

**ASSOCIATION OF BAY AREA GOVERNMENTS
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

RESOLUTION NO. XX-12

**AUTHORIZING THE CREATION OF A REGIONAL ENERGY NETWORK IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE CITIES AND COUNTIES OF THE SAN FRANCISCO
BAY AREA**

WHEREAS, the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is the regional planning agency for the nine counties and 101 cities and towns of the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, ABAG is committed to leading the region through its planning and service programs to address regional economic, social and environmental challenges; and

WHEREAS, ABAG has an on-going commitment to environmental sustainability, and for many years been involved in energy management and energy efficiency issues; and

WHEREAS, ABAG recently completed a collaborative effort with eight counties under the State's Energy Upgrade California program to promote energy upgrades in Bay Area homes; and

WHEREAS, ABAG and its member agencies now play a key role in energy issues via legislative mandates such as AB32 and SB375; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the ability to integrate resources across many sectors (e.g., energy, water, transportation, waste management, land use) for greater long term benefit; and

WHEREAS, ABAG is a member of the Local Government Sustainable Energy Coalition (LGSEC), a statewide membership organization of cities, counties and other local government organizations that seeks to shape regulatory policy and utility programs to bring more sustainable energy to California communities cost-effectively; and

WHEREAS, the LGSEC has advocated that the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) establish local government regional energy networks in four regions of the state including Northern California; and

WHEREAS, A regional energy network would provide regional program management and administration with a mission to: (1) provide missing technical resources, (2) include more public agencies in project implementation, (3) promote greater market saturation and energy savings through uniformly accessible and responsive programs on a regional basis; and (4) leverage existing local government partnerships to complement these resources; and

WHEREAS, the CPUC recently approved a decision (D.12-05-015) that allows local governments to submit proposals for regional energy efficiency pilots.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Board of the Association of Bay Area Governments:

- a) finds that creating a Local Government Regional Energy Network of the nine Bay Area counties is desirable to harness the collective power of the local governments to achieve integrated energy solutions, drive greater energy savings and create jobs; and
- b) supports the LGSEC proposal for Regional Energy Networks within the State, as submitted to the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC); and
- c) ratifies ABAG staff submittal of a proposal that seeks funding to support the administration and goals of the Regional Energy Network as stated in CPUC Decision 12-05-015.

The foregoing adopted by the Executive Board this xxst day of _____, 2012.

Mark Luce
President

Certification of Executive Board Approval

I, the undersigned, the appointed and qualified Secretary-Treasurer of the Association of Bay Area Governments (Association), do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Executive Board of the Association at a duly called meeting held on the xxst day of _____, 2012.

Ezra Rapport
Secretary-Treasurer

Approved as To Legal Form

Kenneth K. Moy
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