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#### • Our Vision:

- CHBC is committed to advancing the commercialization of hydrogen in the energy and transportation sectors to achieve California's climate, air quality, and decarbonization goals.
- Our Mission:
  - Provide clear value to our members and serve as an indispensable and leading voice in promoting the use of hydrogen in the utility and transportation sectors in California and beyond.

#### Our Principals:

- Leadership, Integrity, Teamwork and Inclusion.
- Our Objectives:
  - Enhance market commercialization through effective advocacy and education of policymakers and policy influencers
  - Be "the" trusted "go to" resource on Hydrogen and Fuel Cell technology for policymakers and policy influencers
  - Accelerate market growth via networking opportunities and information exchange for the industry and its customers





#### VALUE IN MEMBERSHIP

- Active representation in all relevant California policy making venues
- A trusted and knowledgeable industry resource
- Access to policymakers, policy influencers and industry
- Track record of success
- Platform for industry collaboration
- Learn more: <u>www.californiahydrogen.org</u>



BECOME A MEMBER AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER WE CAN INFLUENCE PUBLIC POLICY AND GROW YOUR BOTTOM LINE

#### **NEXT UP:**



Gia Brazil Vacin, Assistant Deputy Director Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development

**California Hydrogen Business Council Briefing** The Business Case for Light-Duty **Hydrogen Stations** 

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# **State Environmental Goals**

Legislation and Executive Orders are steering the state towards zero-emission transportation

Climate	<ul> <li>2045: 100% zero carbon electricity (SB 100)</li> <li>2045: Carbon neutral economy (EO B-55-18)</li> <li>Aggressive investment and state action on climate (EO N-19-19)</li> </ul>
Air Quality	<ul> <li>2031: 80% reduction in smog-forming NOx</li> </ul>
Zero Emission Vehicles (ZEVs)	<ul> <li>2025: 1.5 million ZEVs (EO B-16-12)</li> <li>2030: 5 million ZEVs (EO B-48-18)</li> <li>2035: 100% ZEV new sales light-duty, drayage, and off-road (EO N-79-20)</li> <li>2045: 100% ZEV medium- and heavy-duty (EO N-79-20)</li> </ul>
ZEV infrastructure	<ul> <li>2025: 200 hydrogen stations and 250,000 electric vehicle chargers (EO B-48-18)</li> </ul>

# **Vehicle and Fuel Regulations**

Regulations by the California Air Resources Board that advance light-duty zero-emission fuels & transportation

ZEV Regulation	<ul> <li>Requires automakers to generate or</li></ul>
for Passenger	procure credits for plug-in hybrid, battery,
Vehicles	and fuel cell electric vehicles
Low Carbon Fuel Standard ZEV Infrastructure Credits	<ul> <li>Hydrogen and DCFC stations generate credits for the capacity of the station</li> <li>New high credit price: \$200/Metric Ton CO<sub>2</sub>e (Jan 2020)</li> </ul>



# California Comeback Plan

- SB 129 signed by Gov. Newsom on July 12, 2021
- ZEV investments:
  - \$2.7B in 2021-22
  - \$3.9B total over three years
- ~\$300M to close the projected 2025 light-duty charging and fueling infrastructure gap
- \$250M (2 years) manufacturing grants for ZEVs, ZEV components, and charging or refueling equipment
- \$525M for CVRP; \$400M (3 years) for Clean Cars 4 All and other clean transportation equity projects



# **Current CA Light-Duty Market**



- 47 stations open to the public now
- Reach ~179 stations with earmarked state funds (23 private)
- Fuel cell electric vehicle (FCEV) sales/leases ~10,800



## Challenges Remain...

- Infrastructure need more, faster!
- Permitting timelines and variations among AHJs
- Technology hiccups
- Cost of hydrogen
- Hydrogen supply shortages and supply chain disruptions







# ....But There is Reason for Optimism

- Significant station progress since 2016
  - Higher capacity, lower cost
- 20-300% increase in renewable content
- Growing private investment (stations, H2 production)
- FCEV adoption curve following BEV early market
- CA budget; ZEV/H2 legislation

# ...And, we can achieve self-sufficiency!





# **Thank You!**

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# HYDROGEN FUELING SELF-SUFFICIENCY STUDY

### Summary of Analysis

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#### Motivation

- AB 8 provides a funding mechanism for State support in developing light-duty hydrogen fueling stations.
- AB 8 also asks CARB and CEC to evaluate California's network development against a standard of financial self-sufficiency.

 CARB (with early collaboration from CEC) have developed a scenario analysis to characterize the amount of State support beyond AB 8 that leads to self-sufficiency and the date of selfsufficiency.

#### **Fundamental Question**

How will the market transition from high costs, high prices, and reliance on financial support to lower cost, lower price, and self-sufficiency?



### **Study Overview**

- CARB's method evaluates cash flows for future station network in various scenarios of deployment
- Can be realized through:
  - Growing economies of scale,
  - Policy direction (such as EO B-48-18, EO N-79-20, ZEV Regulation), and
  - Automaker commitment to FCEV deployment in California
- Study does not forecast likelihood or preference, but does quantify the cost and timing metrics

#### **Primary Bounds of Scenarios**

Vehicle deployment guides target number and capacities of stations



### Method

Study built on a scenario analysis approach to estimate ranges of potential State support amounts and timing under various trajectories of progress





840 Scenarios to cover possible ranges of key variables

- Deployment Scale: What FCEV volume do the State and industry plan for and how should a station fueling network be structured to meet the fuel demand?
- Individual Station Utilization: How will individual station utilization progress, based on local network maturity and deployed vehicles?
- Station Development and Operations Costs: How will capital and operational expenditures vary by station size and industry development?
- **Customer-Facing Price:** How can/will price at the pump change over time?
- **Station Finances:** What returns need to be achieved to keep development going?

### Headline Findings

Self-Sufficiency Achieved by:

> With State Support up<u>t</u>o:



- Self-sufficiency is possible with State support
- Industry supports the majority of network growth
- California's network growth rate drives its own economies of scale
- FCEV deployments need to keep up with network development to gain full benefit
- State support offers benefits to the consumer and may be sufficient to accelerate reductions in price at the pump

#### Industry Bears the Majority of Costs

State support is a small part of the overall cost to develop the network to self-sufficiency



#### **Network Development Sensitivities**

Building more capacity earlier and faster more effectively builds economies of scale

Stalled FCEV deployment can significantly increase need for State support



#### **Consumers Benefit from State Support**



#### CA's Investment Pace Drives Economies of Scale



- Larger-scale network growth creates opportunity for more vehicle deployment
- More vehicles equates to more fuel sales and balance effectively against high operational costs
  - Even enhanced capital cost reductions transferred from other markets do not offset lost opportunity provided by growing operational economies of scale in the state

#### High Renewable Scenarios are Compatible with Self-Sufficiency

Hydrogen procurement cost and price at the pump assumed in this study align well with recent analyses of future renewable hydrogen costs



#### Price Parity with Gasoline within Decade Possible

**Slow Capital Cost** 

State support amounts up to \$300M may also be sufficient to advance price parity with gasoline earlier than 2040, depending on other market conditions



Fast Capital Cost

#### **Geographic Insights**

More need in remote areas and along CA-99 corridor, but core urban areas also require support



# THANK YOU



### Study Context

#### This Study Does

- Estimate cost and timing to reach self-sufficiency of hydrogen fueling network
- Evaluate many scenarios to develop probable ranges of cost and timing
- Assume the State has an interest in establishing a selfsufficient hydrogen fueling network
- Assume costs and revenues affect the balance of station economics
- Assume total revenues can be influenced by State support
- Estimate the additional State support needed to reach a point where costs and revenues enable self-sufficient network development

#### This Study Does Not

- Attempt to predict the future trajectory of FCEV and hydrogen industry economics
- Predict future cost trajectories for hydrogen fuel or hydrogen station equipment
- Determine whether or not the State should support establishing a self-sufficient hydrogen fueling network
- Develop a traditional pricing model based on costs and margins
- Specify or explicitly model the mechanisms that may force prices and costs lower or higher
- Determine the form of the support that should be used

#### Self-Sufficiency Study Quick Reference



### Defining Self-Sufficiency Date and Support

 Self-sufficiency date identified by ability of network as a whole to maintain a profit without additional State intervention beyond LCFS. Support amount based on the gap between costs and revenues accounting for returns up to the self-sufficiency date.



### Ranges and Estimates of Core Results

# Core results based on *Revolution*:

- Include 180 scenarios
- 1.8M FCEVs by 2035
- 1,700 hydrogen fueling stations



Number of Stations Receiving State Support in Most Scenarios



#### **Illustrative Examples**

These example scenarios are not comprehensive, but illustrate the types of considerations of cost and revenue streams that affect the selfsufficiency date and support amount



#### Scenario C



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2029

#### **Network Development Sensitivities**

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#### Advancing Price Parity at the Pump

**Slow Capital Cost** 

If industry-led cost reductions are fast, opportunities may exist for State support of \$300M to achieve self-sufficiency and accelerate price parity at the pump

Support (Million \$) **Adjusted State** 



**Fast Capital Cost** 

### **Operational Costs Drive Economies of Scale**

Operational costs present greater opportunity to drive economies of scale and reduce State support amounts than capital costs



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