

## Association of Bay Area Governments

### Executive Board

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January 21, 2021

Agenda Item 6.b.

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#### Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

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**Subject:** Authorization to enter into a contract with Collective Strategies Consulting LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2021

**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 18-05-041<sup>1</sup> 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.

Collective Strategies Consulting LLC, is a small, woman owned business led by the former Director of Climate Programs at the Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) and will provide strategic support to the BayREN member agencies and the regional team.

**Issues:** None

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

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**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 with Collective Strategies Consulting LLC, in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2021.

**Attachments:** Summary Approval – Collective Strategies Consulting, LLC

**Reviewed:**

  
Therese W. McMillan