



DATE: April 30, 2019

TO: Mayor and City Council

FROM: Director of Public Works
Director of Maintenance Services

SUBJECT: Adoption of a Resolution to Commit to Participate in the Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopts the attached resolution to commit to participate in the Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative.

SUMMARY

Cities and counties around the country, including several in California, are committing to participate in the Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative with the goal of reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions associated with municipal fleet vehicles.

On March 11, 2019¹, staff presented a draft resolution (Attachment II) in support of Hayward's participation in this collaborative to the Council Sustainability Committee. The Committee recommended that Council adopt the resolution and directed staff to place an agenda item on a future Council meeting for Council consideration.

BACKGROUND

The Mayors National Climate Action Agenda (Climate Mayors) is a network of over 400 U.S. mayors representing 70 million people in 47 states collaborating on addressing climate change. Climate Mayors works to support local actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and to encourage effective federal and global policy action. Mayor Halliday joined Climate Mayors in June 2017, soon after President Trump announced his intention to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement.

¹ See report at <https://hayward.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=3880924&GUID=0BF38072-57FD-4BA2-A374-68A2F0AA0B67&Options=&Search=>

Members of Climate Mayors agree to pursue actions to achieve an emissions reduction target. These actions include setting near- and long-term targets to reduce emissions, developing a Climate Action Plan to guide actions, and regularly reporting on progress through the creation of a greenhouse gas inventory. Hayward committed to these same actions when it joined the Alameda County Climate Protection Project in 2006, has completed the actions, and continues to make climate action progress. Additionally, Climate Mayors members are occasionally asked to sign on to letters and statements of support for action around climate change. Climate Mayors hosts monthly meetings for Mayors and sustainability staff from member cities to learn from each other and share progress.

Relevant General Plan policies:

General Plan Policy NR-2.9 Fleet Operations: The City shall continue to purchase low-emission or zero-emission vehicles for the City's fleet and to use available clean fuel sources such as biodiesel for trucks and heavy equipment.

General Plan Policy PFS-2.3 Sustainable Practices: The City shall serve as a role model to businesses and institutions regarding purchasing decisions that minimize the generation of waste, recycling programs that reduce waste, energy efficiency and conservation practices that reduce water, electricity and natural gas use, and fleet operations that reduce gasoline consumption.

DISCUSSION

The Climate Mayors Electric Vehicle Purchasing Collaborative (the Collaborative) is a partnership between Climate Mayors and the Electrification Coalition. The Electrification Coalition is a nonpartisan, non-profit organization dedicated to promoting policies and actions that facilitate the adoption of electric vehicles on a mass scale. The Collaborative aims to accelerate the conversion of municipal fleets to electric by leveraging cities' collective buying power to reduce the cost of electric vehicles and accompanying charging infrastructure. The Collaborative offers a turnkey, one-stop, online procurement portal that provides municipalities access to competitively priced electric vehicles and charging infrastructure, innovative financing options, policy guidance, and expert resources. The Collaborative will also provide training, best practices, educational materials, and analysis support.

The attached draft resolution indicates the City's commitment to participate in the Collaborative. Participation includes exploring opportunities to adopt electric vehicles and charging infrastructure. The resolution does not obligate the City to purchase electric vehicles or charging infrastructure through the Collaborative.

Cities and counties around the country have committed to participate in the Collaborative. In California alone, the cities of Berkeley, Chula Vista, Long Beach, Los Angeles, San Diego, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica have made the commitment, as well as the Counties of Alameda and Los Angeles.

Some cities and counties have also committed to purchasing a certain number of electric vehicles by the end of 2020. The County of Alameda recently committed to purchasing fifty vehicles through the Collaborative. The draft resolution does not include a commitment for the City of Hayward to purchase a specific number of electric vehicles.

FISCAL IMPACT

Participation in the Collaborative would not impact the City's General Fund or Capital Improvement Program (CIP). Electric vehicles purchased as part of this program will be consistent with the City's vehicle replacement plan using already-budgeted funds identified in the CIP.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

This item does not directly relate to any of the City's Strategic Initiatives.

SUSTAINABILITY FEATURES

Adoption of the draft resolution would reinforce Hayward's commitment to addressing climate change through the purchase and use of electric vehicles. By transitioning the City's fleet to electric vehicles, the City will reduce its greenhouse gas emissions, save money, decrease air pollution, and serve as a role model for the community.

NEXT STEPS

If Council adopts the resolution, staff will participate in the Collaborative, which includes monthly calls to learn from and share with other jurisdictions. Staff intends to purchase four electric vehicles in the coming fiscal year as part of the fleet replacement program and will also be testing two hybrid police patrol cars.

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