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Sonoma County Unveils Electric Vehicle Infrastructure

SANTA ROSA, Calif. – Sonoma County today unveiled two of seven new electric vehicle (EV) charging stations. Six of the stations, which will be used to charge county fleet vehicles at night, will be available for public use during daytime hours. The stations represent a major step in Sonoma County's long term goal of establishing a viable public infrastructure for EV charging. Along with several regional partners, Sonoma County plans to install up to 200 stations in the next two years.

The ChargePoint™ Networked Charging Stations were purchased from Coulomb Technologies, and installed by Sonoma County Facilities Operations staff at the following locations:

- ✓ Sonoma County Hall of Justice – 600 Administration Drive (two stations)
- ✓ Sonoma County Administration Center – 575 Administration Drive
- ✓ Sonoma County Permit & Resource Development Department – 2550 Ventura Avenue
- ✓ Sonoma County Department of Health Services – 475 Aviation Boulevard
- ✓ Sonoma County Human Services Department – 3600 Westwind Boulevard
- ✓ Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District in Healdsburg (this station is not publicly available)

Sonoma County's EV infrastructure plan has three phases. These first seven stations, along

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with seven “plug-in” hybrid vehicles, represent Phase 1. Plug-in hybrids are hybrid vehicles with a supplemental battery pack which allows them to function as electric vehicles. If the batteries become exhausted, the cars switch to regular hybrid mode. Phase 2 provides for 20 more plug-in hybrid conversions and 20 more charging stations by the end of 2009. Phase 3 would result in 50 fully electric vehicles and 80 additional charging stations in fiscal year 2010/11.

Phase 1 was fully funded by Sonoma County. Along with several regional partners, Sonoma County has applied for grants to fund the additional phases. Through the regional partnership, the total number of chargers in the county should approach 200.

Knowing it would need to install chargers for its own vehicles, the county made the forward looking decision to combine its own charging needs with the anticipated need for publicly available charging infrastructure. Fleet vehicles will be charged at night. During business hours, when the fleet vehicles are in use, the stations will be available to the public in four hour blocks. Members of the public who own electric vehicles may access the charging stations through a subscription with Coulomb Technologies.

“We have ambitious goals to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions in Sonoma County,” said Board Chairman Paul Kelley. “Not only are we adding hybrid and electric vehicles to our own fleet, but we hope many other people will begin driving them as well.” “We want to encourage and support the use of electric vehicles right here in our community,” said Kelley. “These charging stations are the first of many that we plan to install throughout the county to help achieve our climate protection goals.”

“Municipalities throughout the United States are looking at Sonoma County as the model for developing a green fleet,” said Richard Lowenthal, CEO of Coulomb Technologies. “Coulomb worked closely and collaboratively with the County to develop our networked-based features. Those features include greenhouse gas saving reports and performance data graphs.”

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Further information about Coulomb Technologies products may be obtained at:

www.coulombtech.com/products.php

The location of Coulomb charging stations throughout the United States may be obtained on the internet at:

www.chargepoint.net

Sonoma County's regional partners in this effort include:

The Sonoma County Water Agency

The Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District

The Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

All nine cities within Sonoma County:

Santa Rosa, Sonoma, Petaluma, Cloverdale, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol,
Healdsburg, Cotati, and the Town of Windsor.

The County of Sonoma is comprised of 26 departments and agencies that provide a full range of services to the community. It encompasses over 1600 square miles and is home to more than 475,000 residents. Sonoma County government has a history of providing excellent and responsive public service while operating under sound fiscal principles.

Located less than one hour north of San Francisco, Sonoma County combines in one location the beautiful Pacific coastline, award-winning wineries, majestic redwoods, historic towns, fine dining, and a wide variety of entertainment and cultural activities.

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