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**IN THE MATTER OF:**

*Joint Workshop on California's Electric
Vehicle Charger Reliability and
Accessibility Accelerator Program*

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NOTICE OF REMOTE-ACCESS
WORKSHOP

RE: CALIFORNIA'S EVC RAA Program

Notice of Joint Workshop on California Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) Program Concepts

March 27, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Remote Access Only

See Attendance Instructions.

The California Energy Commission (CEC) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) will host a workshop to solicit feedback on the proposed structure and requirements for California's Electric Vehicle Charger Reliability and Accessibility Accelerator (EVC RAA) program grant funding opportunity.

The public can participate in the workshop consistent with the attendance instructions below. The CEC aims to begin promptly at the start time posted and the end time is an estimate based on the proposed agenda. The workshop may end sooner or later than the posted end time.

Agenda

The workshop will include a staff presentation on the proposed structure and requirements for California's EVC RAA grant funding opportunity. The staff presentation will be followed by a public comment and discussion period, the goal of which is to solicit feedback about the proposed EVC RAA grant funding opportunity.

Background

President Joseph R. Biden Jr. signed the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) into law in November 2021. The law authorizes hundreds of billions of dollars in new investments in a wide array of infrastructure categories, including roads and bridges, water infrastructure, passenger rail, energy, and broadband internet. EV charging infrastructure will see significant new funding, with \$5 billion to accelerate EV infrastructure deployment nationally under the National Electric Vehicle

Infrastructure (NEVI) formula program. The \$5 billion NEVI formula program contains a 10 percent set-aside for the United States Transportation Secretary to make grants to States and localities that require additional assistance to strategically deploy electric vehicle charging infrastructure. Funding for the EVC RAA program is provided by the 10 percent set-aside.

The EVC RAA program is an initiative to fix or replace non-functional EV charging stations, and in the process bring some older stations into compliance with recent minimum standards established under the NEVI program. The EVC RAA program aims to address the issue of existing chargers being out of service, creating inconvenience and range anxiety for EV drivers. By addressing reliability and accessibility challenges, the EVC RAA program hopes to spur wider adoption of electric vehicles. Eligible charging ports under this program were identified in the Federal Highway Administration's [Notice of Fund Opportunity](#) for EVC RAA at grants.gov/search-results-detail/350190.

On January 18, 2024, the Federal Highway Administration approved California's EVC RAA program application, awarding Caltrans \$63.7 million in federal funding to repair or replace an estimated 1,302 charging ports. The CEC is collaborating with Caltrans on charging infrastructure deployment and has entered into an interagency agreement with Caltrans to be the administrator of California's EVC RAA program.

Attendance Instructions

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Public Comment.

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Oral comments will be accepted at the end of the workshop. Comments may be limited to three minutes or less per speaker and one person per organization. To comment via Zoom, use the “raise hand” feature so the administrator can announce your name and unmute you. To comment via telephone, press *9 to “raise your hand” and *6 to mute/unmute.

Written comments may be submitted to the Docket Unit by 5:00 p.m. on April 12, 2024. Written and oral comments, attachments, and associated contact information (including address, phone number, and email address) will become part of the public record of this proceeding with access available via any internet search engine. Written comments may also be submitted by email. Include docket number 23-EVI-01 and EVC RAA Program in the subject line and email to docket@energy.ca.gov.

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Availability of Documents: Documents and presentations for this workshop will be available at the [CEC Docket Log for 23-EVI-01](#),

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