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Air District awards $3 million to deploy new electric vehicle chargers in Richmond

SAN FRANCISCO – The Bay Area Air District has awarded $3.1 million to RPEV Infrastructure 2, LLC to purchase and install 46 new electric vehicle chargers and associated infrastructure at a fleet vehicle charging depot in Richmond.

The project includes 16 DC fast chargers, the fastest type of electric vehicle charger on the market, and 30 Level 2 ports.

“Increasing the availability of EV charging along transportation corridors is a key step toward reducing harmful emissions and improving public health in West Contra Costa County,” said Meredith Bauer, principal deputy executive officer of the Air District. “By investing in EV infrastructure in communities most affected by air pollution, we’re helping to build a healthier, more equitable future.”

The project will help improve air quality in this disadvantaged, low-income community, which experiences elevated pollution levels from nearby freight corridors and industrial facilities. By prioritizing clean charging infrastructure in an area heavily impacted by air pollution from the goods movement, port operations and on-road activity, the project supports a more equitable transition to electric vehicles and is expected to be completed by October 2027.

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Community Air Protection Incentives are part of California Climate Investments, a statewide initiative that puts billions of Cap-and-Invest, formerly known as Cap-and-Trade, dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy, and improving public health and the environment, particularly in disadvantaged communities.

The Bay Area Air District is the regional agency responsible for protecting air quality in the nine-county Bay Area. Connect with the Air District via X, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

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