

Solano County Subregional Housing Allocation Methodology For the 2015 – 2022 Planning Period

The Solano County Subregion's methodology for assigning both total numbers of units to each jurisdiction in the County and for assigning units in each income category will be based largely on the methodologies employed for the same purposes by the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) in the Bay Area as a whole. These methodologies are summarized below. More information about ABAG's methodologies can be found at http://www.abag.ca.gov/planning/housingneeds/pdfs/methodology/RHNA_Update_Letter_7-30-12.pdf.

Allocation of Total Unit Counts

To assign the total number of units to each jurisdiction, the Subregion will use the same methodology that ABAG proposes to use to assign units to jurisdictions that are outside of subregions. This methodology takes into account the presence of Priority Development Areas (PDAs) within a jurisdiction, each jurisdiction's ratio of projected PDA growth to household formation growth, past RHNA performance, local employment and proximity to transit.

Once allocations are calculated using the ABAG methodology, the Subregion will make minor reallocations of units among the jurisdictions as may be seen as appropriate by the jurisdictions themselves, in light of the following two principles: 1) Units should be assigned among the Subregion's jurisdictions so as to reflect the mutually agreed-upon potential for housing development within each jurisdiction, and 2) the method by which the Solano Transportation Authority (STA), acting on behalf of the Subregion's jurisdictions, allocates transportation and other funding under the One Bay Area Grant (OBAG) program should ensure equitable distribution of funds to each of the Subregion's jurisdictions in a way that takes into account both the subregional housing allocation and the need for each jurisdiction to receive a share of OBAG funds.

Allocation Among Income Categories

Once the overall count of units is assigned to each jurisdiction, the Subregion will assign units by income category to each jurisdiction using the same method used by ABAG for the region. Under this methodology, each jurisdiction will receive a proportion of units in each income category that reflects the proportion of units in that income category that currently exists in the jurisdiction, adjusted by 175% of the difference between the proportion of units in that category that exists in the jurisdiction and the proportion of units in that category that exists in the Bay Area as a whole.

Using this methodology, rounding may result in a total allocation for the Subregion within each income category that differs from the income allocations in each category that ABAG assigns to the Subregion. If this occurs, the income allocations will be modified as necessary so as to reassign units in each category in the most equitable manner possible while still achieving the total income allocations assigned by ABAG to the Subregion.