

## **Association of Bay Area Governments**

### **Executive Board**

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November 18, 2021

Agenda Item 6.h.

#### **Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)**

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#### **Subject:**

Authorization to enter into a contract amendment with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Center for Sustainable Communities, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000 for services for the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) through December 31, 2022.

#### **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 18-05-041<sup>1</sup> 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 Center for Sustainable Communities, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) has been engaged to develop a web-based energy usage database that allows BayREN member agencies to identify and target areas of high energy usage, to conduct supplementary sociodemographic analyses, and to measure progress toward climate action planning goals. The publicly accessible tool currently contains usage data from calendar years 2013 through 2018 and is being expanded to include 2018 and 2019. The proposed amendment includes funding for routine website maintenance and operation throughout calendar year 2022.

#### **Issues:**

None.

#### **Recommended Action:**

The 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

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

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Governments and the Bay Area Regional Energy Network, to enter into a contract amendment with the Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the Center for Sustainable Communities, Institute of the Environment and Sustainability at UCLA. in an amount not to exceed \$60,000, for a total contracted amount of \$765,000, to provide services for BayREN implementation through December 31, 2022.

#### Attachments:

Summary Approval UCLA

#### Reviewed:



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