

MEMORANDUM

ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS

Representing City and County Governments of the San Francisco Bay Area



DATE: June 13, 2019

TO: ABAG POWER Executive Committee

FROM: Ryan Jacoby
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RE: Attachment 8A – Renewable Natural Gas & Related Opportunities

Summary

In efforts to reach its greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals, California has consistently committed to waste reduction, adoption of new and efficient technology, and the expansion of renewable energy resources. Among other things, the proliferation of Community Choice Aggregation and the Renewables Portfolio Standard have accelerated efforts to decarbonize electricity generation, placing increased focus on carbon-emitting fuel sources like natural gas and its consumer-facing appliances.

ABAG POWER's current focus is conducting pooled purchasing of fossil-based natural gas for member agencies, but the Joint Powers Agreement and relatively large membership present a foundation for other opportunities that align with members' climate goals.

Recommendation

Staff recommends the formation of a working group to evaluate potential opportunities for ABAG POWER to assist member agencies in the areas of renewable natural gas, methane reduction measures, and aggregated procurement of electric vehicles or solar photovoltaics, and to report back to the Executive Committee on its work.