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September 25, 2025

To: Interested Parties

From: Brendan Byrd, HCAOG Executive Director

Subject: Notification of the Adoption of the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology and Issuance of the Draft RHNA Allocation

At its September 18, 2025 meeting, the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) Board selected a preferred alternative allocation methodology for the Cycle 7 Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA).

The preferred methodology, along with documentation of the RHNA process for the 7th Housing Element Cycle, is posted on the HCAOG website at <https://www.hcaog.net/regional-housing-needs-allocation-rhna-7th-cycle>. The draft allocations are listed below.

Jurisdiction	Acute Low (0% - 15% MHI)	Extremely Low (15% - 30% MHI)	Very Low (30% - 50% MHI)	Low (50% - 80% MHI)	Moderate (80% - 120% MHI)	Above Moderate (120%<MHI)	Total Jurisdictional Allocation
Arcata	90	135	103	201	100	413	1,042
Blue Lake	3	7	4	7	4	16	41
Eureka	175	258	179	307	171	650	1,740
Ferndale	8	6	6	10	5	22	57
Fortuna	45	70	50	93	46	175	479
Rio Dell	8	14	8	16	10	39	95
Trinidad	4	4	5	7	3	4	27
County	229	372	272	423	226	959	2,481
Total	562	866	627	1,064	565	2,278	5,962

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05, this letter is to inform you of the preliminary decision made by the Board to adopt a preferred RHNA allocation method for the public comment period. This step will initiate a 60-day public comment and review period, wherein the public and interested parties can provide further input on the final adopted RHNA allocation methodology, which will be considered at the December 18th, 2025 Board Meeting. In addition to the Board meeting considering adoption, a public hearing will be held on the November 20th, 2025 Board meeting, to receive and review public comment received to date.

If you have any questions or need information on appeal limitations, please contact me at (707) 444-8208 or brendan.byrd@hcaog.net.

Sincerely,

Brendan Byrd, PE
Executive Director
Humboldt County Association of Governments



**60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD COMMENCEMENT
FOR THE DRAFT REGIONAL
HOUSING NEEDS METHODOLOGY
AND 30-DAY NOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING**

Humboldt citizens are invited by the Humboldt County Association of Governments (HCAOG) to comment on its Draft Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) Methodology. The purpose of the RHNA process is to allocate to the Cities and County their “fair share” of the region’s projected housing need by household income group over the next Housing Element Planning Period (July 15, 2027 through July 15, 2035).

At the HCAOG Board meeting held on September 18, 2025, the HCAOG Board selected a draft preferred RHNA Methodology formula assigning housing responsibility based 50% on projected population growth, and 50% on existing employment.

The HCAOG Board will further discuss the proposed methodology and the RHNA process at the following public meetings held at Eureka City Hall Council Chambers, 531 K Street, Eureka:

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20,
2025, AT 4:30 P.M.**

HCAOG will hold a public hearing to discuss public comments or recommendations received to date regarding the draft RHNA methodology identified by the Board at the September meeting.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18,
2025, AT 4:30 P.M.**

The HCAOG Board will review all public comment and consider adoption of a preferred methodology at their December Board meeting. Information on the RHNA process and proposed methodologies is available for review and comment at the HCAOG office, on the HCAOG website (<https://www.hcaog.net/regional-housing-needs-allocation-rhna-7th-cycle>) or by contacting Brendan Byrd at 707-444-8208 or brendan.byrd@hcaog.net.

Public comments are welcome anytime through December 8, 2025.

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