

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 Entering into Professional Services Agreements for Technical Support Services with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. for the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Palmdale**

Recommendation:

1. Approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement for Technical Support Services with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. for the City of Santa Barbara, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.
2. Approve entering into a Professional Services Agreement for Technical Support Services with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. for the City of Palmdale, and authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Fiscal Impact:

Not to exceed \$202,000 annually per agreement. The proposed agreements are within the California Choice Energy Authority (CalChoice) adopted Fiscal Year 2022 - 2023 budget for professional services. Expenses are paid through service charges assessed to the cities of Santa Barbara and Palmdale.

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.

Therefore, staff recommends that the Authority Board approve entering into Professional Services Agreements with Pacific Energy Advisors, Inc. for Technical Support Services for the City of Santa Barbara and the City of Palmdale authorize the Executive Director, or his designee, to sign all documents.

Attachments:

Professional Services Agreement – City of Santa Barbara

Professional Services Agreement – City of Palmdale