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Company to build fuel plant in Calif.

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A local company was awarded \$620,000 to build a biodiesel plant in California.

Whole Energy Fuels Corp., which has a facility near Mount Vernon and offices in Bellingham, was given the grant by the California Air Resources Board at the end of May to construct the plant at a water recycling plant in Pacifica.

The biodiesel at the new facility will be produced from used cooking oil collected in San Mateo and adjacent counties. Part of the fuel will be used to power to the recycling plant.

The plant will have a capacity of 3 million gallons a year, but can run sustainably at half that volume, allowing for growth in waste oil collection, said Atul Deshmane, president of Whole Energy.

Whole Energy Fuels has been providing biodiesel to commercial fleets locally since 2004. For more information about the company, visit www.whole-energy.com.