



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA STATEMENT



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TITLE

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHULA VISTA APPROVING AN SDG&E POWER YOUR DRIVE SITE HOST PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT TO EXPAND SDG&E'S POWER YOUR DRIVE PROGRAM TO A MUNICIPAL FACILITY LOCATED AT 610 BAY BLVD

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Council adopt the resolution.

SUMMARY

Staff is requesting Council approval of the expansion of SDG&E's Power Your Drive program to 610 Bay Blvd. This will include the installation, placement and maintenance of 10 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging units (8 designated for fleet, 2 designated for employee commuting). This will be in addition to the 123 EV chargers installed within the last year at three other City facilities through the Power Your Drive program, with a grand total of 133 chargers available for fleet and employee use. These EV chargers will assist the City in meeting our fleet alternative vehicle goals and employee alternative commuting goals within our City Operations Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan. Installation is set to take place at the end of 2018.

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The Director of Development Services has reviewed the proposed project for compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and has determined that the project qualifies for a Categorical Exemption pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Class 1 (Existing Facilities) and/or Section 15303 class 3 (New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures) because the proposed project would not result in a significant effect on the environment, create a cumulative impact, damage a scenic highway, or cause a substantial adverse change in the significance of a historical resource. Thus, no further environmental review is required.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Not applicable.

DISCUSSION

In support of California's goal to reach 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles by 2025 and infrastructure to support more than 1 million zero-emission vehicles by 2020, San Diego Gas & Electric (SDG&E) will install, operate and maintain electric vehicle charging stations at qualifying and selected multifamily and workplace settings as part of SDG&E's Power Your Drive Program (Program). Through the Program,

SDG&E has been authorized by the Public Utility Commission (PUC) to install 3,500 electric vehicle charging stations across their service area. At least 10% of the charging stations will be installed in disadvantaged communities. Through prior participation in the Power Your Drive program and Chula Vista City Council approval, the City has worked with SDG&E to install 123 fleet and employee chargers at the Civic Center, Public Works and the Police Department. The 610 Bay Blvd. site was not originally included in those plans. This site qualifies as a disadvantaged community so there is no cost for installation, placement and maintenance for these EV chargers.

City Staff met with the Power Your Drive team and conducted a walk-through of 610 Bay Blvd. in early October 2018 to determine if installation was feasible. The same process took place in our previous installations at Civic Center, Public Works and the Police Department. SDG&E's team determined that installation at 610 Bay Blvd. is feasible and presented preliminary design plans to the City for this site design. The chargers will be a completely separate service, metered separately and will not be part of the City's existing service. SDG&E will own, operate and maintain the EV charging system. No maintenance is required and no billing to employees by the City as all will be handled by SDG&E.

Chula Vista has built into the Climate Action Plan and the City Operations Sustainability Plan goals for converting the City fleet to alternative fuels and alternative technology to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Through SDG&E's Power Your Drive program, Chula Vista will have the infrastructure and support to meet and potentially exceed our current goal of having 40% of the fleet alternative vehicles by 2020. Additionally, participation in Power Your Drive will help increase our employee sustainable commuting goal of 30% by 2020.

Staff is requesting Council approval of SDG&E Power Your Drive Site Host Participation Agreement to expand SDG&E's Power Your Drive program to 610 Bay Blvd. to provide 10 Electric Vehicle (EV) charging units for fleet and employee vehicles.

DECISION-MAKER CONFLICT

Staff has reviewed the property holdings of the City Council members and has found no property holdings within 500 feet of the boundaries of the property which is the subject of this action. Consequently, this item does not present a disqualifying real property-related financial conflict of interest under California Code of Regulations Title 2, section 18702.2(a)(11), for purposes of the Political Reform Act (Cal. Gov't Code §87100, et seq.).

Staff is not independently aware, and has not been informed by any City Council member, of any other fact that may constitute a basis for a decision maker conflict of interest in this matter.

LINK TO STRATEGIC GOALS

The City's Strategic Plan has five major goals: Operational Excellence, Economic Vitality, Healthy Community, Strong and Secure Neighborhoods and a Connected Community. Participation in the Power Your Drive Program with SDG&E contributes to the Operational Excellence and Healthy Community goals as it assists with the implementation of strategies and programs that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promotes sustainability, meeting our City Operations Sustainability Plan and Climate Action Plan goals.

CURRENT-YEAR FISCAL IMPACT

There is no current year impact to the General Fund with approval of participation in Power Your Drive Program with SDG&E as they will install, operate, maintain and bill for the services.

ONGOING FISCAL IMPACT

There is no ongoing impact to the General Fund as SDG&E will have the responsibility for installation, operation, maintenance and billing. There will be a change in the fleet operations from gasoline vehicles to electric and the change of fuel types, which over time should provide reduced operational costs to the City. The California Air Resources Board provides a rebate for clean air vehicles purchased through the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project (CVRP). The CVRP provides an increased rebate amount to vehicles assigned to a disadvantaged community (DAC) and the 610 Bay Blvd. location is within the DAC boundary. The standard rebate per electric vehicle is \$2,500 and the increased rebate amount for this location is \$4,500 per vehicle. There are seven fleet vehicles planned for replacement within the section assigned to work from this location which would result in an additional \$14,000 in CVRP rebate that the City would otherwise not qualify for.

ATTACHMENTS

1. License Agreement

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