Electric Car Charging Stations Serve the Public at Western’s Office Thanks to Grant

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – Western Municipal Water District has taken another step to reduce its carbon footprint by installing two electric car charging stations at its office near Interstate 215 and Alessandro Boulevard. The stations are available to the public 24 hours a day at a small fee.

“Already a Silver LEED certified building, adding electric charging stations to our Meridian office is a nice complement to the building’s green components,” said Board President Tom Evans.

Electric charging rates are $1 per hour with a $4 maximum. Payments will be made with a Pay-by-Phone (PBP) service.

Users will receive a text code from a third-party service to enter into the charging unit. Electric car owners without a smart-phone will be able to call the PBP service, provide a credit card number and then will be provided a code.

Western covered the costs to prepare the site and utilized a $5,000 grant from the California Energy Commission to pay for equipment and installation of the charging stations. The charging stations are listed on websites, such as plugshare.com, and designed to help electric car owners find them using a smart phone.

Earlier this year, Western staff worked in concert with the District’s board to research projects that not only reduce the region’s carbon footprint but also assist customers, stakeholders and employees.

The charges are available at 14205 Meridian Parkway, Riverside.

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