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Memorandum

To: California Energy Commission

From: Gregory Cane, President

California Hydrogen Car Owners Association

Date: May 14, 2025

Subject: Comment to Docket 25-ALT-01

The California Hydrogen Car Owners Association is a growing volunteer nonprofit organization representing light-duty FCEV drivers, currently with 215 members.

We actively advocate for:

- 1) More, and more reliable, hydrogen refueling stations,
- 2) A reduced cost of hydrogen at the dispenser, and
- 3) Continuing the reduction of the carbon intensity of transportation-hydrogen.

There have been concerns in recent years that there were not enough hydrogen refueling stations to support a stable future market for fuel cell vehicles, and those stations that we did have were not reliable. Both of these were true, but the situation is rapidly changing.

Nowadays, looking at the Hydrogen Fuel Cell Partnership <u>station status app</u>, one will mostly find green dots, signifying open stations. Southern California has seen the most rapid improvement. Because of the better fuel supply situation in that area, station uptime has nearly doubled in the last three months, from 36% to 69%.



NorCal Hydrogen Station Status - May 14, 2025

Some recent highlights include:



SoCal Hydrogen Station Status May 14, 2025

 Toyota made a major announcement that they, along with Iwatani, will play an active, and expanding, role in the development of hydrogen refueling stations.

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- Last week Chevron opened their first hydrogen station in Moreno Valley with a station in Vacaville to be opened within the next few months.
 Others will follow soon.
- The new FirstElement Fuel facility at the Port of Oakland sets the standard for future liquid hydrogen stations. This mixed-use station supports light, medium and heavy-duty fuel cell vehicles.