

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
ACTION AGENDA SUMMARY

DEPT: Environmental Resources

BOARD AGENDA # *B-1

Urgent

Routine

AGENDA DATE August 30, 2011

CEO Concurs with Recommendation YES NO

4/5 Vote Required YES NO

(Information Attached)

SUBJECT:

Approval of a Resolution to Extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Stanislaus County Through April 2022

STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

Adopt a Resolution to extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Stanislaus County through April 2022.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Program is funded by a \$1.00 service fee on vehicles registered in Stanislaus County. In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the service fee generated approximately \$422,697 county-wide. Of this amount, the County's AVA Program received approximately \$92,015 or approximately 21 percent to apply towards Program administration.

BOARD ACTION AS FOLLOWS:

No. 2011-499

On motion of Supervisor Chiesa, Seconded by Supervisor Withrow

and approved by the following vote,

Ayes: Supervisors: O'Brien, Chiesa, Withrow, DeMartini, and Chairman Monteith

Noes: Supervisors: None

Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

1) X Approved as recommended

2) _____ Denied

3) _____ Approved as amended

4) _____ Other:

MOTION:



ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk

File No.

Approval to Extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Stanislaus County Through April 2022

DISCUSSION:

In 1991, Stanislaus County and the nine incorporated cities in the County approved resolutions that allowed for the formation of an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority. The formation of the Service Authority provided the means to begin collecting a \$1.00 service fee on vehicles registered in the County, creating a funding source to be used for abatement of abandoned and junk vehicles on public and private property. These funds are distributed to the County and each city's AVA program by a formula considering population, number of jurisdictions, and number of abated vehicles. On December 4, 2001, Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors approved the resolution to extend the AVA Program for ten years through April, 2012.

In Fiscal Year 2010-2011, the County and city programs abated a total of 2,182 abandoned vehicles. The County's program in the unincorporated areas, administered by the Department of Environmental Resources (DER), accounted for 480 of the total abated vehicles representing approximately 22 percent. DER was notified of these vehicles by members of the community, other agencies or spotted by AVA staff. Registered vehicle owners are given the opportunity to remove the vehicles or to otherwise bring the vehicles into compliance before involuntary abatement is initiated.

The AVA Program service fee in Stanislaus County is scheduled to expire on April 30, 2012. Assembly Bill 468, Chapter 389, Statutes of 2007, allows for the extension of AVA Program fees in California. The AVA Program service fee may be extended in increments of up to 10 years each if the County Board of Supervisors, by a two-thirds vote, and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the County, adopt resolutions providing for the extension of the fee. At its July 12, 2011 meeting the AVA Committee members, by roll-call vote, supported the extension of the AVA Program service fee in Stanislaus County to April 30, 2022.

Stanislaus Council of Governments (StanCOG) is the designated Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Service Authority for the Stanislaus Region and is responsible for administering the AVA Program. On behalf of all participating agencies, StanCOG will submit approved resolutions to the State Controller's Office and the California Highway Patrol by January 1, 2012.

POLICY ISSUE:

Approval of this agenda item to extend the Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program in Stanislaus County through April 2022 is consistent with the Board's priorities of A Safe Community, A Healthy Community, and the Efficient Delivery of Public Services. Specifically, the Program promotes and ensures the prompt removal of abandoned vehicles from areas in Stanislaus County which can contribute to blighted conditions and a neighborhood nuisance. In addition, extending the Program supports the Department's mission to promote a safe and healthy environment and improve the quality of life in the community through a balance of science, education, partnerships, and environmental regulation.

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STAFFING IMPACTS:

As of July 1, 2011, the Code Enforcement Program has been reduced to two Zoning Enforcement officers. Existing staff will continue to administer zoning enforcement and the AVA program.

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF STANISLAUS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Excused or Absent: Supervisors: None

Abstaining: Supervisor: None

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THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE ABANDONED VEHICLE ABATEMENT PROGRAM FEE UNTIL APRIL 30, 2022

WHEREAS, the Stanislaus County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement (AVA) Service Authority was formed in 1991; and

WHEREAS, the AVA Program is funded by a \$1 license fee; and

WHEREAS, the AVA Program has contributed substantially to our local quality of life by removing thousands of junked or abandoned vehicles from the territory of the nine cities and the County; and

WHEREAS, the AVA program fee is set to expire on April 30, 2012; and

WHEREAS, per Assembly Bill 468, Chapter 389, Statutes of 2007, the AVA Program fee may be extended in increments of up to 10 years each if the Board of Supervisors of the County, by a two-thirds votes, and a majority of the cities having a majority of the incorporated population within the County adopt resolutions providing for the extension of the fee; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to the name of jurisdiction to have the AVA Program fee continue;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the name of jurisdiction supports the extension of the AVA Program fee until April 30, 2022.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the name of jurisdiction on the ____ day of ____, 2011. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the foregoing Resolution. Motion carried and the Resolution was adopted.

ATTEST: CHRISTINE FERRARO TALLMAN, Clerk
Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors,
State of California

