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New Incentive Project to Install Electric Vehicle Charging Stations Statewide Launches in Fresno County

Up to \$4 million available for charging stations at businesses, multifamily housing and public agencies

SAN DIEGO (Dec. 20, 2017) – The [California Energy Commission](#) debuted a statewide project in Fresno County today promoting expansion of California’s electric vehicle charging network to improve air quality and reduce greenhouse gas emissions from cars and light-duty trucks.

Funded by the Energy Commission and managed by the [Center for Sustainable Energy](#) (CSE), the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project (CALeVIP) works with community partners to develop and implement regional incentive projects to install chargers and accelerate the expansion of charging infrastructure.

The first incentive project to be launched under CALeVIP is the \$4 million [Fresno County Incentive Project](#) (FCIP). FCIP will provide cash incentives for the purchase and installation of Level 2 electric vehicle chargers to owners of commercial properties, apartments, condominiums, workplaces and public agencies in Fresno County. Level 2 charging allows most vehicles to go from zero to a full charge in four to eight hours and can also be used for a partial charge.

“The California Energy Commission is pleased to launch the California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project and appreciates Fresno County taking the lead by debuting CALeVIP’s first incentive project,” said Energy Commissioner Janea A. Scott. “As the state transitions to cleaner transportation in order to meet clean air standards and climate goals, it’s important to increase access to the charging infrastructure that makes plug-in electric vehicles a more viable option for communities across California.”

Rebates of \$4,000 are available through FCIP to support installation of single port charging stations, which charge one car at a time. Rebates of \$7,000 are available for charging stations capable of charging two cars at a time.

“With the growing number of California car shoppers choosing to buy or lease electric vehicles, it is increasingly important that public charging stations be established at convenient locations, along the highways and at common destinations,” said Andy Hoskinson, CSE’s senior manager for EV initiatives. “CALeVIP will play a key role in the state’s efforts to reduce transportation emissions, improve air quality and reduce dependence on petroleum.”

Eligible FCIP applicants in Fresno County also may qualify for incentives available through the [Charge Up! Program](#) operated by the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District, which provides funding for businesses and public agencies in California's Central Valley to purchase publicly accessible Level 2 charging stations. The air district's Drive Clean! Rebate Program also provides rebates to Central Valley residents and businesses for the purchase or lease of new, clean-air vehicles.

CALeVIP and its regional incentive projects are made possible through a grant by the Energy Commission's [Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program](#), which supports innovations in transportation and fuel technologies.

CALeVIP is currently funded for more than \$15 million, with the potential to receive up to \$200 million.

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About the Center for Sustainable Energy

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