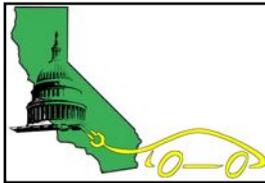




SacEV News Flash

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SacEV Member Action, Sac. County Climate Action Plan



Since the transportation sector is by far the largest producer of climate-warming greenhouse gases (GHGs), switching to electric vehicles is the fastest, least-expensive way to reduce GHGs. Because SacEV is the primary reputable source in our region for information on transportation electrification, we need to not only help people learn how to buy EVs, but also encourage local governments to change their policies and actions.

We are meeting with every county supervisor before the county's Climate Action Plan workshop on March 23 to give the supervisors our recommendations and gain their support. We would like SacEV members to sign a letter of support for those comments and join us when we meet with the county supervisors (meeting schedule below). The more people at these meetings, the stronger our message will be. A large number of people on the call is meaningful to elected officials.

Guy Hall has written excellent meeting notes for us to use. He can either give the entire presentation, or, if you wish to speak, we can split it up. You do not have to speak. In such meetings, **people generally simply introduce themselves and say that they support the recommendations being made.** That's all we really have time for. **You do not have to be a constituent.** The important thing is to have as many supporters there as possible. It is very unusual that all the supervisors agreed to meet with us, so we need to take advantage of this opportunity.

If you would like to participate or have questions, contact Cynthia Shallit at **cynthiashallit AT gmail DOT com**, or text her at **916 533 3708**. You will then receive a Zoom link from the supervisor's office. Just click on the link and voila! you'll be with us. It will also help Cynthia if you let her know which meetings you plan to attend.

Monday, March 14, 10:30 am	Patrick Kennedy
Monday, March 14, 1:00 pm	Phil Serna
Tuesday, March 15, 10:00 am	Sue Frost
Thursday, March 17, 2:00 pm	Don Nottoli
Tuesday, March 29, 2:30 pm	Rich Desmond

Click this link to see the meeting notes: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ZUTPeVkSALbp-Jh7d8hZ6p5gk_ka69pf15zO_gMDI4oY/edit?usp=sharing.

EV vs. ICE at the Drag Strip

We will have another gathering of EVs at the Sacramento Raceway Drag Strip on Wednesday, March 23, 4:30 pm to approximately 7:00 pm. We will meet south of Mather Field, 5305 Excelsior Road, Sacramento.

Gates open at 4:00 pm and timing runs start at 5:00 pm. Cost is \$20 for a car and driver, \$7 for a spectator. Helmets are required for all cars under 13.5 seconds in the quarter mile, and fireproof jackets are required for cars under 11.5 seconds. George Parrott has several to loan/share courtesy of SMUD. George will be there to coach newbies. Let's see what the new EVs from legacy car manufacturers can do on the drag strip.

Most of us leave the strip by 7:00 pm and convene at Roma's Il pizza on Folsom Boulevard to discuss and unwind.

For more information, contact George Parrott at [gparrott AT csus DOT edu](mailto:gparrott@csus.edu). You can also call him between 12:00 and 9:00 pm at 916 752 7359.

Washington State Bill for 100% EV Sales by 2030 Signed

The Washington state legislature has set a 2030 target for 100% EV sales, the most ambitious goal yet for a U.S. state.

Starting several years ago, Coltura spearheaded the Clean Cars 2030 campaign in Washington and led a coalition to push for passage of aggressive legislation to reduce greenhouse gases. This legislation, targeting the end of sales of gasoline-powered cars in the state by 2030, is **5 years ahead of California's 2035 target**.



The measure, passed as part of the \$16.9 billion "[Move Ahead Washington](#)" transportation package, now heads to Washington Governor Jay Inslee's desk for signature [*Gov. Inslee just signed the measure*]. The measure's benefits include:

- **Better air, climate, and health** due to reduced carbon emissions and air pollution.
- **Families save money** since EVs can cost half as much to run as standard combustion cars, and maintenance is cheaper.
- **U.S. energy independence** by reducing reliance on foreign oil.
- **Increased incentives for EV investment**, spurring the private sector to invest in new EV models and charging stations.

For more details, read the [press release](#).

Coltura is focused on making deep, rapid, and permanent cuts in gasoline use with an eye on equity and improving the quality of life for all. The organization's work has been featured on [NPR](#) as well as in [The Guardian](#), [The Hill](#), [The Verge](#), [Fast Company](#), [Wired Magazine](#), and other publications. Learn more about Coltura [here](#).

PG&E, Ford, & GM Partner on Bi-directional Charging

FORD

[Pacific Gas and Electric Company](#) and [Ford Motor Company](#) announced a collaboration exploring how Ford's new F-150 Lightning electric vehicle, the first commercially available light-duty truck with bidirectional charging technology, can interact with the electric grid and provide electric reliability benefits to PG&E customers.

PG&E and Ford will test the [F-150 Lightning](#) and its Intelligent Backup Power bidirectional charging capabilities in providing backup power for customers' homes in PG&E's service area. Intelligent Backup Power, making its debut on the F-150 Lightning, gives customers the ability to use bidirectional power technology from their all-electric truck to provide up to 10 days of power to their homes during an outage, depending on home energy usage. The first installations of Ford's Intelligent Backup Power are beginning in spring 2022, supported by Sunrun as Ford's preferred installation partner. Info [HERE](#).



GENERAL MOTORS

Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E) and General Motors (GM) today announced a breakthrough collaboration to pilot the use of GM electric vehicles (EVs) as on-demand power sources for homes in PG&E's service area.



PG&E and GM will test vehicles with cutting-edge bidirectional charging technology that can help safely power the essential needs of a properly equipped home. EVs play a critical role in achieving California's goals for reducing greenhouse-gas emissions and already provide customers with many benefits. Bidirectional charging capabilities add even further value by improving electric resiliency and reliability.

"We are really excited about this innovative collaboration with GM. Imagine a future where everyone is driving an electric vehicle—and where that EV serves as a backup power option at home and more broadly as a resource for the grid. Not only is this a huge advancement for electric reliability and climate resiliency, it's yet another advantage of clean-powered EVs, which are so important in our collective battle against climate change," said PG&E Corporation CEO Patti Poppe. Info [HERE](#).

Earth Day EVents Ahead

[EVs at ECOS Earth Day](#)

Date: Sunday, April 24, 2022

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (PDT)

Where: Southside Park, 8th & U Streets, Sacramento, CA 95818

This is one of the region's largest Earth Day celebrations, with music, vendors, exhibitors, a stage with events, children's activities, and food vendors. We are looking for a cross section of **10 different EV makes and models** (A Model S Plaid is already secured and will cover Tesla Model S). We encourage you to come share your EV owner experience even if you don't show your car. The more the merrier! This should be the best-attended cross section of people that we see all year in such a compact time frame.

Cars must be staged at South Side Park in Central Sacramento by 9:45 am on April 24 and be left until 4:00 pm.

For more information, contact George Parrott at gparrott@csus.edu. You can also call him between 12:00 and 9:00 pm (916 752 7359). We thank you for your advocacy.



[Earth Day in the Foothills](#)

Date: Saturday, April 23

Time: 10:00 am to 3:00 pm (PDT)

Where: Sierra Pines United Methodist Church, 22559 W. Hacienda Drive, Grass Valley, CA 95949

In addition to EV displays, the event features:

- Three live music venues
- Local artists and vendors
- Nature photography classes
- Master gardener demonstrations and information
- Sustainable cooking demonstrations
- Educational and community organization booths
- Walking labyrinth
- Outdoor yoga, qi gong, and tai chi practice
- Earth-friendly activities for kids



[El Dorado County EV Event](#)

EVs will parade down Main Street in Placerville and then head to the Target parking lot supercharger location, where a booth will be staffed to answer the public's EV questions.

Date: April 3, 2022

Time: 11:00 am to 2:30 pm (PDT)

Where: Target Parking Lot, Missouri Flat Rd., Placerville, CA 95667



EVs Needed for SMUD Solar Car Race & Solar Regatta

We are seeking EV owners to bring their vehicles to SMUD's Solar Car Race and the Solar Regatta. Both are fun opportunities to interact with students and to share information about EV technology and benefits of driving electric.



At SMUD's Solar Car Race, solar-powered cars designed by local high school students compete in speed and design categories. At SMUD's Solar Regatta, teams of students design, build, and then race their own solar-powered boats.

The Solar Car Race will take place on April 20 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at Cosumnes River College. The Solar Regatta will take place on May 13-14 at the Rancho Seco Recreational Area.

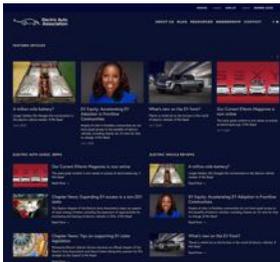
To volunteer to bring your EV, or to get additional information, contact SMUD's Suzette Bienvenue: **suzette DOT bienvenue AT smud DOT org.**

Webinar Listings



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. This blog is full-color, available 24/7 on-line from your desktop, laptop, smartphone, or however you access the internet.

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](#).

