



**DATE:** June 16, 2015

**TO:** The Energy Council

**FROM:** Gary Wolff, Executive Director  
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**SUBJECT:** Bay Area Regional Energy Network Contract Amendment #2

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**BACKGROUND**

On November 19, 2014 the Energy Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Executive Director to enter into a contract with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for implementation of the San Francisco Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) program in calendar year 2015. The Energy Council is leading the implementation of the regional multifamily program, which is designed to provide a “middle of the road” participation path in the hard-to-reach multifamily sector. The program is on track to incentivize efficiency upgrades in 8,500 units, exceeding the original 2015 goal of 5,000 units. We anticipate 22% of these units in Alameda County.

**DISCUSSION**

BayREN requested additional funding to supplement the multifamily program’s approved 2015 budget of \$6.5 million. On May 12, 2015 PG&E filed an advice letter with the California Public Utilities Commission requesting to transfer \$3.5 million to BayREN for the multifamily program.

The Energy Council’s budget for 2015 can now be augmented to serve 3,500 additional multifamily units. If the EC Board wants to move forward, it should authorize the Executive Director to enter into an agreement with ABAG and execute the necessary documents to accept and spend up to an additional \$3.5 million. The funds will be used to provide technical assistance and rebates -- which we are already providing -- but for more residential units. The draft Resolution (attached) authorizes the Executive Director to accept and spend these additional funds.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution attached.

**ENERGY COUNCIL  
RESOLUTION #EC 2015 –**

**MOVED:  
SECONDED:**

**AT THE MEETING HELD JUNE 24, 2015**

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONTRACT AMENDMENT  
#2 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 for Phase I of Rulemaking 13-11-005, the CPUC authorized funding for Regional Energy Networks (RENs) to continue their existing programs in 2015; 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) 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**, the regional multifamily program is on track to exceed its original goals and PG&E has proposed to transfer \$3.5 million from other programs to BayREN in 2015, and

**WHEREAS**, ABAG intends to augment the Energy Council budget to support an additional 3,500 multifamily properties with rebates and technical assistance;

**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 of up to \$3,500,000, 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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Gary Wolff, PE, PhD  
Executive Director