

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION TO APPLY FOR CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION FUNDING

SOURCE: Public Works Department - Transit

COMMENT: Assembly Bill (AB) 118 (Nunez, Chapter 750, Statutes of 2007), created the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP). The statute authorizes the California Energy Commission (Energy Commission) to develop and deploy alternative and renewable fuels and advanced transportation technologies to help attain the state's climate change policies. AB 8 (Perea and Skinner) re-authorized the ARFVTP through January 1, 2024, and specified that the Energy Commission allocate up to \$100 million to provide financial support for projects that reduce California's use and dependence on petroleum transportation fuels and increase the use of alternative and renewable fuels and advanced vehicle technologies.

The Energy Commission is seeking applications from eligible entities for advanced vehicle technology demonstration projects. Demonstrations funded under this project must enhance market acceptance of advanced vehicle technologies that will lead to vehicle production and commercialization, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce petroleum use.

On December 11, 2014, the City received notice of the Energy Commission's call for projects for FY 2014/2015 ARFVTP funding, in which approximately \$24.8 million is available.

Staff is requesting authorization to apply for FY 2014/2015 ARFVTP funds to purchase electric transit buses that incorporate new innovative technology.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1. Authorize Staff to apply for FY 2014/2015 ARFVTP funding; and
2. Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the attached Resolution.

ATTACHMENT: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ - 2015

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF PORTERVILLE AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR  
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE ALTERNATIVE AND RENEWABLE FUEL  
AND VEHICLE TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM WITH THE CALIFORNIA ENERGY  
COMMISSION**

**WHEREAS**, the California Energy Commission has a rich history of research, development, and demonstration of emerging technologies in the transportation sector; and

**WHEREAS**, the Energy Commission's policy direction and investments have inspired vehicle and truck markets to develop new technology solutions under the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program; and

**WHEREAS**, these investments help California reduce pollution and achieve its transportation energy and climate change goals; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Porterville desires to apply for said financial assistance to permit purchase of electric transit buses that incorporate new innovative technology.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Porterville to hereby authorize Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, to file and execute applications on behalf of the City of Porterville with the Energy Commission to aid in financial assistance pursuant to the Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, are authorized to execute and file all certifications of assurances, contracts or agreements or any other document required by the Energy Commission; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Baldomero Rodriguez, Public Works Director, or Richard Tree, Transit Manager, are authorized to submit and approve request for reimbursement of funds from the Energy Commission for the project.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2015.

ATTEST:  
John D. Lollis, City Clerk

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Milt Stowe, Mayor

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By: Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk