

APPENDIX H

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT'S APPROVAL LETTER

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June 24, 2008

Mr. Jon Clark, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Clark:

RE: Review of Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan

Thank you for submitting the Regional Housing Needs Plan that the Butte County Association of Governments (BCAG) adopted April 24, 2008 which was received on May 8, 2008. As you are aware, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department is required to review RHNA plans and may make revisions for consistency with statutory requirements.

The Department is pleased to find that the adopted RHNA plan addresses the total housing need of 13,944 units (Table 10, Page 12) which is consistent with the Department's August 30, 2007 Regional Housing Need Determination total. However, please note that the Department made technical revisions to the income category allocations in Table 10 (refer to Attachment 1 and explanation that follows) which require BCAG to make an errata change to its plan and ensure each jurisdiction is informed of the technical adjustments made by HCD as a condition in approving BCAG's Final Plan. Please provide the Department documentation of follow-up action taken by BCAG.

The Department made technical adjustments to each income category allocation to ensure income category totals are consistent with the Department's determination by income category. The discussion between Glen Campora, of our staff, and Brian Lasagna, of your staff, indicated slight differences occurred due to using different rounding conventions regarding income category percentages.

The Department is committed to working with BCAG and your local government members to effectively address the region's housing and community development needs through the housing element update process and other related planning and assistance efforts. The Department's staff can be contacted at (916) 445-4728 for assistance. Any questions concerning the regional housing need allocation should be directed to Glen Campora, Senior Policy Advisor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cathy E. Creswell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

HCD Technical Adjustments (in Approving Plan June 24, 2008)

Table 10. Basic Construction Need by Income Group 2007-2014									
Jurisdiction	Very Low		Low		Moderate		Above Moderate		Total Allocation
	%	Allocation	%	Allocation	%	Allocation	%	Allocation	
City of Biggs	33%	51	17%	27	14%	22	36%	55	155
City of Chico	27%	1,560	17%	1,007	17%	960	39%	2,189	5,716
City of Gridley	24%	258	12%	133	17%	182	47%	495	1,068
City of Oroville	17%	403	15%	362	18%	421	51%	1,177	2,363
Town of Paradise	33%	412	15%	189	14%	174	38%	465	1,240
Unincorporated	20%	684	16%	554	18%	612	46%	1,552	3,402
County Total	24%	3,368	16%	2,272	17%	2,371	43%	5,933	13,944
HCD Requirement *	24%	3,368	16%	2,272	17%	2,371	43%	5,933	13,944

* HCD Determination (August 30, 2007 Letter), Attachment 1

BCAG Allocation (as reviewed by HCD June 24, 2008)

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City of Gridley	24%	256	12%	131	17%	182	47%	499	1,068
City of Oroville	17%	401	15%	355	18%	421	51%	1186	2,363
Town of Paradise	33%	409	15%	186	14%	174	38%	471	1,240
Unincorporated	20%	680	16%	544	18%	612	46%	1566	3,402
County Total	24%	3347	16%	2231	17%	2370	43%	5996	13,944
HCD Requirement	24%	* 3347	16%	* 2231	17%	* 2370	43%	* 5996	13,944

* Figures differ slightly compared to HCD Determination