

**Association of Bay Area Governments
ABAG Administrative Committee**

December 12, 2025

Agenda Item 9b

**Contract Amendment - Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Single Family
Program Design and Implementation: Franklin Energy (\$300,000)**

Subject:

Authorization to enter into a contract amendment for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) with Franklin Energy, an additional \$300,000 in a total contract amount not to exceed \$22,400,000, to expand implementation capacity for BayREN's single family program through December 31, 2027.

Background:

Since 2013, the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (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. The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), in Decision (D.) 12-11-015, first authorized funding for BayREN. On July 3, 2023, the CPUC issued D.23-06-055, which, among other things, approved BayREN's strategic business plan for eight years (2024-2031) and four-year program portfolio for 2024-2027, with an accompanying budget of approximately \$157 million.

In 2022, BayREN initiated a redesign process for the single-family program to better achieve the goals of health, comfort, safety, and savings through energy upgrades for moderate-income residents. Launched earlier this year, BayREN's new Efficiency and Sustainable Energy (EASE) Home program offers moderate-income customers low-cost upgrades and expert guidance to simplify the process of improving home performance. The program will issue over \$18 million in energy efficiency and electrification incentives over the course of the contract.

ABAG, on behalf of BayREN, has contracts with member agencies and with third-party consultants to assist in the implementation of the programs. On October 11, 2024, the ABAG Administrative Committee approved a contract with Franklin Energy for the single-family program design and implementation services for BayREN's EASE Home. The contract was executed on January 23, 2025. Since launching in June, EASE Home has completed

comprehensive energy-efficiency upgrades for over 100 income-qualified households and performed over 300 home energy assessments, with appointments consistently booked up five to eight weeks out. Given the successful launch and demand for the program, staff recommends that the contract for this work be amended to add additional funding, a total amount not to exceed \$300,000, to expand implementation capacity. This will support increasing program's field capacity and capacity to offer third-party rebate stacking assistance.

Issues:

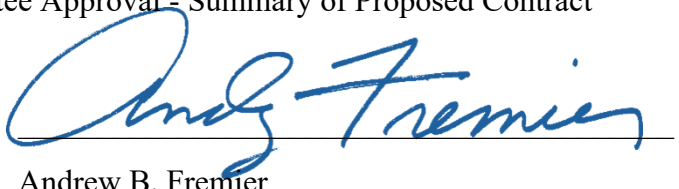
None identified.

Recommendations:

The ABAG Administrative Committee, acting for the ABAG Executive Board, is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to enter into a contract amendment, in the amount of \$300,000, with Franklin Energy, in a total contract amount not to exceed \$22,400,000, to expand implementation capacity for BayREN's single family program through December 31, 2027.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Small Business Enterprise Status
- Attachment B: Request for Committee Approval - Summary of Proposed Contract



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Small Business Enterprise Status

	Firm Name	Role on Project	SBE** Yes / No	If SBE Yes, List #
Prime Contractor	Franklin Energy	Program Administration	No	N/A
Subcontractor	Enso Building Solutions	Efficiency, Electrification, Remediation	No	N/A
Subcontractor	Alcal Specialty Contracting, Inc. (Unionized Installation Services)	Efficiency, Electrification, Remediation	No	N/A

**Denotes certification by the State of California.

Request for Committee Approval

Summary of Proposed Contract Amendment

Work Item No.:	1721 (NFSN 2307)
Consultant:	Franklin Energy Port Washington, WI
Work Project Title:	Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Single Family Program Design and Implementation
Purpose of Project:	To implement BayREN’s Single Family Program.
Brief Scope of Work:	Provide BayREN’s Single Family Program with program management, program design, workforce development, program data and reporting, regional marketing and outreach, and moderate-income direct install implementation.
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$300,000
Funding Source:	Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) (ratepayer funds) as directed by the California Public Utilities Commission
Fiscal Impact:	Funds programmed in Fiscal Year (FY) 25-26, FY 26-27 and FY 27-28 Budgets

Motion by Committee: The ABAG Administrative Committee, acting for the ABAG Executive Board, is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, or designee, to enter into a contract amendment in the amount of \$300,000, with Franklin Energy, in a total contract amount not to exceed \$22,400,000, to expand implementation capacity for BayREN's single family program through December 31, 2027, described above and in the ABAG Administrative Committee Summary Sheet dated December 12, 2025

ABAG Administrative
Committee:

Belia Ramos, President

Approved: December 12, 2025