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Air District gives electric vehicle infrastructure \$3.9 million boost

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District’s Board of Directors today awarded \$3.9 million to four companies to spur development of the Bay Area’s electric vehicle charging infrastructure as part of the agency’s Spare the Air initiatives.

The Air District selected ECOtality, Coulomb Technology, AeroVironment and Clipper Creek to coordinate and deploy electric vehicle charging equipment throughout the Bay Area.

“The electric vehicle’s time has come and its effectiveness as a means of improving air quality depends on a robust charging infrastructure,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “Investing in infrastructure will help make the electric vehicle a viable option for many Bay Area residents and businesses.”

The funding will be spent to develop a home charger program that would provide incentives for deploying 2,750 chargers in Bay Area residences, as well as a fast charger program that seeks to deploy 30 fast chargers for public use at key transportation corridor sites in the region.

The table below shows the companies selected and the amount awarded:

Company	Award	# of Chargers
Home Charger Program		
ECOtality	\$2,212,500	1,500
Coulomb Technology	\$350,000	500
AeroVironment	\$350,000	500
Clipper Creek	\$175,000	250
Fast Charger Program		
ECOtality	\$614,800	20
AeroVironment	\$150,000	10
Program Coordination		
ECOtality	\$50,000	-
Totals	\$3,902,300	2,780

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The \$3.9 million outlay is part of an ongoing effort by the Air District to support at-home electric vehicle charging in the region and to establish a network of accessible charging sites where electric vehicle owners can conveniently recharge while conducting their normal business, running errands or traveling.

The fast charges will significantly expand the range of travel along the Pacific Northwest corridor, and provide charging options for electric vehicle owners without access to home charging equipment.

This allocation derives from \$5 million in funding the Air District made available in August 2010 to support electric vehicle charging stations in the Bay Area, and follows an expenditure of \$1.3 million last year to fund public charging stations. The remaining program balance of \$1,097,700 will be used in FY 2011-12 to pay for additional residential or public chargers, based on the results of a regional analysis effort being undertaken by the Joint Policy Committee which consists of the Air District, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission and the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Funding for the electric vehicle infrastructure program was provided through the Air District's Transportation Fund for Clean Air Regional Fund which allocates money collected as a surcharge on vehicle registration fees. The program will also leverage cost-share funding provided to the contractors by federal and state grants and private funds.

In the Bay Area, the transportation sector accounts for more than 50 percent of air pollution. Significant emission reductions from the transportation sector will help the Bay area attain and maintain state and national air quality standards.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District (www.baaqmd.gov) is the regional agency chartered with protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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