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EV car sharing program launches in rural Valley communities

The Valley Air District, California Air Resources Board (CARB) and partnering agencies rallied in Cantua Creek today, demonstrating how Cap-and-Trade dollars are being used in disadvantaged communities to pilot zero-emission, long-range car sharing and vanpooling services for transportation-challenged residents.

Cantua Creek residents can pay a low hourly or daily rate to participate in the ZEV Mobility Project, using any of several EVs, available for errands, doctor appointments or getting to-and-from work.

Thanks to funding in part from California Climate Investments (CCI), Green Commuter and CALSTART have partnered with the Valley Air District to launch ZEV Mobility Project sites in Merced, Fresno and Kern counties with a total of 12 electric vehicles and 31 charging stations.

In addition to filling a transportation gap in disadvantaged communities, ZEV Mobility is helping build the Valley's EV charging infrastructure, encouraging the purchase of more zero-emission vehicles.

CCI is providing \$749,800 for the project with matching and in-kind funds from partners Green Commuter and Cal Start to total \$1,910,100. In addition to Cantua Creek, with five level 2 charging stations, Delhi also has a site already in operation with three level 2 chargers and two DC fast chargers. Another site is currently under construction at Castle Airport in Atwater with at least 15 level 2 charging stations and plans are underway for a site in Kern County.

CCI is a statewide initiative that puts Cap-and-Trade dollars to work reducing greenhouse gas emissions, strengthening the economy and improving public health and the environment, with a focus on disadvantaged communities.

The Green Commuter car sharing app is available to download on both Apple and Android devices. For more information on the ZEV Mobility Project, visit: <https://greencommuter.org/centralvalley/>. For zero-emission vanpooling in Merced, Fresno and Kern counties, call 559-728-6332.

To learn more about California Climate Investments, visit www.caclimateinvestments.ca.gov.

