

DATE: January 23, 2019

TO: Energy Council

FROM: Wendy Sommer, Executive Director

BY: Jennifer West, Program Manager

SUBJECT: 2019 PG&E Local Government Partnership Contract

SUMMARY

The Energy Council has an open contract with PG&E for Local Government Partnership activities, which was renewed in 2018 to be valid through December 31, 2019. In 2018, 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 \$515,000 for continued administration of the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee and programmatic coordination in 2019.

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).

On September 20, 2018, the EBEW SAC approved 2019 activities and an associated budget. The Energy Council will continue its administrative role with responsibilities for technical oversight of Strategic Energy Resource programmatic activities. The Energy Council will contract with consultants and non-profits for program implementation and administer stipends to leaders of EBEW from local governments. The scope of work for these tasks is described in more detail in Attachment A.

Starting with the 2019 budget, EBEW's work will focus more (and eventually exclusively) on Public Sector energy savings, and there is a shrinking budget for pilot programs. In 2019, most of EBEW's funding continues to support Fellows placed in jurisdictions to increase capacity for sustainability programs. There will be limited support for municipal GHG inventories, building on the community-based GHG inventories completed in 2018. During 2019 EBEW will work more on supporting energy efficiency projects within municipal buildings, and less on supporting small and medium business outreach or residential energy efficiency programs.

The Energy Council TAG supports this scope of work because it facilitates strategic planning and improved coordination of energy efficiency activities throughout the county. Staff will participate in SAC meetings and work to integrate program offerings for 2018 and beyond. Immediate program coordination opportunities exist in the municipal, commercial, and school sectors.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the attached Resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a 2019 contract agreement with PG&E to continue the administration of the East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee and programmatic coordination and other related actions.

Attachment A: Summary of 2019 PG&E Local Government Partnership Scope of Work

**ENERGY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #EC 2019 –**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

AT THE MEETING HELD JANUARY 23, 2019

**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 jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the 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 elected the Energy Council as the Independent Administrator of the EBEW Strategic Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2018 Alameda and Contra Costa County jurisdictions approved the 2019 EBEW budget and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council will be awarded \$515,000 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 \$515,000 to that contract
2. Make any necessary changes to the FY 2018-19 budget for Project 1348: PG&E Energy Programs
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:

Wendy Sommer
Executive Director

Attachment A

2019 PG&E Local Government Partnership Scope of Work

East Bay Energy Watch Strategic Advisory Committee (SAC) 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 SAC leadership positions in local governments
- Administering and managing Strategic Energy Resource (SER) pilot projects and programs
- Coordinating EBEW programmatic activity with Energy Council, BayREN, East Bay Community Energy (EBCE) and ACWMA programs
- Supporting outreach and maintaining EBEW website content
- Ensuring equitable resource distribution and decision-making between Alameda and Contra Costa Counties

Strategic Energy Resource Programs

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

- Civic Spark and Climate Corps Fellows program
- Energy efficiency innovation concepts in Public Sector (municipal, special district and K-12 buildings), such as:
 - Climate Action Plan Data Inventory Project for municipal emissions

The total 2019 contract budget is \$515,000

- \$110,000 will support Energy Council staff time and materials
- \$405,000 will be passed through as sub-contracts and stipends