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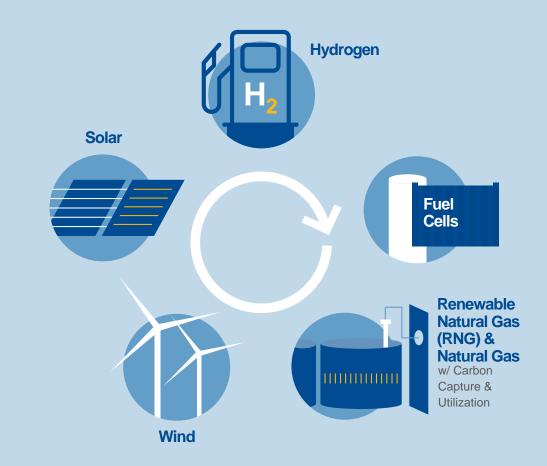
# A Sustainable Energy Future for Californians

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# How will we get to 2045?

We need to work together, use all resources available, and foster policies that will allow for the development of innovative technologies and new ideas.



## It starts by meeting our our near-term goals

**Governing Law – SB 32** 

By 2030, reduce GHG emissions

40%

below 1990 levels

Governing Law – AB 3232

Assess ability to cut building emissions

40%

below 1990 levels by 2030 **Governing Law – SB 100** 

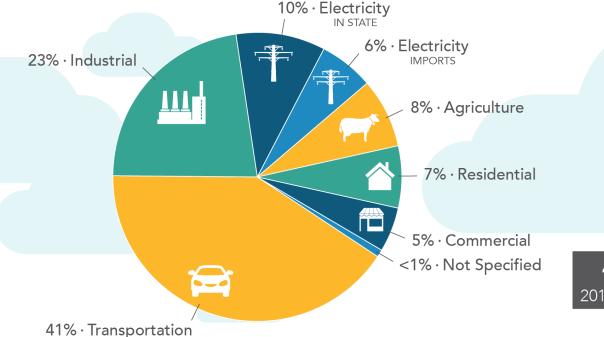
By 2030, obtain

60%

of electricity from renewable sources (and achieve 100% clean energy by 2045)

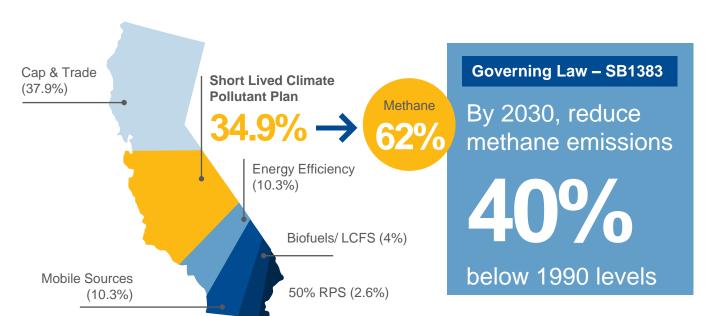


## California Emissions by sector



**429.4 MMTCO<sub>2</sub>e** 2016 TOTAL CA EMISSIONS

## CARB's Scoping Plan relies on reducing SLCPs



#### **Stated Objective:**

"Reduce the use of heating fuels while concurrently making what is used cleaner by minimizing fugitive methane leaks, prioritizing natural gas efficiency and demand reduction, and enabling cost-effective access to renewable gas."

## RNG is a key strategy to address CA's biggest methane



## Decarbonizing energy is easier than switching appliances and equipment



RNG is

2-3x

More cost effective

## The RNG supply is available: in-state estimates (billion cubic feet)

**BCF** 

**UC Davis/ARB Study:** 

based on current federal and LCFS incentives

100-200 BCF

**ICF** Assessment:

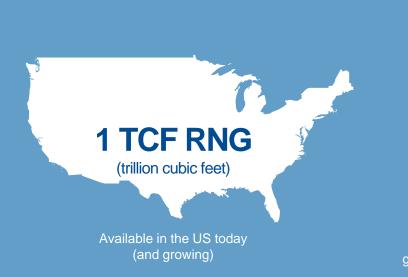
CA with current regulation / incentives; 100 BCF conservative estimate

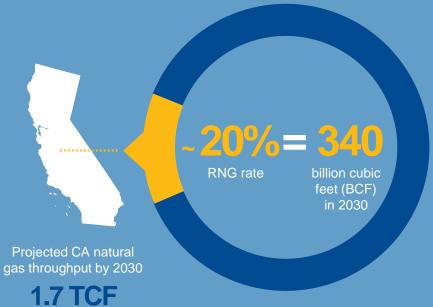
300 BCF

**UC Davis/CEC Study** 

Sources: The Feasibility of Renewable Natural Gas as a Large-Scale, Low Carbon Substitute, Prepared for the California Air Resources Board and the California Environmental Protection Agency by Amy Jaffe, Principal Investigator, STEPS Program, Institute of Transportation Studies, UC Davis

## The RNG supply is available: Out-of-state resources





## Consumer adoption is critical to achieving climate goals

#### **Electric Heat Pumps**

Palo Alto has offered up to \$1,500 rebates since 2016, spending \$900,000 in the first year alone.

Rate of adoption: per year among single family homes



#### **Electric Vehicles**

After distributing more than a half billion dollars in rebates, 329,626 EVs have been purchased in California (January 2011 – February 2018).

Rate of adoption: of cars in California



# The real cost of living is already too high for too many people

California has the **highest** effective poverty rate in the nation 7

Nearly 40% of CA households are rent burdened

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Low-income families pay 20% of their income or more on energy costs

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More than 1/3 of SoCalGas' and nearly 1/2 of SCE's customers qualify for bill assistance.

### The case for a balanced approach



Preserves Consumer Choice



Minimizes
Disruption
& Cost



Promotes System Resiliency



Strengthens California's Economy

### Stepping up our commitment to reduce GHG emissions

#### **Our Vision**

To become the cleanest natural gas utility in **North America** 

#### **Our Commitments**

2022 5% RNG being delivered on our system

20% RNG being delivered on our system on our system





#### **Appendix**

Supplemental Slides

### Resiliency matters

Oct 2017

#### Northern California Fires

Electric power outages left water valves open leading to major leaks and loss of critical water resources that could have been used to fight the fires.

Emergency deliveries of compressed and liquified natural gas ensured the power stayed on at local hospitals affected by electricity outages.

When the electricity goes down, natural gas keeps the power on.

Dec 2017 - Jan 2018

#### Southern California Fires & Mudslides

When electric water pumps failed, firefighters ran out of water to put out the fires.

SoCalGas' Advanced Meter network supported life-saving actions of first responders by pinpointing impacted areas. Aug 2017
Hurricane
Harvey

More than 293,000 customers suffered outages from ~157 damaged circuits just one day after Harvey landed.

Hospitals with natural gas powered Combined Heat and Power (CHP) Systems maintained uninterrupted service despite historic flooding. Sep 2017 Hurrica

#### Hurricane Irma

Loss of electricity at nursing homes led to heat exposure and caused 12 deaths.

Local hospitals and businesses with natural gas backup generators kept AC and refrigeration working, saving both lives and livelihoods.

## Will California electricity become expensive & inequitable?





The burden of higher cost electricity and benefits of renewable energy subsidies fall unevenly:

From 2011 to 2017, California's electricity rates increased 5x more than the rest of the U.S. Californians with the highest incomes received
 3x more the solar subsidies than those with the lowest incomes