

Riverbank gets electric vehicles

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RIVERBANK — A \$58,833 grant will buy eight electric vehicles, six of them scooters, for use by city staff.

The San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District provided the money as part of its efforts to cut back on gasoline use.

Two of the vehicles are utility trucks to be used in management of the former Riverbank Army Ammunition Plant on Claus Road. The 174-acre site is being converted to other industrial uses by the Riverbank Local Redevelopment Authority.

This agency will get three Trikkes, three-wheeled scooters to be used for site management, security and trips to City Hall.

The Riverbank Police Department will use a Trikke to patrol special events, such as the annual Cheese and Wine Exposition.

The recreation staff will use the two other Trikkes for travel to and from its facilities and patrol of Jacob Myers Park along the Stanislaus River.

The vehicles are expected to hit the streets within a month.

"The community has put a strong emphasis on initiating sustainable practices whenever possible," Debbie Olson, executive director of the redevelopment authority, said in a news release. "These are perfect vehicles for use on and around the Riverbank Industrial Complex. Not only do they minimize environmental effects, but they will also save thousands in fuel and maintenance costs."

The grant is from an air district program that provides up to \$20,000 for cities, counties and other public entities to buy alternative-fuel vehicles.

Sanger puts 2 electric cars into service

By Diana Aguilera, staff writer

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Sanger is working toward a cleaner environment by putting two new electric cars into service, City Manager Brian Haddix said.

The electric cars will replace gasoline-burning automobiles, and will provide a safe and efficient means of transportation for employees engaged in maintaining Sanger's parks and other public facilities.

The cars were purchased with a clean air grant awarded to the city by the San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District, Sanger Mayor Joshua Mitchell said.