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Board of Supervisors
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Subject: Recommendation of Supervisor Bennett to Provide Board Policy Direction Regarding Planning for Future Installation of Electric Vehicle Chargers at County Facilities and Acquisition of Electric Vehicles in the County Fleet

Recommendation:

It is recommended that our board:

Provide policy direction to staff supporting planning for future installation of electric vehicle chargers at County facilities and acquisition of electric vehicles (EVs) in the County Fleet, including:

- a. Direct the General Services Agency (GSA) to proceed with the next steps in preparing for future phases of charger installation for both fleet and public vehicles at County facilities, including fleet data analysis and site analysis.
- b. Direct GSA to return to the Board with budget requests as necessary in order to complete this planning effort in time for the next round of Charge Ready grant applications, and encourage application early in the next round pursuant to Board approval.
- c. Give conceptual support for additional fleet conversion to EVs and seeking grants for this purpose.
- d. Recognize that the Administrative Manual policy regarding fleet vehicle purchase "cost effectiveness" should be updated to provide flexibility for EVs and hybrids.
- e. Express a willingness to consider having the General Fund cover the higher cost of EVs if grant funds are not available.

- f. Discourage the addition of new gasoline sedans to the fleet while recognizing that a small number of new gas sedans may be needed, and in those cases, hybrids are preferred.
- g. Encourage the replacement of Vans, SUVs, and light trucks with either hybrids or EVs where practical.
- h. Give conceptual support for installing employee and public EV chargers at County-owned facilities and seeking grant funds for this purpose.

Discussion:

The purpose of this letter is to provide an opportunity for the Board to give general policy direction to County staff on the topic of incorporating electric vehicles into the County fleet and installation of electric vehicle chargers at County facilities. Doing so under a separate agenda item will enable the Board to have a more expansive discussion and range of directions than may be advisable under item No. 61 on today's agenda regarding electric vehicles and chargers.

With the Governor's and Legislature's strong support for electric vehicles and electric vehicle chargers as a key element of addressing climate change, there are currently multiple funding sources available for these purposes. Seeking these grant funds expeditiously enhances the likelihood of success.

Lacking at this time, however, is Board policy direction to pursue grants for and implementation of electric vehicles and chargers, and a current policy of the Administrative Manual regarding fleet vehicle selection could potentially serve to discourage this direction.

It is intended that we use this opportunity to express general direction to staff for future actions consistent with existing policies and need for future Board approval. It is also worth noting that the General Plan Update and Climate Change Action Plan (scheduled for adoption next year) will also address the topic of EVs and chargers and further guide County actions on these matters.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Bennett". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Bennett
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