

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

January 21, 2021

Agenda Item 6.d.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject: Authorization to amend a Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) contract with the County of San Mateo in an amount not to exceed \$50,500 to provide services for services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2022

Background: Since 2013, BayREN has implemented a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region. The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) serves as the program administrator and lead agency for a 10-member unincorporated association of local government entities.

On May 31, 2018, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Decision 18-05-041¹ which among other things, authorized funding for BayREN through 2025, allowed for modifications to the existing portfolio, and increased the portfolio's total and annualized budget. PG&E – as directed by the CPUC – is the fiscal agent for BayREN. The CPUC has also allowed PG&E and BayREN to negotiate contract terms independent of the CPUC. ABAG and PG&E have a contract for funding through 2022. The overall BayREN budget is developed each calendar year and the contracts have historically been amended on an annual basis or as needed.

The County of San Mateo conducts outreach regarding BayREN programs to the San Mateo County jurisdictions. The County's Office of Sustainability is the primary contact for the programs.

The funding associated with this amendment will permit the County to conduct a series of residential electrification case studies to examine common barriers and benefits from a financial, technological, and health basis. Electrification is the practice of replacing gas-fueled space heaters, water heaters, and stoves with electric alternatives such as heat pumps and induction cooktops. In addition to increasing indoor air quality, transitioning to all-electric buildings and transportation has been identified as a key strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emissions within California, because the State's power supply is increasingly renewable.

¹ <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M215/K706/215706139.PDF>

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The proposed three-year budget for County of San Mateo is as follows:

	2020	2021	2022
Time & Materials	\$212,461	\$262,461	\$212,461

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to enter into a contract amendment with the County of San Mateo in an amount not to exceed \$50,500, for a total contracted amount of \$687,883, to provide services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2022.

Attachments: Summary Approval – County of San Mateo

Reviewed:



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