

RESOLUTION NUMBER 3153

***A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
PERRIS, COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF
CALIFORNIA TO IDENTIFY AND GIVE PREFERENCE IN
ITS VEHICLE PROCUREMENT TO THE ACQUISITION OF
THE LOWEST EMISSION VEHICLES AVAILABLE***

WHEREAS, more than 2/3 of Southern California's air pollution comes from mobile sources, such as cars, trucks, and buses; and

WHEREAS, conventional gasoline-powered cars, even the newest, cleanest cars, degrade with use and become serious sources of pollution and as our population grows, the gains we have made in cleaning our air with cleaner new cars and trucks will inevitably erode; and

WHEREAS, "upstream emission" from gasoline, including those from refineries and from diesel trucks delivering the fuel and from evaporating and spilled fuel are significant contributors to unhealthy air; and

WHEREAS, a wide variety of low emission vehicles in many applications are now available from a variety of manufacturers in ultra-low emission (ULEV), super-ultra-low-emission (SULEV), and zero-emission (ZEV) configurations and some of these vehicles are gasoline-powered, some natural gas-powered, some hybrid electrics, and some are battery-powered electrics; and

WHEREAS, zero emission vehicles especially offer the promise of assuring clean air now and for many decades to come; and

WHEREAS, reducing air pollution is a shared responsibility, requiring the cooperation and participation of all communities and their community members; and

WHEREAS, cities can and should play a significant role and cities are significant users of vehicles and equipment that cause air pollution and they regularly purchase new vehicles and equipment to meet the needs of their community members; and

WHEREAS, as public institutions, cities have a responsibility to serve the public interest and avoid creating air pollution themselves whenever possible; and

WHEREAS, cities can and should lead by example so that residents and businesses will also willingly participate in clean air programs; and

WHEREAS, one of the most important things that a city can do is to help build the market for very low and zero-emission vehicles; and

WHEREAS, significant incentive funding is now available through local Air Districts and the California Air Resources Board for cities to acquire ULEVs, SULEVs, and ZEVs and these monies will make the cost of acquiring these vehicles comparable to purchasing conventional vehicles; and

WHEREAS, in addition, cities are provided special funding each year through AB 2766 funds that can only be spent on reducing air pollution; and

WHEREAS, many cities have leased or purchased ULEVs, SULEVs, and ZEVs and use them in their fleets on a day-to-day basis and their experience has been uniformly positive; and

WHEREAS, despite limited availability, the ZEVs have received rave reviews from drivers and fleet operators and operating costs are much lower with ZEVs than conventional vehicles; and

WHEREAS, some cities have shown special leadership and have adopted procurement policies that give preference to the cleanest available vehicles suitable for each application and ULEVs, SULEVs, and ZEVs are preferred wherever available, practicable and cost competitive and exemptions are provided for public safety or emergency vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Perris that the City of Perris shall identify and give preference in its vehicle procurement to the acquisition of the lowest emission vehicles available, practical, and reasonably cost competitive with other vehicles appropriate for that application or where funding is available to assure that such vehicles shall be exempt from this policy.

ADOPTED, SIGNED and **APPROVED** this 16th day of September, 2003.

Mayor, Daryl R. Busch

ATTEST:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) §
CITY OF PERRIS)

I, Margaret Rey, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF PERRIS, CALIFORNIA, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing Resolution Number 3153 was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Perris at a regular meeting thereof held the 16th day of September, 2003, and that it was so adopted by the following called vote:

AYES: Landers, Motte, Rogers, Yarbrough, Busch

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

City Clerk, Margaret Rey