



News Flash

If you come across a news item that you'd like to share, send it to news@SacEV.org

No SacEV Meeting in July

The semi-monthly meeting was moved to June to coincide with EVS32. See you September 13th.

Increasing Availability of New EVs

Eugen Dunlap reports that a Ford dealer's lot in Dixon has a number of Mach-E and Ford F-150 Lightnings for sale at the MSRP, (so, no dealer markup). If you see an increasing number of new model EVs at dealer lots without dealer markups, please let us know. Munro's [update](#) on Ford's Mach-E and BlueCruise, Ford's autonomous driving.

PG&E Supports New Level 1&2 Charging Installations

For sites located in prioritized communities, PG&E will install Level 1 and Level 2 EVSEs at no cost for multifamily housing units, not-for-profit organizations, and small businesses. The program includes an education campaign for site residents and employees to increase awareness about the charger installation and other EV benefits and incentives.

More info [here](#).



SMUD Ride & Drive in Meadowview

Join us at SMUD's Meadowview Ride and Drive - **Saturday, July 8.**

Show your EV and share your electric driving experience. We'll be there to answer questions and clear up public misperceptions about EVs.

- **Meadowview Ride and Drive** - 12 p.m. - 5 p.m. (EV Arrival: 11:30 a.m.)
 - Florin Square Youth Entrepreneur Event
 - 2251 Florin Road, Sacramento (Corner of Florin Rd. & 24th St)
 - In partnership with the Sojourner Truth African Heritage Museum

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Smart Splitter Discount for SacEV Members



[Neocharge](#) is providing a special discount for SacEV members. Anyone who is a part of SacEV can get an additional \$35 off the Smart Splitter. For many homes, this smart splitter allows you to share a 240V appliance circuit with your car charger and not overload the circuit.

The SacEV discount means the Smart Splitter could be as low as \$264, and if you're a [SMUD customer](#), you can also get a \$300 rebate. [Neocharge web site](#), use code SACEV.

Positive EV Update from Consumer Reports

We don't typically include news items that are beyond our region's scope. However this item may not be covered elsewhere and is important enough for us to pass it along.

Recently, *Consumer Reports* has been fairly critical of EVs in their ratings. They have just updated their EV ownership cost analysis from a few years ago and released a fact sheet on the findings.

In CR's comments on EPA's light duty multi-pollutant rule, we have updated our EV ownership cost analysis from a few years ago and just released a fact sheet on the findings. This time we looked at 6 mainstream EVs that qualify for at least part of the IRA tax credits.

Key messages:

- All 6 EVs offered savings in the **first year of ownership** when financed.
- Lifetime savings averaged about \$10,000 for the 6 vehicles with a range of \$6-12k.
- Tesla's most affordable models are cheaper to own than the comparable Toyota by a significant margin.
- All of these savings are despite 3 of the 6 EVs selling at significant markups and many of the comparable ICE vehicles selling at significant discounts to MSRP (analysis is based on market price), meaning savings have room to grow as EV prices get back to MSRP or less.

Link to [fact sheet](#)

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Upcoming Regional EV Events

SMUD is providing a Ride and Drive Series, and over the past several years, SacEV has been a key partner at these events. SacEV members can contribute by:

- Showing static display vehicles
- Staffing the SacEV information booth
- Providing SacEV member ride-alongs



Scheduled SMUD Events

- North Natomas Farmers Market - Saturday, August 19 from 8:30 am - 12:30 pm
 - North Natomas Regional Park, 2501 New Market Drive, Natomas, CA
- Elk Grove Home and Energy Expo - Saturday, September 16, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 - District 56, 8230 Civic Center Drive, Elk Grove, CA
- Sacramento International Auto Show, October 27-29 from 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
 - Cal Expo/Main Entrance - 1600 Expo Blvd. at Heritage Way, Sacramento, CA

You can find more information about each SMUD Drive Electric Ride and Drive event on the SMUD event website, <https://www.smud.org/evevents>.

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EVs Made a Difference on Independence Day

Over 85,000 electric cars have been sold in the Sacramento region. **Each year, taken together, driving these cars:**

- Saves about 40 million gallons of gas
- Eliminates over 7,500 gas tanker truck loads of fuel
- Eliminates over 2,000 train tanker cars of oil
- Saves over 500 million gallons of water (from oil refining)
- Saves over \$200 million in fuel purchases



EVs are widely available, with more than 110 models on the market. Prices for new EVs start in the low \$20,000s, and there is a strong used EV market.

Want to see your family's impact? Download [this worksheet](#).

Update, El Dorado EV Purchase Incentive

El Dorado County Air Quality Management District is still implementing their \$599 Drive Clean EV Incentive program.

You must apply before purchase.
Pre-approval is still required.
Apply [HERE](#) before shopping for an EV

It's an incentive for those considering purchasing/leasing an EV. Over 736 EVs have been incentivized to date.

Additionally, the El Dorado County Air Quality Management District has installed over 100 level 2 EVSE at public facilities and private businesses. Some of the newest ones are at:

- EDC Senior Center
- Georgetown Library
- El Dorado Community Health Center
- Rucksack and Sierra Vista Wineries



Over the next year or so they will be swapping out the 55 free-for-use Clipper Creek EVSEs at County owned facilities (libraries, parks ...) with new EVSEs that will collect a fee for use. There has been too much abuse of the free chargers, particularly in El Dorado Hills. *[Abuse has not been specified]*

The district is also developing a new home EVSE incentive program that will be called CHARGE. El Dorado County will provide up to \$300 to residents who own or lease an EV to purchase and install a level 2 EVSE at their homes.

Sacramento County Backpedals on Climate Emergency

In 2020, the Sacramento County Supervisors adopted a Climate Emergency Declaration with a target of achieving carbon neutrality by 2030. On Tuesday, July 11, they will consider delaying that date by 15 years to 2045. Peter Mackin as part of 350 submitted comments [here](#).

Join others who are concerned. There is a gathering on the patio outside the H Street entrance to the County Admin Building Tuesday beginning at 2:00 pm. If you have never been there before, there is a bridge from the County garage across H street that has wheelchair accessible ramps as well as shorter staircases from the 2nd floor of the garage to the County entrance.

Upcoming Webinars



SacEV brings you a list of upcoming EV related presentations. In case you missed one, we've added pointers to the recordings. You can also find this list on the SacEV.org website [HERE](#).

Join the National Electric Vehicle Association



When you join other SacEV members as national Electric Vehicle Association members, you are part of the national grass-roots community advocating for EVs in the USA. The national EVA is critically important to SacEV as it handles our administrative chores (tax filings, non-profit status, banking service, insurance, legal help, etc.) and provides value, such as webinars and the two nationwide events: National Drive Electric Week and Drive Electric Earth Day.

Your SacEV leadership team relies on these services, so we encourage you to join the national organization for the small sum of \$35 annually. You will also be able to keep current with the latest developments in the rapidly changing world of electric vehicles in our regular Current Events e-blog.

What else do **you** get?

- **Low Interest Loans:** The EVA has partnered with a credit union to offer members low-interest loans on electric vehicles, solar, and electric bikes.
- **Battery Health Reports from Recurrent Auto:** The EVA is working with Recurrent to better understand battery degradation and range loss, particularly for used electric cars. Contribute to this initiative by signing up for free monthly battery reports to share anonymous battery data. For each new EV, Recurrent is donating \$10 to the EVA so we can expand and enhance our programming.
- **BlueDot:** EVA members are eligible for \$10 off your first charge + \$0.30/kWh charging all time on the Bluedot network. Contact membership@myeva.org and ask for the bluedot code!
- **Neocharge:** \$125 off NeoCharge Smart Splitter. Contact membership@myeva.org and ask for the NeoCharge code!
- **Networking Opportunities:** Networking with EV advocates at events is just one of the many benefits of becoming a member. Join one of our committees to use your skills to make an impact.
- **Educational Opportunities:** The EVA offers ongoing virtual meetings, resources, and more including our EV Educate Certificate Program and EV blog.
- **Benefits to SacEV:** SacEV receives a portion of your membership fee to help fund the work you do in our community.

Your membership provides value to you, our local SacEV chapter, and you become a member of this critical national movement. **Please join NOW.** You may also send a check payable to the Electric Vehicle Association, c/o Guy Hall, 8325 Walden Woods Way, Granite Bay, CA 95746.

More SacEV Events Are Coming Up

Check the [SacEV calendar](#) for the latest EV-related activities.

If you've missed a Newsletter and for more information about the Sacramento Electric Auto Association visit our [website](#).

