



# FRESNO COUNTY FIRE

PROTECTION DISTRICT

---

*Honor, Integrity, Cooperation & Professionalism*

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** January 12, 2026

**To:** Board of Directors

**Attn:** Brad Richter  
President

**From:** Fire District Staff

**Subject:** Electric Vehicle Charging Stations & Hydrogen Facilities

## **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S BRIEFING PAPER**

---

### **ISSUE:**

Staff is asking the Board of Directors for approval to research the potential impact of proposed Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging stations and Hydrogen Facilities being developed within Fire District boundaries and determine the level of impact and potential demand that will be placed on Fire District services.

### **BACKGROUND:**

Western Fresno County has been identified as a major hub for alternative fuel sites not only to the county itself, but also in the State of California. With the implementation of Solar PV and BESS sites, EV Charging Facilities and Hydrogen Facilities are now being planned for development in the near future.

### **DISCUSSION:**

California Assembly Bill 970 (AB 970) is a legislative measure that aims to expedite the permitting process of EV Charging stations throughout California.

Major thoroughfares such as Highway 99 and Interstate 5 have been identified as priorities to implement charging stations for Heavy Duty Electric Vehicles.

Concurrently to AB 970, Senate Bill 1418 (SB 1418) aims to streamline the permitting process for hydrogen-fueling facilities. With hydrogen-fueling facilities being streamlined, developers are now looking at standalone hydrogen-generation plants as well as Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) combined with hydrogen-generation.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Board can direct District Staff to wait until more foundational information is available.

**IMPACTS:** *(Consider potential consequences related to each of the following areas of concern for proposed alternatives. Check all that apply and provide brief explanation of each)*

- Fiscal – No known impacts
- Operational – No known impacts
- Legal – No known impacts
- Labor – No known impacts
- Sociopolitical – No known impacts
- Policy – No known impacts
- Health and safety – No known impacts
- Environmental – No known impacts
- Interagency – No known impacts

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff is recommending that the Board of Directors give direction to District Staff to research the impact of EV Charging Stations and Hydrogen-Fueling Stations will have on the Fire District.

**APPROVED:**

DocuSigned by:  
*Andy Cosentino*  
CAF8A150A6EC445...

**Joseph A. Cosentino, Division Chief**

1/12/26  
**Date**