



## INVEST CLEAN PUBLIC STEERING COMMITTEE #2

### Agenda

**Thursday, February 19, 2026 • 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

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1. Welcome (2 minutes)	<b>Yassamin “Yassi” Kavezade</b> <i>Outreach Coordinator,</i> Tecolote Perch
2. Response to Program Announcements (10 Minutes)	<b>David Chen</b> <i>Air Quality Specialist,</i> Technology Advancement Office South Coast AQMD

3. Community Air Quality Priorities for Project Implementation Plans: (30 Minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Overview on Process</li> <li>b. Background on Project Implementation Plans</li> <li>c. Recommendations and examples of Community Air Priorities</li> <li>d. Process for Steering Committee</li> <li>e. Group Activity</li> </ul>	<b>Yassamin “Yassi” Kavezade</b>
4. Educational Outreach & Engagement (15 minutes)	<p><b>Susan De Santis</b> <i>Senior Project Manager,</i> Arellano Associates</p> <p><b>Nora Casillas</b> <i>Project Manager,</i> Arellano Associates</p>
5. ELECTRIC Project Presentation (15 minutes)	<p><b>Tom Lee</b> <i>On-Road Incentives,</i> <i>Infrastructure Contracts &amp;</i> <i>Outreach Manager</i> Sout Coast AQMD</p> <p><b>Susan De Santis</b></p>
6. Next Steps (5 minutes)	<b>Yassi Kavezade</b>
7. Q & A / Public Comment (5 minutes)	<b>All</b>

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# Community Air Quality Priorities for Project Implementation Plans

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# Overview

- Background
- INVEST CLEAN Steering Committee Recommendations for Program Implementation Plans
- Building on Existing Work based on Steering Committee Expertise and Focus
- Examples of Community Air Priorities
- Recommendations from Steering Committee

# Background

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Program Implementation Plans for INVEST CLEAN establish the procedures and methodologies for implementation, including recommendations for community air quality project priorities.

Program Implementation Plans can be found [here](#)\*.

- Measure 1: [Infrastructure](#)
- Measure 2.1: [Truck Replacement Incentive Program](#)
- Measure 2.2: [Last Mile Freight](#)
- Measure 3: [Battery Electric Cargo Handling Equipment](#)
- Measure 4: [Battery Electric Switcher Locomotives](#)

**\*INVEST CLEAN:** <https://investclean.org/WorkforceSupport>

# Recommendations for Project Implementation Plans: *Community Air Quality Priorities for Zero-Emission Projects*

Measures to reduce projects environmental impacts focused on air quality as well as support community benefits from zero-emission technologies



# Process for Steering Committee



Discussion



Develop list based  
on Steering  
Committee  
recommendations



Provide  
recommendations to  
South Coast AQMD  
for consideration of  
INVEST CLEAN  
projects



South Coast AQMD  
to provide  
recommendations to  
INVEST CLEAN  
project awardees  
and others



Update  
recommendations  
based on project  
experience and  
community outreach



# Examples of Community Air Quality Priorities

Increased  
Greenery



Clean  
Transportation  
Options



Sustainable  
Design



Facility  
Access and  
Local Traffic



Public  
Charging



Renewable  
Energy



# Discussion Activity

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# Outreach & Community Engagement Strategy

## Public Benefits Steering Committee

Arellano Associates

February 19, 2026





# Why Outreach Matters

Cleaner freight is not just a technology shift — it's a commitment to community health



## What we heard

- Freight impacts are experienced unevenly across communities
- Residents want timely information and real influence, not after-the-fact updates
- Engagement works best when it is relational, local, and consistent
- Health and quality-of-life concerns are front and center
- Trust depends on transparency and follow-through



## What outreach must deliver

- Clear explanations of projects and decisions
- Meaningful opportunities for community input
- Ongoing communication throughout project lifecycles
- Visible accountability for outcomes and commitments
- Partnerships with trusted local leaders and organizations



# Why Outreach Matters

## Outreach Channels: Steering Committee Recommendations by Region



Member	Region/Affiliation	Recommended Meeting / Event	Primary Audience	Why It Matters
Theral Golden	Los Angeles County <i>West Long Beach Neighborhood Association</i>	Moving Forward Network convenings	Regional EJ / Goods Movement coalition	Outreach + feedback alignment
		Port of LA / Port of Long Beach community meetings	Port-adjacent residents & advocates	Port impacts, accountability
		Impact Project meetings	Community-based EJ advocates	Policy feedback + community trust
Mariela Loera	Coachella Valley <i>Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability</i>	Eastern Coachella Valley community forums	Frontline residents	Outreach + trust-building
		Environmental justice coalition meetings	EJ organizations	Program alignment
Ramsay Stevens	IBEW Representative <i>International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association (IBEW—NECA)</i>	IBEW—NECA regional meetings	Labor leadership	Workforce coordination
		Apprenticeship training center events	Apprentices & contractors	Career pipeline promotion
		Industry electrification forums	Developers & employers	Demand-side engagement
Gem Montes	San Bernardino County <i>People's Collective for Environmental Justice</i>	People's Collective for Environmental Justice meetings	Frontline residents	Community outreach
		City of San Bernardino council or commission meetings	Local decision-makers	Policy alignment
		Community college workforce events	Students & job seekers	Workforce pathways
Tomas Castro	Orange County <i>Climate Action Campaign</i>	OC Climate Coalition meetings	Climate & EJ orgs	Coalition outreach
		Santa Ana / Fullerton community workshops	Frontline residents	Trust-building + feedback
		University-based research forums (UCI / CSUF)	Researchers & students	Data + monitoring alignment
Jessie Parks	Riverside County <i>Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance</i>	Riverside Community College District events	Students & youth	Youth workforce outreach
		Inland Empire EJ coalition meetings	EJ organizations	Regional coordination
		High school dual-enrollment career fairs	Youth & families	Early career pathways
Michael Norton	High Desert/Victor Valley <i>Startup Mojave</i>	Local government commission & advisory board meetings	Local policymakers & agency staff	Policy integration + implementation readiness
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# Our Outreach Principles

How we will engage — consistently, respectfully, and with accountability



## Lead with impacted communities

- Start with port-adjacent, warehouse-heavy, and freight corridor neighborhoods
- Prioritize frontline residents, schools, and sensitive receptors
- Work through trusted local organizations and leaders, not just agencies



## All-of-the-above engagement

- Combine in-person meetings, workshops, and coalition spaces
- Use hybrid and multilingual formats to reduce access barriers
- Treat outreach as ongoing dialogue, not one-time announcements.
- Coordinate messaging across agencies to avoid confusion and outreach fatigue



## Build Trust Through Accountability

- Be clear about what the program can and cannot deliver
- Track and share measurable outcomes, not just commitments
- Report back to communities after implementation to validate results
- Establish clear roles, responsibilities, and follow-through across implementing agencies.



## Connect Benefits to Real Life

- Tie clean freight investments to health, affordability, and jobs
- Highlight workforce pathways, especially for youth and local residents
- Explain how investments move from planning to delivery so communities can see progress over time



# Focus for Outreach

A tiered approach helps prioritize impacts while ensuring geographic equity

The INVEST CLEAN project spans from the San Pedro Bay Ports through Los Angeles, Orange, San Bernardino and Riverside Counties, to the California, Arizona, and Nevada borders



## Tier 1: Communities Impacted by Goods Movement & Logistics

- Ports & port-adjacent communities
- Major freight corridors and intermodal routes
- Warehouse clusters and rail yards
- Communities with existing cumulative



## Tier 2: Growth Areas

- Fast-growing logistics and warehouse development areas
- Emerging freight corridors not yet fully built out
- Sub-city hotspots (neighborhoods and blocks), not just citywide designations
- Regions where residents have limited awareness of future freight impacts



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Member	Region/Affiliation	Freight Hotspots (Ports, Warehouses, Corridors)	Fast-Growing Logistics / Emerging Areas
Theral Golden	Los Angeles County <i>West Long Beach Neighborhood Association</i>	Port of LA & Port of Long Beach; Port-adjacent freight corridors; Rail yards & near-port warehouses	Inland spillover warehouse growth; Communities newly exposed to port-driven freight activity
Mariela Loera	Coachella Valley <i>Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability</i>	Freight corridors serving agricultural logistics; Distribution facilities near population centers	Eastern Coachella Valley growth areas; Communities with increasing logistics activity
Ramsay Stevens	IBEW Representative <i>International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and the National Electrical Contractors Association (IBEW—NECA)</i>	Major warehouse clusters; Intermodal hubs; Industrial freight zones	Expanding logistics regions tied to electrification and clean freight adoption
Gem Moon Montes	San Bernardino County <i>People's Collective for Environmental Justice</i>	Warehouse clusters; Rail yards and intermodal facilities; Freight corridors near frontline neighborhoods	Ongoing expansion of logistics facilities; Communities facing cumulative impacts
Tomas Castro	Orange County <i>Climate Action Campaign</i>	Freight corridors connected to ports; Warehouse facilities near Santa Ana and Fullerton	Emerging infill logistics development; Urban areas newly impacted by goods movement
Jessie Parks	Riverside County <i>Rainbow Pride Youth Alliance</i>	Warehouse and distribution hubs; Freight corridors affecting schools and youth-serving areas	Inland Empire East expansion zones; Communities experiencing rapid logistics growth
Michael Norton	High Desert/Victor Valley <i>Startup Mojave</i>	Early-stage warehouse siting; Developing freight corridors	Victorville, Hesperia, Apple Valley, Adelanto logistics growth areas



# How We'll Engage

Practical tools, trusted channels, & clear education about ZE projects & benefits.



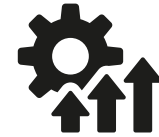
## In-person + partner-led

- Community events  
Workshops with CBOs and local partners
- Site visits where feasible



## Ready-to-use outreach toolkit

- Flyers, infographics, ZE explainers
- Short videos and visuals
- Cut-and-paste social posts + email templates



## Accessibility commitments

- Bilingual/plain-language materials
- Multiple meeting times (evenings/weekends)



# Feedback Loop:

## Community → Action → Report Back

### Our Feedback Loop



1. Steering Committee provides feedback on outreach plan that is based on their input
2. Outreach team activates events and partner toolkits
3. We gather input (questions, concerns, benefit priorities)
4. We report back: "What we heard" + "What we're changing"
5. We refine and repeat



# How We Measure Success

We track engagement AND real-world progress — transparently.



## Engagement metrics

- # events + attendance (by area)
- # partners reached (CBOs)
- Language access delivered
- Top questions + themes



## Progress & accountability

- Workforce: Awareness of Workforce Development Program
- Snapshot of projects underway in communities and at the end of the project



# How Steering Committee Members Can Plug In

Your guidance makes outreach stronger, more trusted, and more effective.

## Ways to contribute now

- Identify priority neighborhoods, events, and trusted messengers in your area
- Suggest education topics: speakers, trainings, and site visit opportunities
- Review outreach materials to keep them clear, culturally relevant, and action-oriented





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# ELECTRIC

Empowering Local Environmental Change Through Replacing Internal Combustion with Battery Electric Class 6 or 7 Vehicles

Presented by: Tom Lee  
Technology & Advancement Office  
Planning and Rules Manager



## Empowering Local Environmental Change

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Through Replacing Internal Combustion with Battery Electric Class 6/7 Vehicles (ELECTRIC)







# Background

- ✓ In July 2024, South Coast AQMD submitted a proposal in response to the EPA Clean Heavy-Duty Vehicles (CHDV) funding opportunity
- ✓ In December 2024, received \$33,898,522 award to replace older Class 6/7 vehicles with battery electric vehicles
- ✓ Incentive Program to solicit projects closed on October 30, 2025
- ✓ Branded ELECTRIC

# ELECTRIC – Eligible Projects

- ✓ Eligible vehicles include:
  - Box Trucks
  - TRU Trucks – must be all ZE
  - Step Vans
- ✓ Supporting infrastructure with associated vehicle replacement
  - Level 2 Chargers
  - DC Fast Chargers



# ELECTRIC - Emission Reduction Benefits

- ✓ Replacing >100 class 6 or 7 internal combustion engine vehicles with equivalent class of battery electric vehicles
- ✓ 49 Step Vans, 28 Box Trucks, 34 TRU Trucks
- ✓ Installing charging infrastructure to support these vehicles
- ✓ Estimated Annual Emission Reductions

	NO <sub>x</sub> (lb s/yr)	PM <sub>2.5</sub> (lb s/yr)	DPM (lb s/yr)	GHG (MT CO <sub>2</sub> e/yr)
Total	29,434	558	775	599,236



# ELECTRIC (Other Benefits)

## ✓ Workforce Training Program

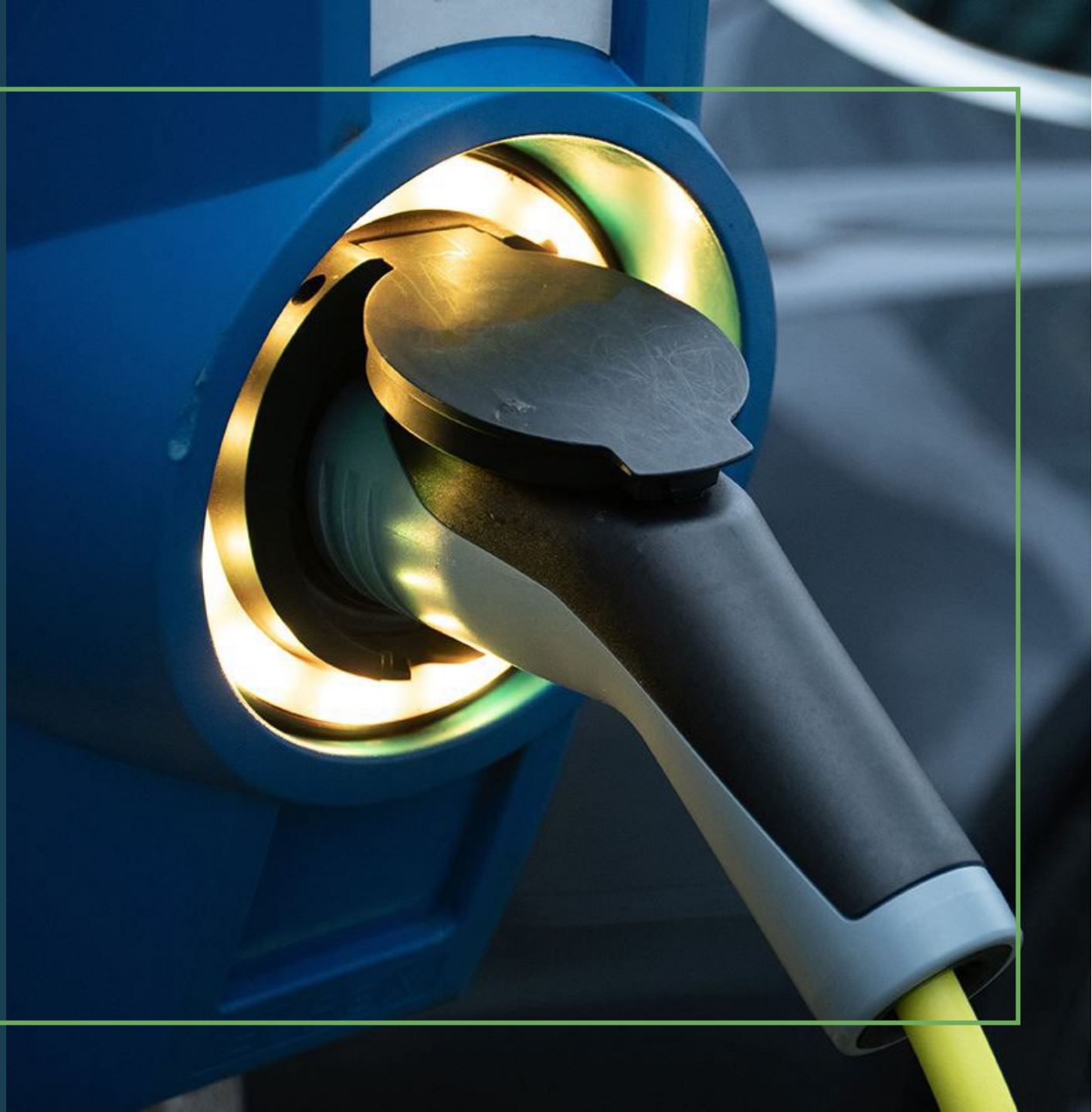
- Education and training provided to drivers, mechanics, electricians
- Training institutions selected via competitive process
- Train at least 100 drivers to operate battery electric vehicles
- Train at least 25 mechanics/technicians
- Provide in-person and online courses for the fleets and the public

## ✓ Community Engagement

- Host meetings/events
- Work with Environmental Group, INVEST CLEAN CPRG Community Benefit Steering Committee, AB 617 program and other opportunities

# ELECTRIC Program Outreach and Engagement

Presented by: Arellano Associates



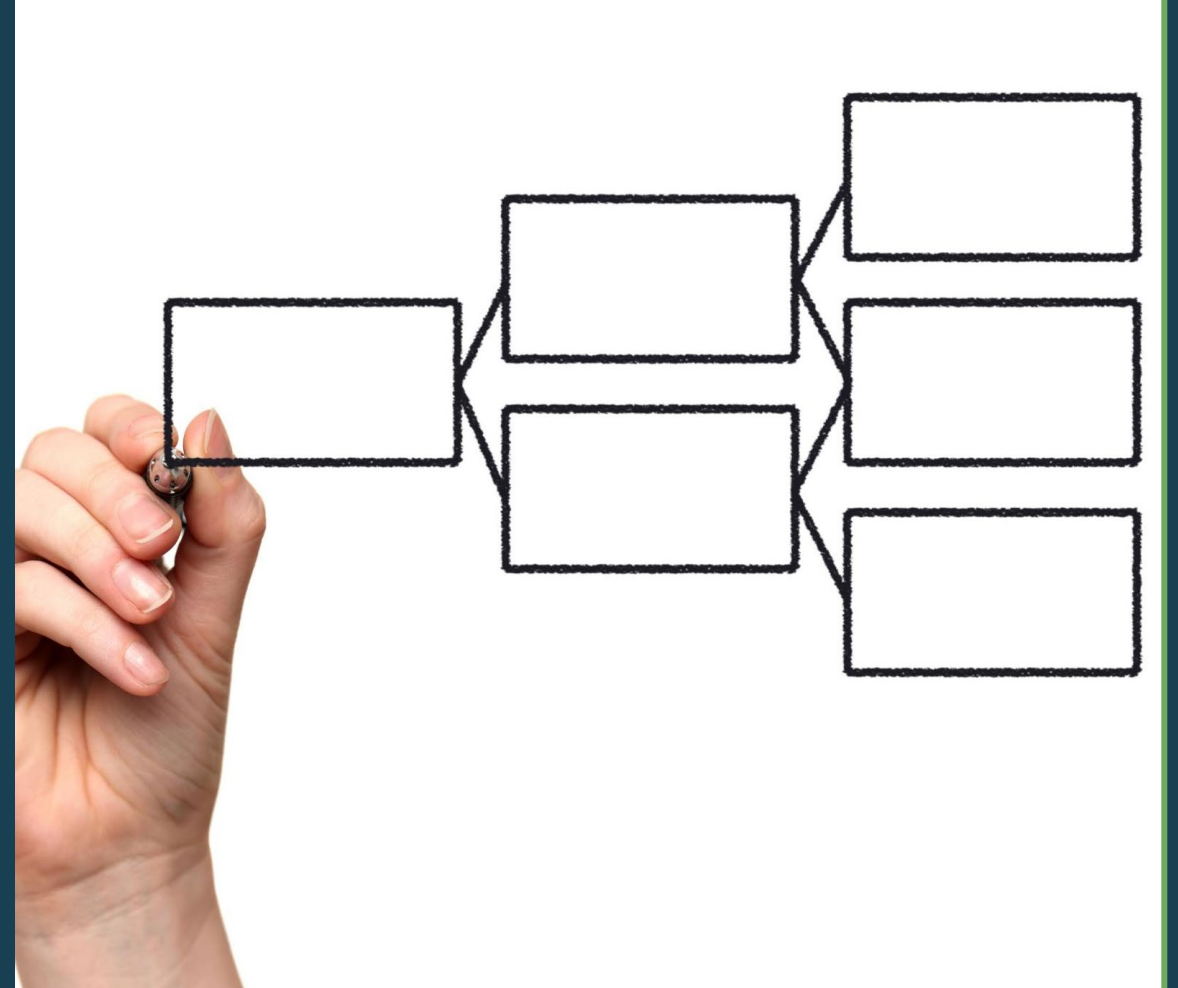


# Outreach and Engagement Plan

- ✓ **Community Education Outreach**  
The plan focuses on educating communities about the benefits of the ELECTRIC Program and EV career opportunities.
- ✓ **Training Program Engagement**  
Encouraging registrations for EV technician training through partnerships with educational providers.
- ✓ **Strategic Partnerships**  
Leveraging collaborations with OEMs and community groups to align with clean air and workforce goals.
- ✓ **Sustainability**  
Emphasizing accessibility and measurable outcomes to develop a sustainable skilled EV workforce.

# Key Objectives

- ✓ Program Awareness  
Increase community understanding of ELECTRIC benefits and encourage interest in EV technician and operator careers.
- ✓ Enrollment  
Encourage registrations for training cohorts to ensure strong participation in workforce training.
- ✓ Completion and Placement  
Achieve course completion through hybrid and onsite training options and connect trainees to employment opportunities.
- ✓ Equity Tracking  
Monitor engagement, registrations, completions, and participation from communities.







# Stakeholders

- ✓ Fleet Technicians and Operators  
Targeting current fleet technicians for training in high-voltage safety and electric vehicles.
- ✓ Career-Seekers and Students  
Engaging students and career-seekers interested in gaining future-proof skills for EV careers.
- ✓ Career Switchers  
Appealing to the public looking to gain transferable skills in electric vehicle industries.

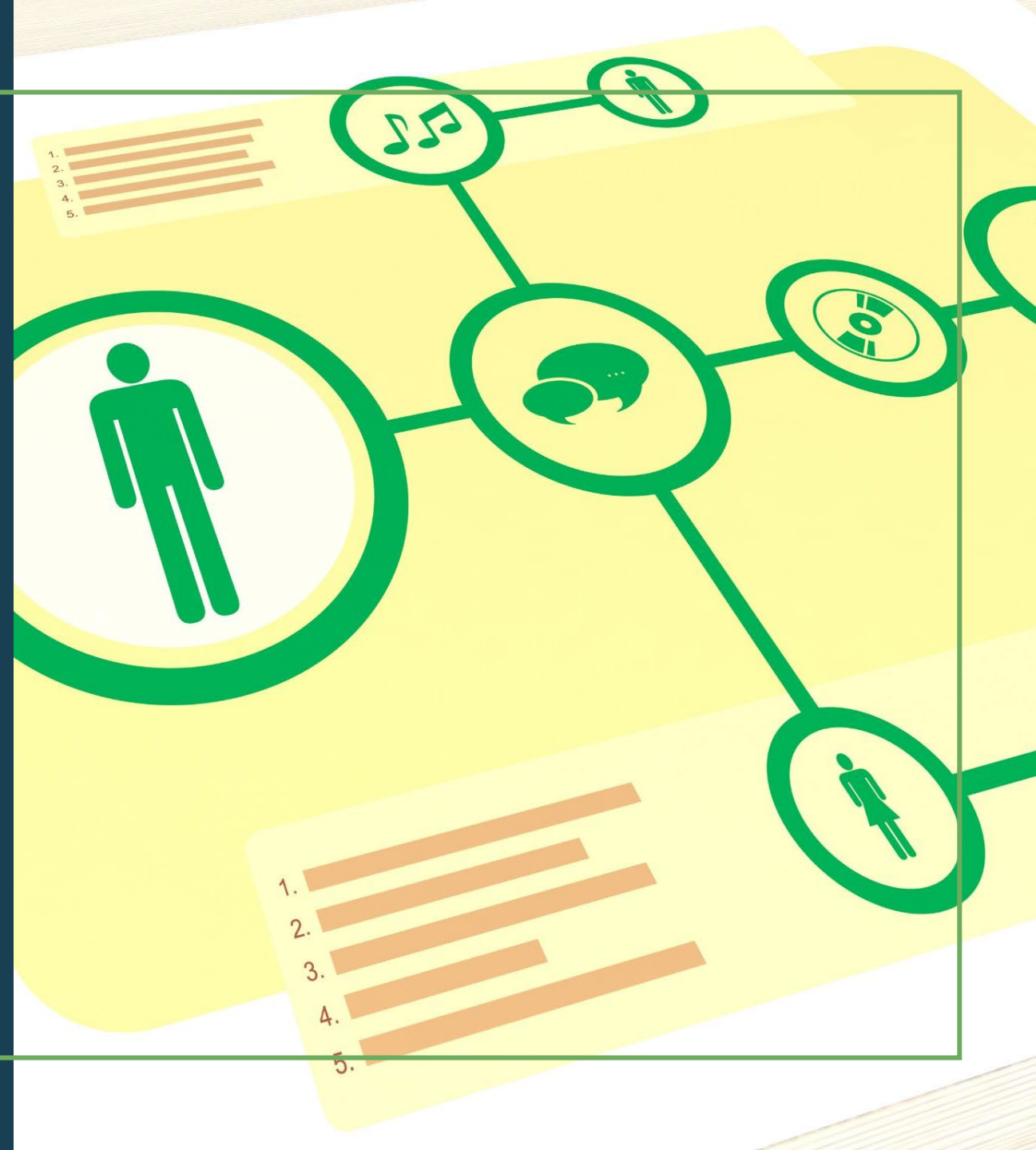


# Proposed Outreach Platforms

- ✓ **Websites**  
Includes dedicated websites and landing pages like South Coast AQMD's ELECTRIC to deliver targeted content.
- ✓ **Media Coverage**  
Local news, community newsletters, and partner PR help build credibility and reach for the campaign.
- ✓ **Social Media**  
Social media messaging TikTok, Instagram, YouTube, and targeted search outreach focused on EV technician training audiences.
- ✓ **On-site Engagement and Partnerships**  
College open houses, career fairs, technology expositions and collaborations with OEMs and workforce boards to enhance outreach.

# Sustainability and Long-Term Impact

- ✓ **Clean Transportation Workforce**  
The ELECTRIC Program fosters workforce development focused on zero-emission vehicle maintenance and operations.
- ✓ **Community Health Improvement**  
The initiative supports community well-being by promoting clean transportation and reducing pollution.



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