



## Memo

**Date:** May 23, 2022

**TO:** Sustainability Committee

**FROM:** Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director  
By: Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Energy Manager

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER County participation in MCE's Strategic Energy Management Program (SEM) as recommended by the Public Works Director.

**WORK ORDER NO:** n/a

**BACKGROUND:** In 2018, the Board of Supervisors adopted a Distributed Energy Resources (DER) Plan for County operations, noting that implementation of DERs in County facilities is the most expedient, efficient and effective way to meet the statutory renewable energy goals and the carbon reduction requirements of SB350 (Clean Energy & Pollution Reduction Act) and the objectives of the County's Climate Action. A foundational part of the DER Plan involves the identification and implementation of energy efficient equipment and the encouragement of energy conservation behavior throughout County operations. The program will dovetail with the County's G3 Sustainability Champions program, offering on-site support and technical assistance. Furthermore, this program offers a framework for wholistic planning and systems thinking and provides financial incentives for all energy savings achieved (measured or calculated).

Public Works recommends the County participate in this program, which is implemented by CleaResult on behalf of MCE and funded by the CPUC. Potential revenue from program participation could exceed \$10,000 per year while simultaneously reducing GHG emissions. This participation agreement has been submitted to County Counsel and is currently under review.

**RECOMMENDATION(S)/NEXT STEP(S):** APPROVE County participation in MCE's Strategic Energy Management Program (SEM) as recommended by the Public Works Director.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No new capital expenses are required for program participation.

### Attachments:

1. Program Flyer – "MCE SEM Flyer"
2. Program Participation Agreement – "Draft MCE SEM - Contra Costa Customer Participation Agreement - 5-16-22"

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Attachments: Voltus distributed Energy Resources Agreement  
Willdan Program Participation Agreement

c: Brendan Havenar-Daughton, Energy Manager  
Michele Wara, Executive Secretary  
Alina Zimmerman, County Counsel Log