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Funding approved for 12 new hydrogen re-fueling stations in Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO — To accelerate the development of publicly accessible hydrogen re-fueling stations, the Bay Area Air Quality Management District has approved \$2.2 million in funding for the completion of 12 new hydrogen fueling stations in the Bay Area.

All twelve hydrogen re-fueling cell stations are scheduled to be in service by early 2016.

"Building a reliable infrastructure for re-fueling hydrogen vehicles in the Bay Area is vital to helping residents make the transition to zero-emission hydrogen fueled automobiles," said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. "By putting hydrogen infrastructure in place, Bay Area residents will have more clean-vehicle options to help protect public health and reduce emissions in the region."

The adoption of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles and other zero emission vehicle technologies will assist in meeting local and state air quality policy objectives, including reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions and cutting petroleum use. The total emission reduction expected over the next three years alone by using hydrogen technology is projected to be 5.28 tons.

Commercial sales of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are just beginning and the installation of the necessary infrastructure for this new vehicle technology has begun in cities across California. Hydrogen fuel cell vehicles are considered zero emission vehicles as they are fueled by compressed hydrogen and emit only water vapor.

Bay Area commuters who use hydrogen fuel cell vehicles will soon have access to the 12 strategically located hydrogen re-fueling stations across the region in 2016.

Hydrogen Re-Fueling station locations scheduled for the Bay Area:

- Campbell
- Redwood City
- Foster City
- San Jose (N. 1st)
- Hayward

Mill Valley

San Ramon

Saratoga

- Los Altos
 - South San Francisco
- Mountain View Woodside

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