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October 1, 2008

Mr. Jim Kemp, Executive Director
Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG)
260 North San Antonio Road, Suite B
Santa Barbara, CA 93110

Dear Mr. Kemp:

RE: Review of Adopted Regional Housing Need Allocation Plan

Thank you for submitting the Regional Housing Need Allocation (RHNA) Plan that the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments (SBCAG) adopted June 19, 2008 which was received on September 29, 2008. As you are aware, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.05(h), the Department is required to review RHNA plans and authorized to make revisions for consistency with statutory requirements.

The Department is pleased to approve the adopted RHNA plan. Our review determined the plan is consistent with the Department's August 31, 2007 Regional Housing Need Determination total.

The Department is committed to working with SBCAG's 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. As a reminder, as authorized by Government Code Section 65584(c), the Department extended the due date for local governments to update their housing elements from June 30, 2009 to August 31, 2009 to facilitate use of the Department of Finance's update of population projections in July 2007.

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,

Handwritten signature of Cathy E. Creswell in black ink.

Cathy E. Creswell
Deputy Director

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