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NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS Board Agenda Letter

TO: Board of Supervisors

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Equipment Pool

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SUBJECT: Request to Purchase an Alternate Fixed Asset Vehicle and Update to a Previously Approved Vehicle Purchase

RECOMMENDATION

County Executive Officer/Purchasing Agent and Director of Public Works request that a Ford Police Utility Interceptor be purchased instead of a previously approved mid-sized hybrid for the Sheriff's Office; and provide an update to a previously approved SUV purchase for the District Attorney's Office.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Board previously approved the purchase of a mid-sized hybrid vehicle for the Sheriff's Office as part of the 2014-2015 budget hearings in June 2014. The Sheriff's Office has subsequently determined that a hybrid vehicle is not compatible for the type of service for which the vehicle needs to be used and a Police Utility Interceptor is requested as a replacement. The numerous electronic devices that are installed in the vehicle cause an undo burden on the hybrid's rechargeable batteries.

The Board also previously approved the purchase of a SUV for the District Attorney's Office as part of the budget mid-year review in November 2014. At time of approval, the Board requested that staff report back as to whether a full size or mid size SUV will be purchased. Staff is now reporting that a mid-size SUV will be purchased.

FISCAL IMPACT

Is there a Fiscal Impact?	Yes
Is it currently budgeted?	Yes

Where is it budgeted?	Both vehicles are currently budgeted in Fund 4100, Fleet Management.
Is it Mandatory or Discretionary?	Discretionary
Discretionary Justification:	A Police Utility Interceptor has an electrical system that is more capable than a hybrid vehicle to handle the required electrical load needed to power the aftermarket electronic devices utilized in a sheriff vehicle. The District Attorney's Office has determined that a smaller SUV will suffice for the type of service for which the vehicle will be used.
Is the general fund affected?	No
Future fiscal impact:	Repetitive costs associated with continued repairs of the hybrid's electrical system, which is not adequate to power the needed electrical devices, will be eliminated. A mid size SUV is more economical to maintain and operate than a full size SUV.
Consequences if not approved:	The Sheriff's Office will not purchase a vehicle to meet its need for public safety. No approval is requested for the District Attorney's Office vehicle, this item is to provide information.

Additional Information:

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION: The proposed action is not a project as defined by 14 California Code of Regulations 15378 (State CEQA Guidelines) and therefore CEQA is not applicable.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

During fiscal year 2013-2014 a hybrid vehicle was purchased for the Sheriff's Office for use in field operations. Following installation of the aftermarket electrical devices that are utilized in the vehicle, staff has discovered the rechargeable batteries could not continuously handle the electrical load. The numerous electronic devices over burden the hybrid's non-drive electrical system resulting in operational and fiscal impacts while the vehicle is out of service for repair.

As part of the 2014-2015 budget hearings in June, the Board approved the purchase of another mid-size hybrid vehicle for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office has subsequently determined that a hybrid vehicle is not adequate for the type of service for which the vehicle needs to be used and a Police Utility Interceptor was requested instead. While County Purchasing Policy Section 4-9(d) allows the County Executive Officer to approve the purchase an alternate fixed asset, it is common practice that the matter be requested to the Board of Supervisors.

In addition, the Board also approved the purchase of a SUV for the District Attorney's Office as part of the budget midyear review in November 2014. At time of approval, the Board requested that staff report back as to whether a full-size or mid-size SUV will be purchased. Staff is now reporting that a mid-size SUV, a Ford Escape, will be

purchased. The smaller Ford Escape provides the ability to access remote areas while investigating environmental crimes that are located at streams and other off road locations. The vehicle also provides adequate space for approximately 100 pounds of gear that a compact sedan cannot accommodate. The storage capacity is necessary for carrying evidence collections kits, ballistic vests, foul weather gear, ballistic items, fire extinguishers, bug out kits, flash lights, cameras, and rain coats. Furthermore, a compact sedan would not provide the ability to perform the off road demands of the job.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

None

CEO Recommendation: Approve

Reviewed By: Molly Rattigan