

**Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments
Joint MTC Planning Committee with the ABAG Administrative Committee**

July 9, 2021

Agenda Item 3g

Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN): County of Ventura (\$146,667)

Subject: Authorization to pay the County of Ventura in an amount not to exceed \$146,667 for BayREN's portion of the sponsorship of the California Climate & Energy Collaborative (CCEC)

Background: Since 2013, the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (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 2022 or FY 2022-23. The overall BayREN budget is developed each calendar year and the contracts have historically been amended on an annual basis or as needed.

The three California Investor Owned Utilities have traditionally sponsored the Statewide Energy Efficiency Collaborative (SEEC) that provided resources to local governments including climate action planning tools, trainings, and conferences. These services were well attended and useful to local governments in the Bay Area and across the state.

The Utilities elected not to renew their collective sponsorship at the end of Calendar Year 2019. In recognition of the valuable services that were provided to local governments through SEEC, the three California Regional Energy Networks (BayREN, SoCalREN (administered by the County of Los Angeles) and 3C-REN (San Luis Obispo, Santa Barba and Ventura counties) agreed to jointly take over the activities under the new name of the California Climate & Energy Collaborative (CCEC). The sponsorship total is \$439,986; BayREN's portion is \$146,662.


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

The County of Ventura has a vendor agreement with the Local Government Commission, whose staff oversee the CCEC activities. The County of Ventura then invoices ABAG and the County of Los Angeles for one third each.

Issues: None

Recommended Action: The ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to pay an invoice in the amount of \$146,667 for sponsorship of California Climate & Energy Collaborative.

Attachments: Summary Approval County of Ventura


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**SUMMARY OF ABAG ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE APPROVAL**

Work Item No.:	1721
Consultant/Vendor:	County of Ventura
Work Project Title:	BayREN
Purpose of Project:	Implement a portfolio of energy efficiency programs across the region.
Brief Scope of Work:	Sponsorship of the California Climate & Energy Collaborative (CCEC)
Project Cost Not to Exceed:	\$146,667
Funding Source:	Consultant/Professional Services line item of the ABAG/BayREN budget which includes PG&E (ratepayer funds) as directed by the CPUC (\$50,000/fy subject to the annual budgetary approval process); County of Ventura (on behalf of 3C-REN) (\$50,000/fy subject to the annual budgetary approval process)
Fiscal Impact:	FY 2021-22 \$146,667
Motion by Committee:	The ABAG Administrative Committee is requested to authorize the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Transportation Commission, or designee, on behalf of the Association of Bay Area Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to pay an invoice in the amount of \$146,667 for sponsorship of California Climate & Energy Collaborative.
Executive Board Approval:	
	Jesse Arreguin, ABAG President
Approval Date:	July 9, 2021