

STAFF REPORT

California Choice Energy Authority

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Date: December 13, 2022

To: Chairman Parris and Authority Members

From: Jason Caudle, Executive Director

Subject: **Approve Amendments to Professional Services Agreements for Technical Support Services for the Town of Apple Valley and the cities of Lancaster, Pico Rivera, Rancho Mirage, and San Jacinto**

Recommendation:

- a. Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. (PEA) in support of the Town of Apple Valley extending the term through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.
- b. Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with PEA in support of the City of Lancaster extending the term through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.
- c. Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with PEA in support of the City of Pico Rivera extending the term through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.
- d. Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with PEA in support of the City of Rancho Mirage extending the term through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.
- e. Approve Amendment No. 1 to a Professional Services Agreement with PEA in support of the City of San Jacinto extending the term through June 30, 2023, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

The proposed agreements are within the California Choice Energy Authority (CalChoice) adopted Fiscal Year 2022-23 budget for professional services. Expenses are paid through service charges assessed to the Associate Members

Background:

CalChoice provides implementation and operational support services to cities that wish to participate in community choice aggregation (CCA) programs. CalChoice currently has eight associate members operating successful CCA programs. CalChoice contracts for energy and energy products, legal services, and technical and operational support services for its member agencies to keep costs low and maximize revenues for each associate member. By joining together, CalChoice can cut costs for each member agency through economy-of-scale benefits.

PEA provides essential ongoing consulting and technical services in support of the respective CCA programs for CalChoice member agencies. These services include power resource management, regulatory compliance, rate setting, financial modeling, and performance reporting. The existing agreements with PEA in support of the Town of Apple Valley and the cities of Lancaster, Pico Rivera, Rancho Mirage, and San Jacinto expire in 2022. For ease of contract administration and to align the agreements with CalChoice's fiscal year, CalChoice wishes to extend the terms of these agreements to June 30, 2022.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Authority Board approve amendments to professional services agreements with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. in support of the Town of Apple Valley and the cities of Lancaster, Pico Rivera, Rancho Mirage, and San Jacinto extending the term of each to June 30, 2023.

Attachments:

Professional Services Agreement Amendments