

MBEP's current initiatives are: 1) transportation, 2) housing, 3) workforce development and, 4) technology. Key areas include affordable housing, reducing traffic congestion, connecting youth to internships and jobs and ensuring all residents have access to high-speed broadband. In addition, MBEP holds two region-wide events each year: The Regional Economic Summit in the spring and the State of the Region in the fall. These events bring regional leaders together, and stimulate cross-sector engagement and mobilization. Attached are Highlights of MBEP's Accomplishments.

In 2016-17, the County paid MBEP annual membership dues, in the amount of \$10,000. The membership dues are what fuels MBEP's work, which is the primary source of funding to hire staff and deploy resources to make improvements in each of the focused areas that contribute to positive changes in the economic health and quality of life in the region.

It is recommended the Budget Committee support approving the County's annual MBEP membership, in the amount of \$10,000. The County membership will contribute to promoting MBEP's mission which is in alignment with the Board of Supervisors Strategic Initiatives.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

The County Administrative Budget Office has reviewed this report.

FINANCING:

This report recommends using contingency funds as a one-time funding source to renew the membership with the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, to increase appropriations by up to \$20,000 to 001-1070-8221-DEO001, financed by a decrease in appropriations in General Fund Contingencies 001-1050-8034-CAO020. The approval of both the calendar year 2018 and 2019 memberships would result in a new General Fund Contingencies balance of \$4,110,238.

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Attachments:
Budget Committee Report
Attachment A - Highlights of MBEP and Quarterly Objectives
Attachment B - MBEP Strategic Plan 2018-2019