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Item 4: Recap of CivicSpark Service Year at the CEC



Presenter: Jess Frisbie (they/them), CivicSpark Fellow

Date: August 10, 2022



What Is CivicSpark?

- A program of CivicWell, funded by AmeriCorps
- Fellowship program for recent graduates
- Focuses on building capacity and resilience related to climate change
- Each Fellow works on a distinct project





My Service Year

- Supported the Lithium Valley Commission
- Participated in the Rainbow Affinity Group
- Completed various tasks for the Chair's office
 - Templates to support project management
- Attended the April 18 Battery Day Symposium in Diamond Bar, CA
- Attended the July 15 Tribal Informational Session in Torres Martinez



Pictures from Imperial County



On the shores of the Salton Sea



Date farm near the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Indian Reservation



Takeaways

- Developed my skillset as a young professional
- Started building a network
- Learned about state processes
- Witnessed the CEC's commitment to clean energy goals
- Made lifelong connections with mentors



Thank You!





Item 4: Shultz Fellowship Updates

August 10, 2022 Business Meeting

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Shultz Energy Fellowship Overview

- Stanford students support energy-related agencies across the Western United States for the summer.
- CEC, CARB, CPUC, CAISO, CDWR, WECC, WIEB, Hawaii PUC and more
- Two Shultz Fellows at CEC

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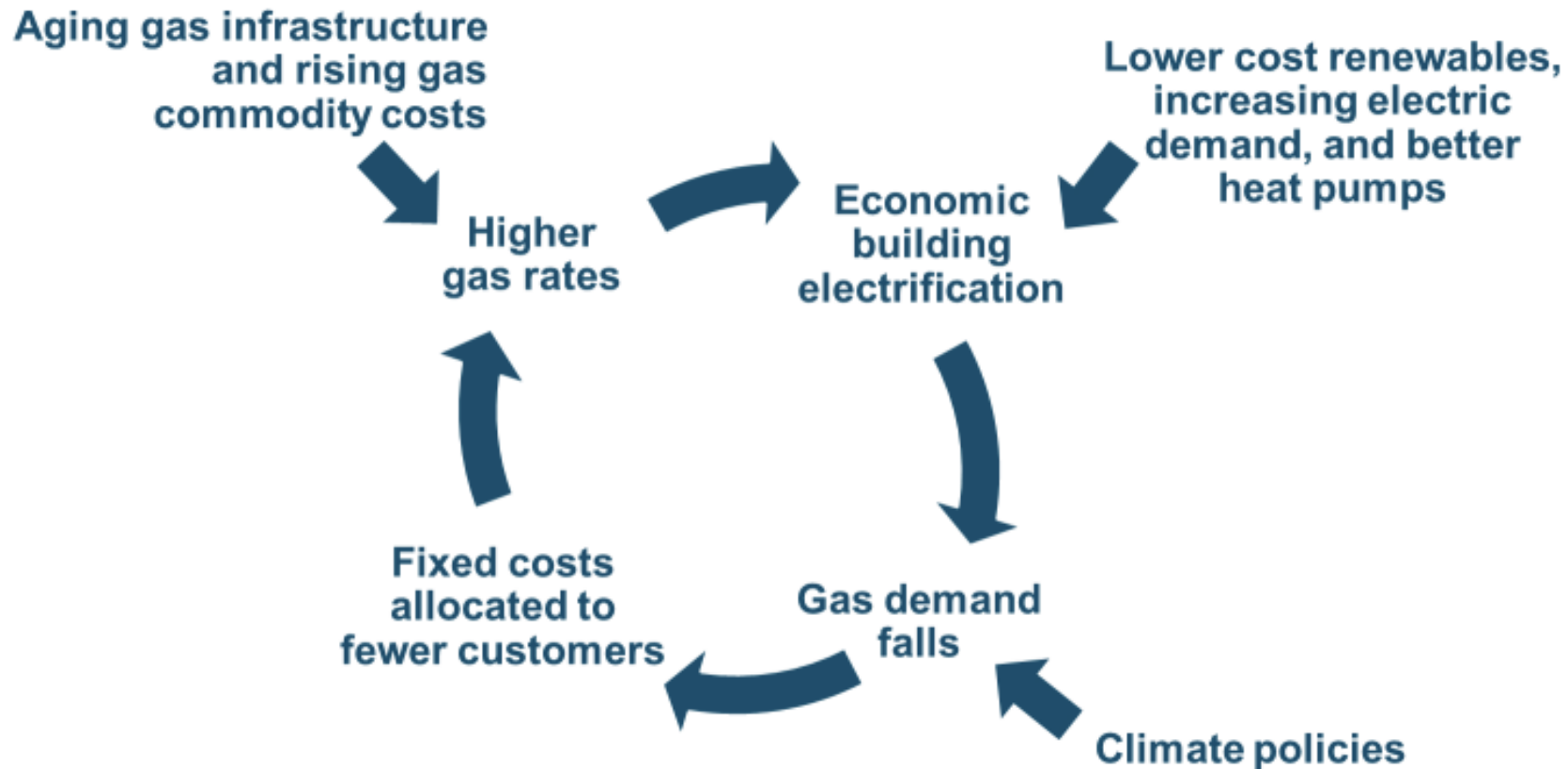
About Me

- Rising sophomore studying physics and public policy
 - Interested in the intersection of science, engineering and policy
- Excited about variety of energy policy areas at CEC
- In Chair Hochschild's Office working closely with Vice Chair Gunda's Office on gas decarbonization.



Gas Decarbonization Challenges

Figure ES-1: Outside Forces in the Natural Gas Delivery Sector Could Lead to Lower Gas Demand and Higher Rates in Future Greenhouse Gas Reduction Scenarios



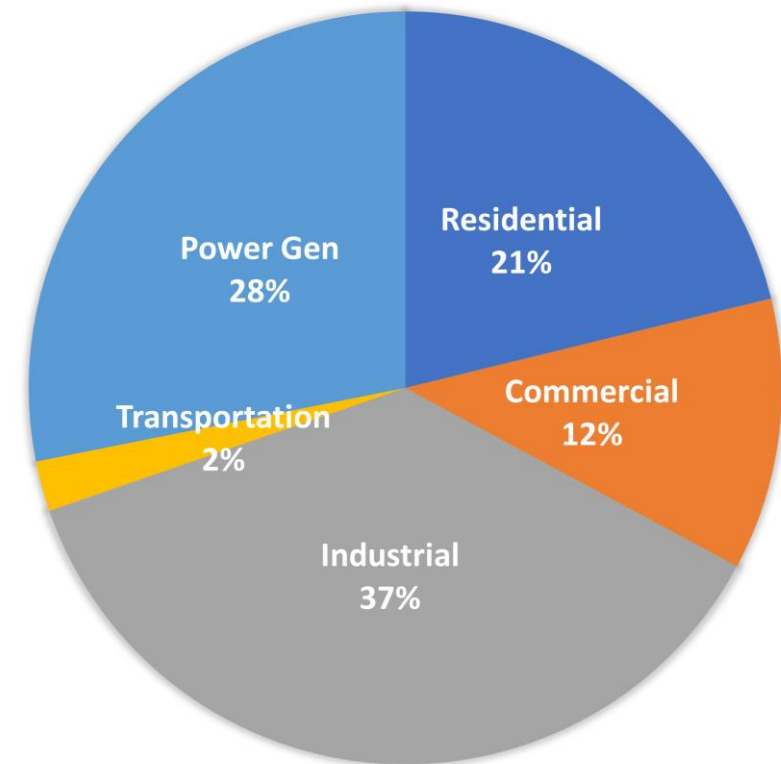
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Gas Decarbonization Efforts

- Ongoing proceedings at CEC, CPUC, and CARB on decarbonizing gas system
- CEC Gas Decarbonization OIIP started in June
- Literature review of 50+ agency/stakeholder reports with focus on **equity** challenges
- Small research project on industrial gas use
 - Pulling key findings from agency efforts

2019 CALIFORNIA GAS DEMAND BY SECTOR





Fellowship Highlights

- Learning about gas system complexity and challenges
- Opportunity to interact with staff across divisions
- Engage in intra-agency and inter-agency collaboration
- Exposure to a wide range of topics:
 - Lithium valley, hydrogen, offshore wind, battery manufacturing





Looking Forward

- In the next weeks:
 - Continue to support gas decarbonization efforts at CEC
 - Learn more about CEC divisions
 - Explore Sacramento
- Beyond the fellowship:
 - Engage in energy policy research at Stanford
 - Explore a career in energy policy



Thank You!

