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Air District *Charge!* Program awards more than \$6 million for new electric vehicle charging stations

2,000+ public EV charging stations to be added to Bay Area communities

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors approved funding for the installation of more than 2,000 new electric vehicle charging stations throughout the nine-county region.

These new, publicly available charging stations will be located along major transportation corridors, at workplaces and key locations, including schools, transportation hubs and multi-unit dwellings.

"Adoption of electric vehicles continues to expand at a robust pace, demonstrating California and Bay Area clean tech leadership," 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."

Grantees include the Los Altos School District (\$1,400,763), East Side Union High School District (\$500,000), San Francisco International Airport (\$285,000) and Old Redwood Commons Association (\$120,000). GRID Alternatives was also awarded \$56,000 to fund the installation of charging stations in low income communities.

The 59 selected projects will install 2,059 charging stations at 134 locations throughout the Bay Area and are estimated to, over a three-year period, reduce criteria pollutant emissions by 7.99 tons and reduce more than 9,484 tons of greenhouse gas emissions.

The Charge! Program offsets a portion of the cost of purchasing, installing and operating new public charging stations. Funding comes from the \$4 surcharge on motor vehicles registered within the Bay Area, which since 1991, has also supported programs for clean air vehicles and infrastructure, ride sharing, shuttles, and bicycle facilities.

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