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SACRAMENTO AIR DISTRICT ANNOUNCES COMPLETION OF E-85 FUELING LOCATIONS – NOW OPEN TO PUBLIC

SACRAMENTO, CA – Today the Sacramento Metropolitan Air Quality Management District announced the completion of the largest concentration of E-85 fueling locations west of the Mississippi. Over 23,000 vehicles in the region, owned by individuals and fleets, are capable of using this renewable, domestically-produced fuel.

“This project, overseen by the Air District, makes Sacramento the new leader in alternative fuel availability, with the greatest number of E-85 fueling locations west of the Mississippi,” said SMAQMD Board Chair Sandy Sheedy.

The infrastructure development was funded by a grant from the California Air Resources Board and administered by the Air District. Local fuel suppliers applied for grants to partially-fund the installation. This unique partnership has enabled installation of 23 retail, 4 cardlock and 2 fleet stations.

“Sacramento has again stepped up to lead the effort to protect California’s air,” said California Air Resources Board Chairman, Mary D. Nichols. “This project sets the stage for encouraging greater use of ethanol in California, helping us reach our clean air goals.”

Increased use of E-85 lowers demand for oil and helps keep prices down. Domestically-produced fuel also reduces our dependency on foreign oil and supports sustainable business in our region. Finally, E-85 can reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Many vehicles produced since 2000 are E-85 capable. To see if your vehicle can use this fuel, look for a distinctive yellow fuel cap, door brand, or www.ethanolrfa.org.

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