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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Public Works

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SUBJECT: Approval of a Funding and Implementation Agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments for Energy Efficiency Funding

RECOMMENDATION

Director of Public Works requests approval of and authorization for the Chair to sign a revenue agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) for a maximum of \$148,382 for the term January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 to deliver services related to the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In November of 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Final Decision D.12-11-015 approving the 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Programs and Budgets. The 2012 CPUC Final Decision created the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) and approved over \$26 million for various programs. A number of other CPUC decisions have extended the program annually. On October 28, 2016 the CPUC issued D.15-10-028 approving, among other things, budget to fund implementation of BayREN activities through 2025. Final budgets for the years beyond 2018 have not been determined.

Napa County has been participating in the BayREN program since 2013. As the last program agreement expired as of December 31, 2018, this new agreement updates and extends the program to December 31, 2019. Grant funding in the amount of \$148,382 is designated for Napa County. The funds will support implementation of rebates and other energy efficiency incentives across the following programs: Single Family, Multi-Family, Codes and Standards, Commercial, Water Bill Savings Program, and Green labeling. Approval of the revenue agreement is required to obtain CPUC funding through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) and this grant revenue supports on-going energy efficiency programs offered in Napa County since 2014.

Napa County serves as the local representative to BayREN and is responsible for coordinating the scope of work across all BayREN subprograms in Napa County. Scopes of work were developed by consensus of the nine

participating counties, with administration provided by the ABAG, and approved by the CPUC. Participation in BayREN is key to reducing GHG emissions related to energy use in the County and region.

This item aligns with the strategic plan, and addresses the pillar of a "Vibrant and Sustainable Environment, Action 9, by providing greater protection for environmental resources through energy conservation.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes
Where is it budgeted?	The item is currently budgeted in Fund: 1000 Subdivision: 1220000.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	Participation in the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) provides Napa County access to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) funding through the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). The funds support implementation of rebates and other energy efficiency incentives across the following programs: Single Family, Multi-Family, Codes and Standards, Commercial, Water Bill Savings Program, and Green Labeling.
Is the general fund affected?	Yes
Future fiscal impact:	Since the agreement is based on a calendar year, not a fiscal year, reimbursement for grant funded staff costs will occur for the first six months of FY 2019-20 (through December 31, 2019). The revenue and expenses related to this grant funding will be budgeted accordingly in the FY 2019-20 budget.
Consequences if not approved:	If not approved, the County will not be able to participate in the 2019 BayREN Energy Efficiency Program and would not be able to market these energy efficiency programs to property owners, residents, and Building Departments.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

In November of 2012, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued Final Decision D.12-11-015 approving 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Programs and Budgets. The Decision created the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) and approved funding for programs including the Energy Upgrade California program, targeting single family homeowners; a multi-family rebate program; financing programs, including an expansion of the Pay as you Save Program (now Water Bill Savings Program (WBSP)); work on commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE); and improvement to municipal codes and standards.

On November 24, 2014, the CPUC issued Final Decision D.14-10-046 extending the program through 2015. On October 28, 2016 the CPUC issued D.15-10-028 (2016 Decision) approving a BayREN Program Implementation Plan for 2016 (2016 PIP) and budget to fund implementation of the 2016 PIP including, among other things, budget to fund implementation of activities through 2025. The budget was reaffirmed by the CPUC in D.18-05-041, issued on June 5, 2018. This Decision also directed Pacific Gas & Electric Company (PG&E) to enter into an annual contract with ABAG to provide funding for the activities identified in the existing and revised BayREN Program Implementation Plans (PIP). Final budgets for the years beyond 2019 have not been determined.

A single jurisdiction in each of the nine counties in the Bay Area region is responsible for local coordination of the regional programs. Administration of the BayREN program is provided by ABAG. Napa County is serving as the jurisdictional representative to BayREN, and will be responsible for implementing the scopes of work for all BayREN subprograms in the county. The total Napa County awarded grant is \$148,382 and it covers the costs associated with program implementation in the county. Participation in BayREN aids in reducing GHG emissions related to energy use in the county.

Napa County Scope of Work:

Napa County is responsible for the local delivery of services for all BayREN programs. Highlights of Napa County responsibilities include:

Administration/Governance

- | Participate in the BayREN coordination and steering committees
- | Coordinate with local governments in Napa County on the implementation of energy efficiency programs by providing access to and information about BayREN programs
- | Provide monitoring, tracking, and reporting necessary to comply with grant requirements

Single Family Program

- | Coordinate with BayREN members
- | Coordinate with other local energy efficiency programs
- | Conduct Napa County contractor recruitment, education, and training
- | Support regional marketing strategy development and deliver local marketing campaigns
- | Conduct outreach to homeowners including: workshops, tabling events, sending mail and emails, and giving presentations

Multi-Family Program

- | Recruit multifamily property owners to the program through local activities and events
- | Coordinate with other local energy efficiency and water programs
- | Assist with data collection and reporting
- | Host technical workshops and trainings

Codes and Standards Program

- | Coordinate with local Chief Building Officials and building department staff
- | Host local and regional trainings
- | Support outreach related to code policy issues
- | Lead efforts to organize one of the Codes & Standards Forums and promote quarterly forum events
- | Conduct outreach about energy efficiency to property owners who lost houses in the 2017 Napa Fire

Complex

- | Work with Marin Clean Energy (MCE) and other stakeholders as needed to increase awareness to about the Advanced Energy Rebuild Napa program, a program of MCE in which incentives are available for property owners in Napa County who are rebuilding homes lost in the October 2017 and 2018 wildfires.

Water Bill Savings Program (WBSP)

- | Support WBSP partner utilities in outreach to elected officials, staff, customers, the general public, and other stakeholders
- | Analyze the Water Bill Savings program performance to identify gaps and provide recommendations

Commercial Program

- | Aid in the development of marketing strategies, messaging, creative, and collateral as needed for the new 2019 program design
- | Recruit property owners, contractors and business decision-makers through local activities and events

Green Labeling Program

- | Promote Home Energy Score or real estate education trainings to local stakeholders
- | Maintain and develop relationships with local real estate associations and present at realtor meetings

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Leigh Sharp