

Staff Report

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Steve L. Prosser, Jr., Director of Maintenance

DATE: May 13, 2026

SUBJECT: Purchase of a New, Replacement 2-ton Pickup Truck with a Service Body (Consent)

MAINTENANCE

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the purchase of one (1) 2026 Ford F-550 4x4 pickup truck with a service body from Geweke Ford in Yuba City, California, and authorize the General Manager to execute the appropriate documents.

BACKGROUND:

The new F-550 will be operationally placed with the Hydroelectric Department's Maintenance Division. This team has the responsibility of maintaining powerhouses, dams, the upper division conveyance system and recreation facilities. Many of these sites are remote and can take hours to access. It is very important that the service trucks driven by Hydroelectric personnel to these locations are very reliable and properly outfitted for rugged terrain.

While one of the existing Hydroelectric trucks (#H5440) will be rotated to serve a less important role, it will still be a valuable addition to another department. As vehicles are retired, other vehicles are rotated in and out of the "District Pool," based on vehicle age, mileage, service duty, etc. The oldest vehicles and those with expensive ongoing repair needs are then surplused and sent to auction. Upon delivery of the new F-550, a "like" Class 5 vehicle (a 2007 Ford F-550 with a service body, Asset #9904) will be surplused, in compliance with the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) Advanced Clean Fleets (ACF) Regulation.

This purchase is only available because the Fleet Department applied for and was granted a "Zero-Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Purchase Exemption of the ACF Regulation" by CARB for a Class 5 vehicle (GVWR of 16,001 lb to 19,500 lb). The District's fleet includes Class 5 vehicles that have aged out of daily use and/or are in poor operating condition (engine, transmission, etc.).

The exemption allows the District to purchase a replacement vehicle with an internal combustion engine (ICE) versus a ZEV. The exemption was approved by CARB in July 2025, giving the District 365 days or until July 2026 to order (go under contract to purchase) a “like” Class 5 replacement vehicle.

If the exemption is allowed to expire, the District will probably be mandated to purchase a comparable ZEV instead of a traditional ICE truck. This is due primarily to a recently established automotive manufacturer that believes it will have a production ready comparable electric truck available for purchase within the next year.

When replacing two (2) Ford F-250 pickup trucks in 2025, the District was mandated to purchase ZEV replacements at a 25% higher cost than comparable ICE trucks. By capitalizing on the approved exemption now, the District will not be mandated to purchase a ZEV.

As previously noted, upon delivery of the new F-550, a “like” Class 5 vehicle will be surplused in compliance with the CARB ACF Regulation, keeping the District’s on-road vehicle count the same or lower.

In terms of the CARB ACF Regulation, it can be challenging to manage the District’s “entire” fleet, while meeting each department’s specific needs. With aging ICE vehicles that may require ZEV replacements (if such is available in the marketplace), being granted ZEV Purchase Exemptions play a big role in giving the District purchasing options. In addition, rotating specific vehicle replacements between departments is also key in managing the fleet District-wide.

BUDGETARY IMPACT:

The Purchasing Department solicited a Request for Quotation (RFQ) from four (4) dealers/vendors, the results of which follow:

Bidder	Vehicle Type	Purchase Price per Vehicle	Meets Delivery Deadline
Future Ford Lincoln of Roseville	2026 Ford F-550 DRW 4x4 Super Cab with Service Body	\$145,873.16	Yes
Geweke Ford	2026 Ford F-550 DRW 4x4 Super Cab with Service Body	\$153,373.56	Yes
Future Chevrolet	Non-Responsive Bid	--	--
Hoblit Chrysler Jeep Dodge Ram	Non-Responsive Bid	--	--

FISCAL IMPACT:

The 2026 Capital Budget for the Hydroelectric Department’s Maintenance Division (555200) includes \$175,000.00 for this vehicle replacement (including outfitting costs).

The total purchase price of the one (1) Ford F-550 pickup truck with a service body is \$145,873.16 (≈\$146,000.00), plus \$8,000.00 for outfitting. This results in an overall cost savings of \$21,000.00.

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Attachments: (2)

- 2026 CIP Budget Justification
- 2026 Vehicle Scoring Sheet

Replacement of Vehicle #H5440

Overview

Request Owner	Phil Nedved, Hydro Maintenance Superintendent
Department	Hydro Maintenance
Form Type	Capital Equipment
Request Type	Vehicles and Equipment
Project Number	N/A

Description

Vehicle #H5440 is overdue for replacement per the District's Mechanic Shop. Vehicle H5440 is a 2016 Ford F550 Utility Truck with 126,490 miles. Based upon historic usage, this vehicle is expected to have over 140000 miles by the end of 2026.

Images



Details

New Purchase or Replacement	Replacement
New or Used Vehicle	New Vehicle
Useful Life	7

FACTORS	POINTS
Age	1 point for each 15 months of service.
Miles/Hours	1 point/12,000 miles or 1 point/1,000 hours.
Service Type	1 point for light duty, up to 5 points for severe service.
Reliability	1-5 points for frequency of repairs needed. 1 point for 1 repair/6 months, 5 points for 1 or more repairs/month.
Lifetime Repair Costs	1-5 points based on total maintenance and repair costs. 1 point/10% purchase price.
Condition and Usefulness	1-5 points for overall condition and usefulness.

POINT RANGES	Final replacement evaluation made by Fleet is based on maintenance history, reliability, duty cycle and forecasted use. An older vehicle may show "past due", but is not being replaced due to low mileage, low usage and high reliability. Likewise, a vehicle may be scheduled for replacement early due to poor reliability or high annual mileage, as replacement vehicles typically follow 12-18 months from approval.
Under 18	Excellent
18-24	Good
25-27	Evaluate Replacement
Over 27	Past Due

Asset Year	Vehicle/Equipment Asset # and Description	Miles/Hours	Mileage Date	Age Score	Miles/Hrs Service Type	Reliability	Lifetime Repair Cost	Condition and Usefulness	Department or Division	Eval Score	Service Life Left	Forecasted 6 Month Mileage Based on Recent Trends	PRICES ARE INCREASED 5% ANNUALLY FOR INFLATION					Comment
													22/23	23/24	24/25	25/26	26/27	
2016	HS440 FORD F550 UTILITY BED	136,756	03/16/26	8	11	4	1	2	HYDRO - MAINT	25	-1	140,000	0	0	0	0	0	

(11" x 17" foldout also provided)

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Under 18	Condition I	Excellent
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25 - 27	Condition III	Evaluate Replacement
Over 27	Condition IV	Past Due

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Updated basis, where applicable.

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TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR REPLACEMENT

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