

Truckee on 'Hydrogen Highway' route

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California's long-talked-about "Hydrogen Highway" has received a major commitment to help it take shape.

The Sacramento-based California Energy Commission says it will invest \$46.6 million to accelerate the development of public hydrogen fueling stations throughout California to promote a consumer market for zero-emission fuel-cell vehicles, which could be widely available as early as next year.

The money is designated to go to eight manufacturing/engineering applicants through the CEC's Alternative and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program.

The plan calls for 13 new fueling sites in Northern California and 15 in Southern California, all strategically located along major corridors and in regional centers. Northern California jurisdictions cited by the CEC include Palo Alto, Campbell, Hayward, Mill Valley, San Jose, South San Francisco, Oakland, Woodside, San Ramon and Truckee.

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