

# California Energy Commission Research and Development for Transportation







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## **Policy Drivers**

The following legislation and policy guide the ERDD Transportation subject area on meeting California's challenges:

**Senate Bill 1250:** Enabled Natural Gas Research funds to be used for advanced transportation technologies that:

- Reduce air pollution and GHG emissions beyond applicable standards.
- Benefit electricity and natural gas ratepayers.

**State Alternative Fuels Plan:** *Presents strategies and actions California must take to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels.* 

**ZEV Mandate:** Requiring automakers to produce a combination of zero emission and partial zero emission vehicles to meet air quality goals.

**Assembly Bill 32:** Calls for approximately 36% of the state's 2020 GHG reduction targets to come from the transportation sector.

### Goals

#### The goals of transportation-related projects are to:

- Reduce carbon emissions
- Decrease reliance on fossil fuels
- Improve infrastructure capacity, reliability, and sustainability
- Improve air quality
- Increase the use of transportation renewable fuels



## **Research Topic Areas**

#### **Transportation Topic Areas include:**

- Plug-In Electric Vehicles
- Natural Gas Vehicles
- Energy Efficient Vehicle Components
- Renewable Transportation Fuel\*\*

\*\* Transportation fuels research limited to Renewable Natural Gas



# General Approach

- Develop research initiatives consistent with California's energy and environmental policies and market need
  - □ Use stakeholder developed Research Roadmaps to identify and prioritize research opportunities
  - Participate in discussions with investor-owned utilities, government agencies, and stakeholders
- Conduct annual NGV Technology Forums
  - Communication and exchange of high-priority needs of natural gas vehicle end users
- Conduct Public Workshops
  - □ Scoping and Pre-bid
- Competitive Solicitations



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# Natural Gas Technology Development Process

#### **CEC Research & Development**



Collaboration between, CEC, ARB, SCAQMD, So Cal Gas Co.



### **R&D** Initiatives

| <b>Research Topic</b> | Initiative   | Projects   |
|-----------------------|--|--|
| Natural Gas Vehicle   | <ul> <li>Engine Development</li> <li>Chassis Integration</li> <li>Vehicle Demonstration</li> <li>Advanced Hybridization</li> <li>On-Board Storage</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>NG Engine Development of low NOx, CWI<br/>8.9L and Cummins15L (AB118, RDD, &amp;<br/>SCAQMD funded)</li> <li>New CWI 6.7L Spark Ignited Stoichiometric<br/>NG Engine</li> <li>NG Hybridization - Class 4 to 8 vehicles<br/>with Transpower, Efficient Drivetrains Inc.,<br/>and GTI/US Hybrid</li> <li>Advanced NG adsorption on-board storage<br/>tank technology for light-duty vehicles</li> </ul> |



### **R&D** Initiatives

| Research Topic  | Initiative  | Projects  |
|---|---|---|
| <ul> <li>Energy Efficient Vehicle<br/>Components</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Advanced efficient truck<br/>technologies and systems</li> <li>Advanced Engine Ignition</li> </ul>                     | <ul> <li>Completed California Hybrid,<br/>Efficient, and Advanced Truck<br/>Research Center project with<br/>CALSTART</li> <li>Pre-Chamber</li> <li>Advanced Plasma Ignition</li> <li>High Frequency Ignition (Corona)</li> </ul> |
| <ul> <li>Renewable Transportation<br/>Fuel</li> </ul>       | <ul> <li>Renewable Natural Gas<br/>Production</li> <li>Waste-to-energy technology</li> <li>Landfill gas purification</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>RNG Production projects focusing<br/>on co-products and co-benefits</li> <li>Steam Hydrogasification technology<br/>development</li> <li>Landfill Gas production process for<br/>LNG Transportation Fuel</li> </ul>      |



## **Project Successes**

- **Purpose:** Development, integration, and demonstration of the 11.9 liter, heavy-duty stoichiometric spark-ignited natural gas engine with performance and emission attributes suitable for Class 8 regional haul and vocational truck applications.
- Contractor: NREL
- Partners: Cummins Westport, Inc.
- PIER Funds: \$4.25M with \$13.1M in match share
- Results: Successfully met the project objectives: criteria emission pollutants lower than CARB 2010, 400 HP & 1350 ft-lbs torque, and about 25% reduction in GHG emissions over current Class 8 engines. The Cummins Westport ISX12 G natural gas engine entered the commercial market in late 2013.



• Rate Payer Benefits: Approximately 97,500,000 gallons of diesel and 13 MMT of CO2e can be displaced per year based on 10% market penetration.



## **Project Successes**

- Purpose: To improve the operating fuel efficiency and power output of natural gas engines by incorporating advanced direct injection technology leading to lower incremental cost of natural gas vehicles.
- Contractor: Volvo Technology North America
- Partners: Westport Innovations Inc.
- PIER Funds: \$999,970 with \$390,259 in match share
- **Results:** The results from this project show a 6% fuel efficiency improvement over comparable diesel engines, and 22 to 30% reduction in GHGs (up to 90% with RNG).
- Rate Payer Benefits: Project results show the potential to further lower fuel consumption and decrease engine emissions for heavyduty natural gas engines. Reduced emissions from heavy-duty vehicles improves air quality, particularly for communities heavily impacted by emissions from heavy-duty vehicles.





## **Current Natural Gas Solicitation**

- **Title:** Natural Gas Engine Integration and Demonstration for Medium-Duty Vehicles (GFO-15-503)
- **Research:** Research and Development to integrate natural gas engines for medium-duty vehicle applications. On-road demonstration will assess emission and performance benefits associated with medium-duty natural gas engines. Will support emission reduction, reduced fuel consumption and improved engine performance goals.
- Funding Amount: <u>\$2,000,000 (\$1,000,000 max/project)</u>
- **Proposed Timeline:** 
  - Solicitation Release: September 3, 2015
  - Deadline to Submit Applications: November 3, 2015
  - Business Meeting: May 2016
- http://www.energy.ca.gov/contracts/pier.html#GFO-15-503



## Upcoming Natural Gas Solicitation

- **Title:** Off-Road Natural Gas Engine Development and Demonstration
- **Research:** Natural gas engine research, development, and demonstration that integrate advanced natural gas technologies in off-road applications to reduce petroleum and improve air quality.
- Funding Amount: \$4,400,000 (\$1,100,000 max/project)
- **Proposed Timeline:** 
  - Scoping Workshop: Early 2016
  - Solicitation Release: Spring 2016
  - Deadline to Submit Applications: Spring 2016
  - Business Meeting: Fall 2016



# 2015 Natural Gas Vehicle Research Roadmap

- 2015 Natural Gas Vehicle Research Roadmap (NGVRR) initiatives focus on:
  - Range, Storage, and Infrastructure
  - Vehicle and Engine Performance and Availability
  - Emission and Environmental Performance
  - Analysis and Information Sharing
- Stakeholders have reviewed and commented on the NGVRR.
  - U.S. DOE, CARB, CEC AB118 Program, Port of LA, GM, Cummins, Westport, and SCAQMD
- Research initiatives will be presented at the NGVTF and a future public workshop.





### **Special Projects**

- Clean Energy Measures for California Ports (Tech Support)
- Military Base Vehicle-to-Grid Demonstration (ARFVT-P)
- Artificial Photosynthesis Liquid Fuels Production (ARFVT-P)









# California Energy Commission Natural Gas Vehicle Trends and Funding Opportunities

### 2015 Natural Gas Vehicle Technology Forum Tim Olson, California Energy Commission October 20, 2015



#### California and Federal Initiatives Related to Natural Gas/Biomethane Transportation Energy

| California Government Initiatives  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| Global Warming Act (2006)  | Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to 1990 levels by 2020 and 80% below 1190 levels by 2050  |  |  |  |
| Low Carbon Fuel Standard (2007)  | Reduce carbon intensity of transportation fuels sold in California by 10% by 2020   |  |  |  |
| Petroleum Reduction and Alternative Fuel Goals (2003)<br>and Alternative Fuels Plan (2007), R&D Roadmaps | Reduce petroleum use to 15% below 2003 levels by 2020. Increase alternative fuel use to 9% of California's fuel consumption by 2012, 11% by 2017, and 26% by 2022. Governor Office direction (2015) to reduce petroleum use by up to 50% by 2030                |  |  |  |
| <b>SB 1257 Natural Gas Challenges/Opportunities</b>  | Identifies strategies to maximize the benefits obtained from natural gas, including biomethane, as an energy source in IEPR   |  |  |  |
| Funding Incentives (AB 118, AB 8, Carl Moyer, Prop1B,<br>CEC R&D )                                       | Energy Commission, ARB and local air districts provide RD&D funding<br>and financial incentives to vehicle, infrastructure and fuel production<br>projects that reduce greenhouse gas emissions and air pollutants and<br>increase the use of alternative fuels |  |  |  |
| 75 % Diversion of Waste From Landfills by 2020   | Statute requires diversion of waste (and organic material) from landfills by 2020   |  |  |  |
| <b>CPUC Biomethane Pipeline Ruling</b>   | Establish standards for energy value and clean-up of contaminants for injection of biomethane in natural gas pipelines  |  |  |  |
| <b>CPUC Natural Gas Compressor Tariff</b>  | Allows Southern California Gas Company to impose tariff to cover<br>investment costs in natural gas compressors   |  |  |  |
| Federal Government Initiatives   |   |  |  |  |
| Renewable Fuels Standard   | Requires annual specified levels of renewable fuels, including<br>biomethane, as transportation fuel displacements of diesel and gasoline   |  |  |  |
| National Ambient Air Quality Standards   | Sets standards for tailpipe air pollutant emissions for vehicles by 2023  |  |  |  |







Eighteen of California's fifty-eight counties failed the ozone clean air test in the American Lung Association State of the Air 2011 report





#### **Representative CIs for Diesel Substitutes**



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#### **California Mobile Source Incentive Programs**



|                                   | 2015      | 2016     | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021     | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|----------|------|------|------|------|----------|------|------|------|
| CARB Carl Moyer                   |           | \$69M/yr |      |      |      |      | \$48M/yr |      |      |      |
| Air Districts AB 923              |           | \$50M/yr |      |      |      | ?    |          |      |      |      |
| CARB AQIP                         |           | \$25M/yr |      |      |      | ?    |          |      |      |      |
| CARB Low Carbon<br>Transportation | \$200M    | \$350M*  | ?    | ?    | ?    | ?    | ?        | ?    | ?    | ?    |
| CEC ARFVTP                        | \$100M/yr |          |      |      | ?    |      |          |      |      |      |
| BAR EFMP                          | \$35M/yr  |          |      |      | ?    |      |          |      |      |      |
| CARB GMERP/Prop 1B                | \$2       | 40M      |      |      |      |      |          |      |      |      |

\*FY15-16 CARB LCT funding as proposed by Governor's Office



### California Energy Commission Alternative Fuel Incentive Funding Encumbered





#### ARFVTP Truck Sector-Related Funding About 30 Percent of Total Program Funding

| Technology   | Funding<br>(\$ Millions) | No. of Vehicles,<br>Fueling Stations or<br>Projects |
|--|--------------------------|---|
| Commercial Natural Gas<br>Trucks                               | 54.3                     | 2,735 Trucks  |
| Natural Gas Infrastructure                                     | 16.7                     | 60 Stations   |
| Commercial Propane Trucks                                      | 6.4                      | 514 Trucks  |
| Commercial ZEV Trucks<br>(Class 6 package delivery)            | 4.0                      | 160 Trucks  |
| Advanced Technology Truck<br>Demonstration or<br>Manufacturing | 89.7                     | 42 Projects   |
| Total Funding  | 171.1                    | 8   |



#### Funding Allocations for FY 15-16

| Category                               | Funded Activity   | Proposed<br>Funding<br>Allocation           |
|--|---|---|
| Alternative Fuel<br>Production         | Biofuel Production and Supply   | \$20 Million                                |
| Alternative Fuel<br>Infrastructure     | Electric Charging Infrastructure<br>Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure<br>Natural Gas Fueling Infrastructure | \$17 Million<br>\$20 Million<br>\$5 Million |
| Alternative Fuel                       | Natural Gas Vehicle Incentives  | \$10 Million                                |
| and Advanced<br>Technology<br>Vehicles | Medium- and Heavy-Duty Advanced Vehicle<br>Technology Demonstration and Scale-Up                            | \$20 Million                                |
|  | Manufacturing   | }_  |
| Related Needs<br>and Opportunities     | Emerging Opportunities  | \$3 Million                                 |
|  | Regional Planning and Readiness   | \$2 Million                                 |
|  | Workforce Training and Development  | \$3 Million                                 |
|  | Total Available   | \$100 Million                               |



## Natural Gas Truck Incentive Levels

| GVW (lbs.)       | Incentive Amount |  |  |
|------------------|------------------|--|--|
| Up to 8,500      | \$1,000          |  |  |
| 8,501–16,000     | \$6,000          |  |  |
| 16,001–26,000    | \$11,000         |  |  |
| 26,001–33,000    | \$20,000         |  |  |
| 33,001 & Greater | \$25,000         |  |  |



#### Natural Gas Vehicle Investment Program Re-Configured August 7, 2015

|                       | <b>Prior Solicitations</b>                                     | New Solicitations   |
|-----------------------|--|---|
| Administration        | California Energy<br>Commission                                | Institute of Transportation<br>Studies, Irvine  |
| Applicant             | OEM/dealer   | Vehicle Purchaser   |
| Incentive<br>payments | Incentives paid to<br>OEM/dealers following sale<br>of vehicle | Incentives paid to vehicle<br>purchaser following delivery<br>and registration of vehicle |
| Reporting             | By OEM/dealer  | End-user reporting  |
| Other                 |  | Research component  |



#### Illustrative Compliance Scenario: Diesel Displacement





# Natural Gas/Biomethane Transportation Trends

- □ Fuel Price Advantage Compared to Diesel
  - \$0.50 to \$0.60/per gallon
- □ Established Fueling System Network
  - Over 500 Fueling Stations Operating in CA
- Low Nox 8.9 Liter Natural Gas Engine Certified at 0.01 g/bhp-hr -Provides Option to Meet NAAQS 2023 Standard
- Business Model Progress For Renewable Natural Gas Plants Low Carbon Fuel Option
- Biomethane Injection into Natural Gas Pipeline
- □ Mitigate Methane Emissions



## Thank You!

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