

RESOLUTION NO. 2010-_____
RESOLUTION OF THE MARIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

WHEREAS, the County of Marin recognizes that it is in the interest of the local, regional, state, and federal agencies to stimulate the economy; create and retain jobs; reduce fossil fuel emissions; and reduce total energy usage and improve energy efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin has committed to an ongoing, coordinated effort to reduce the emissions that cause global warming, improve air quality, reduce waste, cut energy use and save money. The County of Marin is committed to reducing community-wide greenhouse gas emissions by 15% below our 1990 levels by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, State Energy Program (SEP) funds are available through the California Energy Commission's SEP Funding Opportunities for grants to eligible local governments for cost-effective energy efficiency projects; and

WHEREAS, the SEP allows for public agencies or non-profit entities to apply for funds on behalf of eligible local governments; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin is eligible for SEP funding under the California Energy Commission's SEP Program; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin has collaborated with the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) to submit a regional application to implement the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A for the purpose of qualifying for SEP funds from the California Energy Commission; and

WHEREAS, the County of Marin has considered the application of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to the approval of the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin finds that the approval of the energy efficiency project/s described in Exhibit A is a "project" under CEQA that is categorically exempt under one or more of California Code of Regulations, Title 14, sections 15301 through 15333, inclusive, and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that if recommended for funding by the California Energy Commission, the County of Marin authorizes ABAG to accept a grant award on its behalf and to enter into all necessary contracts and agreements, and amendments thereto, on its behalf to implement and carry out the project/s described in Exhibit A; and

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the County of Marin recognizes that it is the lead local implementer for the project/s described in Exhibit A for all of the local governments in the County, and that ABAG as the fiscal agent, will disburse the funds to the County to implement and carry out the project/s described in Exhibit A.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Marin held on this ____ day of _____, 2010, by the following vote:

AYES: SUPERVISORS

NOES:

ABSENT:

PRESIDENT, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST:

CLERK

EXHIBIT A

The Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) is collaborating with eight Bay Area counties to establish a comprehensive residential single-family and multifamily building retrofit program that leverages regional cooperation and funding while enabling autonomy at the local level. The proposed ABAG program aligns with local, regional and national goals of promoting economic vitality through an increase in green jobs, reducing U.S. oil dependency through increases in energy efficiency and deployment of renewable energy technologies, and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

On behalf of Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma Counties, ABAG has submitted a proposal to the California Energy Commission's State Energy Program (SEP) to receive \$10.7 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds administered by the U.S. Department of Energy. This grant program, known informally as SEP 2 to distinguish it from three other elements of California's SEP program, runs from February 1, 2010 to March 31, 2012. The ARRA/SEP 2 grant funds would be used by ABAG program participants to carry out local and Bay Area-wide consumer outreach and education campaigns and workforce development activities that will accelerate demand for home energy retrofits and expand the regional building industry's capacity to deliver high quality, cost-effective retrofit services.

The ABAG program will complement existing and planned local retrofit activities, including the Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) financing districts that enable homeowners to finance energy efficiency retrofits and renewable energy improvements through assessments paid via their property taxes. This ABAG program will leverage and complement other local, regional and federal funding sources for energy retrofits, including anticipated grant funds from the State Energy Program's Municipal Financing Program (known as SEP 1) and the federal Retrofit Ramp-Up program.