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San José Clean Energy Announces Up to \$14 Million Incentive Project for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

Funding would help meet demand from San José's rapid electric vehicle adoption, improve air quality, and fight climate change

Event:	Press Conference Tuesday, October 22, 2019 12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Where:	San José City Hall West Plaza 200 E. Santa Clara St., San José, CA 95113
Speakers:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Sam Liccardo • State Senator Bob Wieckowski • Assemblymember Ash Kalra • Assemblymember Kansen Chu • Tyler Peterson, Senior Manager, EV Initiatives at Center for Sustainable Energy • Lori Mitchell, Director of San José Clean Energy, City of San José
Background:	<p>San José Clean Energy (SJCE) is partnering with the California Energy Commission (CEC) to fund an incentive project for the installation of electric vehicle (EV) charging stations in public, workplace, and multi-family housing locations. The CEC proposes to allocate \$10 million for San José, with the City Council voting on October 22 on SJCE matching \$4 million, for a total of up to \$14 million to be disbursed over the next two to four years.</p> <p>This investment would result in approximately 100 new Direct Current Fast Charging (DCFC) stations and 1,400 new Level 2 charging stations, essentially doubling current levels. DCFC, or “supercharging,” stations can charge a vehicle to 80% in 20-30 minutes, while Level 2 chargers provide 20-40 miles of charge per hour.</p>

Because of these funds, residents can look forward to increased availability of EV charging. Making charging stations ubiquitous helps spur further EV adoption. Since transportation is the leading source of emissions in Silicon Valley, encouraging electric vehicles can go a long way in supporting California's climate goals and improving local air quality.

Incentive funding would cover most of the charging station installation costs as well as the electrical infrastructure upgrades needed to install the charging stations. Low-income and disadvantaged communities would receive additional incentive funding. SJCE staff have recommended to the CEC to structure the funding such that at least 25% of the charging stations be installed in these communities.

San José's allocation is part of a larger regional investment from the CEC's [California Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Project \(CALeVIP\)](#) that could see up to \$60 million invested in new EV charging infrastructure in Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. SJCE worked collaboratively with four local government energy agencies – Silicon Valley Clean Energy, Peninsula Clean Energy, Silicon Valley Power (City of Santa Clara), and City of Palo Alto Utilities – to apply for the CEC funding.

The incentive project would launch in spring 2020, and funds would be available for two to four years. Businesses, non-profits, and public agencies would apply for the funding, install the charging station(s), and then receive a rebate for a portion of the costs according to project guidelines. The CEC selected the non-profit Center for Sustainable Energy to administer and promote the project.