



# FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

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## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 9/11/2019

**To:** Board Directors

**Attn:** Mike Del Puppo  
President

**From:** Fire District Staff

**Subject:** San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) Public Benefit Grant Program

### **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER**

#### **ISSUE:**

Staff is asking the Board of Directors for authorization to apply for the SJVAPCD Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant Program to secure up to five (5) electric powered side by side utility vehicles for District use.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The SJVAPCD is currently accepting applications from public agencies requesting funding, up to \$20,000 per vehicle, for the purchase of new alternative-fuel vehicles.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The District currently has several small utility vehicles of various size and capabilities within its fleet for operational support and logistical functions. These vehicles, mostly used gas powered side-by side utility vehicles (UTV's), Cushman carts, and golf carts were obtained from the Federal Government's Federal Excess Property Program (FEPP). Many of these vehicles have fallen into disrepair and need to be replaced as the repairs exceed the value of the vehicle(s). Since these vehicles are utilized mostly for support functions rather than front-line emergency service delivery, a grant program replacement strategy is desirable and fiscally advantageous for the District to consider.

The SJVAPCD grant program funds up to 100% percent with a maximum of \$20,000 per utility vehicle. Each public agency may apply for up to five (5) vehicles or \$100,000 per calendar year on a first-come, first-serve basis.

There are currently two manufacturers producing electric side-by-side UTV's that could meet the District's needs. The UTV's from both companies qualify for 100% grant funding and zero net cost for the District for up to five (5) vehicles. Should the Board vote to authorize staff to apply for the SJVAPCD grant program, the District would request demonstrator vehicles from both companies for evaluation and final purchase determination by staff. The grant administrator highly encourages applicants to apply to secure their place in the program consideration order even if the agency has not decided entirely on the make/model and/or number of desired vehicles. Interested Public Agencies will have the ability to refine, update, and finalize their desired vehicle needs if/when selected for grant funding.

### **ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The Board votes to approve staff to apply to the SJVAPCD Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant Program for up to five (5) utility vehicles.
2. The Board votes not to apply for the SJVAPCD Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant Program.

### **IMPACTS** *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives):*

- Fiscal – This strategy replaces these vehicles with zero net cost to the District or its customers.
- Operational – District fleet will be modernized thus improving operational reliability and in service time.
- Legal – No known impact.
- Labor – No known impact.
- Sociopolitical – No known impact.
- Policy – No known impact.
- Health and Safety – Personnel will be operating apparatus with the most current safety features and emission controls.
- Environmental – The District will reduce its carbon footprint and the amount of air pollutants produced from its vehicle fleet.
- Interagency – No known impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors approve Option #1 and authorize the Fire Chief to apply, on behalf of the District, to the SJVAPCD Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Grant Program for up to five (5) utility vehicles.

**APPROVED:**



Chris Bump, District Operations Chief

9/11/2019

Date

**EXECUTIVE STAFF**



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## RESOLUTION No. 2019-07

### BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT WITHIN THE COUNTY OF FRESNO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-07 AUTHORIZING THE FIRE CHIEF TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT PUBLIC BENEFIT GRANTS PROGRAM.**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District seeks to reduce the amount of air pollutants produced by the District in operation of its facilities, and in particular carbon monoxide and other harmful emissions from gas powered vehicles used by District employees in performance of their duties; and

**WHEREAS**, the District seeks grant monies from the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grants Program to purchase electric or other alternative fuel vehicles for use by District employees in the performance of their duties thereby benefiting the public through a reduction in vehicle emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District desires and hereby does authorize the Fire Chief to submit a New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Application on behalf of the District.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District as follows:

The Fire Chief of the District, Mark A. Johnson, is authorized by the Board of Directors to submit a Public Benefit Grants Program New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase Application and any other documents related to or supporting the application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on behalf of the Fresno County Fire Protection District.

The foregoing Resolution was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Directors of the Fresno County Fire Protection District at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Michael Del Puppo**  
**President**  
**Fresno County Fire Protection District**

NOES: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: ---

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**Dan Guice**  
**Vice President**  
**Fresno County Fire Protection District**

**Certification of Resolution**

ATTEST:

I, **Deshaunda Hermosillo**, Clerk of the Fresno County Fire Protection District, California do hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original **RESOLUTION #2019-07**.

WITNESS MY HAND OF THE FRESNO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, on this 18<sup>th</sup> day of September 2019.

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Signature  
Clerk of the Board, Fresno County Fire Protection District