



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPT DONATION OF TEN (10) ELECTRIC ZERO EMISSION VEHICLES
FROM THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
(3RD AND 4TH DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that the recommended actions are categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.
2. Authorize the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Department) to accept the donation of ten (10) electric vehicles from the National Park Service (NPS), valued at \$87,000, for use by Department staff on County beaches and in Marina del Rey, and to send a letter of appreciation to the NPS for the donation.
3. Authorize the Director of the Department of Beaches and Harbors (Director) to sign any documents necessary to accept and register the vehicles.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The NPS, through the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and in cooperation with Ford Motor Vehicle Company (Ford) and the National Park Foundation, has offered to donate ten (10) Ford Think Neighbor Electric Vehicles (Vehicles) to the Department for use by its staff on beaches owned or operated by Los Angeles County (Beaches) and in Marina del Rey (see Attachment A for picture). Given these are zero emission vehicles, they will provide Department staff with an alternate form of transportation that promotes a clean environment as well as reduces fuel consumption costs. Each Vehicle has a retail value of \$8,700, resulting in a total donation valued at \$87,000. Upon acceptance of this donation, the Department will register these Vehicles and they will become the property of the County.

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In exchange for the donation, the Department will send to the NPS six months after the Vehicles are received a brief narrative report along with photographs and other information that helps to describe how the Vehicles are being used. Other agencies, such as the California Department of Parks and Recreation, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Wildlands Conservancy, have also been recipients of such vehicles under similar terms.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The electric Vehicles obtained through this donation help to promote Service Excellence of the County's Strategic Plan Goals by providing employees with a convenient and easy to use alternative mode of transportation that reduces the use of personal and County vehicles for work-related business and thereby also reduces vehicle tailpipe emissions. The Vehicle donation also promotes Fiscal Responsibility by obtaining vehicles that provide at no cost an efficient transportation alternative for the Department and save on fuel costs.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the Department for obtaining the Vehicles. The Department will be responsible for any ordinary operating expenses, such as for electricity and battery replacement. Ford will provide all warranty repairs and a prorated 3-year warranty on the batteries.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Department will have increased flexibility in how it can store and use these Vehicles as they can be charged from any standard electrical outlet.

Because of the County's current exclusive beach vehicle sponsorship agreement with Nissan North America, Inc., there are no marketing rights being conveyed to Ford through this donation and there will be no special name recognition granted to Ford on the Vehicles.

The Beach Commission has approved this donation.

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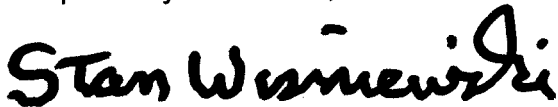
ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended action is categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to Class 1 of the County's Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines and section 15301 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the donated zero emissions vehicles will be utilized by the Department in its operations of existing public beach and marina facilities, and will involve negligible or no expansion of the use of those public facilities beyond that existing at this time, and there is no reasonable possibility that these zero emissions vehicles will have a significant effect or significant cumulative effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of this donation will enable the Department to improve the quality of alternative transportation options for its staff and simultaneously reduce the use of fossil fuels.

Respectfully submitted,



Stan Wisniewski
Director

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Attachments (1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller

The TH!NK *Neighbor* Electric Vehicle

