

Association of Bay Area Governments

Executive Board

December 15, 2022

Agenda Item 6.b.

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Subject:

Authorization to amend a Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) contract with Collective Strategies Consulting LLC in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 for services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2023

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 December 2023 or FY 2023-24. 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 Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority and has provided strategic support to BayREN agencies. Collective Strategies Consulting is leading the new Resilient Libraries initiative that has just commenced. Their services are integral to the implementation of this pilot project.

Issues:

None

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

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Recommended Action:

The ABAG 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 negotiate and enter into a contract amendment in an amount not to exceed \$175,000 with Collective Strategies Consulting LLC, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$475,000, and to extend the contract through December 31, 2023.

Attachments:

- A. Summary Approval – Collective Strategies Consulting, LLC
- B. Sole Source Amendment Memo

Reviewed:



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