



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: Brian M. Balbas, Public Works Director/Chief Engineer
Date: June 21, 2022

Subject: AUTHORIZE Contra Costa County's enrollment in PG&E's Demand Response Auction Mechanism (DRAM) program, Countywide.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

APPROVE and AUTHORIZE the Public Works Director, or designee, to execute an agreement with Voltus, Inc., for enrollment in Pacific Gas and Electric Company's (PG&E's) Demand Response Auction Mechanism Program effective June 21, 2022 through June 22, 2027, Countywide.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to enroll in the program. Participation in the program provides the County with cost savings and potential incentive revenue. Revenue will be allocated to the occupants of the buildings with reduced energy usage.

BACKGROUND:

On July 10, 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 key part of the DER Plan involves

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **06/21/2022** ☒ 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: June 21, 2022

Monica Nino, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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cc:

strategic demand management of electricity usage. PG&E offers a program that provides financial incentives to customers that reduce electricity load during peak periods.

Public Works recommends the County participate in this program, which is implemented by Voltus on behalf of PG&E and funded by the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Potential revenue from program participation could exceed \$50,000 per year while simultaneously reducing Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions. The Sustainability Committee recommended participation in this program at their May 23, 2022 meeting.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Failure to approve program participation will inhibit staff's ability to advance Demand Response strategies as outlined in the County DER Plan and will result in lost revenue, lost financial savings potential and lost opportunity to reduce GHG emissions when the electric grid is most carbon-intensive.

ATTACHMENTS

PGE DRAM Participation Agreement