in the announcement or agency specific instructions.

Authorized Representative:

Prefix: Mr. \* First Name: Thomas  
Middle Name: J.  
\* Last Name: Collishaw  
Suffix:

\* Title: President/CEO

\* Telephone Number: (559)651-1000 Fax Number: (559)651-3634

\* Email: tomc@selhempenterprises.org

\* Signature of Authorized Representative: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission. \* Date Signed: Completed by Grants.gov upon submission.