

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



Date: March 14, 2019
To: ABAG Executive Board
From: Executive Director
Subject: **Report on ABAG POWER, BayREN, and Water Bill Savings Program**

Executive Summary

Staff will provide an overview and update of the ABAG Energy Programs. Specifically, staff will present on:

1. **ABAG POWER.** ABAG Publicly Owned Energy Resources (ABAG POWER) was formed in 1998 as a Joint Powers Authority (JPA) to provide leadership in energy management and aggregated energy procurement for Bay Area cities, counties, and special districts. ABAG POWER's natural gas aggregation program currently serves 38 member agencies and conducts pooled purchasing of natural gas on behalf of its members for use in public facilities. It aims to provide members with rates that are both lower and more stable as compared against the default energy provider (Pacific Gas & Electric Company). Staff will provide an update on movement into the Canadian market with substantial savings and future plans to pursue the purchase of renewable natural gas.
2. **BayREN.** Formed in 2012 as a collaboration between ABAG and the nine Bay Area counties, the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) helps residents and communities become more energy efficient. BayREN draws on the expertise, experience, and proven track record of local Bay Area governments to build the internal capacity of local cities and counties to administer successful climate, resource, and sustainability programs.

BayREN implements a portfolio of energy efficiency programs that include: single family and multifamily energy retrofit programs that offer monetary incentives; Codes and Standards that work with local building officials to better understand and comply with the State Energy Code; a Commercial program focusing on Small-to-Medium sized businesses, and several financing programs. BayREN is primarily funded by Public Purpose Program Charges approved by the California Public Utilities Commission through 2025 with an annual budget of \$23 million. Staff will give an update on the programs, the county specific impacts, and new opportunities for collaboration with the San Francisco Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) and other agencies.

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3. Water Bill Savings Program. Staff from the Sonoma County BayREN member agency Regional Climate Protection Authority will provide an update on the expansion of the Water Bill Savings Program and the current efforts to regionalize this water/energy savings program.

Recommended Action

Information.

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Attachment

Presentation Energy Programs