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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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Purpose

To establish a policy governing the purchase of County of San Diego (County) vehicles and mobile equipment, defined as motorized and self-propelled on- and off- road Vehicles, maintenance equipment and related towed equipment, such as trailers and trailer-mounted power units, hereinafter referred to as vehicles, “Vehicles”, to maximize energy efficiency, reduce emissions, and control costs. It is the intent of this policy to establish recommended ~~vehicle~~Vehicle replacement criteria, to limit the procurement of non-fuel-efficient vehiclesVehicles and to encourage the purchase of ~~vehicles~~Vehicles that provide maximum fuel efficiency. The goal of this policy is to optimize functional utility with minimum necessary energy consumption, to realize cost savings through fuel conservation, and to protect the public health and the environment bythrough reducing the County’s carbon footprint and greenhouse gas emissions.

Background

County Charter Section 501.5 authorizes the Board of Supervisors (Board) to provide for the regulation of the marking and operation of County vehicles. In accordance with this Charter provision, the Board has adopted ordinances further defining and regulating the use of County-owned ~~vehicles and designating~~Vehicles. Such ordinances designate the Director of the Department of General Services (DGS) as the officer in charge of allocating and controlling the use of County ~~vehicles, with the exception of~~Vehicles, except for those under the direction of the Department of Public Works (DPW). This policy applies to the responsibilities of both departments. The provisions of this policy are applicable to all County-owned ~~vehicles~~Vehicles without regard to the revenue source or fund from which they are acquired.

The County is responsible for protecting the public health and environment, and for the responsible expenditure of public funds. In the area of ~~vehicle~~Vehicle use, the county can achieve these goals can be achieved by purchasing the lowest emission and most energy and fuel-efficient ~~vehicles~~Vehicles available.

Policy

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. All ~~vehicles~~Vehicles purchased for the ~~County of San Diego’s~~County’s fleet will be: a) consistentcompliant with the Board-approved program to standardize fleet ~~vehicles~~Vehicles; b) energy-efficient and low emissions within the ~~vehicle~~Vehicle class/type; c) commercially available; d) ~~meet~~compliant with the criteria of the County definition of ElectricZero-Emission Vehicle (EVZEV) Capable when available; and e) practical and fair and reasonably priced for the class/type of ~~vehicles~~Vehicles needed for specific assignments. “EVZEV Capable” is a ~~new~~ term to be used in describing a subset of ~~vehicles~~Vehicles contained within the County of San Diego’s fleet that have been determined to be able to perform all required departmental duties as ~~an electric, plug-in hybrid vehicle.~~a ZEV. Vehicles in this category are based on regulations provided by the California Air Resources Board, which are continually updated. These duties would typically include routine short- to medium-range trips

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around the County, generally not exceeding 200 miles in any one day, and stationed at a ~~County~~county facility. ~~Vehicles in this category do not include heavy duty vehicles, first responder vehicles, trucks, large SUVs, and/or 4-wheel drive vehicles until such technology becomes available.~~ DGS shall maintain the list of EV/ZEV Capable vehicles and Vehicles. DGS and DPW will coordinate regarding inclusion of any vehicle in the list of EV/ZEV Capable County fleet vehicles will be determined in coordination between DGS and DPW Vehicles.

2. DGS will use the ~~County of San Diego County's EV Roadmap and Green Fleet Action Plan and Implementation Strategy~~ to assist County departments in developing "Five-Year Vehicle Replacement Plans" for departments that operate County vehicles Vehicles and to achieve the goals identified in ~~the Implementation Strategy~~ these strategies.
3. The Directors of ~~General Services~~DGS and ~~Public Works~~DPW will use the ~~County of San Diego County's EV Roadmap and Green Fleet Action Plan and Implementation Strategy~~ to establish and review annually a ~~Green Vehicle Replacement Standard~~ZEV replacement standard for each vehicle class of ~~County-owned vehicle and mobile equipment~~. All new vehicle purchase requests will default to this standard.
4. Any department that requests ~~an alternative to the standard~~ County a vehicle procurement deviating from this policy must provide justification from its respective Deputy Chief Administrative Officer ~~and~~. Such justification must then be approved by either the respective Director of ~~General Services~~DGS or ~~Public Works~~DPW, as is relevant.
5. The Directors of ~~General Services~~DGS and ~~Public Works~~DPW will, on an ongoing basis, evaluate County Vehicles and determine the most economical or efficient time to replace County vehicles Vehicles.

Responsible Departments

1. Department of General Services
2. Department of Public Works
3. Department of Purchasing & Contracting

Sunset Date

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-~~2024~~2031.

References

Board Action
02-24-04 (2)
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