

1 [Accept and Expend Grant - Association of Bay Area Governments - Bay Area  
2 Regional Energy Network Program Activities - \$546,258]

3 **Resolution retroactively authorizing the Department of the Environment to**  
4 **accept and expend grant funds from the Association of Bay Area Governments**  
5 **in the amount of \$546,258 for calendar year 2017, to perform various activities as**  
6 **part of a Bay Area Regional Energy Network program, an energy efficiency**  
7 **program for the term of January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017.**

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9 WHEREAS, The City and County of San Francisco (City) is a member of the  
10 Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG); and

11 WHEREAS, ABAG has requested a total budget of up to \$16,812,617 from the  
12 California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) in Advice Letter 7-E-2016, as directed by  
13 CPUC Decision 15-10-028 to continue to operate the Bay Area Regional Energy  
14 Network program (BayREN) in all of its member counties for the calendar year of 2017;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, The CPUC recognized that this structure can provide greater  
17 opportunity for the participating counties to develop more innovative programs that  
18 better serve the ratepayers; and

19 WHEREAS, The CPUC stated in Decision 16-08-019 approving REN funding for  
20 2017: “[E]xisting approved activities [of the RENs] may have ongoing funding that was  
21 previously approved (P.3); and

22 WHEREAS, For 2017, ABAG will continue receiving the ratepayer funds through  
23 a contract with Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) where PG&E is acting only as a fiscal  
24 manager and the CPUC provides oversight of the program content; and

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1           WHEREAS, BayREN will continue programs to provide technical assistance and  
2 financing in the residential sector and education and training for construction  
3 contractors and building code officials and lead the development of a region-wide Small  
4 Commercial program; and

5           WHEREAS, The Board of Supervisors adopted goals for reductions in  
6 greenhouse gas emissions; and

7           WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment continues to play a key role in  
8 the development of the concepts and plans for all the elements of the BayREN  
9 program; and

10           WHEREAS, The Department of Environment is already performing energy  
11 efficiency programs for greenhouse gas reductions providing assistance in the  
12 residential sector and creating local jobs; and

13           WHEREAS, The Department of the Environment has built upon its experience  
14 with building codes to play the lead role in the development of the Codes and  
15 Standards component of the BayREN; and

16           WHEREAS, A successful BayREN program in 2013 thru 2016 has led to  
17 continued funding in future years; and

18           WHEREAS, ABAG intends to award grant funds of \$546,258 to the City for the  
19 2017 BayREN programs; and

20           WHEREAS, The budget includes a provision for indirect costs in the amount of  
21 \$148,001; and

22           WHEREAS, The term of this grant is from January 01, 2017, to December 31,  
23 2017; and

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1           WHEREAS, The Department of Environment will utilize existing staff hired under  
2 the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act that continued working under the 2013-  
3 16 BayREN contract; and

4           WHEREAS, The grant does not require an Annual Salary Ordinance (ASO)  
5 amendment; now therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the Board of Supervisors authorizes the Director of the  
7 Department of the Environment to accept and expend a grant in the amount of  
8 \$546,258 from ABAG to implement BayREN activities in San Francisco.

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Department Head

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Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Controller, Grant Division