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Maura F. Twomey, Executive Director  
Association of Monterey Bay Area Governments  
24580 Silver Cloud Court  
Monterey, CA 93940

Dear Executive Director Maura F. Twomey:

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

Thank you for submitting the adopted Association of Monterey Bay Area Government's (AMBAG) Sixth Cycle Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan. 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 and is pleased to approve AMBAG's adopted RHNA Plan, upon finding it consistent with HCD's August 31, 2021 regional housing need determination of 33,274 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 15, 2023. In updating their Housing Elements, local governments may credit new units approved, permitted, and/or built beginning from the start date of the RHNA projection period, June 30, 2023, towards their RHNA.

HCD is committed to assisting AMBAG'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 promote a variety of housing types, thus furthering the state's economic, fair housing, and environmental objectives.

We appreciate AMBAG'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](mailto:tom.brinkhuis@hcd.ca.gov) or Annelise Osterberg, Housing Policy Senior Specialist, at [annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov](mailto:annelise.osterberg@hcd.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tyrone Buckley".

Tyrone Buckley  
Assistant Deputy Director