

MOTION

The South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) has established a Commercial Lawn and Garden Equipment Incentive and Exchange Program (Program) to improve air quality by exchanging older, polluting gasoline- or diesel-powered commercial lawn and garden equipment for new zero-emission, battery-electric commercial grade equipment.

Commercial gardeners and landscapers, in addition to local government agencies such as the City of Los Angeles, are eligible to participate in the Program. One equivalent operable gasoline- or diesel-powered piece of lawn and garden equipment must be scrapped to qualify for incentive funding towards battery electric replacement equipment.

Many City departments, including the Department of Recreation and Parks, the Department of General Services, the Bureau of Street Services, the Department of Water and Power, and the Port of Los Angeles, use a wide variety of lawn and garden equipment in a wide range of circumstances and settings.

Many commercial gardeners and landscapers may be reluctant to shift to zero-emission equipment because of concerns about effectiveness, battery life, and other performance issues. The City can and should be a leader in acquiring and using zero-emission, battery-electric lawn and garden equipment, both for its own sake but also to demonstrate to the private sector how they can use such equipment without adversely affecting their productivity. The South Coast AQMD's Program provides an opportunity for the City to lead by example in this area.

In April 2018, the City Council instructed the Department of Recreation and Parks to report within 30 days on a strategy and timeline by which it can pilot and evaluate the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment at parks or golf courses (CF 18-0131). While that report is pending, other departments that use lawn and garden equipment should also evaluate how they can use zero-emission equipment.

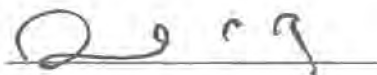
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be requested to report within 30 days on how it can acquire and use zero-emission, battery-electric lawn and garden equipment in addition to the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment at parks or golf courses, currently being studied under Council File 18-0131.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of General Services, the Bureau of Street Services, and other City departments that use lawn and garden equipment, including the Department of Water and Power and the Harbor Department be directed / requested to report within 30 days on a strategy and timeline for a program to pilot and evaluate the use of zero-emission maintenance equipment, including how each department can take advantage of the AQMD equipment exchange program which is described in the text of this Motion.

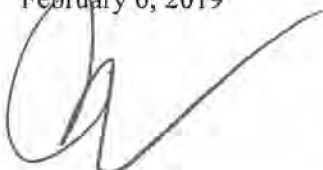
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