

Resolution No. _____

Board of Supervisors, County of San Mateo, State of California

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Resolution Providing that Consideration Will Be Given to Acquiring the Lowest Emission Vehicles Practical as Part of the County's Vehicle Procurement Practices

RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of San Mateo, State of California, that

WHEREAS, the American Lung Association of San Mateo and San Francisco Counties advocate programs for clean air; and

WHEREAS, more than 1/2 of California's air pollution comes from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks, and buses; and

WHEREAS, conventional gas and diesel engines degrade with use if not maintained, and can become serious sources of pollution; and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of low emission vehicles are now available from manufacturers in ultra-low emission (ULEV), super-ultra-low-emission (SULEV), and zero-emission (ZEV) configurations; and

WHEREAS, reducing air pollution is a shared responsibility, requiring the participation of all communities and their community members; and

WHEREAS, public institutions have a responsibility to serve the public interest and avoid creating air or other types pollution whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, cities, counties, school districts and state agencies can and should lead by example so that residents and businesses will also willingly participate in clean air programs; and

WHEREAS, cities, counties, school districts and state agencies can and should play a significant role since they are significant users of vehicles and equipment, regularly purchase new vehicles and equipment and, in some instances, are uniquely positioned to utilize clean fuel vehicles because of access to central refueling stations and because of relatively short travel distances; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to this Board a recommendation to support the American Lung Association of California by establishing a policy that gives consideration to acquiring the lowest emission vehicles as part of the County's vehicle procurement practices; and

WHEREAS, this Board has reviewed and considered said recommendation.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DETERMINED AND ORDERED that County departments shall include in their vehicle procurement practices, consideration of the acquisition of the lowest emission vehicles available that are practical for the intended application and where said vehicles are cost competitive, or where funding is available to assure that such vehicles are reasonably cost competitive. Public safety and emergency vehicles shall be exempt from this policy.

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