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## **Air District & partners receive \$1 million federal grant** *Grant will reduce barriers to alternative fuel infrastructure*

**SAN FRANCISCO** – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District's Board of Directors today adopted a resolution accepting a \$1 million grant from the US Department of Energy for the California Fleets and Workplace Alternative Fuels Project. The project will reduce barriers to alternative fuel and vehicle deployment and encourage their adoption.

"This \$1 million grant will fund a broad coalition of partners to work on innovative strategies to reduce motor vehicle emissions from workplaces and fleets located throughout California," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "It will assist the state and the nation in achieving its air quality, greenhouse gas and energy independence goals."

Specifically, the proposed project concentrates on:

- Resolving issues associated with permitting of alternative fueling infrastructure by cities and counties
- Providing workshops to introduce "best practices" to employers and fleets including a cost calculator
- Providing safety training to first responders on alternative fuel vehicles and infrastructure
- Developing marketing and conducting outreach to employers and fleets to accelerate adoption of alternative fuel vehicles

California leads the nation in its efforts to deploy the use of alternative fuels, expand use of renewable fuels and reduce emission of air pollutants, toxic air contaminants and greenhouse gases. This project will provide early adopters of alternative fuels with the information they need to expedite and streamline this transition.

The Air District's partners in this project are the South Coast Air Quality Management District, California Plug-In Electric Vehicle Collaborative, California Clean Cities Coalitions, California Center for Sustainable Energy, CALSTART, Advanced Transportation Technology and Energy Initiative Centers in Cerritos Community College, Cypress College, Long Beach Community College, San Diego Miramar College, West Valley College, College of the Desert, City College of San Francisco, and the California Fuel Cell Partnership.

The Bay Area Air Quality Management District ([www.baaqmd.gov](http://www.baaqmd.gov)) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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