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Pleasanton Eco-fair Blazes New Trails

By Ron McNicoll

Pleasanton city government's partnership with Hacienda Business Park to produce an eco-fair broke new ground on several fronts.

The eco-fair, held at CarAmerica Oct. 20, marked a broad expansion of a previous transportation fair sponsored by Hacienda Business Park for the past 10 years.

It also was the kick-off for a series of city efforts to push ahead on green consciousness.

In addition, there was an ap-

pearance by Tri-Valley Trikke, the first business that will be taking part in the new state-funded i-GATE project in Livermore.

This i-GATE is a joint effort of Lawrence Livermore National and Sandia National laboratories and the City of Livermore. The program will help Trikke, a personal transportation vehicle, to reduce the amount of metals used, and make its battery more efficient, during a research and development effort that can last up to three years. It's free for the company over that time, paid for

by a state grant of \$200,000.

Showing off such green technology and orienting people to some of the existing ecologically sound methods for office workers to commute and just generally take care of themselves were a hallmark of the eco-fair.

Earlier in the fair's history, the only subject was how people could share commute rides and learn about transportation alternatives. This year, it expanded to include such things as clean air, clean water, recycling, solar power, green construction, and

wellness and nutrition.

The city's participation provided the event with community-wide publicity, which brought attendance to at least 500 or 600 people, and 85 exhibitors, far more than at the transportation fairs, said Hacienda Park general manager James Paxson.

The city's co-sponsorship was the kick-off to move ahead on the environmental front for the city this year, said Laura Ryan. She was hired July 1 as the city's energy and sustainability manager.

Next on the agenda was the first meeting of residents who will help brainstorm ideas for the city to create its Community Action Plan (CAP). It was held Oct. 27. The climate action plan is required by the state, in order to meet the city's obligation under AB 32, the climate change bill.

Ryan said that even if AB32 were eliminated in the election by Proposition 23, the city will proceed with its CAP.

The city's housing element, which is undergoing a revision (See ECO-FAIR, page 2)



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