

# San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership

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# RE: Support for Electrify America's Cycle 3 Investment Plan

Honorable California Air Resources Board Members:

The San Joaquin Valley Electric Vehicle Partnership (SJVEVP) supports Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan. This significant, \$200 million investment in California over 30 months will bring the state closer to achieving its emissions goals to combat climate change and improve air quality by transitioning to zero emission transportation, including in transit and heavy-duty applications. These efforts are needed and appreciated in the San Joaquin Valley.

The SJVEVP is a working group of the San Joaquin Valley Clean Cities Coalition. Our members include industry, fleet owners and operators, public agencies, private businesses, and individuals passionate about improving air quality. The coalition receives official designation by and ongoing training and support from the United States Department of Energy Clean Cities Program.

This is the third of four investment cycles by Electrify America (EA). Our coalition has supported each of the Cycle investments and notes that in our region, the EA has exceeded their goals in many areas as set out in their plans. The SJVEVP values the accomplished and proposed investment in the San Joaquin Valley made by Electrify America. They have not only completed key corridor charging locations, but also invested in community charging in locations such as medical office buildings.

Importantly, the plan continues to prioritize rural, disadvantaged, and low income communities for investment, to ensure that all communities can access charging and benefit from the transition to electric vehicles.

The SJVEVP continues to work to develop the market for electric vehicles in the San Joaquin Valley. Our programs and projects include:

- EVs Made EZ workshops for public and private agencies
- Dealership Sales Force training and distribution of our Dealership Resource Training Guide
- EV Test Drive Events
- National Drive Electric Week events and media campaigns
- First Responder Training
- Solar EV Car Curriculum (A Project Lead-the-Way Curriculum) for Junior High and High School Teachers
- Grant writing support
- Advocacy

We see the Cycle 3 Plan as an extension and expansion of these efforts.

I respectfully urge you to find that Electrify America's Cycle 3 California ZEV Investment Plan is consistent with requirements at your June 24th meeting.

Sincerely,

Linda A. Urata

Linda Urata, Coordinator (An unpaid position)