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### BOS Meeting 4-19-2016 Agenda Item 26, \$1 Fingerprint Fee

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RE: Re-instatement of DMV Fee for Fingerprint Identification

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I believe that your Board should conduct a review of all of the fees currently levied by DMV on behalf of the County. Currently, DMV is levying fees totaling \$9 per vehicle on behalf of the County and if this recommended action is taken by your Board the fees will go up to \$10 per vehicle.

Sheriff D'Agostini and his staff have done a great job of prudently expending the fees paid by County residents for automated fingerprint identification since the Sheriff took office. For approximately the last two and a half years the Sheriff has been able to maintain a quality level of automated fingerprint identification services throughout the County without requiring the County's motorists to pay this \$1 fee. For approximately the last two and a half years the County has provided automated fingerprint identification services using

unexpended fee revenue collected in prior years. I recommend the reinstatement of this fee because I believe that every El Dorado County motorist is safer when law enforcement has access to automated fingerprint identification services. I am confident that in the future the Sheriff and I will come back to your Board and ask that this fee be temporarily suspended again. Further, I hope that someday the County general fund will pay for these services.

When your Board charges a fee to an individual, the intent of the California Constitution requires that there is a reasonable relationship between the amount of the fee charged, the individual charged, and the benefit or service provided to the individual by the County. I believe that in the case of the automated fingerprint identification fee a reasonable relationship exists.

The \$9 per vehicle fee that County is currently levying is as follows: \$1 for Highway Call Boxes (charged since 2000), \$6 for the Air Quality Management District (charged since 2006), \$1 for Abandon Vehicle Abatement (charged since 1992), and \$1 for the DA's DUI/Auto Theft Prosecution Program (charged since 1993). Again, I recommend that your Board review each of these fees at a Board meeting in the near future. I believe that the relationship of the fees charged for the Air Quality Management District and the Highway Call Boxes is not nearly as clear as the fee before your Board today.

Sincerely,

Joe Harn, CPA

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Board Members:

Thanks to Auditor Harn for suggesting a review of this program. In accordance with the stated intent of the California Constitution, there is a reasonable relationship between the \$6 motor vehicle emission reduction fee and the benefits provided. Internal combustion engines are the single largest source of air pollution threatening the health of El Dorado County residents. The state legislation that established this mechanism (AB 2766 and AB 923) was codified in Health and Safety Code sections 44220-44299.1 <http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/cgi-bin/calawquery?codesection=hsc>

EDC is classified as Severe Non-Attainment for the federal ozone standard. Oxides of nitrogen from motor vehicles are the primary precursor in the reaction that produces ozone. Included in the federally required State Improvement Plan are the anticipated ozone reductions achieved from motor vehicle emission reductions in EDC.

The majority of this revenue (65%) is passed through to other entities for motor vehicle emission reduction projects. Those projects have included school bus replacements, sidewalks, bike trails, County Transportation Division road maintenance vehicle purchase and the County Fair shuttle.

The balance comprises nearly one third of AQMD's operations budget and is used for related implementation, planning, monitoring, enforcement, and technical studies necessary for the implementation of the California Clean Air Act of 1988 and for the attainment of state and federal ambient air quality standards by reducing toxic air contaminant emissions from motor vehicles. Continued fulfillment of these requirements without the \$6 vehicle fee would require an annual fee increase of approximately 50% for the 700+ permitted EDC business sources or an annual general fund contribution.

One of the related programs is the expansion of electric vehicle usage. The state legislature is considering a \$100 annual vehicle registration fee applicable to zero-emission motor vehicles to offset reduced gasoline tax revenue. This revenue would be used for state highway, city and county roadway maintenance and rehabilitation:

[http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb\\_0001-0050/sbx1\\_1\\_bill\\_20150901\\_amended\\_sen\\_v96.pdf](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0001-0050/sbx1_1_bill_20150901_amended_sen_v96.pdf)

Please contact me if you would like additional information.

Thank you for working with us to improve air quality.

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