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## NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors  
**FROM:** Britt Ferguson for Nancy Watt - County Executive Officer  
County Executive Office  
**REPORT BY:** Andrew Carey, Management Analyst, 253-4477  
**SUBJECT:** Regional housing needs allocation legislation

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Discussion and possible action concerning any and all issues related to Regional Housing Needs Allocations. (Unanimous vote of the Board members present required)

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

During the April 19th Board meeting, staff was asked by the Board to prepare a standing discussion item on the topic of regional housing needs allocations. It is anticipated that a series of discussions will be held on this subject by the Association of Bay Area Governments and other governmental entities over the course of the next several months. Creation of a standing discussion item on this topic will provide an opportunity for public discussion of this important issue.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

Is there a Fiscal Impact?                      No

### **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

State law requires allocating a “fair share” of anticipated regional housing growth to counties and cities. This “fair share” housing allocation is also known as Regional Housing Needs Allocation or RHNA. Current law gives significant authority to the Department of Housing and Community Development and regional Councils of Government, which in the case of Napa County is the Association of Bay Area Governments, to establish the RHNA for local jurisdictions.

It is anticipated that discussions will be held on the topic of regional housing needs allocations by the Association of Bay Area Governments and other governmental entities over the course of the next several months. Therefore, the Board has requested that this issue be made a standing discussion item in order to have an opportunity for public discussion of this important issue.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS**

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Britt Ferguson