

6.i. Support Letters – Members/State Electeds



STEVE WESTLY
California State Controller

September 2, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1660 – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

As the sponsor of AB 1660 (Pavley), I respectfully request your signature on this important measure that will establish the California Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group Purchase Program. AB 1660 will encourage State and local agencies to acquire energy-efficient vehicles.

Under this common sense proposal, the State will be responsible for negotiating price reductions for alternative fuel and hybrid automobiles in exchange for access to a voluntary buying pool of nearly 4,000 government agencies throughout the State. Additionally, this bill encourages local agencies to require 75% of future vehicles to be energy-efficient.

Alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles significantly increase gas mileage and dramatically reduce air pollution emissions. AB 1660 will not only save taxpayer dollars by leveraging reduced prices, but will also help improve the environment.

Oil dependency is now widely recognized as a national security issue. It is imperative that we develop comprehensive strategies to reduce oil dependence and combat skyrocketing oil and gasoline prices. By assisting local and State agencies, AB 1660 provides one strategy towards achieving that goal.

For these reasons, I respectfully request you sign this measure into law.

Sincerely,

STEVE WESTLY
State Controller's Office

cc: The Honorable Fran Pavely

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6.ii. Support Letters – Organizations/Local Gov't



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September 12, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1660 (Pavley)
Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchasing Program
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities (League) respectfully request your signature on AB 1660 (Pavley) which would establish within the Department of General Services an energy-efficient vehicle group purchase program. Under the auspices of this program, the department would be required to negotiate the lowest possible purchase price for energy-efficient vehicles on behalf of state and local agencies that are interested in obtaining those vehicles.

CSAC and the League support this very worthy effort to facilitate the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles by state and local agencies. We believe that more local agencies would be inclined to purchase such vehicles if the costs were reasonable. Besides being beneficial to local agencies interested in purchasing energy-efficient vehicles, the potential outcome of the proposed program will be reduced air pollution emissions.

For this reason, CSAC and the League support AB 1660 and respectfully request you sign this important measure.

Sincerely,

Karen Keene
Legislative Representative
CSAC

Dan Carrigg
Legislative Director
League of California Cities

cc: Assembly Member Fran Pavley
Anthony Hernandez, Governor's Office of Planning and Research

September 6, 2005

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) respectfully requests that you sign AB 1660 authored by Assemblymember Fran Pavley, which would create the California Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group purchase program within the Department of General Services to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles by local and state agencies through a group purchasing program.

EBMUD is a local government entity responsible for providing drinking water service to approximately 1.3 million customers in 20 cities and 16 unincorporated communities within Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, and wastewater treatment services for more than 600,000 customers in the East Bay.

We are strongly supportive of the objective embodied in AB 1660, which is to create a statewide hybrid vehicle purchase program that would include more than 4,000 local government agencies and all state agencies. Creating a large group purchasing program for hybrid vehicles would be helpful in the effort to reduce the overall purchase cost of these vehicles for government agencies. In addition, the creation of a large group purchasing program would send a signal to the automotive industry that there is a growing market for hybrid vehicles and thereby encourage an increase in production which will also result in future lower purchase costs.

EBMUD's commitment to transportation best management practices is shown in our present vehicle fleet, which has included alternative fueled vehicles for 15 years, and currently has 59 hybrid sedans. EBMUD has tested and used alternative fuel pick-up trucks, electric vehicles, and 100 percent bio-diesel fueled dump trucks. In 2004, approximately 90 percent of the sedans in EBMUD's fleet are hybrid vehicles. EBMUD's efforts to improve air quality and fuel efficiency, through the focus on purchasing and employing energy-efficient vehicles, are consistent with the objectives of AB 1660. In addition, EBMUD's future purchases of hybrid vehicles could also potentially benefit from reduced purchasing costs if the creation of a large purchasing group comprised of local and state government agencies helps to drive down the overall purchase price of these vehicles.

I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning EBMUD's position on AB 1660.

Sincerely,


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cc: Assemblymember Fran Pavley

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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**LIZ KNISS, CHAIR
FIFTH DISTRICT SUPERVISOR**

September 8, 2005

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1660 (Pavley) As Amended July 13, 2005 -- Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors supports AB 1660 (Pavley), which creates an Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group Purchase Program within the Department of General Services.

AB 1660 would require the department to establish before April 1, 2006, an advisory committee with representatives from counties, cities, school boards, special districts, community colleges and state agencies that would negotiate contracts at the lowest possible purchasing price for alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles.

We believe the County could realize substantial savings by pooling vehicle purchases at a discounted price and reduce air pollution emissions by increasing the use of hybrid and alternative fuel vehicles.

For these reasons, Santa Clara County respectfully urges your favorably consideration on this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Liz Kniss
Chairperson, Board Supervisors

c: Assemblymember Fran Pavley
Santa Clara County Legislative Delegation
Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors
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September 2, 2005

Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
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State Capitol First Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Request for Signature - AB 1660 (Pavley) Vehicular Air Pollution: Energy-Efficient Vehicles

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Santa Clara Valley Water District (District) Board of Directors is in support of AB 1660 (Pavley) relating to providing assistance to state and local agencies for the purchase of energy efficient fleet vehicles. The District provides drinking water for more than 1.7 million people and manages the local groundwater basins, providing flood management services, and serving as environmental steward for the county's more than 800 miles of creeks and streams.

AB 1660 would enact the California Energy-Efficient Vehicle Group Purchase Program. The purpose of the program is to leverage buying power for state and local agencies to encourage the purchase of energy-efficient fleet vehicles. The program is voluntary and is similar to other "quasi-consortium" contract negotiation purchasing programs that have been successfully implemented by the state. The District has "piggybacked" on certain contracts that have already been competitively bid where our sometimes limited volume does not provide any cost advantage. This bill furthers this concept to apply to the energy-efficient vehicles which could achieve substantial cost savings for state or local agencies. The District has several vehicles that are targeted for replacement in 2006 that may qualify for this program. Carbon dioxide emissions contribute to global warming which ultimately could affect the state's imported water supplies. For these reasons we respectfully request that you sign this legislation into law.

Sincerely,


Julia Maclay
Manager, State Government Relations

Cc: Assembly Member Fran Pavley



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The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1660 (Pavley), Energy Efficient Vehicle Purchases – Support

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

Sierra Club California supports AB 1660, which would encourage the purchase of energy-efficient vehicles by local and state agencies through a group-purchasing program that uses the purchasing leverage of state and local agencies to lower the purchase price of those vehicles.

We have long supported increases in the efficiency of our motor vehicles as a means of reducing the emissions that cause global warming, as well as weaning American off of our addiction to oil. Government should lead the way in this effort, setting a good example and using its purchasing power to build demand for cleaner vehicles. Furthermore, lowering the purchase price of cleaner vehicles will save state and local governments money both on the initial cost of the vehicles and at the gas pump during the service life of the vehicles.

Sincerely,

Bill Magavern
Senior Representative

Cc: Assemblymember Fran Pavley



6.iii. Support Letters – Individuals

No relevant documents found