



## STAFF REPORT

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**MEETING DATE:** January 24, 2024

**PRESENTER:** Michael Barajas, Public Works Director

**SUBJECT:** Resolution Authorizing the City Manager to Complete and Sign Applications and Administer the Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) Voucher Program through San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

**RECOMMENDATION:** Council by motion adopt resolution authorizing City Manager to complete and sign applications and administer the zero-emission landscaping equipment (ZELE) voucher program through San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District launched the new Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) Voucher Program to assist landscape maintenance professionals in replacing their existing gas or diesel – powered equipment with new electric zero-emission alternatives. This program is open to commercial landscape maintenance professionals, school districts, cities, counties, special districts and other businesses and commercial entities willing to replace gas-powered equipment with zero-emission electric options.

This program requires a resolution from City Council authorizing the application or other documentation signed by a duly authorized official with authority to make financial decisions, authorizing the submittal of the application and identifying the individual authorized to implement the new zero-emission landscaping equipment (ZELE) voucher program is required.

In past years, the City has been fortunate to have been awarded cleaner air vehicles including compressed natural gas (CNG), gas-electric hybrids and all electric vehicles. In support of cleaner air in the San Joaquin Valley, it is beneficial for the community and the City to make a positive impact on the Valley's air quality. With further transitioning to a zero-emission landscaping equipment fleet that results in less CO2 emissions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

If successful, cost savings to the City could be up to \$700 - \$15,000 per equipment.

### **ATTACHMENTS:**

A. Resolution

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-\_\_\_**

**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF KERMAN AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO COMPLETE AND SIGN APPLICATIONS AND ADMINISTER THE NEW ZERO-EMISSION LANDSCAPING EQUIPMENT (ZELE) VOUCHER PROGRAM THROUGH THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

WHEREAS, several local, State and Federal programs allow public and non-profit transportation providers to apply for administration, capital and operation assistance programs or grants; and

WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (SJVAPCD) provides funding to local agencies under the New Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, one of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District funding requirements is for the City Council to authorize someone by resolution, as the "Authorized Individual" to make final decisions, submit applications and implement the new zero-emission landscaping equipment (ZELE) voucher program under the Public Benefit Program; and

WHEREAS, the Council wishes to designate the City Manager as Authorized Individual on applications to SJVAPCD.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Kerman, hereby resolves as follows.

Section 1. The above recitals are true and correct and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 2. The City Council authorizes the City Manager or his/her designee to complete and sign the applications, to sign required assurances and to administer the New Zero-Emission Landscaping Equipment (ZELE) Voucher Program through the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District on behalf of the City of Kerman.

Section 3. This resolution is effective upon its adoption.

The foregoing resolution was adopted by the Kerman City Council at the regularly scheduled meeting held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of January 2024, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

The foregoing resolution is hereby approved.

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Maria Pacheco  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Josie Camacho  
Interim City Clerk