

DEPARTMENT: Board

BY: Chairman Parker

PHONE: 966-3222

RECOMMENDED ACTION AND JUSTIFICATION: (Policy Item: Yes \_\_\_ No x)

Resolution Opposing State Mandated Alternative fueled Vehicle regulations and subsidies and direct Clerk of the Board to submit Support Form.

BACKGROUND AND HISTORY OF BOARD ACTIONS:

The attached information from the Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association alleges a cost to taxpayers for Electric Vehicle Mandates. These costs should be borne by manufactures who profit from the research and development, not by the taxpayers. It appears from the attached that the State is involving itself in mandates that could be a high subsidy cost to the taxpayer with low benefits to the environment.

This action will oppose the mandate.

LIST ALTERNATIVES AND CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

The Board may be silent on the issue which may have negative consequences for taxpayers.

COSTS: (x) Not Applicable  
A. Budgeted current FY \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Total anticipated costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Required additional funding \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
D. Internal transfers \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SOURCE: ( ) 4/5ths Vote Required  
A. Unanticipated revenues \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
B. Reserve for contingencies \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
C. Source description: \_\_\_\_\_  
Balance in Reserve for Contingencies, if approved: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:  
List the attachments and number the pages consecutively:  
Information on subject \_\_\_\_\_  
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CLERK'S USE ONLY:  
Res. No.: 95-335 Ord. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
Vote - Ayes: 3 Noes: Reilly  
Absent: Taber Abstained: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Approved ( ) Denied  
 Minute Order Attached ( ) No Action Necessary

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATION:  
This item on agenda as:  
 Recommended  
 Not Recommended  
 For Policy Determination  
 Submitted with Comment  
 Returned for Further Action  
Comment: \_\_\_\_\_  
A.O. Initials: [Signature]

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the original on file in this office.  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
ATTEST: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board  
County of Mariposa, State of California  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Deputy

MARIPOSA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MINUTE ORDER

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TO: GARRY R. PARKER, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors  
FROM: MARGIE WILLIAMS, Clerk of the Board *MW*  
SUBJECT: Resolution Opposing State Mandated Alternative  
Fueled Vehicle Regulations and Subsidies; Res. 95-335

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THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MARIPOSA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA,

ADOPTED THIS Order on July 11, 1995

ACTION AND VOTE:

**2:09 p.m.** Resolution Opposing State Mandated Alternative Fueled Vehicle Regulations and Subsidies and Direct Clerk of the Board to Submit Support Form (Chairman Parker)

**BOARD ACTION:** Chairman Parker explained resolution in opposition. Following discussion of costs, availability of recharging stations, lead exposure, pollution and safety hazards (M) Balmain, (S) Stewart, with discussion. Supervisor Reilly expressed concern of basing decisions on lobbyist information. Following discussion, Res. 95-335 adopted opposing State mandated alternative fueled vehicle regulations and subsidies with direction to the Clerk of the Board to submit support form/Ayes: Balmain, Stewart and Parker; Opposed: Reilly; Excused: Taber.

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# SUPPORT FORM

**YES! WE SUPPORT CALIFORNIANS AGAINST HIDDEN TAXES!**

We oppose the assessment of up to \$28 billion in hidden taxes and other costs over the next 15 years to promote electric, natural gas and other alternative-fueled vehicles. The cost of investing in these new technologies should be borne by the shareholders of those companies that stand to profit from them -- not state taxpayers, utility customers and consumers.

You may add our name to your endorsement list.

Mariposa County  
Board of Supervisors

07/14/95

**Organization Name**

**Date**

  
**Authorized Signature**

GARRY R. PARKER

**Printed Name**

Chairman of the  
Board of Supervisors

**Title**

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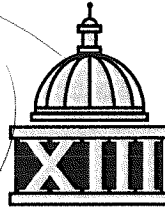
Please complete this form and FAX it to us at:

**(714) 499-6695**

Or mail it to:

**Californians Against Hidden Taxes  
Post Office Box 52  
Laguna Beach, California 92652**

HOWARD JARVIS  
TAXPAYERS  
ASSOCIATION



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JONATHAN M. COUPAL, Director of Legal Affairs

May 26, 1995

Supervisor Garry Parker  
Mariposa County  
Courthouse, P.O. Box 247  
Mariposa, CA 95338

Dear Supervisor Parker:

**We want to bring to your attention one of the biggest and until recently hidden costs facing California taxpayers.**

**California taxpayers are being asked to pay up to \$28 billion in hidden taxes and increased costs over the next several years to subsidize government mandates for alternative fueled vehicles.**

A recent study by Sierra Research documented the cost of AFV mandates and subsidy programs from 1995 to 2010. The dollar value of its conclusions is staggering:

- Nearly **\$20 billion** for increased vehicle and infrastructure costs from the state's electric vehicle mandate. This arbitrary regulation requires that 2% of the new cars sold in the state be electric in 1998. Five years later this regulation ramps up to 10% or about 150,000 electric cars.
- **A surcharge of up to \$2,000 apiece on conventionally-fueled cars** to subsidize the high cost of manufacturing mandated electric cars.
- More than **\$335 million** in increased electric and natural gas rates if applications by the state's four largest private utilities are approved by the California Public Utilities Commission.
- **More than \$4 billion to meet state and federal regulations requiring private companies, state and local governments and school districts to convert their automobile fleets to alternative fueled vehicles, even though these vehicles cost more to purchase and operate.**
- **\$2.2 billion** to be spent by state and local bureaucrats on research and development of alternative fueled vehicles. The federal government will spend another **one-half billion** for the same purpose.

- More than **\$400 million** in lost sales and fuel tax revenues as a result of the AFV mandates and the subsidies which support them. This diversion of taxpayer dollars to subsidize AFVs is likely to lead to either higher taxes or cuts in vital services such as crime prevention, education and transportation.

**We don't oppose electric, natural gas or any other kind of alternative fueled vehicle.**

But the cost of developing and marketing AFVs should be borne by the shareholders of the companies that stand to profit from them. After all, it's those shareholders who will reap the dividends!

There are much more cost-effective ways to improve air quality than arbitrary government mandates. According to Thomas C. Austin, former Executive Officer of the California Air Resources Board (CARB), using the agency's own analysis **the reduction in smog from the electric car mandate would be too small to measure.**

The same air quality benefits could be achieved at a fraction of the cost by scrapping older, high-polluting cars or targeting high emitting cars.

Attached is an executive summary of the Sierra Research report. If you would like a copy of the full report, please contact Anita Mangels at (714) 499-6995.

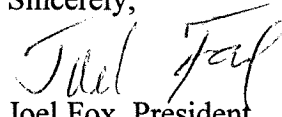
The Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association is proud to be a member of Californians Against Hidden Taxes, a broad-based and diverse coalition formed to oppose hidden taxes to finance government mandates for alternative fueled vehicles.

Other coalition members include: California Manufacturers Association, California Farm Bureau Federation, California Highway Users Conference, California Independent Oil Marketers Association, California League of Food Processors, The Committees of Correspondence, California Service Station and Automotive Repair Association, Certified Grocers of California, National Federation of Independent Business, National Institute of Emergency Vehicle Safety, National Tax Limitation Committee, California State Grange, Public Service Coalition for Clean Air in California, Peoples Advocate, Western States Petroleum Association, California Fire Mechanics Association-North, Sacramento County Taxpayers League, Citizens Lose on Utility Taxes, American Bakers Association, Drivers for Highway Safety, Evergreen Holdings, Inc., Californians for Tax Reform, and United Organizations of Taxpayers, Inc.

If you would like to join us in returning some badly needed common sense to California, please fill out the enclosed support form, and return it as soon as possible.

Thank you for taking the time to consider this important matter.

Sincerely,



Joel Fox, President

Howard Jarvis Taxpayers Association