

**Issue Date: December 31, 2025**

#### **New Information:**

Effective January 1, 2026, law enforcement agencies in Alameda and Los Angeles counties will be authorized to file applications to junk/dispose abandoned wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative recreational vehicles (RVs) valued at \$4,000 or less if unclaimed after 30 days of notice. Once junked, these RVs will be prohibited from being resold or registered.

The Public Agency Authorization to Dispose of a Recreational Vehicle Valued at \$4,000 or Less to a Scrap Iron Processor or Dismantler (REG 462 AL) form has been developed for exclusive use by law enforcement agencies in Alameda and Los Angeles Counties. The form will be available in the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) warehouse in January 2026.

#### **Procedures**

DMV Employees and public agencies are to follow the same policies and procedures used for filing and processing the Public Agency Authorization to Dispose of a Vehicle Valued at \$500 or Less to a Scrap Iron Processor or Dismantler (REG 462) form, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Seventy-two (72) hours prior to removing an RV, the public agency **must** post a distinctive notice on the RV stating it will be removed. This notice must include:
  - A statement that the RV may be recovered by the registered owner at least 15 days after the RV's removal.
  - Contact information for an individual to learn where their vehicle and possessions may be recovered.
- Immediately after removal, the public agency notifies the Stolen Vehicle System of the Department of Justice.
- If available, registered owners and lien holders are notified by certified mail, 30 days prior to the submission of the REG 462 AL (excluding weekends and holidays).

#### **New REG 462 AL vs REG 462**

Efforts to make the new form electronic could **not** fulfill the requirements for carbon copies. Therefore, the new form will be printed on 3-part non-carbon required (NCR) paper, similar to the REG 462. The REG 462 was modified to create the REG 462 AL, which specifically addresses new *Vehicle Code* (VC) §22851.5 with the following modifications:

##### **Section 1**

- Check boxes for Alameda and Los Angeles County were added.
- Fields for motorcycle information were removed. This renumbers the field identifiers.

##### **Section 2**

- A header was added for *Authorized to Dispose of Vehicle* field identifiers 5 through 11.
- New verbiage was added to check boxes in item number 9 to reflect the new VC section and language for certified mail.

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### New REG 462 AL vs REG 462, *continued*

- A new check box was added to the line items for *Name and address of the registered and legal Owners were not available in DMV Records or California Law Enforcement System (CLETs)*.
- A field for the signer's email address has been added to *Signature* under penalty of perjury statements in Sections 2 and 3.

### Background

State law permits local governments to establish rules governing the removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles. The law further provides that when a peace officer or any other public agency employee removes, or causes the removal of a vehicle, and the lienholder determines that the estimated value of the vehicle is \$500 or less, the public agency that removed or caused the removal of the vehicle shall ensure its disposal. Upon removal, the vehicle is taken to a garage. The garage keeper holds a lien, dependent on possession, for compensation related to towing, storage, and safekeeping of the vehicle. This lien is valid for up to 60 days, or longer, before authorization to conduct a lien sale is filed within 30 days of the vehicle's removal, *Civil Code* §3068.1.

Assembly Bill (AB) 630, establishing VC §22851.5, increased the threshold value for towable RVs from \$500 to \$4,000, for Alameda and Los Angeles Counties only, thereby bypassing this lien sale process. This change prevents these vehicles from being resold and re-entering circulation on California streets and highways.

### References

*Vehicle Code* §22851.5  
Assembly Bill 630, Statutes of 2025/26  
*California Civil Code* §3072  
Health Safety Code §18010

### Distribution

Notification of this memo (available at **dmv.ca.gov** by searching Vehicle Industry Services) was sent through the California DMV Automated Email Alert System in January 2026 to:

- Dealers
- Registration Services

### Contact

Direct questions related to this memo to DMV Customer Care at (916) 657-6560.

### Attachment



**PUBLIC AGENCY AUTHORIZATION TO DISPOSE OF A  
RECREATIONAL VEHICLE VALUED AT \$4,000 OR LESS  
TO A SCRAP IRON PROCESSOR OR DISMANTLER  
Alameda or Los Angeles Counties ONLY**  
*California Vehicle Code (CVC) 22851.5*

**PRINT ALL INFORMATION EXCEPT SIGNATURES**

**SECTION 1 — TO BE COMPLETED BY PUBLIC AGENCY (Items 1-11) —Select County: ☐ Alameda ☐ Los Angeles**

1. LICENSE PLATE NUMBER DISPLAYED ON VEHICLE		2. ISSUED BY STATE OF
3. YEAR MODEL	MAKE	BODY TYPE
4. VEHICLE IDENTIFICATION NO. (VIN)		<input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle is in such condition that the VIN is not available

**NOTE: THIS VEHICLE MAY ONLY BE DISPOSED OF TO A LICENSED DISMANTLER OR SCRAP IRON PROCESSOR.**

**SECTION 2 — AUTHORIZED TO DISPOSE OF VEHICLE**

5. AGENCIES ESTIMATED VALUE OF VEHICLE	
6. PUBLIC AGENCY NAME	DATE TOWED
7. ADDRESS	CITY
8. OFFICER'S NAME/AUTHORIZED PUBLIC AGENCY EMPLOYEE TITLE a. <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement   b. <input type="checkbox"/> Authorized Public Agency	RANK/TITLE BADGE/SERIAL NO. (OFFICER ONLY)
9. CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX(ES) <input type="checkbox"/> At least 72 hours before removal, a distinctive notice was attached to this vehicle stating it would be removed by a public agency. <input type="checkbox"/> Abandoned vehicle removed per CVC 22851.5 <input type="checkbox"/> Immediately after removal, the public agency notified the Stolen Vehicle System of the Department of Justice in Sacramento of the removal. <input type="checkbox"/> Notification was sent by Certified Mail to all interested parties on _____, which was 30 days prior to submission of this form (excluding weekends and holidays). <input type="checkbox"/> Names and addresses of the registered and legal owners were not available in DMV Records or the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).	

**I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.**

10. SIGNATURE OF OFFICER/PUBLIC AGENCY EMPLOYEE AUTHORIZING DISPOSAL OF VEHICLE <b>X</b>	DATE AUTHORIZED
11. NAME OF AUTHORIZED TOWING COMPANY	EMAIL ADDRESS

**SECTION 3 — TO BE COMPLETED BY TOWING AGENT (Items 12-15)**

12. SIGNATURE OF TOWING AGENT ON LINE 15 RELEASES INTEREST IN VEHICLE TO DISMANTLER OR SCRAP IRON PROCESSOR BELOW. <input type="checkbox"/> Notification was mailed to all interested parties. _____	DATE
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13. DISMANTLER OR SCRAP IRON PROCESSOR FIRM NAME	DISMANTLER NO.
14. ADDRESS	CITY

**I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.**

15. SIGNATURE OF TOWING AGENT <b>X</b>	DATE	EMAIL ADDRESS
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**SECTION 4 — DISTRIBUTION OF COPIES BY THE FOLLOWING**

**Public Agency:** Retain YELLOW copy for your records. Give WHITE and PINK copies to firm or person to whom vehicle given.  
**Towing Agency:** Give WHITE and PINK copies to the dismantler or the scrap iron processor.  
**Dismantler:** Attach WHITE copy to completed Report of Vehicles to be Dismantled (Reg 42) and mail to:  
 Department of Motor Vehicles, P. O. Box 944292, Sacramento, CA 94244-2920  
 Retain PINK copy for your dismantler records.  
**Scrap Iron Processor:** Retain PINK and WHITE copies for your records.