



DATE: November 12, 2014

TO: The Energy Council (EC)

FROM: Gary Wolff, Executive Director
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SUBJECT: Water-Energy Grant Application Authorization - Resolution

BACKGROUND

In July 2013, the Energy Council adopted eight priority areas for programs in 2013-15, including water-energy nexus. Staff has been working with the EC Technical Advisory Group and external partners, including the Alameda County Office of Education and water suppliers operating in Alameda County, to identify funding opportunities and eligible projects. Initial outreach targeting the multifamily, schools, municipal, and hospitality sectors yielded dozens of potential water-energy projects for inclusion in either the current grant proposal or future proposals.

DISCUSSION

In September 2014, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released the final guidelines for a Water-Energy Grant Program. This program will allocate \$19 million of Cap and Trade funding to projects statewide. In order to be competitive, proposals must demonstrate significant water savings, energy savings, GHG reductions, and benefit a Cal-EPA-designated Disadvantaged Community (DAC), which include portions of San Leandro, Oakland and Union City. Staff is currently reviewing potential projects suggested by member agencies and other partners using these criteria. The proposal, entitled Water-Energy Upgrade in Alameda County DACs, will include eligible projects and will be submitted to DWR on the December 12, 2014 deadline. In order to comply with the grant application requirements, staff is asking the Energy Council to approve by Resolution the DWR Resolution in Attachment A, which authorizes the Executive Director to apply for, executive, and manage a grant, if made by DWR.

Although the language of the DWR resolution suggests that the Energy Council would not need to be consulted again for the Executive Director to accept or spend a grant, that is not the case. All expenditures of the Energy Council must be included in its budget, so any grant that is offered cannot actually be spent without a later budget action by the Council. Staff will request such authorization, including a scope of services and budget, should DWR offer us a Water-Energy grant.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt the Resolution attached.

**ENERGY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION #EC 2014 –**

**MOVED:
SECONDED:**

AT THE MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 19, 2014

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ENERGY COUNCIL AS GRANT DESIGNEE FOR CALIFORNIA
DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES 2014 WATER ENERGY GRANT**

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 Energy Council adopted priority areas for programs in 2013-15 that include water-energy nexus; and

WHEREAS, the California Legislature recognized the opportunity for greenhouse gas emissions reductions from water and energy efficiency projects and authorized using Cap and Trade proceeds for this purpose; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources (DWR) released a request for proposals for a 2014 Water Energy Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the Energy Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG) has provided ongoing input and helped identify eligible projects; and

WHEREAS, the California EPA has released a map designating Disadvantaged Communities in portions of Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, Energy Council intends to submit a proposal to DWR for water-energy projects located in Alameda County DACs; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Water Resources requires the proposal to include the resolution in Attachment A authorizing Energy Council as grant designee.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Energy Council hereby approves the attached resolution provided by the Department of Water Resources:

ADOPTED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

Gary Wolff, PE, PhD
Executive Director

Attachment A

Resolution No. **XXX**

Authorizing the Energy Council as Grant Designee

Resolved by the Board of the Energy Council, that application be made to the California Department of Water Resources to obtain a 2014 Water-Energy Grant pursuant to Senate Bill No. 103 Section 11 (2013-2014 Regular Session), and to enter into an agreement to receive a grant for the: Water-Energy Upgrades in Alameda County DACs. The Executive Director of the Energy Council, or designee, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare the necessary data, conduct investigations, file such application, and execute a grant agreement and any amendments thereto, with California Department of Water Resources.

Passed and adopted at a meeting of the Energy Council on November 19, 2014.

Authorized Original Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Title: _____

Clerk/Secretary: _____