SUMMARY
The Energy Council has an open contract with PG&E for Local Government Partnership activities, which was renewed in 2016 to be valid through December 31, 2018. In 2016 these activities included administering the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee (EBEW SAC). Staff is recommending that the existing agreement with PG&E be amended by $600,000 to include the administration of the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee and programmatic coordination in 2017.

DISCUSSION
East Bay Energy Watch is a collaboration between PG&E and local governments, non-profit and for-profit energy service providers dedicated to providing energy efficiency solutions for residents and businesses throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. The EBEW SAC is comprised of staff from jurisdictions in Alameda and Contra Costa Counties and, in partnership with PG&E, has decision making authority over the activities and budget of the EBEW programs. The Energy Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has provided ongoing input on their priorities for Local Government Partnership activities and coordination with the East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW).

In January 2016, the EBEW SAC voted for Energy Council staff to take on the role of administering the EBEW SAC, with co-administration provided by Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development. The EBEW SAC voted in August 2016 for the Energy Council to continue with the administrative role in 2017 with additional responsibilities for technical oversight of Strategic Energy Resource pilot projects and programmatic activities. The scope of work for these tasks is described in more detail in Attachment A.

The Energy Council TAG supports this scope of work because it facilitates strategic planning and improves coordination of energy efficiency activities throughout the county. Staff will participate in SAC meetings and work to integrate program offerings for 2017 and beyond. Immediate program coordination opportunities exist in the commercial, municipal, residential and school sectors.
RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution in Attachment B authorizing the Executive Director to amend the existing agreement with PG&E by $600,000 to include the administration of the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee and programmatic coordination in 2017.

Attachments:
   A. PG&E LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP SCOPE OF WORK
   B. ENERGY COUNCIL RESOLUTION #EC 2016 – 03
Attachment A

PG&E Local Government Partnership Scope of Work

East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee Administration

Independent EBEW Administrator core responsibilities include (but are not limited to) the items listed below:

- Convening the SAC and sub-committees,
- Designing and facilitating SAC Strategic Planning activities
- Tracking and providing updates on CPUC and CEC regulatory activities,
- Administering pass through stipends to local governments
- Administering and managing Strategic Energy Resource (SER) pilot projects
- Coordinating EBEW programmatic activity with Energy Council, Bay REN, CCE and ACWMA programs.
- Supporting outreach and maintain EBEW website content
- Ensuring equitable resource distribution and decision-making between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties.

Strategic Energy Resource Pilots

Strategic Energy Resource (SER) pilots are approved by the Strategic Advisory Committee, including:

- Civic Spark program
- Energy efficiency innovation concepts in Small Medium Business, residential, and municipal building sectors

The total 2017 contract budget is $600,000

- $150,000 will support Energy Council staff time and materials
- $450,000 will be passed through as sub-contracts and stipends
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO AMEND PG&E LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARTNERSHIP CONTRACT 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 green jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Energy Council has embarked on an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, cut energy use and save money; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council has entered into a Local Government Partnership with PG&E and has provided support to the East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW); and

WHEREAS, Alameda and Contra Costa County jurisdictions have elected Energy Council as the Independent Administrator of the EBEW Strategic Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council will be awarded $600,000 for administrative and program coordination activities (as described in further detail 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 PG&E in order to amend the current Local Government Partnership contract and add $600,000 to that contract

2. Amend the FY 2016/17 budget for Project 1348: PG&E Energy Programs and add $600,000 to that project

3. Approve any required time extensions, modifications, or amendments thereto

4. 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