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Diane Nguyen, Executive Director
San Joaquin Council of Governments
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Dear Executive Director Diane Nguyen:

RE: Review of Adopted 2023-2031 Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan

Thank you for submitting the adopted San Joaquin Council of Government's (SJCOG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan, with errata. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is required to review RHNA plans for consistency with statutory requirements.

HCD has completed its review of SJCOG's 6th Cycle adopted RHNA Plan, with errata, submitted October 19, 2022 and is pleased to approve the adopted RHNA Plan. It is consistent with HCD's December 21, 2021 regional housing need determination of 52,719 housing units. Please distribute the RHNA Plan to inform all local governments of their share of new housing need to be addressed in their sixth cycle Housing Element by December 31, 2023. In updating their Housing Elements, local governments may take RHNA credit for new units approved, permitted, and/or built beginning from the start date of the RHNA projection period, June 30, 2023.

HCD is committed to assisting SJCOG's local governments in preparing and implementing updated Housing Elements to effectively address the region's housing need. Local governments are encouraged to develop local land use strategies to maximize land resources, encourage affordable housing, and a variety of housing types, thus furthering the state's economic, fair housing, and environmental objectives.

We appreciate SJCOG's efforts in completing the RHNA process. If HCD can provide any additional assistance, or if you, or your staff, have any questions please contact Tom Brinkhuis, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov or Annelise Osterberg, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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