



## CATALINA ISLAND CONSERVANCY

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### **Toyota Donates 10 Scion iQ EV Vehicles to The Catalina Island Conservancy**

***Generous Gift Will Help Meet the Organization's Transportation Needs and  
Protect the Island's Environment***

AVALON – Toyota Motor Sales, USA made a very generous donation of 10 Toyota Scion iQ electric vehicles to the Catalina Island Conservancy for the nonprofit organization to use in transporting staff and visitors on the Island.

The compact, battery-powered vehicles will help the Conservancy meet its commitment to sustainable operations by contributing to reduction of emissions on the Island and will take up limited space in the town of Avalon, where parking is at a premium.

“We thank Toyota for the donation of these environmentally sensitive vehicles because they will help our staff continue to fulfill the Conservancy’s mission of being a responsible steward of our lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation,” said Tony Budrovich, Conservancy President and CEO. “Toyota is passionate about serving the communities where its employees work, live and play, and its support for the Conservancy demonstrates its commitment to conservation and improving the environment.”

The donation of the 10 Scion iQ EVs is the second vehicle donation Toyota has made to the Conservancy. In 2016, the company donated 13 work vehicles to the Conservancy, including a Tundra Truck, a Tacoma Truck, a Sequoia SUV, a 4Runner SUV and nine RAV4 Compact SUVs. They replaced aging vehicles needed for the Conservancy’s biologists, road crews, guest services staff and rangers to successfully perform their duties. Toyota also was the presenting partner for the previous two Catalina Island Conservancy Annual Balls, the Conservancy’s largest annual fundraiser.

“Toyota has been a great supporter of the Conservancy, and we greatly value its dedication to serving the needs of the community, improving the environment and serving the underserved,” said Budrovich.

### **About the Conservancy**

Formed in 1972, the Catalina Island Conservancy is one of California's oldest land trusts. Its mission is to be a responsible steward of its lands through a balance of conservation, education and recreation. Through its ongoing efforts, the Conservancy protects the magnificent natural and cultural heritage of Santa Catalina Island, stewarding approximately 42,000 acres of land and more than 60 miles of rugged shoreline. It provides an airport and 50 miles of biking and nearly 165 miles of hiking opportunities within its road and trail system. The Conservancy conducts educational outreach through two nature centers, its Wrigley Memorial & Botanic Garden and guided experiences in the Island's rugged interior. Twenty miles from the mainland, the Island is a treasure trove of historical and archaeological sites. It also contains numerous rare and endangered animals and plants. The Island is home to 60 species - and counting - that are found only on Catalina. For additional information, please visit

[www.catalinaconservancy.org](http://www.catalinaconservancy.org).