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April 3, 2018

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: Council members

FROM: Tina Jayaweera, Charlie Grist

SUBJECT: Selection of winning proposal and authorization to enter into contract with to-be-determined contractor to perform a conservation potential assessment for the agricultural sector.

PROPOSED ACTION: Council staff are, as of the date of this memo, reviewing proposals for a conservation potential assessment for the agricultural sector in preparation for the Eighth Power Plan. Five proposals were received in response to the RFP released by the Council in mid-February. Based on the review of all the proposals, staff will bring forth a recommendation to the Council for the selection of the winning bid in advance of the April Council meeting. The Council will be asked at the April Council meeting to decide the winning bid and to authorize staff to enter into a contract with the winning bidder to perform the assessment.

SIGNIFICANCE: The Council released an RFP on February 14, 2018 to assess the amount of energy-efficiency potential available for the agricultural sector. As of the close of the bidding process, March 23, 2018, the Council had received five proposals in response to the RFP. This study will inform the 8th Power Plan.

BUDGETARY/ECONOMIC IMPACTS

Around \$50,000.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

The Seventh Plan estimated cost-effective potential in the agricultural sector of around 121 aMW. The estimate was based on a staff-completed assessment, using methodology similar to the Sixth Power Plan.

ALTERNATIVES

The alternative is to have Council staff, as opposed to an outside contractor, develop the energy-efficiency potential assessment. The disadvantage would be that staff likely do not have the level of expertise available from an outside contractor and thus the assessment would not be as robust, or include as much information on new technologies, as a contractor could provide.