



DATE: January 27, 2021
TO: Energy Council
FROM: Karen Kho, Principal Program Manager
SUBJECT: BayREN Partnership Update

SUMMARY

At the January 27, 2021 Energy Council meeting, staff and representatives from ABAG/MTC will provide an update on the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) regional partnership.

DISCUSSION

In 2012 the California Public Utilities Commission invited local governments to form Regional Energy Networks (RENs) for the purpose of administering energy efficiency programs. StopWaste joined nine other public agencies in forming BayREN, and ABAG was elected as the program administrator. RENs are authorized to offer programs that target harder-to-serve markets, do not duplicate the efforts of others and that test innovative approaches with the potential to scale. In 2018 the California Public Utilities Commission approved ten years of funding for BayREN's portfolio of six programs: Single-Family, Green Labeling, Multifamily, Codes and Standards, Commercial, and Water Bill Savings.

StopWaste's role within BayREN is to represent Alameda County jurisdictions, to lead the regional Multifamily and Green Labeling programs, and to conduct local outreach for the other energy efficiency programs. StopWaste also leads BayREN's Heat Pump Water Heater market development program, which is funded by a grant from the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. The Energy Council Technical Advisory Group (TAG) receives monthly updates on the implementation of BayREN programs, provides input on priorities for regional programs and services, and assists staff in targeting local outreach activities throughout the county.

RECOMMENDATION

This item is for information only.

Attachment: BayREN Program Brochure