

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION OF THE  
SAN FRANCISCO BAY AREA REGIONAL  
ENERGY NETWORK

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Appendix A, Attachment 2  
Letters of Support

Association of Bay Area Governments

July 16, 2012

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Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

On behalf of Alameda County jurisdictions, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios. StopWaste.Org is a joint powers authority comprised of Alameda County and all 14 of its cities, and two sanitary districts. For the last 3 years, StopWaste.Org has been leading the implementation of Energy Upgrade California in Alameda County.

StopWaste.Org has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area to provide funding, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.

Bay Area local governments have demonstrated an ability to facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits through local and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded programs. These programs have laid the groundwork for market transformation by establishing strategic industry partnerships, consumer awareness, a regional management infrastructure and local government implementation capacity. Our continued regional collaboration will further promote economies of scale, increase green jobs, and maximize quantified energy, water, and carbon reductions.

Thank you for considering this proposal. If you have any questions regarding our support, please feel free to contact Karen Kho, Senior Program Manager, at [kkho@stopwaste.org](mailto:kkho@stopwaste.org).

Sincerely,

Gary Wolff, P.E., PhD.  
Executive Director

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



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June 26, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network Proposal

Dear Commissioners:

As the Director of the Department of Environment for the City and County of San Francisco, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

San Francisco has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area to provide funding, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.

Through existing local government initiatives, including significant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded programs, Bay Area local governments have demonstrated an ability to provide missing technical resources that facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits. These local governments have leveraged local government partnerships in project implementation and have developed a centralized regional management infrastructure with local government administration of activities. Working together to create this regional consistency will further promote economies of scale, and maximize energy, water, and carbon reductions. Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

San Francisco is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions, please contact Cal Broomhead at [cal.broomhead@sfgov.org](mailto:cal.broomhead@sfgov.org) or 415-355-3706.

Melanie Nutter, Director

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments

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June 21, 2012

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Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners,

As City Manager of the City of Suisun City, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utility Commission's 2013-14 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

During the past several years, Suisun City worked in partnership with ABAG as the local lead agency for Solano County for the Retrofit Bay Area Program, which was very successful in creating energy retrofitting capacity within Solano County's private sector. The City's previous work also established a local public-private partnership model that is prepared to implement additional retrofit programs as they become available.

Suisun City has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area to provide funding, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.

Through existing local government initiatives, including significant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded programs, Bay Area local governments have demonstrated an ability to provide missing technical resources that facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits. These local governments have empowered public agencies and leveraged local government partnerships in project implementation and have developed a centralized regional management infrastructure with local government administration of implementation activities. By working together, this proposal will create unprecedented regional consistency to promote economies of scale, as well as maximize quantified energy, water and carbon reductions.

Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

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Suisun City is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact Community Development Director April Wooden at [awooden@suisun.com](mailto:awooden@suisun.com) or (707) 421-7335.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne Bragdon  
City Manager

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments

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Date: June 28, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

As Director, Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

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Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Contra Costa County Department of Conservation and Development is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact Catherine Kutsuris at [Catherine.Kutsuris@DCD.cccounty.us](mailto:Catherine.Kutsuris@DCD.cccounty.us) or (925) 674-7205

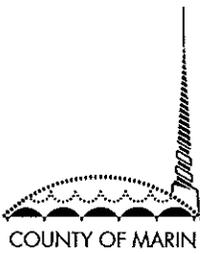
Sincerely,



Catherine Kutsuris, Director  
Department of Conservation and Development

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Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



## COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

July 6, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network (BayREN)

Dear Commissioners:

As Director of the County of Marin Community Development Agency, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

Since 2001, the County of Marin Sustainability Team has been working to support healthy, safe and sustainable communities while preserving Marin's unique environmental heritage. Housed in the County's Community Development Agency, the team has developed programs to promote renewable energy, tackle climate protection, encourage green building, certify green businesses and implement energy efficiency in public facilities, residences and businesses. The County of Marin has worked with the CPUC and PG&E on local government energy efficiency programs since 2004 and has had a successful Energy Watch Partnership since 2006.

The County of Marin, along with its 11 cities and towns, is also a member of the Marin Energy Authority (MEA), the first operating Community Choice Aggregator in the state. The County is working with both ABAG and the MEA on their proposals to the CPUC to ensure that there is no duplication of programs or services and no double dipping of funds. The County believes that the two proposals can provide complimentary energy management strategies that will work well with the existing utility programs.

The County of Marin has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area to provide funding, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.

Through existing local initiatives, including significant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded programs, Bay Area governments have demonstrated an ability to provide missing technical resources that facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits. These governments leveraged

existing local partnerships in project implementation and developed a centralized regional management infrastructure. Working together to create this unprecedented regional consistency will further promote economies of scale, and maximize quantified energy, water, and carbon reductions.

By aligning with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The County of Marin is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact Dana Armanino at [darmanino@marincounty.org](mailto:darmanino@marincounty.org) or (415) 473-3292.

Sincerely,



Brian C. Crawford  
Director

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



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**Steven E. Lederer**  
Interim Director

June 7, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

As the Director of Napa County's Department of Public Works, and the County's Sustainability Manager, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

Napa County has specific energy efficiency and climate goals in our General Plan, and is in the process of adopting a Climate Action Plan. This program would very much assist us in our implementation efforts of both these plans.

Napa County and its local non-profit partners look forward to working with ABAG to ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network. We put significant effort into publicizing and implementing Energy Upgrade California and PACE programs in our county, but additional resources are needed to continue to move forward.

Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Napa County is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact me at [steven.lederer@countyofnapa.org](mailto:steven.lederer@countyofnapa.org) or (707) 259-8228.

Sincerely,

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Steven E. Lederer  
Interim Director, Napa County Department of Public Works

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments

## Board of Supervisors



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Commissioner Florio  
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California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

As President of the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

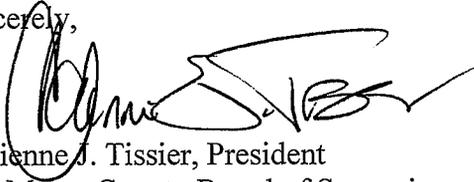
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Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

San Mateo County is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact Peggy Jensen at [pjensen@smcgov.org](mailto:pjensen@smcgov.org) or (650) 363-4598.

Sincerely,

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Adrienne J. Tissier, President  
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments

# County of Santa Clara

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**Jeffrey V. Smith**  
County Executive

July 6, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

As the County Executive for the County of Santa Clara, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

The County worked successfully with the other Bay Area Region jurisdictions to launch the Energy Upgrade California brand and program 2010-12, and this collaboration has organized and mobilized regional government efforts to promote the State's Strategic Energy Plan goals, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and cultivate a meaningful and dynamic energy-efficiency economy.

The County of Santa Clara has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area to provide funding, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.

Through existing local government initiatives, including significant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded programs, Bay Area local governments have demonstrated an ability to provide missing technical resources that facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits. These local governments have empowered public agencies and leveraged local government partnerships in project implementation and have developed a centralized regional management infrastructure with local government administration of implementation activities.

Working together to create this unprecedented regional consistency will further promote economies of scale, and maximize quantified energy, water, and carbon reductions.

Aligned with existing DOE and California Energy Commission (CEC) State Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The County of Santa Clara is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact Demetra J. McBride, Office of Sustainability and Climate Action Director at [demetra.mcbride@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:demetra.mcbride@ceo.sccgov.org) or (408) 299-6413.

Sincerely,



 Jeffrey V. Smith  
County Executive

cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



# SONOMA COUNTY GENERAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT

José Obregón  
DIRECTOR

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June 20, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear Commissioners:

As Director of General Services for the County of Sonoma, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

Sonoma County has been a leader in market transformation since 2009 when it founded the Sonoma County Energy Independence Program (SCEIP) to provide financing for the installation of energy efficiency improvements, water efficiency improvements, and renewable energy sources that are permanently fixed to real property in Sonoma County. Through SCEIP, property owners repay financing through assessments levied against their property and payable on their property tax bill. SCEIP is administered by the Sonoma County General Services Department's Energy and Sustainability Division with the Auditor-Controller-Treasurer-Tax-Collector's office. SCEIP and its local partners, the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority and Sonoma County Energy Watch, have collaborated to establish a "one stop shop" program that serves customers of all market sectors interested in energy and water efficiency and renewable energy generation.

The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this funding application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy

network. This effort will continue the collaboration and alignment of efforts established during the launch of Energy Upgrade California with the County's Energy Watch and Energy Independence Programs.

Through existing local government initiatives, including significant American Recovery and Reinvestment Act-funded programs, Bay Area local governments have demonstrated an ability to provide missing technical resources that facilitate greater uptake of energy efficient building retrofits. These local governments have empowered public agencies and leveraged local government partnerships in project implementation and have developed a centralized regional management infrastructure with local government administration of implementation activities. Working together to create this unprecedented regional collaboration will further promote economies of scale and maximize quantified energy, water, and carbon reductions.

Aligned with existing Department of Energy and California Energy Commission's Energy Program strategies, this proposed program will increase green jobs, increase energy efficiencies and deployment of renewable energy technologies, promote economic activity, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

The Sonoma County Energy Independence Program is grateful for your consideration of this proposal. If you have any questions regarding this pledge of support, please feel free to contact me at [jobregon@sonoma-county.org](mailto:jobregon@sonoma-county.org) or (707) 565-2977.

Sincerely,



José Obregón  
Director of General Services  
County of Sonoma

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



June 4, 2012

Mr. Jerry Lahr  
Energy Program Manager  
Association of Bay Area Governments  
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Subject: Marin Energy Authority/Marin County Support and Planned Participation with the Bay Regional Energy Network

Dear Mr. Lahr,

We are pleased to support and participate as a partner in the Bay Region Energy Network (BayREN) in collaboration with the County of Marin. We support the elements of focus for 2013-2014 funding with plans to implement in these areas to maximize energy demand reduction in Marin County. Our approved energy efficiency plan aligns with the directives for Regional Energy Networks by emphasizing expansion of EUC services for demand management. This will result in significantly increased energy savings, including the hard to reach segments, through a combination of deep retrofit projects, behavioral awareness, and leveraging of new technologies that can help reduce utility consumption.

More specifically, we plan to work with our local partner agencies to implement direct services in focus segments that have minimal traction in the state today, yet large energy savings opportunities. These include demand reduction services for restaurants, convenience stores, and multifamily housing. For financing these programs, our plan is to offer existing EUC finance programs including PACE for single family, multifamily, and small commercial segments, and on-bill housing for multifamily and small commercial programs. We also plan to utilize and pilot existing and new software to maximize consumer engagement, increase efficiencies for contractors and staff to execute, and enable us to accurately evaluate/measure/verify savings progress in all customer segments.

Each of these initiatives align with and complement the BayREN elements and thus we wholeheartedly support BayREN and participating partners.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Dawn Weisz

June 20, 2012

President Peevey  
Commissioner Simon  
Commissioner Florio  
Commissioner Sandoval  
Commissioner Ferron  
California Public Utilities Commission  
505 Van Ness Avenue  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

Dear President Peevey and Commissioners:

As Executive Director of the Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority, I am pleased to offer this letter of support for the proposal of the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to create a Bay Area Regional Energy Network as part of the California Public Utilities Commission's 2013-2014 Energy Efficiency Portfolios.

The Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) was created in 2010 as a countywide body of local government officials charged with coordinating and implementing climate protection activities throughout Sonoma County. As the first agency of its type in the State, part of our charge is to advocate on issues relevant to the role of local government and the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. For the past three years, the RCPA, its Bay Area partners, and Sonoma County Energy Independence Program, which provides efficiency/ renewables financing through the property tax system, have successfully pioneered program design, workforce development, and marketing and outreach initiatives to effect market transformation in support of State and local climate protection goals. We have shown that local government partners play a vital role as protectors of community health and safety in the context of climate change and, as demonstrated by Energy Upgrade California™, they are uniquely positioned to foster a new community consensus about the importance, value, and necessity of efficiency and renewable improvements for the good of the local economy and the global climate.

The Sonoma County Regional Climate Protection Authority has great confidence that ABAG, as the lead agency in submitting this funding application on behalf of local governments within the San Francisco Bay area, will ensure the long-term success of this innovative regional energy network.



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Sincerely,

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Suzanne Smith  
Executive Director, SCTA/RCPA

Cc: Ezra Rapport, Executive Director, Association of Bay Area Governments



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**Steven E. Lederer**  
Interim Director

June 7, 2012

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Subject: Bay Area Regional Energy Network

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Steven E. Lederer

Interim Director, Napa County Department of Public Works

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