SANDAG RHNA Appeals Hearing Procedures

The Regional Housing Needs Assessment (RHNA) public hearing will be held during the Board of Directors meeting on March 27, 2020, and shall comply with relevant SANDAG policies related to public participation. The hearing process for each of the four appeals will be as follows:

1. The appealing jurisdiction will be provided an opportunity to make its case regarding the change in its share of the draft regional housing need allocation, with the burden on the appealing jurisdiction to prove its case. An appealing jurisdiction may choose to have technical staff present its case at the hearing. A jurisdiction may present its own proposed findings on its appeal for the Board’s consideration. The four appealing jurisdictions will present in alphabetical order. (Approximately 10 minutes maximum for each appealing jurisdiction presentation)

2. SANDAG staff will present information and clarify issues raised in the jurisdiction’s presentation and will provide its assessment of the technical merits of the appeal, including a discussion of staff’s proposed draft findings on the appeal which shall be published in advance of the hearing. (Approximately 10 minutes maximum for each appeal)

3. Board members will be invited to ask questions of the appealing jurisdiction or of SANDAG staff regarding the information presented.

4. Steps 1 through 3 above will be repeated for each of the remaining appeals.

5. Members of the public will be invited to provide public comment regarding any or all of the appeals. (3 minutes or less maximum per speaker as determined by the Chair based on the number of speakers and availability of time)

6. The appealing jurisdictions will be allowed to present a rebuttal/final statement to address SANDAG staff presentations and public comments. (Approximately 5 minutes maximum for each rebuttal/statement)

7. The Chair will close the public hearing on the RHNA Appeals.

8. Board members will be invited to discuss the issues raised in the appeals.

9. The Board will be asked to conduct a separate vote for each appeal pursuant to SANDAG standard voting procedures, considering all information presented in the appeal, all comments received regarding the appeal, and all information received during the public hearing, determining one of the following outcomes for each appeal:
   a. Adopting SANDAG staff’s or a jurisdiction’s draft findings for the appeal, and granting, granting in part, or denying the appeal based on such findings.
   b. Adopting SANDAG staff’s or a jurisdiction’s draft findings with specified modifications for the appeal, and granting, granting in part, or denying the appeal based on such findings.
   c. Directing SANDAG staff to collaborate with the Chair and Vice Chair on drafting findings for the appeal reflecting the substance of the Board’s discussions on the appeal for the Board’s consideration at a future meeting. The disposition of the appeal would also be determined by the Board at such future meeting.

10. Once a final determination has been made of all RHNA appeals, the Board will be asked to issue a proposed final RHNA Plan consistent with the disposition of all RHNA appeals. At a subsequent public hearing, the Board will be asked to adopt the final RHNA Plan.