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HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
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RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute a contract, and any necessary amendments, with Southern California Edison Company, to continue the Energy Efficiency Partnership Program, for the period of June 30, 2018 to June 30, 2020. (Citywide)

DISCUSSION

The Energy Efficiency Partnership Program (Partnership) is a program provided to municipalities by Southern California Edison Company (SCE).

On November 10, 2009, the City Council authorized participation in the Partnership, which provides financial incentives to the City to encourage municipal energy efficiency retrofits and leverage the City's community outreach capacity to encourage community-wide energy efficiency retrofits and behavior. The Partnership Agreement approves the continuation of the Partnership through 2020, as part of the next program cycle.

The Partnership includes the following components:

- Municipal energy efficiency retrofit projects: Identify retrofit opportunities, provide technical assistance and incentives to help implement energy efficiency projects.
- Marketing: Partner with SCE to improve energy efficiency throughout the community through communications or events, identify channels to promote awareness, and generate a call-to-action.
- Outreach: Partner with SCE to support community events by providing energy efficiency informational materials and tips that will help the community save energy, money and the environment.
- Education and Training: Partner with SCE to conduct workshops and training designed to meet the specific needs of the Partnership city.

As a participant in the Partnership, the City is responsible for identifying a City energy champion, adopting an Energy Action Plan for immediate and long-term strategies, establishing an energy-savings goal, conducting energy efficiency projects in City facilities,

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dedicating necessary resources to perform Partnership activities, and educating the community about energy savings.

SCE's role in the Partnership includes assisting in the development and implementation of the Partnership, providing technical assistance and energy efficiency support for City retrofit projects, assisting in public communication, co-branded messaging, and providing California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) regulatory guidance.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Taylor M. Anderson on May 13, 2019 and by Budget Analysis Officer Julissa José-Murray on May 16, 2019.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Office of Sustainability has worked with SCE on establishing the Partnership program for the City and has taken a comprehensive approach to ensure all citywide energy efficiency projects are incorporated, including those from the Port of Long Beach, the Long Beach Airport, and the Long Beach Water Department.

By continuing the Partnership with SCE, the City will continue to support energy efficiency and will take advantage of energy savings and demand reduction, thereby saving the City and residents money while supporting the City's sustainability goals.

TIMING CONSIDERATIONS

City Council action is requested on June 11, 2019, to continue the Partnership without interruption.

FISCAL IMPACT

Participation in the Partnership is free; however, the City will use existing staff resources to identify energy efficiency retrofit projects eligible for the incentives through the Partnership. Financial incentives, received through the Partnership, to augment future energy efficiency projects citywide may help the City lower energy use and offset future energy costs. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities. There is no local job impact associated with this recommendation.

SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,


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CITY MANAGER