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Re: Comments on the Draft Solicitation Concepts for California's West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project 24-EVI-01

Earthjustice appreciates the opportunity to provide comments as the California Energy Commission (CEC) develops the Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI) Grant Program Solicitation for California's West Coast Truck Charging and Fueling Corridor Project. The project will help increase the availability of reliable charging infrastructure, scale the zero-emission truck industry, and create good-paying jobs needed in California's transition to zero emissions. We strongly support the effort to add a minimum of sixteen electric charging sites across California and have important recommendations to consider for the potential selection of the hydrogen fueling station along the I-5.

We appreciate that the priority of this solicitation is advancing electric charging stations for medium and heavy-duty (MDHD) vehicles across California. With the funding from the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program under threat, it is more important than ever to leverage the total available \$67 million to create necessary electric charging infrastructure across California's busiest and most polluted corridors. The CEC should prioritize applications that advance workforce standards for installing, operating, and maintaining the stations.

We also encourage the CEC to prioritize funding for electric charging stations over hydrogen fueling stations. There is a desperate need for charging to support electric truck deployments, and focusing on electric charging infrastructure meets California's goals.

We look forward to our continued engagement to ensure there is meaningful community consultation when choosing the proper siting for the charging and fueling stations.

Respectfully,

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