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**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

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**SUBJECT:** Association of Bay Area Governments' *Projections 2007*

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The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) recently circulated copies of its *Projections 2007* to local agencies and interested parties. These projections provide growth estimates for all nine Bay Area counties and their cities with respect to total households, jobs, and residents through 2035. These projections will be key factors in the housing allocation each city and county must include in their updated housing elements. The housing allocation numbers are expected to be released in draft form in June.

ABAG's process for developing its projections begins by preparing growth estimates for each Bay Area county. These growth estimates are based on modeling that draws on historical growth and employment trends. ABAG then disburses the county growth estimates among the local jurisdictions (county and cities) based on a variety of planning factors and policies. An important input helping guide the disbursement process is the designation by ABAG of long-term planning areas for the cities. In Napa County, ABAG uses the cities' spheres of influence as their long-term planning areas with the notable exception of the City of Napa. (At its request, Napa's adopted urban growth boundary is used as its long-term planning area.)

*Projections 2007* anticipates continued minimal population growth in the upvalley and unincorporated communities through 2035. The cities of Napa and American Canyon are expected to see nearly 90% of the county's overall population growth with annual increases of 0.5% and 1.4%, respectfully.

Attachment:

1) *Projections 2007*

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