



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: February 2, 2016

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM: Facilities Division, Public Works Department

SUBJECT: Extension To The California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract With Southern California Edison

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council approve the extension to the California Energy Efficiency Strategic Plan Implementation Contract between Southern California Edison and the City until December 31, 2016.

DISCUSSION:

On August 13, 2013, Council authorized the acceptance of \$52,250 in strategic planning funds, offered to the City by Southern California Edison (SCE), to conduct a feasibility study (Study) on a Revolving Energy Projects fund.

The City is using the awarded dollars to develop an Energy Conservation Fund that centralizes the payment of all City energy bills and reinvests realized savings in energy efficiency projects. The Study discusses how energy savings can be identified, generated, and measured through energy conservation and efficiency projects.

The California Public Utilities Commission and SCE have extended the timeline for fund use to December 31, 2016. Staff is requesting to extend the agreement with SCE until December 31, 2016, in order to close out the project. Though the Study itself is complete, there are a number of grant conditions that need to be completed in order to be reimbursed by SCE.

BUDGET/FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

SCE awarded \$52,250 in strategic planning funds to the City to conduct the Study on a Revolving Energy Projects Fund.

The table below outlines the budget for this project:

Meet with Stakeholders	Complete	\$16,560
Develop Energy Efficiency (EE) Strategies (criteria, process, benchmarks, measurement and evaluation procedures)	Complete	\$18,945
Develop Project Report, Implementation Forecast Report	Complete	\$10,300
Final Project Report	In Progress	\$1,000
Assessment Report	Complete	\$3,185
Develop EE Strategies White Paper	In Progress	\$1,760
Administration (City Staff)	Ongoing	\$500
TOTAL PROJECT COST		\$52,250

The City has invoiced \$43,005 to SCE and is currently waiting for reimbursement. The remaining \$9,245 will be paid to the City once the final deliverables, including the white paper and the final project report, have been submitted.

SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Analyzing the ways in which energy efficiency savings can be realized will allow the City to manage General Fund energy expenditures and recover energy savings to be used to reinvest in future energy saving projects. The findings of the Study will be shared with other local government agencies to help them develop best practice strategies in energy efficiency funding. Energy efficient projects save operating costs and reduce green house gas emissions.

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