



December 19, 2025

TO: **REGIONAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE (RPAC)**
FROM: JAY SCHLOSSER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: JANUARY MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

The meeting of the Regional Planning Advisory Committee (RPAC) scheduled for Wednesday, December 31, 2025, has been cancelled.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, February 4, 2026. Agenda materials will be mailed approximately one week prior to the meeting.

The following information items are available on the RPAC webpage:
<https://www.kerncog.org/rpac-meetings>

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- I. 2026 Housing Unit Survey and Annual Progress Report – Status Update
- II. REAP 2.0 – Status Update



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FROM: JAY SCHLOSSER,
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By: Karl Davisson, Regional Planner

SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM: I.**
2026 HOUSING UNIT SURVEY AND ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

DESCRIPTION:

The Department of Finance (DOF) collects data via the Housing Unit Survey in January each year. On April 1st of each year the Housing Element Annual Progress Reports are due to the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and The Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation (LCI).

DISCUSSION:

Department of Finance Housing Unit Survey

On approximately the first workday (January 5th of 2026) of each year, the California Department of Finance (DOF) sends out an email to contacts at every city and county in the state regarding the annual **Housing Unit Survey**. The email contains links and instructions for completing the survey. Completed surveys are typically due to DOF by the third week of January.

In recent years, Kern COG staff has identified discrepancies between verified newly built units in several jurisdictions in the Kern region and what is being reported back by the State via the [annual E-5 population reports](#).

State government staff has confirmed that there is a straight-line link between the data that is reported by the jurisdictions in this survey and **both** the financial calculation for each jurisdiction's budgetary Gann limit, and the populations reported in the E-5 population report put out by DOF each July. Each new unit reported is potentially worth \$1000s of dollars of new formulaic revenue to the jurisdiction. Conversely, underreported new units represent substantial lost potential revenue. Kern COG has a direct interest in this data because it affects the growth assumptions used in the Kern travel demand model.

Kern COG staff would like to contact each jurisdiction's staff member responsible for completing the survey and discuss the potential for Kern COG to retain a copy of the survey as completed by your jurisdiction.

Housing Element/RHNA Annual Progress Reports

Separately, member agencies should begin preparing their Annual Progress Report (APR) to California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) for calendar year 2025. The interface for the APR requires one to set up an account and a login to complete the required inputs and form submission. Please note that depending on your agency's situation the preparation for this submission may take substantial effort.

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65400, all jurisdictions with land use authority are required to submit their 2025 APRs no later than April 1, 2026. The APR provides HCD with standardized metrics to assess each jurisdiction's progress in implementing its adopted Housing Element.

If jurisdictions do not submit their annual APRs, they may become ineligible for certain housing grants and other funding. With the adoption of Assembly Bill 2653 (2022) the APR process is enforceable by HCD and the Attorney General's office.

The Annual Progress Report Form, along with the updated instructions, a supplemental webinar, and a comprehensive FAQ are available at: <https://www.hcd.ca.gov/planning-and-community-development/annual-progress-reports>

Additionally, we would note that much of the data required for the Housing Unit Survey report is similar to the data required by HCD for the Annual Progress Report but on a much shorter timeline.

Timeline 2026 Housing Unit Survey & Annual Progress Reports

- January 5, 2026 – Housing Unit Survey email is sent out/received.
- 3rd week of January – Housing Unit Survey is due to DOF
- April 1st, Annual Progress Reports are due to HCD/LCI

Kern COG staff is available to assist member agencies. Please contact Karl Davisson by email at kdavisson@kerncog.org or phone (661) 635-2919

Staff is reminding local jurisdictions submit Housing Unit Survey as requested by Department of Finance in January 2026 and Annual Housing Report to HCD/LCI by April 1, 2026.



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SUBJECT: **INFORMATION ITEM: II.**
REAP 2.0 STATUS UPDATE

DESCRIPTION:

The Transportation Technical Advisory Committee (TTAC) requested status updates from Arvin, Bakersfield, and Wasco, on their pending Regional Early Action Planning (REAP) 2.0 reimbursement to be presented at the February 4th TTAC meeting.

DISCUSSION:

REAP 2.0 Project Update

Of the four REAP 2.0 Grantees awarded funding in Kern, only the City of Shafter had completed its project and been reimbursed as of December 3rd, 2025. The three remaining cities with projects, Arvin, Bakersfield and Wasco, did not report any expenditures toward their respective projects during the April 2025 reporting cycle. Kern COG staff have since engaged in a dialogue with these member agencies on the topic. Each of the three agencies intend to present an update on their projects at the February TTAC meeting.

Grant Deadlines

Under AB 130 (2025–2026 Budget), the Governor extended REAP 2.0 grant deadlines as follows:

- Expenditure deadline: Extended six months, from June 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026.
- Final invoice submission: Extended fifteen months, from March 31, 2026 to June 30, 2027 (for expenditures through December 31, 2026).
- Final report submission: Extended six months, from December 31, 2026 to June 30, 2027.
- For MPOs only: If unexpended funds remain after the expenditure deadline, the department may reallocate those funds to another eligible MPO by December 31, 2027 (previously 2026), for reimbursement of eligible costs incurred by the expenditure deadline, up to the original allocation amount.

All other terms, including reporting requirements, remain unchanged.

Approved Projects (November 2022)

- \$750,000 — Wasco Alley Rehabilitation for ADUs
- \$230,235 — Shafter Tract 6713

- \$6,000,000 — Bakersfield Senior Center Affordable Senior Housing & Facility
- \$5,690,482 — Arvin “Keeping it Green in the San Joaquin”

On July 16, 2024, the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) notified Kern COG that REAP 2.0 funding had been reduced statewide by \$30 million, applied evenly across all MPO applicants. Revised allocations are provided in the table below.

| Project | Original Sub Allocation | Revised Sub Allocation |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Wasco Alley Rehabilitation for ADUs | 750,000 | 705,882 |
| Shafter Tract 6713 | 230,235 | 216,692 |
| Bakersfield Senior Center Affordable Housing & Facility | 6,000,000 | 5,647,059 |
| Arvin “Keeping it Green in the San Joaquin” | 5,690,482 | 5,355,748 |
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| Total | \$12,670,717 | \$11,925,381 |