

# Association of Bay Area Governments

## Executive Board

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May 16, 2019

Agenda Item 6.b.

**Authorization to enter into Contract Amendment with Frontier Energy for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$247,500**

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**Subject:** Authorization to enter into Contract Amendment with Frontier Energy for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) Consulting Services in an amount not to exceed \$247,500.

**Background:** The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) implements a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region. 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 12-11-015, first authorized funding for BayREN. In Decision 18-05-041, the CPUC authorized BayREN funding through 2025, or when the Commission issues a superseding decision. The current budget for 2019 is approximately \$23 million and is set on a calendar year basis.

ABAG has contracts with BayREN member agencies and with third-party consultants. The third-party consultants were selected through a competitive process to assist in the implementation of the programs. The overall BayREN budget is developed each calendar year, and contracts with agencies and consultants are thereafter amended on an annual basis or as needed.

Frontier Energy (formerly BKI) has provided consulting services to BayREN's Codes and Standards subprogram since 2014, and a new procurement is underway to re-bid these services. However, current funding for these services will run out at the end of June, and the procurement will not be finished until after that date. This amendment therefore would authorize an additional \$22,500 for services between now and June, as well as \$165,000 to continue funding on a month-to-month basis as needed for up to three months, until the procurement is complete and a new contract for Codes & Standards services is in place.

Separate from the Codes and Standards activities, Frontier also provides technical and regulatory support for the entire BayREN portfolio and is contracted for those services through the end of 2019. Given an unusually high amount of regulatory activities thus far in 2019, we are requesting an increase in that budget by \$60,000.

**Issues:** None.

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**Recommended Action:** The Executive Board is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or her designee, to enter into contract amendments with Frontier Energy for up to \$247,500, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$679,185, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

**Attachments:** Summary Approval

**Reviewed:**



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