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DATE: January 27, 2016

TO: Energy Council

FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

BY: Karen Kho, Senior Program Manager

SUBJECT: 2016 BayREN Contract

SUMMARY

On January 27, 2016, staff will provide an overview of Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) accomplishments and proposed scope of work for 2016. Since 2013 StopWaste has represented Alameda County jurisdictions in the BayREN regional partnership and supported the implementation of its single-family, multifamily, codes and standards and financing programs. In order to ensure continuity of program services, the Energy Council needs to authorize the Executive Director to enter into a contract with ABAG to accept up to $6 million.

DISCUSSION

On October 28, 2015 the California Public Utilities Commission issued a Decision authorizing energy efficiency programs for 2016, including a $13.3 million budget for BayREN. The 2016 portfolio will continue to include three programs (single-family, multifamily, codes and standards) and three financing pilots. The latest budget and scope for Energy Council is described in Attachment A. Staff anticipates filling similar implementation roles as in 2015, which include leading the multifamily program and financing pilot for the 9 Bay Area Counties, and implementing a residential policy pilot and program outreach in Alameda County.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution attached authorizing the Executive Director to enter into 2016 contract for Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) and other related actions.

ENERGY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #EC 2016 –

MOVED:
SECONDED:

AT THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 27, 2016

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO 2016 CONTRACT FOR BAY AREA REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK (BayREN) AND OTHER RELATED ACTIONS

WHEREAS, The Energy Council recognizes that it is in the interest of the local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council was formed to seek funding to develop and implement programs and policies that reduce energy demand, increase energy efficiency, advance the use of clean, efficient and renewable resources, and help create climate resilient communities; and

WHEREAS, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has recognized the need for expanded collaboration with and participation by local governments to achieve market transformation toward energy efficiency as part of its Long Term Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, in its Decision 15-10-028, the CPUC authorized funding for Regional Energy Networks (RENs) to continue their existing programs in 2016; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council partnered with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and 8 other county representatives to implement the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN); and

WHEREAS, with ongoing input from the Energy Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG), the Energy Council represents Alameda County jurisdictions within BayREN; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council has been designated as the lead regional implementer for the multifamily subprogram and multifamily financing pilot, and to conduct local outreach for other subprograms, and

WHEREAS, ABAG intends to provide Energy Council with a budget not to exceed $6,000,000 for services related to the BayREN as described in Attachment A;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Council hereby authorizes the Executive Director to:

1. Enter into all necessary contracts and agreements with ABAG in order to accept additional funds up to $6 million, amend the FY 2015/16 budget to add these funds to Project 1347: BayREN.
2. Approve any required time extensions, modifications, or amendments thereto.
3. Allocate the necessary resources to implement and carry out the amended scope of work.

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAINED:

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Wendy Sommer
Executive Director

Attachment A
Draft Energy Council Scope of Work
2016 BayREN Program

Multifamily – Regional Lead ($5,654,300)
Energy Council will lead the Regional BayREN Multifamily program, including the Capital Advance Financing Pilot, and conduct the following activities:

- Administer and manage program to ensure that total unit goals and energy savings metrics are met or exceeded
- Oversee technical consultants and partners responsible for implementation
- Convene BayREN members to participate in the multifamily committee
- Verify and approve eligible scopes of work and process rebates for property owners
- Coordinate reporting and Evaluation, Measurement & Verification (EM&V) activities
- Conduct regional marketing activities and coordinate local outreach activities

Single Family – Local Outreach ($125,907)
Energy Council will conduct local outreach for the Single-family program, including the following activities:

- Organize workshop and other outreach events
- Refer property owners to the regional Home Upgrade Advisor service
- Serve as a liaison for local contractors and facilitate their participation in Home Upgrade
- Collaborate with real estate professionals
- Administer Home Energy Score rebates

Codes and Standards – Technical Advisor, Residential Policy Pilot and Local Outreach ($116,500)
Energy Council will conduct local outreach for the Codes and Standards program, including the following activities:

- Serve as a technical and policy advisor to the program
- Lead Residential Energy Policy pilot project
- Conduct outreach to building departments and promote participation in BayREN activities
- Assist in prioritization and development of new BayREN trainings based on local needs
- Provide input on content of regional forums and promote participation to local governments

Commercial PACE - Local Outreach ($700)
Energy Council will conduct local outreach for the Commercial PACE program, including the following activities:

- Coordinate local Commercial PACE promotional activities with BayREN Commercial PACE outreach

Pay As You Save (PAYS) - Local Outreach ($10,800)
Energy Council will conduct local outreach for the PAYS financing pilot, including the following:

- Serve as a local contact for PAYS water utilities in the County for questions about BayREN
- Provide support to the regional lead and promote the program to local stakeholders

Multifamily Financing Pilot– Regional Lead ($31,875)
Energy Council will manage the Bay Area Multifamily Capital Advance Pilot (BAMCAP), including the following:

- Recruiting lenders to participate in the program
- Promoting the financing product to property owners and multifamily brokers