



## RESOLUTION SAN JOAQUIN COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

R-23-23

### RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE FINAL REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS PLAN FOR THE SIXTH CYCLE (2023-2031) OF THE REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION FOR THE SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY REGION

**WHEREAS**, the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) is a joint-powers authority formed pursuant to California Government Code § 6500, *et seq.* and the federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) pursuant to 23 U.S.C. § 134(d) for the County of San Joaquin and the cities of Stockton, Lodi, Manteca, Tracy, Ripon, Escalon, and Lathrop; and,

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Housing Element Law (“Act”) of California Government Code § 65580, *et seq.*, each Council of Governments (COG) and the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) are required to determine the existing and projected housing needs in the COG’s region; and,

**WHEREAS**, under the Act, SJCOG determines each local jurisdiction’s share of the regional housing need, as determined by HCD, through the Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA) process; and,

**WHEREAS**, on December 21, 2021, HCD provided SJCOG with the countywide housing need target number of 52,719 units distributed by the four income categories based on the regional percentages of very-low (25.2%), low (15.8%), moderate (17.5%) and above-moderate (41.4%) median family housing income thresholds derived from the 2020 Census, American Community Survey; and,

**WHEREAS**, SJCOG is required by state law to allocate the countywide RHNA targets by jurisdiction and by individualized family income category; and,

**WHEREAS**, in the development of a RHNA methodology, SJCOG considered best practices in sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) Cycle Methodologies developed throughout the state, assistance from an ad hoc advisory committee comprised of community development staff from each of the cities and the county, and input during a comment period window for the Draft RHNA Methodology from February 2, 2022, through March 4, 2022, and during a public hearing on the draft RHNA Methodology at a meeting on February 24, 2022, including one public comment at its public hearing and one written comment within the public comment window; and,

**WHEREAS**, SJCOG, with the assistance of the ad hoc advisory committee and input from stakeholders, developed an SJCOG Board-approved methodology for allocating the region’s housing needs by jurisdiction and family income category; and,

**WHEREAS**, the methodology, as outlined in the Regional Housing Needs Plan (RHNP) and prior reports, is consistent with the RHNA objectives and takes into consideration the RHNA factors, local jurisdiction land-use plans, housing market demand, public facilities, suitable sites, travel patterns, employment projections, percentage of lower-income households, and other local planning and demographic factors and principles; and,

**WHEREAS**, the methodology ensures that the distribution of the housing units does not disproportionately concentrate lower-income households in jurisdictions that already have high proportions of lower-income households; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Act requires that SJCOG develop and adopt a RHNP prior to the due date for each housing element cycle; and,

**WHEREAS**, in developing the 2022 RHNP, SJCOG has followed all steps and requirements of California Government Code § 65584, as applicable; and,

**WHEREAS**, SJCOG has received no request for further revisions from member jurisdictions or members of the public for the 2022 RHNP; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RHNP was developed in conjunction with the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan and accompanying Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS), also known as Envision 2050, to support the connection between planning and transportation, land-use, and housing to assist in meeting the region's greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction targets set by the California Air Resources Board as required by Senate Bill 375 (SB 375); and,

**WHEREAS**, the RTP/SCS growth forecast dated September 10, 2021, is the foundation for the RTP/SCS land-use patterns and the RHNA allocation for the sixth housing element cycle, which helps ensure consistency between these two planning efforts, including with regard to development patterns; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RHNP allocates both "projected need" and "existing need" in a manner that is consistent with the development pattern and aligned with the strategies and policies of the RTP/SCS; and,

**WHEREAS**, the RHNP specifically furthers the objectives in California Government Code § 65584, subdivision (d), and HCD completed its review of the methodology on May 19, 2022, and similarly found that it furthers the statutory objectives described in Government Code 65584, subdivision d; and,

**WHEREAS**, the intent of the RHNP and the resulting allocations to the individual jurisdictions will assist the region in meeting its housing needs in the four family income categories, meeting its GHG targets, addressing the transportation needs identified in Envision 2050, and helping reduce vehicle miles traveled; and,

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with Government Code § 65584.05(g), 1) SJCOG must adopt the RHNP at a public hearing, 2) notice of the public hearing regarding SJCOG's consideration of the adoption of the RHNP was properly posted on or about September 1, 2022, and 3) SJCOG held the required public hearing on September 22, 2022; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the SJCOG Board of Directors hereby adopts the final RHNP for the sixth housing element cycle (2023-2031).

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 22 day of September 2022 by the following vote of the San Joaquin Council of Governments, to wit;

**AYES:** Councilmember Bellinger, Escalon; Councilmember Canepa, Stockton; Councilmember Jobrack, Stockton; Councilmember Kuehne, Lodi; Vice Mayor Lazard, Lathrop; Supervisor Miller, SJC; Supervisor Rickman, SJC; Councilmember Singh, Manteca; Councilmember Warmasley, Stockton; Mayor Young, Tracy; Councilmember Zuber, Ripon

**NOES:** Supervisor Winn, SJC

**ABSENT:**



ROBERT RICKMAN  
Chair