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## OVERVIEW OF LOW CARBON FUEL STANDARD



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# CARB's Climate Portfolio for 2030 Target







More clean, renewable fuels



Cleaner zero or near-zero emission cars, trucks, and buses



Walkable/bikeable communities with transit



Cleaner freight and goods movement



60% renewable power



Slash potent "super-pollutants" from dairies, landfills and refrigerants



Cap emissions from transportation, industry, natural gas, and electricity



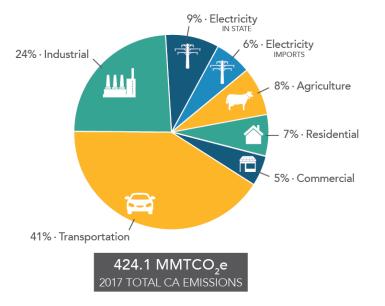
Invest in communities to reduce emissions



Protect and manage natural and working lands

## Low Carbon Fuel Standard (LCFS)

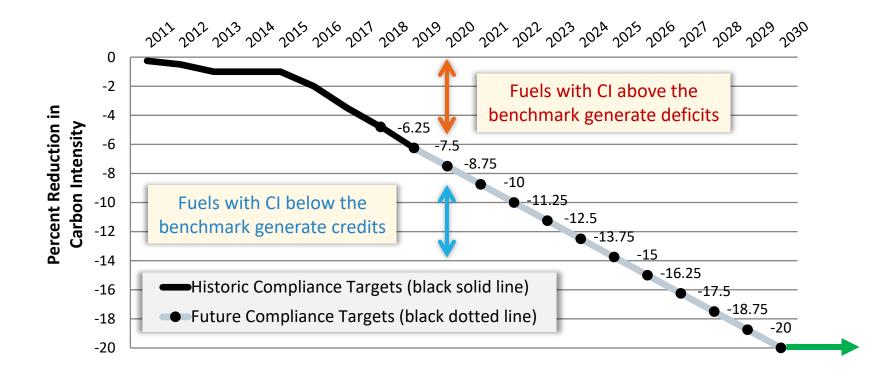
#### California's primary program to promote alternative fuel use in the transportation sector



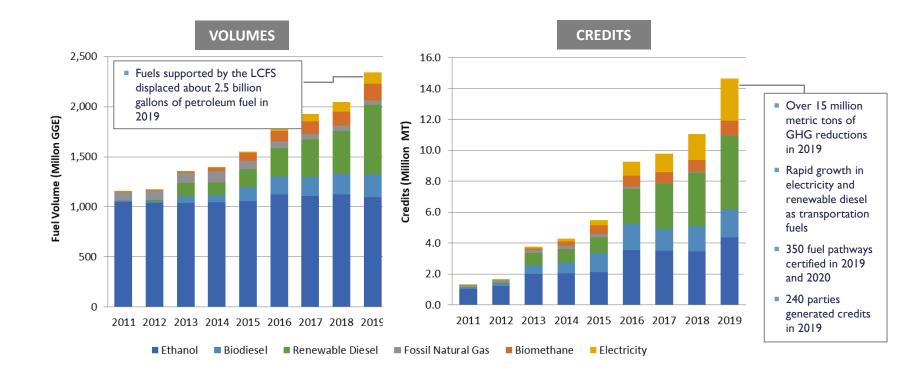
- Reduce carbon intensity of transportation fuels
  - Transform and diversify fuel pool
- Reduce petroleum dependency
- Reduce emissions of criteria pollutants and toxics

Transportation sector accounts for 50% of State's GHG inventory when industrial emissions from refining and oil production are included

#### How LCFS Works – Credit and Deficit Generation



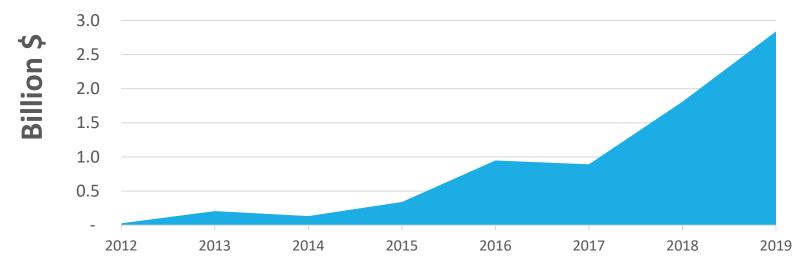
## **Diverse and Growing Alternative Fuel Pool**



### LCFS Promotes Investment in Low Carbon Fuels

#### **Annual LCFS Value Created**

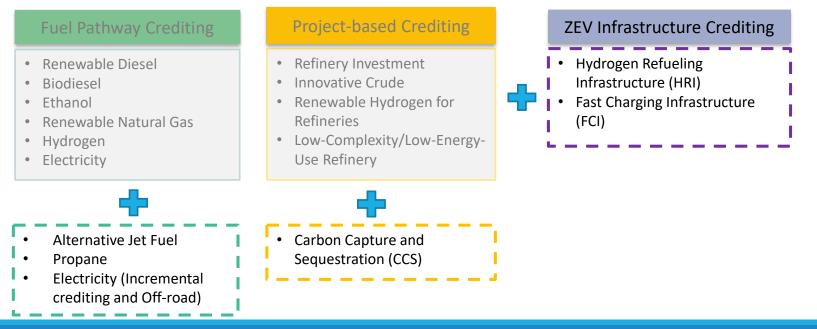
(Number of Credits Generated x Average Credit Price)



Year

## LCFS Program - 2018 Rulemaking

- Established a 2030 target of 20% reduction in carbon intensity
- LCA models revised; third-party verification requirements added
- Additional crediting opportunities added starting 2019 (see schematic)



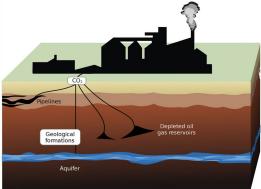
## Alternative Jet Fuel

- Alternative Jet Fuel added as an opt-in fuel and starting 2019 eligible for LCFS credits
- Fossil-based conventional jet fuel not subject to the LCFS and does not accrue deficits
- Investment and interest in alternative jet fuel is increasing
  - Amazon to buy 6 million gallons from World Energy
  - Neste delivered AJF to San Francisco airport via pipeline
- Implementation Status: Four pathways certified to date with CI range of 24 - 43 g/MJ



## Carbon Capture & Sequestration (CCS)

- CCS essential for long-term GHG reduction goals, especially carbon neutrality by 2045
- CCS protocol approved in 2018, providing opportunities for LCFS credit generation for several CCS types
  - LCFS credit potential from CCS projects at biorefineries, oil fields and petroleum refineries, and direct air capture projects
  - Rigorous accounting and permanence requirements, including 100-year post-injection monitoring
- Implementation Status:
  - First CCS permanence application submitted in November 2019; several other applications expected soon
  - Design-based pathway certified for CCS at ethanol biorefinery



## Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) Projects

- Streamlined application process for Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) projects, utilizing methane derived/captured from low-CI sources including:
  - Dairy and swine manure
  - Organics separated from waste streams
  - Wastewater sludge at public treatment works

Biogas Source	Pathways Received	Pathways Certified
Dairy/swine manure	41	25
Organic waste	6	0
WWTP	6	6

## Incremental Crediting for Residential EV Charging

- Incremental credits represent CI reductions from the CA Avg. Grid CI for residential EV charging
  - Now allow for matching of low-CI electricity (e.g. solar or wind electricity) to charging of EVs
- Crediting based on metered charging data (off-vehicle or on-vehicle metering)
- Several value providers can claim based on hierarchy
  - 1. Load-serving entities (EDU and CCA)
  - 2. Auto manufacturers
  - 3. Others (Charging network providers, aggregator, etc)

#### • Implementation Status:

- Over 300,000 VINs each representing an EV have been registered by 9 entities (including 5 major automakers)
- Around 370 million kWh reported and 110,000 credits claimed

## New Electricity Crediting Categories

- New off-road electric transportation categories added for LCFS crediting:
  - Shore power to Ocean-going Vessels At-berth (eOGV)
  - Electric Cargo Handling Equipment (eCHE)
  - Electric Transport Refrigeration Units (eTRU)

New crediting type	Entities generating credits
eOGV	6
eCHE	2
eTRU	2

 Smart charging/smart electrolysis pathway to support grid resiliency and provide grid benefits



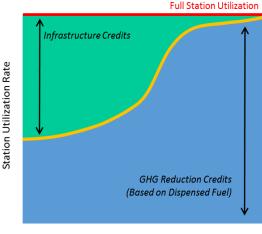
Pictured: electric-powered cargo handling equipment at Port of Long Beach

## **ZEV Infrastructure Crediting**

- Provision for crediting Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure (HRI) and DC Fast Charging Infrastructure (FCI)
  - Credits refueling or charging capacity minus dispensed fuel
  - $\,\circ\,$  Infrastructure credits decline as stations reach full utilization  $\,\,{\ensuremath{\sharp}}\,$
  - Total credits limited to 2.5% each of total deficits in prior quarter

#### Implementation status:

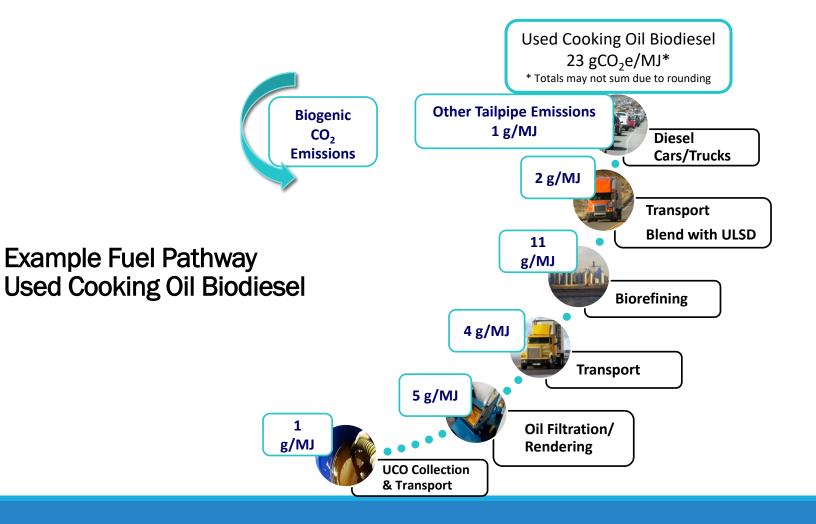
	Approved Stations/Chargers	Approved Daily Refueling Capacity	Cumulative Infrastructure Credits
HRI	48 Stations	31,260 Kg/day	15,424 credits through Q4 2019
FCI	484 DCFC's at 55 sites	175,000 kWh/day	





#### **Carbon Intensity Modeling**

- Cl includes the "direct" effects of producing and using the fuel, as well as "indirect" effects including land use change associated with crop-based biofuels, and the avoided fate associated with by-products and residues of other products
- CI is calculated using the following tools
  - California Greenhouse Gases, Regulated Emissions, and Energy Use in Transportation (CA-GREET): Direct carbon intensity of fuel production and use
  - **Oil Production Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimator (OPGEE):** Direct carbon intensity of crude production and transport to the refinery
  - Global Trade Analysis Project (GTAP): Indirect land use change
  - **Agro-Ecological Zone Emissions Factor (AEZ-EF):** Matches land conversions estimated by the GTAP model with corresponding carbon releases from soil and biomass

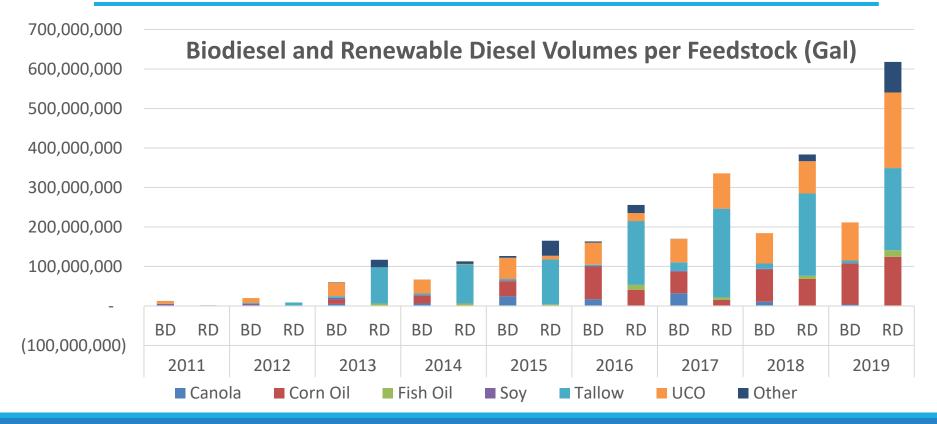


#### Indirect Effects are a Big Driver in LCFS CI Scores

- Demand for crop-based biofuels can indirectly incentivize land use change globally
  - Expanding cropland at expense of carbon-rich land cover can result in large GHG emissions releases and destruction of biodiverse ecosystems
- Conducted robust analysis of land use change impacts associated with major crop-based fuels
- Failing to account for land use change emissions sends incorrect market signals and may undermine emissions reduction goals



### Low-CI Feedstocks Dominate for Biomass-based Diesel



#### Low Carbon Biofuels will Continue to Play a Critical Role

- Low carbon biofuels must displace fossil fuels in the short term while the ZEV population increases
- Will play significant role in reaching the aggressive 2030 LCFS target and may remain the fuel of choice for certain technologies in a low carbon future
- Critical for sectors where ZEV penetration may be limited like aviation, marine, heavy-duty and off-road transportation
- Several low carbon fuels can potentially help decarbonize other sectors of economy on path to carbon neutrality (for example, renewable gas can replace fossil fuel in heavy industry)



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