

# ABAG Report to MCCMC<sup>1</sup>

September 2021

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

- 1) **State of the San Francisco Estuary Summit:** The Estuary Partnership will be holding a **FREE** and fully **VIRTUAL**, one-day State of the Estuary “Summit” that spotlights environmental justice, community engagement, and climate resilience, amongst other critical and timely topics. We hope that you join us for this exciting event. **TO REGISTER Click: [Registration – San Francisco Estuary Partnership \(sfestuary.org\)](https://sfestuary.org)**
- 2) **Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Appeals:** ABAG received 28 appeals from 23 cities and 4 counties in the SFBA. In addition, a number of jurisdictions sent ABAG comment letters about RHNA, in lieu of submitting an appeal. Details about the appeals submitted and comment letters are on the Appeals Process page on the ABAG website: [2023-2031 RHNA Appeals Process | Association of Bay Area Governments \(ca.gov\)](https://www.abag.ca.gov/2023-2031-RHNA-Appeals-Process)
- 3) **Adoption of Plan Bay Area 2050, Implementation Plan and Final EIR:** On October 21, 2021, ABAG Executive Board and the MTC will conduct a joint meeting to take action on the PBA 2050, Implementation Plan and certification of the FEIR.
- 4) **San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC):** On September 16, 2021, the ABAG Executive Board ratified President Arreguin’s appointment of Mayor Pat Eklund, City of Novato, as the North Bay Cities representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission.

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**State of the San Francisco Estuary Summit:** On October 1, 2021, the San Francisco Bay Estuary Partnership will convene the State of the San Francisco Estuary Summit virtually from 9:30 am to 5:00 pm. This Summit is **FREE** and all are encouraged to register by September 30, 2021. To register click: [Registration – San Francisco Estuary Partnership \(sfestuary.org\)](https://sfestuary.org).

Every two years, the Estuary Partnership brings a focus to the management and ecological health of the San Francisco Bay-Delta Estuary. The State of the San Francisco Estuary Conference showcases the latest information about the region’s work to sustain and improve the estuary’s habitats, living resources, water quality, climate resilience, and environmental stewardship.

To view the Program, click: [Program – San Francisco Estuary Partnership \(sfestuary.org\)](https://sfestuary.org). Congresswoman Jackie Speier, Congresswoman and California Natural Resources Agency Secretary, Wade Crowfoot will discuss the future of climate adaptation in the San Francisco Estuary. Also, following are some of the topics that will be discussed which are needed for a healthy San Francisco Bay and Estuary:

**Habitats and Living Resources** (possible rooms under this general topic could include: Fish Biology/Ecology, Bird Biology/Ecology, Food Webs, Invasive Species, Tidal Marsh Restoration, Monitoring with New or Emerging Technologies, etc.)

**Water Quality and Quantity** (possible rooms under this general topic could include: Contaminants of Emerging Concern, Nutrients in the Estuary, Trash, Green Stormwater Infrastructure, Fresh Water Flows, Water Reuse, etc.)

**Resilience** (possible rooms under this general topic could include: Climate Adaptation Planning Efforts and Strategies, Developing Intersectional Partnerships for Equitable Climate Resilience, Sediment Management, etc.)

**Stewardship/Human Dimensions** (possible rooms under this general topic could include: Community-based Design Approaches, Humanizing Homelessness for Healthier Creeks and Communities, Remediation & Revitalization of Native American Infrastructure, Public Access, Urban Biodiversity and Human Health, Community-based Participatory Research, etc.)

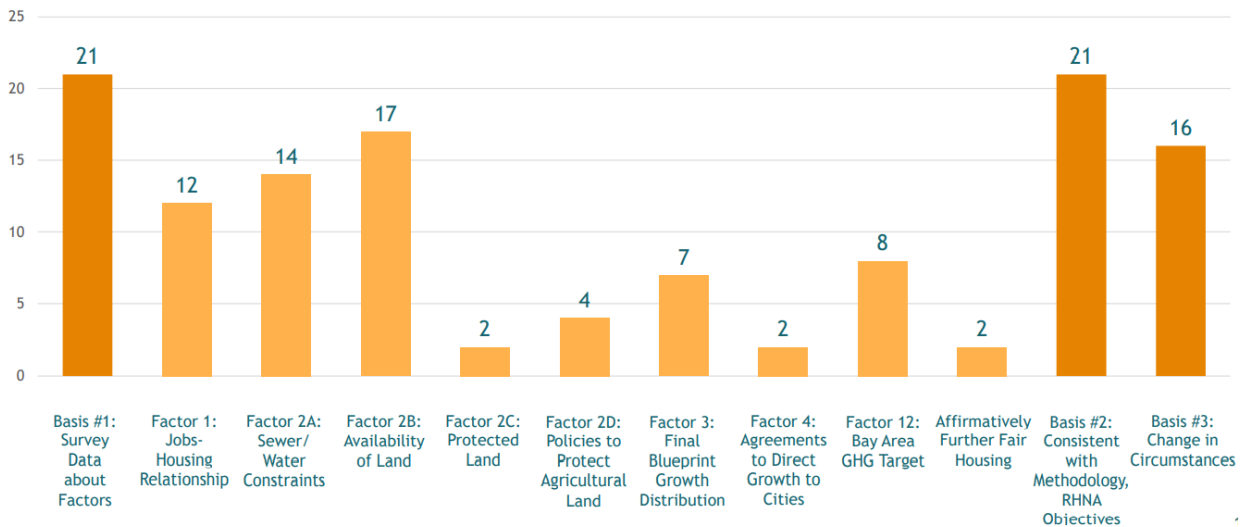
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<sup>1</sup> Marin County Council of Mayors and Councilmembers (MCCMC)

**RHNA Appeals:** ABAG received 28 appeals from 23 cities and 4 counties (NOTE: One jurisdiction submitted 2 appeals.) Eleven jurisdictions in Marin (9 cities and the County of Marin), submitted appeals to the Regional Housing Needs Allocation for 2023 through 2031 which was the most appeals of any county. In addition, a number of jurisdictions sent ABAG comment letters about RHNA (including San Rafael), in lieu of submitting an appeal. Details about the appeals submitted and comment letters are on the Appeals Process page on the ABAG website: [2023-2031 RHNA Appeals Process | Association of Bay Area Governments \(ca.gov\)](#).

The bases cited by the jurisdictions filing an appeal include:

## Statutory Requirements for an Appeal: Appeal Bases Cited by Jurisdictions



The RHNA Appeal hearing process will provide applicants and jurisdictions that did not file appeals but are the subject of an appeal with the opportunity to make their case regarding a change in their Draft RHNA Allocation or another jurisdiction’s Draft RHNA Allocation. The burden is on the applicants to prove that adjustment of the Allocation is appropriate under the statutory standards set forth in the Government Code.

The procedure includes:

**Initial Arguments:** Applicants will have an opportunity to present their request and reasons to grant the appeal. The information and arguments presented by the applicant shall be limited to what was presented in the written appeal filed by the applicant. Applicants will be allotted five (5) minutes each. If the subject jurisdiction did not file an appeal on its own Draft RHNA Allocation, it will be given an opportunity to present after all applicants have provided initial arguments on their filed appeals.

**Staff Response:** After initial arguments are presented, ABAG-MTC staff will present their recommendation to approve or deny the appeal(s) filed for the subject jurisdiction. The staff response is limited to five (5) minutes.

**Rebuttal:** Applicants and the jurisdiction that did not file an appeal but is the subject of the appeal may elect to provide a 3 minute rebuttal

**Public Comment:** Members of the public will have an opportunity to comment (2 minutes) on the arguments presented related to the appeal(s) for the subject jurisdiction under consideration.

**Questions:** After arguments and rebuttals are presented, the Administrative Committee members may ask questions of applicants, the subject jurisdiction (if present), and ABAG-MTC staff.

**Vote:** Any voting Committee member may make a motion regarding the appeal(s) for the subject jurisdiction. The Committee will take a preliminary vote on the appeal(s) for a subject jurisdiction.

These RHNA appeals generated almost 450 comments from the public and other stakeholders. The Housing and Community Development Department (HCD), Building Industry Association, Public Advocates and Non-profit Associations, local jurisdictions and many members of the public have submitted comments in opposition and support of the RHNA appeals. To review ALL comment letters submitted, click: [RHNA appeals comments summary.xlsx \(live.com\)](#)

Hearing dates for Marin jurisdictions are:

- September 29, 2021 – Belvedere and Corte Madera
- October 8, 2021 – Fairfax, Larkspur and Mill Valley
- October 15, 2021 – Ross, San Anselmo, Sausalito and Tiburon
- October 22, 2021 – Unincorporated Marin County

**Adoption of Plan Bay Area 2050, Implementation Plan and Final EIR:** On October 21, 2021, ABAG Executive Board and the MTC will conduct a joint meeting to take action on the PBA 2050, Implementation Plan and certification of the FEIR.

This Plan takes a comprehensive look at the region’s challenges and identifies actions to be advanced by all levels of government in the coming years. It focuses on four key issues: the economy, the environment, housing and transportation; outlines 70 specific implementation actions for ABAG/MTC to tackle over the next five years to advance each of the 35 bold strategies for growth and investment through 2050; and identifies a path to make the Bay Area more equitable for all residents and more resilient in the face of unexpected challenges. The Draft Plan Bay Area 2050 and supporting documents (DEIR, Implementation Plan, etc..) are available for review at [planbayarea.org](http://planbayarea.org).

**San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC):** On September 16, 2021, the ABAG Executive Board ratified President Arreguin’s appointment of Mayor Pat Eklund, City of Novato, as the North Bay Cities representative on the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission. In President Arreguin’s memorandum to the Executive Board ([Item 7g Handout Summary BCDC North Bay Process \(2\).pdf](#)), he states: “Mayor Eklund’s decades of professional and public service experience around bay restoration and environmental protection made her exceptionally qualified and gave her the edge. Her over 40 years of professional experience in environmental and water policy issues, and 25 years as a local elected official serving in regional and statewide positions makes her uniquely qualified.” This position represents the Counties of Marin, Sonoma, Napa and Solano.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS<sup>2</sup>**

- **September 22 , 2021 -- Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am**
  - MTC Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am**
  - MTC Bay Area HQ Authority, 9:45 am**
  - MTC Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am**
- **September 24, 2021 -- ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**
- **September 29, 2021 -- ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm**
- **October 1, 2021 – State of the Estuary, 9:30 to 5:00 pm**
- **October 4, 2021 -- MTC Policy Advisory Council Fare Coordination & Integration Subcommittee, 10:00 am**
  - ABAG SF Bay Trail Steering Committee, 12:00 pm (noon)**
  - MTC Policy Advisory Council Equity and Access Subcommittee, 2:00 pm**
- **October 5, 2021 -- MTC Regional Advisory Working Group, 9:35 am**
- **October 8, 2021 -- ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:30 am**
  - MTC Operations Committee, 9:35 am**
  - Joint ABAG and MTC Legislative Committee, 9:40 am**
  - Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:45 am**
  - ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm**

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<sup>2</sup> All meetings are conducted via Zoom, webcast, teleconference, unless noted otherwise.

- **October 13, 2021 --** MTC Bay Area Toll Oversight Committee, 9:35 am  
MTC Administration Committee, 9:40 am  
MTC Programming and Allocation Committee, 9:45 am  
Bay Area Infrastructure Financing Authority, 9:50 am  
MTC Policy Advisory Council, 1:30 pm
- **October 14, 2021 --** ABAG Regional Planning Committee, 10:00 am  
ABAG Housing Committee, 1:00 pm
- **October 15, 2021 --** ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 1:00 pm
- **October 18, 2021 --** MTC Fare Integration Task Force, 12:30 pm  
MTC Clipper Executive Board, 1:30 pm
- **October 19, 2021 --** Bay Area Partnership Board, 11:00 am
- **October 21, 2021 --** ABAG Power Board of Directors, 11:00 am  
Special Joint ABAG Executive Board and MTC Meeting, 5:00 pm
- **October 22, 2021 --** ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **October 27, 2021 --** MTC Audit Committee, 9:05 am  
Metropolitan Transportation Commission, 9:35 am  
MTC Bay Area Toll Authority, 9:40 am  
MTC Bay Area Headquarters Authority, 9:45 am  
MTC Workshop, 1:30 pm
- **October 29, 2021 --** ABAG Administrative Committee – RHNA Appeals Hearing, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
- **November 1, 2021 --** MTC Policy Advisory Council Fare Coordination and Integration Subcommittee, 10:00 am
- **November 9, 2021 --** Board of Directors of 375 Beale Condominium Corporation, 3:00 pm
- **November 10, 2021 --** MTC Bay Area Toll Authority Oversight Committee, 9:35 am  
MTC Administration Committee, 9:40 am  
MTC Programming and Allocations Committee, 9:45 am
- **November 12, 2021 --** Joint MTC ABAG Legislation Committee, 9:45 am  
Joint MTC Planning Committee and ABAG Administrative Committee, 9:50 am

If you have questions, contact Pat Eklund, Mayor, City of Novato at 415-883-9116; [pateklund@comcast.net](mailto:pateklund@comcast.net)