RHNA Objectives and Factors

Summary of RHNA Objectives (from Government Code §65584(d) and (e))

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

- (1) Increase housing supply and mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner
- (2) Promote infill development and socioeconomic equity, protect environmental and agricultural resources, encourage efficient development patterns, and achieve GHG reduction targets
- (3) Promote improved intraregional jobs-housing relationship, including balance between low-wage jobs and housing units affordable to low-wage workers in each jurisdiction
- (4) Balance disproportionate household income distributions (more high-income RHNA to lower-income areas and vice-versa)
- (5) Affirmatively further fair housing

Summary of RHNA Factors (from Government Code §65584.04(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 outside the jurisdiction's control.
- (3) The availability of land suitable for urban development.
- (4) Lands protected from urban development under existing federal or state programs
- (5) County policies to preserve prime agricultural land.
- (6) The distribution of household growth assumed for regional transportation plans and opportunities to maximize use of public transportation and existing transportation infrastructure.
- (7) Agreements between a county and cities in a county to direct growth toward incorporated areas of the county
- (8) The loss of units in assisted housing developments as a result of expiring affordability contracts.
- (9) The percentage of existing households paying more than 30 percent and more than 50 percent of their income in rent.
- (10) The rate of overcrowding.
- (11) The housing needs of farmworkers.
- (12) The housing needs generated by the presence of a university within the jurisdiction.
- (13) The loss of units during a state of emergency that have yet to be rebuilt or replaced at the time of the analysis.
- (14) The region's greenhouse gas emissions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board.