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MDAQMD ADDS FIVE NEW EV CHARGING STATIONS

Seven Public-Access Stations Now Available at Victorville Air District

Victorville – Eco-friendly tourists and commuters now have five more reasons to make Victorville a stop on their travels, thanks to the installation of five additional public-access electric vehicle (EV) charging stations at the Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District’s Victorville headquarters. Located in the MDAQMD’s north and south parking lots at 14306 Park Avenue, the charging stations are available for public use 24 hours a day, free of charge.

The addition of the five Telefonix® Level 2 PowerPost® Commercial EV charging stations brings the total number of charging units now available at the local air district to seven. The MDAQMD had previously been the site of two J1772 EV charging stations since 2013, and a “legacy” charging station installed by the Air Resources Board in 2000, as part of an EV education program grant awarded to the MDAQMD.

As one of the few public access EV charging sites available to High Desert residents and travelers between Los Angeles and Las Vegas, the MDAQMD has seen a sharp increase in usage

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over the past few years. As a result, it was not uncommon for a charge-thirsty commuter or employee to pull up, only to find both existing chargers already in use.

In response, in late 2013, the MDAQMD's Governing Board approved \$11,137.21 in AB2766 funding towards the installation of five additional onsite EV charging stations. The AB2766 program is funded through California state vehicle registration fees, which the MDAQMD uses to support programs that reduce vehicular air pollution.

L2 PowerPost[®] chargers provide a low-current, economical charging solution which features a retractable cord reel that eliminates the potential hazards and clutter of long cables. These stations can be used to recharge Volts, Leafs and Tesla vehicles, or any other mass-manufactured EV, and utilize a dedicated 20-amp circuit that is common in all commercial locations.

In addition to serving the public, the expanded stations will enable the District to power electric vehicles it may purchase in the future. "The MDAQMD is committed to clean air vehicle technology and considers EVs for inclusion to our fleet whenever practical," said MDAQMD Executive Director Eldon Heaston.

The MDAQMD reminds EV charging station users that they accept full responsibility for using the equipment properly and that the District assumes no liability for issues arising from the station's use. Users are also reminded to park in designated EV parking spaces and to leave their name and phone number visible on their vehicle dashboard so they may be contacted in case of emergency while their vehicle is being charged. For more information, call (760) 245-1661.

Two Leafs and a Volt charge up in the MDAQMD's rear parking lot.

