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Air District offers \$1.1 million for new electric vehicle charging stations

Project to add 92 new stations throughout the Bay Area

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors approved funding today for 92 new plug-in electric vehicle charging stations throughout the nine-county region.

The new charging stations will expand electric vehicle, or EV, infrastructure in Alameda, Santa Clara, Contra Costa and San Mateo counties.

“Electric vehicles can play a major role in protecting the climate and our air,” said Jack Broadbent, executive officer of the Air District. “More charging stations in key locations will make buying an electric vehicle a smart option for more Bay Area residents.”

The project, funded through the Reformulated Gasoline Open Grants Program and Transportation Fund for Clean Air, will provide grants for the installation of new, publicly-available EV charging stations along major transportation corridors, at workplaces and at key locations.

The program prioritizes projects that are “shovel-ready,” to help expand the region’s charging network, and are located in Air District-designated Community Air Risk Evaluation Areas. At least 25 percent of RFG funding, or \$112,500, is reserved for projects in CARE communities. Only public agencies are eligible to apply and funds are awarded through a competitive grant application process.

The nine selected projects will install 92 charging stations at 23 locations throughout the Bay Area and are estimated to, over a three year period, reduce criteria pollutant emissions by 1.3 tons, reduce more than 2,500 tons of greenhouse gas emissions, and reduce gasoline usage by approximately 300,000 gallons.

Currently, there are more than 70,000 model year 2010 and newer electric and plug-in hybrid 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.baagmd.gov) is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area.

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