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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **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 <http://www.ethanolrfa.org/> .

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