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MCOG Invites Community Input on Electric Vehicle Charging Station Locations from Redwood Valley to Hopland

The Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) is partnering with ChargePoint, a recipient of a "Rural Electric Vehicle" grant from the California Energy Commission, in soliciting community input on preferred electric vehicle (EV) charging sites to be installed in the greater Ukiah/Redwood Valley/Hopland area.

The project includes installation of 25 EV chargers dispersed at five separate sites, including a fast charging hub in central Ukiah, plus four additional sites to be located in the project area. Each of the five charging sites will include approximately five chargers.

MCOG is seeking input from countywide residents on where these chargers should be placed, since many households work, shop, or attend school in the greater Ukiah area. To kick off the public outreach process, community members are invited to participate in a virtual workshop on Thursday, February 16 at 5:30 p.m. in which representatives from MCOG and ChargePoint will review the project's goals and invite community input. To attend this workshop, please visit the MCOG website at www.mendocinocog.org and click on the Zoom meeting link which will be posted by February 9, 2023. The website will also include information on how to attend a separate virtual stakeholder workshop to be held on Wednesday, February 22 at 9:00 a.m.

Additional opportunities for public input will be available beginning February 15, 2023 through an interactive survey and map on MCOG's website, where individuals may pin their preferred charging location and provide comment. Comments may also be mailed to the MCOG office at 525 S. Main Street, Suite G; Ukiah, CA 95482, or emailed to lellard@dbcteam.net.

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