



**Contra  
Costa  
County**

To: Board of Supervisors  
From: John Kopchik, Director, Conservation & Development Department  
Date: July 24, 2018

Subject: Contract Amendment with Energy Council to Support East Bay Energy Watch Activities - 2018

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**RECOMMENDATION(S):**

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Conservation and Development Director, or designee, to execute a contract amendment with Energy Council, a joint exercise of powers agency, to increase the payment to the County by \$45,000 to a new payment limit of \$85,000, and to extend the term of the contract from December 31, 2017 through December 31, 2018, for the County's continued work in connection with East Bay Energy Watch.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There will be no impact to the General Fund. The funding provided by this contract will cover Department of Conservation and Development (DCD) staff time costs associated with assisting PG&E and the Energy Council with its East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW) Local Government Partnership Program for calendar year 2018. 100% Energy Watch Funding.

**BACKGROUND:**

East Bay Energy Watch (EBEW) is a Local Government Partnership (LGP) collaboration between PG&E, local governments, non-profit and for-profit service providers in the East Bay providing energy efficiency solutions for residents and businesses in communities throughout Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. EBEW is one of over twenty Energy

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Action of Board On: **07/24/2018** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

**VOTE OF SUPERVISORS**

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor  
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor  
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor  
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor  
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: July 24, 2018

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By: June McHuen, Deputy

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Watch LGPs administered by PG&E and funded by California utility

## BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

ratepayers under the auspices of the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). EBEW consists of city and county staff members of both Alameda and Contra Costa Counties that work together to support energy efficiency programs to meet the needs of local customers and communities.

Since 2010, the County has been actively participating in EBEW and receiving funding to assist with marketing and outreach on the various energy efficiency incentive (rebate) programs being offered to businesses throughout Contra Costa. EBEW primarily focuses on programs for businesses but also has one relatively small program for residents. The County has not participated in the residential component since it would require start-up funding from the County, is not seen as cost-effective, and the County already participates in a rebate program for residents through an existing program called the Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN).

In early 2016, the County was allocated funding to act as Co-Administrator in partnership with the Energy Council (joint powers agency formed by Alameda County and its cities) to (1), support EBEW administrative functions on behalf of EBEW programs in Contra Costa County and (2), implement a marketing and outreach campaign targeting small/medium businesses within the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County. In 2017, the County entered into a contract with the Energy Council for a period of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, which included the same activities but excluded the requirement of implementing a marketing and outreach campaign. The proposed contract amendment increases the dollar amount from \$40,000 to \$85,000 for a period of December 31, 2017, to December 31, 2018, to cover County staff costs to continue to act as Co-Administrator with the Energy Council for EBEW.

Due to the unique nature of the required contract language and funding source, both agencies needed to wait until other agreements were established with PG&E before each agency could move forward with this contract amendment. The agreement requires the County to defend and indemnify the Energy Council from all claims and liabilities to the extent that the claims and liabilities arise from the County's negligence or willful misconduct while performing its obligations under the agreement. The proposed effective date of this contract will provide for cost reimbursement for eligible work completed by DCD staff, in accordance with the contract requirements.

## CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The County would not receive the additional \$45,000 to cover DCD staff time to support EBEW activities on behalf of the incorporated and unincorporated areas of the County for calendar year 2018.