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Air District offers \$14 million to accelerate electric vehicle fleet adoption *Incentives offered for new fleet vehicles & charging stations*

SAN FRANCISCO – Today, Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Bay Area Air District, announced a \$14 million grant program to promote electric vehicle fleet adoption while speaking at the AltCar Conference in Oakland.

This funding is available to Bay Area businesses, both public and private, to encourage turning over their fleet to electric vehicles.

“Electric vehicles have the potential to fundamentally change how we live and greatly improve air quality for everyone,” said Jack Broadbent. “The Air District is committed to encouraging electric vehicle adoption by public agencies and developing a regional network of charging sites where everyone can conveniently recharge, making electric vehicles a viable fleet option.”

The Air District is offering incentive funding to public and private business for the following:

- Expansion of the Bay Area’s network of electric chargers at workplaces, multifamily dwelling units, and at key publicly accessible destinations.
- Purchase of new plug-in electric heavy-duty vehicles and electric buses, and three or more new plug-in electric light-duty vehicles for high mileage fleet operators.
- Purchase of new plug-in electric light-duty vehicles, neighborhood electric vehicles and electric motorcycles (for public agencies including municipalities, state, federal, special districts, and public schools).

Awards for charging stations connected to renewable energy sources, like solar power, will be additionally incentivized. The Air District will continue to support regional education and outreach efforts by sponsoring the Bay Area Plug-In Electric Vehicle Coordinating Council, the Experience Electric ride and drives, and participation in local and state electric vehicle workgroups.

Since 2010, the Air District has allocated nearly \$20 million from its Transportation Fund for Clean Air to fund electric vehicle-related projects. Of that, approximately \$6 million has been awarded to install more than 200 publicly accessible Level 2 chargers and 1400 Level 2 residential chargers throughout the region. More than 100 plus plug-in electric vehicles have been funded for use by public agency fleets.

Currently, there are more than 50,000 model year 2010 and newer electric vehicles registered to Bay Area drivers. This represents nearly 40 percent of the total registered in California and approximately 1 percent of the Bay Area’s vehicle fleet.

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

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