



Costa Mesa Sanitary District

....an Independent Special District

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 30, 2013

Contact: Scott Carroll
Tel: 949.645.8400
Fax: 949-650-2253
Email: scarroll@cmsdca.gov

SANITARY DISTRICT'S VOLT DRIVES 4,547 MILES ON ONE TANK OF GAS

(Costa Mesa, CA) On November 4, 2011, the Costa Mesa Sanitary District purchased a Chevrolet Volt to enhance the District's code enforcement program. Isidro Gallardo, the District's part-time Ordinance Enforcement Officer, drives approximately 40 miles a day, which is the range of the vehicle on a full battery charge, patrolling the streets of Costa Mesa and a portion of Newport Beach searching for scavengers (people removing recyclable materials from residential trash cans) and other District code violations such as trash cans being stored in public view. On April 24, 2013, Mr. Gallardo filled up the Volt with gasoline for the first time since the District acquired the energy efficient vehicle from Connell Chevrolet in Costa Mesa. The Volt drove 4,547 miles, the equivalent of driving from Costa Mesa to New York and then from New York to Denver, Colorado, in seventeen months, on one tank of gas!

The smart car will automatically start expending unused gasoline in the vehicle that can degrade over time and lead to a number of problems ranging from hard starting, to rough running, to no start at all. Otherwise, the vehicle will rarely use gasoline while in service for the District code enforcement. Sanitary District officials believe the Volt has saved the organization nearly \$1,000 on gasoline cost and will save close to \$8,000 on gasoline over the vehicle's life span of eight to ten years. The Volt is charged at the District's Platinum LEED Certified Corporate Yard where the charging facility is powered by the Yard's rooftop solar panel, making the vehicle a truly green ride

###

