



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
County Manager



**Date:** May 21, 2013  
**Board Meeting Date:** June 18, 2013  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** John L. Maltbie, County Manager

**Subject:** Agreement with Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG)

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing an agreement with the Association of Bay Area Governments to implement the Bay Area Regional Energy Network for the term of January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2014, in an amount not to exceed \$295,405 payable to the County of San Mateo.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN) is a regional network comprised of the nine Bay Area counties and the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG). It was created to support residential retrofits for energy efficiency. BayREN represents the continuation and expansion of the Energy Upgrade program that has been in place since 2011. The BayREN program includes an outreach and education campaign, workforce development initiatives, codes and standards policy support and the establishment of financing options for energy efficiency work. BayREN has been awarded \$26.56 million for the 2013-2014 funding cycle of the California Public Utility Commission (CPUC). The majority of this funding will support incentive payouts to residents and multi-family property owners, as well as regional marketing campaign and technical assistance infrastructure. The program will be implemented through a fiscal agency agreement between ABAG and PG&E.

The program includes four sub-programs: Single Family residential, Multi-Family residential, Codes and Standards, and Financing. Each of the 9 BayREN counties is entering into funding/program services agreements with ABAG for activities and deliverables under the 4 sub-programs. Counties will also have access to services, incentives and other support as direct benefits to homeowners and businesses that undertake energy efficiency upgrades.

**DISCUSSION:**

The County of San Mateo will receive \$295,405 in direct funding for implementation activities in San Mateo County related to BayREN program goals. This funding will support the addition of two unclassified positions to conduct outreach and education to promote the programs locally. County residents and businesses will also have access to an array of incentives, resources, and financing options to assist them in completing residential and commercial energy upgrades. The term of the contract is January 1, 2013 – December 31, 2014. Delays in contract negotiations between ABAG and PG&E as well as program design changes requested by the CPUC have caused a delay in processing the individual county – ABAG contracts.

Approval of this Resolution contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 outcome of an Environmentally Conscious Community by supporting the energy retrofit market in San Mateo County. Energy retrofits help to protect our natural resources by creating local green jobs and reducing greenhouse gas emissions by lowering energy consumption.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Agreement and Resolution as to form.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The total cost of project implementation in San Mateo County is estimated at \$295,405. All project costs will be funded through CPUC funds via the Agreement with ABAG. There is no Net County Cost.