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LEARN MORE ABOUT ELECTRIC CARS DURING NATIONAL DRIVE ELECTRIC WEEK

SAN LUIS OBISPO, CALIFORNIA: – The SLO County Air Pollution Control District (APCD), Electric Drive 805 coalition, and many other partners are proud to sponsor a variety of **free in-person and virtual events during National Drive Electric Week (September 23 – October 2).** The public is invited to learn about the wide range of electric vehicles (EVs) that can fit many lifestyles and budgets.

National Drive Electric Week is a nationwide celebration to help the U.S. transition rapidly and equitably to cleaner transportation that protects communities from pollution and worsening climate change impacts. While our transportation modes continue to make vast improvements and tailpipe emissions get cleaner and cleaner, transportation alone is still responsible for more than half of California's carbon emissions, 80 percent of its smogforming pollution, and 95 percent of the state's toxic diesel emissions. Recently, the State announced that by 2035, 100 percent of new cars and light trucks sold in California will be required to be zero-emission vehicles.

National Drive Electric Week is also a great opportunity to see what financial incentives are available, including for low-to-moderate income households. Here is a current list of incentives, many of which can be combined, if eligible, to maximize savings:

- Clean Vehicle Rebate Project up to \$7,000
- Federal EV <u>Tax Credit</u> up to \$7,500
- Access Clean California a one-stop-shop to find the programs that California
 offers to help drivers switch to electric cars and clean energy. Use this <u>link</u> for
 personalized EV purchase guidance assistance
- Central Coast Community Energy <u>Electrify Your Ride Program</u>

Virtual Events – each webinar is free and requires advance registration.

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Maximizing the Value of Electric Vehicles- Tuesday, September 27

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. PT

Part 2 of a series discussing the value of the Electric Vehicle as battery storage for backup power for homes, businesses and microgrids and in the future, as grid storage using Vehicle-to-Grid technology. This webinar will highlight the various technologies and protocols that are being developed and tested to facilitate widespread implementation of V2G.

Register here: https://driveelectricweek.org/event-attend

Get Charged: Everything You Need to Know to Go Electric - Thursday, October 6

12:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. PT

People curious about whether electric vehicles are right for them are particularly encouraged to attend. Experts in the field will share everything you need to know to start driving electric. Register here: cec.pub/NDEW2022

In-person SLO County events:

Experience electric vehicles firsthand, get questions answered from experts and drivers, and gain the support and confidence to make the switch to electric. For greater detail and to register for these events, go to https://driveelectricweek.org/.

SLO Farmers' Market Electrify Your Life Showcase - Thursday, September 29

6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. PT SLO Farmers' Market 1022 Morro St., San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

SLO EV Ride & Drive - Saturday, October 1

9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. PT Prefumo Creek Commons 11970 Los Osos Valley Rd,, San Luis Obispo, CA 93405

About SLO County APCD

As stewards of healthful air supporting a healthy environment, our mission is to realize and preserve clean air for all, promote community & individual responsibility for air quality, and to provide quality and cost-effective service. Find out more about all of the programs we have and grant funding available to add electric vehicle infrastructure at your workplace or business by visiting SLOCleanAir.org.

About Electric Drive 805

Electric Drive 805 is a coalition that includes the Community Environmental Council, San Luis Obispo County APCD, Santa Barbara County APCD, Ventura County APCD, Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance, County of Santa Barbara, and Central Coast Clean Cities Coalition. We are dedicated to achieving a rapid transition to electric vehicles in San Luis Obispo, Santa Barbara, and Ventura Counties, and we do so by helping businesses and communities improve health and prosperity by reducing emissions from the largest source of pollution in our region: the cars we drive. Learn more: ElectricDrive805.org.

National Drive Electric Week is presented nationally by Plug In America, Electric Auto Association, Sierra Club, and EVHybridNoire. Local events hosted by Central Coast Clean Cities

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Coalition, EV Advocates of Santa Barbara and Ventura counties, SLO Climate Coalition, Community Environmental Council, and Ventura County Regional Energy Alliance. Local partners and sponsors include the Air Pollution Control Districts of Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, and Ventura counties, Santa Barbara-Ventura Chapter of the Sierra Club, California Clean Air Day, Electrify America, and the Electric Drive 805 coalition.

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