



AGENDA ITEM: 4-D

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SUBJECT:

Memorandum of Understanding for the San Joaquin Valley Regional Early Action Planning Committee for Housing

Enclosure: Yes

Action: Authorize Executive Director to sign and execute REAP Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

SUMMARY:

Assembly Bill 101, signed on July 31, 2019, established the Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, which the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) administers. It provides regions and jurisdictions with one-time funding to be used for technical assistance, preparing and adopting planning documents and process improvements to accelerate housing production, and to improve compliance with the sixth cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA). Under RHNA, councils of governments, are required to apportion housing units across all income levels on a five-year basis, in coordination with population growth estimates as certified by the California Department of Finance. Since MCTC is not a council of governments, HCD is responsible for the preparation of the RHNA in the Madera Region in coordination with MCTC.

A total of \$250 million is apportioned under the Statewide Local Government Planning Support Grants Program, with \$125 million being directed to agencies through the Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) program, while the other \$125 million is apportioned directly to local jurisdictions through the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) program. The REAP funds anticipated to come to the San Joaquin Valley (SJV) RTPAs, total approximately \$18.9 million. A total of \$6 million was set aside in statute for valley-wide collaborative projects.

AB 101 requires the eight SJV RTPAs to form a working group of not less than three representatives per county to direct how REAP funds should be apportioned and spent. The SJV REAP Committee held its first meeting in January 2020 and approved an initial grant application to HCD for 25 percent of the REAP allocation to the San Joaquin Valley,

approximately \$4.7 million. MCTC will receive approximately \$172,885, which is its population share of the \$4.7 million approved by HCD in April 2020. According to HCD guidelines, a council of governments/transportation commission that receives an allocation of REAP funds shall establish priorities and use that money consistent with those priorities. Funds must be used for housing planning activities and demonstrate a nexus to increasing housing planning and accelerating housing production.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been prepared for the eight member agencies of the SJV REAP Committee for Housing. The Fresno Council of Governments was selected to serve as the fiscal agent for the SJV REAP Committee for Housing. This MOU is intended to reflect the SJV REAP Committee for Housing members' understanding of the distribution of the funds and to facilitate the subsequent implementation of activities by the SJV REAP Committee for Housing. The MOU is by and between the eight agencies comprising the SJV REAP Committee for Housing, including MCTC, San Joaquin Council of Governments, Stanislaus Council of Governments, Merced Association of Governments, Fresno Council of Governments, Kings County Association of Governments, Tulare County Association of Governments, and the Kern Council of Governments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact to the approved 2020-21 Overall Work Program and Budget. The funds for this item were already included in WE 102 in Amendment No. 1.