

ATTACHMENT 1

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-_____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED, CALIFORNIA, TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDING, IF AWARDED, FROM THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT'S PUBLIC BENEFITS GRANTS PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting approval to apply for the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District 2026 Public Benefit Grants Program; and,

WHEREAS, the grant's mission is to meet the needs and challenges faced by Valley public institutions by providing funds towards a wide variety of clean-air, public-benefit projects which will provide a direct benefit to Valley residents; and,

WHEREAS, funding for this program is limited to public agencies such as cities, counties, special districts (i.e. water districts, irrigation districts, etc.), and public educational institutions (i.e. school districts, community colleges, state universities, etc.) located within the geographic boundaries of the District; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding for the purchase of new alternative fueled vehicles (Electric, Plug-In Hybrid, CNG, LNG, LPG, etc); and,

WHEREAS, applications for this grant program are currently being accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Merced ("City") has applied for and received grant funding from the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District Public Benefit Grants Program in 2019, 2022, and 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the City must submit the application by December 31, 2026; and,

WHEREAS, the grant provides funding in the amount of \$20,000 per vehicle with the applicant agency paying the costs that exceed \$20,000 and up to \$100,000 maximum per calendar year per applicant; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting permission to accept the grant award without returning to City Council when offered the funding; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting a waiver on the competitive bid process for the vehicles as the vehicles are being held on the lots of local dealerships; and,

WHEREAS, the Merced Police Department is requesting permission to purchase police lighting and emergency equipment for (3) of the (5) vehicles; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MERCED DOES HEREBY RESOLVE, DETERMINE, FIND, AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. That the City Manager or designee of the City of Merced is authorized to submit an application to the San Joaquin Air Pollution Control District 2026 Public Benefit Grants Program.

SECTION 2. That the City Manager may accept the grant award without returning to City Council for acceptance when offered the grant award.

SECTION 3. That the competitive bid process for purchasing of the vehicles is waived pursuant to Merced Municipal Code, Section 3.04.210.

SECTION 4. That the Chief of Police can purchase police lighting and emergency equipment to outfit (3) of the (5) vehicles.

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PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Merced at a regular meeting held on the 2nd day of March 2026 by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members:

NOES: Council Members:

ABSENT: Council Members:

ABSTAIN: Council Members:

APPROVED:
MATTHEW SERRATTO, MAYOR

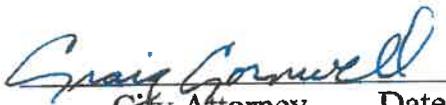
Mayor

ATTEST:
D. SCOTT MCBRIDE, CITY CLERK

BY: _____
Assistant/Deputy City Clerk

(SEAL)

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CRAIG J. CORNWELL, CITY ATTORNEY

 3/9/2026
City Attorney Date