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P R O C E E D I N G S

1 August 3, 2021 9:30 o'clock a.m.

2 MS. RAITT: Good morning, everybody. Welcome to
3 today's 2021 IEPR Commissioner Workshop, To Accelerate
4 Industrial Decarbonization. I'm Heather Raitt, the
5 Program Manager for the Integrated Energy Policy Report,
6 which we refer to as the IEPR.

7 This workshop is being held remotely, consistent
8 with Executive Order N-08-21, to continue to help
9 California respond to, recover from, and mitigate the
10 impacts of the Covid-19 Pandemic. The public can
11 participate in the workshop consistent with the direction
12 in the executive order.

13 Today's workshop has a morning and an afternoon
14 session, with separate logins for each.

15 To follow along, the schedule and slide decks
16 have been docketed and are posted on the CEC's website.
17 All IEPR workshops are recorded and the recording will be
18 linked on the CEC's website shortly following the workshop
19 with a written transcript available later, in about a
20 month.

21 Attendees have the opportunity to participate in
22 a few different ways. For those joining today through the
23 online Zoom platform, the Q&A feature is available for you
24 to submit questions. You may also upload a question
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1 submitted by someone else. Click the thumb's up icon to
2 upload. Questions with the most up votes are moved to the
3 top of the queue. We will reserve a few minutes after
4 each panel this morning to take questions but will likely
5 not have time to address all the questions submitted.

6 Alternatively, attendees may make comments
7 during the public comment period at the end of the morning
8 and afternoon sessions. Please note that we will not be
9 responding to questions during that public comment period.
10 Written comments are also welcome and instructions for
11 doing so are in the workshop notice. Written comments are
12 due on August 17th.

13 And, with that, I'll turn it over to Andrew
14 McAllister, Lead Commissioner for the 2021 Integrate
15 Energy Policy Report.

16 Thank you, Commissioner.

17 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Well, thanks a lot,
18 Heather.

19 Hopefully I have adjusted my camera here
20 properly. Great. So really great to be here. Oh, great,
21 I see that Commissioner Monahan is on, so thank you for
22 joining as well.

23 I have been looking forward to this workshop.
24 And I want to thank Heather and your team, you and your
25 team for organizing it as usual, you know, a great job and

1 just -- we have a good couple sessions in the morning and
2 afternoon here in store. So really looking forward to
3 that.

4 In the morning we're going to talk about kind of
5 what's happening. Some of the, you know, industries that
6 we have, the important industrial sectors in California
7 that we have today and what sort of kind of support they
8 have, what they're doing already, what kind of support
9 they have in terms of programs. We will look across to,
10 well, in the second panel this morning, going to talk to
11 some of those about the policies and programs that might
12 help industries.

13 And then in the afternoon -- oh, I'm sorry. The
14 second panel this morning, looking across the nation and
15 kind of setting the stage for what's happening in other
16 places and helping to build bridges between other
17 jurisdictions in California, the U.S. DOE, the federal
18 perspective, and also at NYSERDA.

19 And then in the afternoon we'll look at sort of
20 what's needed, so talking directly to some of the key
21 industry sectors in California and talking to some of the
22 leaders in those efforts.

23 So industry is a key part of our economy,
24 obviously, and it's responsible for around a quarter, a
25 little more than a quarter of our emissions in the state.

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1 And it, honestly, is a place where the State I think has
2 some catch-up work to do. And we know a lot about our
3 buildings. We've been working hard on transportation;
4 there are a number of initiatives there. You know
5 obviously buildings are a quarter of our emissions,
6 transportation -- transportation is more than 40 percent
7 of our emissions. And, you know, the industrial sector is
8 -- I think it's been a little bit difficult for policy,
9 for State policy to engage with the industrial sector and
10 there are a number of reasons for that.

11 It's -- you know, our industries, each industry
12 has its own dynamic. Each industrial sector has, you
13 know, a relatively few number of large loads and so the
14 context varies really industry to industry, you know,
15 company to company and process to process. And I think as
16 sort of a one-size-fits-all approach that the State might
17 typically do doesn't work so well in the industrial
18 sector. And so we need to be creative in how we engage
19 with the industrial sector, to help partner to reduce
20 emissions and maintain and increase competitiveness,
21 because, after all, industrial activity is a core driver
22 of California's economy.

23 So we've managed to do some creative and
24 interesting things in the industrial sector -- I mean, I'm
25 sorry, in the agricultural sector with the FPIP program

1 and initiatives that really have begin to build those
2 kinds of partnerships between the State and the sort of
3 private-sector economic drivers of California. And we
4 need to replicate that in some way in the industrial
5 sector. And that's part of what we want to talk about
6 today, is to begin that conversation or deepen that
7 conversation.

8 And it's really an opportune moment for this
9 because with the May revise, it looks like it's highly
10 likely we'll have the opportunity to channel some
11 resources into this sector. So that is very, very
12 positive, and I think we're lucky to be at this moment to
13 have this conversation and really have some muscle behind
14 it and, in earnest, really focus on the policies that we
15 need in the various industrial sectors across the state to
16 move the needle on decarbonization. And that in part
17 could mean electrification, but it also means
18 decarbonization of thermal loads and there are a number of
19 possibilities for that.

20 So, again, you know I think today will begin
21 that conversation. We're going to start to build a
22 record. We're going to take this through the IEPR cycle
23 and really go from there. And then when we are in a
24 position, which we are very likely to be in by the end of
25 the year or so, to develop a program to implement some of

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1 these policy directions that we'll begin to talk about
2 today, I'm sure we'll reconvene and we'll build on the
3 work today to get the specifics right.

4 So that's the hope for today, and I want to
5 again thank Heather and the team and also the EPIC team
6 for all they're doing on industrial decarbonization. We
7 already have some efforts going on that are very valuable
8 and hopefully those will be expanded again with some of
9 the resources that hopefully will be coming our way. So
10 with that I think I will wrap up my comments and see if
11 Commissioner Monahan would like to make some comments.

12 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Thanks, Commissioner
13 McAllister. You basically said everything I was thinking
14 and more. I will just -- you know, your comment that we
15 have to play catch-up I think is correct. You know,
16 historically I think we thought transport was the sector
17 that was behind and really needed focus and now there is a
18 big focus, the Governor has announced a policy that we're
19 basically zero out emissions from all transportation over
20 the next 15 to 25 years. And now we have these harder --
21 now the hard-to-electrify -- the hard-to-decarbonize or
22 reach-carbon-neutrality sectors are shifting. And I think
23 industrial is definitely an area that we -- buildings and
24 industrial are two areas that we really need to focus on.

25 Yesterday I met with some energy leaders in

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1 Germany, socially distanced in my backyard, and it was
2 very fascinating to hear them talk about the industrial
3 sector and how they're thinking about decarbonization.
4 But basic there has been a big partnership. And industry,
5 once the EU announced their carbon neutrality goals, there
6 has been a big focus of companies about how to reach
7 carbon neutrality. And I think that's a conversation that
8 we need to happen, we need to deepen here in California.
9 It's really working in collaboration with industries to
10 figure out a pathway for reaching a carbon-neutral economy
11 and reducing -- significantly cutting emissions from the
12 industrial sector. So really looking forward to today's
13 series of workshops.

14 I should be here for most of them. There are a
15 few things that I need to step out for, but mostly I'll be
16 here.

17 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Very well. Thank you
18 very much for joining us, Commissioner Monahan.

19 I will follow up, you know you made a good
20 observation about Germany and how they do things. And it
21 brings up some issues that typically we don't talk about
22 at the Energy Commission because we're so focused on
23 energy and programs, but you know we are the State's
24 energy policy and planning Agency, so it's appropriate in
25 this case, I think, to bring -- to frame this discussion

1 today as a matter of industrial policy. You know that's a
2 term that really doesn't crop up very much these days. It
3 sort of sounds a little bit throwback, but that's really
4 what we're talking about, is an industrial policy, the
5 part of the political economy of California. And Germany
6 has historically had a very -- kind of a tripartite
7 between labor, industry, and government. And they have
8 been kind of very -- very consist in that. They tend to
9 be able to talk together and find forums to talk together
10 in a way that gets deals done.

11 And I think the U.S. economy generally is a
12 little bit more fractured than that. And it makes it a
13 little bit of difficult to engage in this kind of -- that
14 kind of a conversation, where you really kind of just have
15 the right people at the table and you're able to sort of
16 forge ahead and kind of make a deal in that way, right?
17 and so I think we -- I think that is actually possible in
18 California, if we -- if we have this conversation sort of
19 in the right way and we involve the right players and
20 begin to show success. I mean I think that's the key,
21 right, is we've got to have a program, decide what we're
22 trying to accomplish, resource it properly and show
23 success, build that trust, and then move on from there.
24 And I think we've done that in other sectors and, you
25 know, it's actually possible.

1 But industrial, I have a lot of experience
2 actually in industrial energy optimization. That was a
3 chunk of my career in the day. And processes really need
4 -- the details matter. You know, industrial processes are
5 -- they tend to be fairly contextually specifically and
6 it's all about production. You have to understand that --
7 the getting production, you know, optimized and
8 maintained, and not having shut down for long periods and
9 keep all your lines of production in whatever your
10 industry might be open is paramount. And so that's the
11 economic imperative they face, and we need to kind of meet
12 each sector, each particular industry where they are.

13 So a little bit of a tall order, but I think
14 it's doable and certainly if we start the conversation and
15 resource it keep at it, I absolutely think we can make a
16 lot of progress here on decarbonization.

17 So, anyway, sort for the soliloquy, but you
18 brought up a great -- a great topic in terms of comparing
19 to some of the Europeans because we can learn from them.

20 So that I will pass it off to Heather to get us
21 started with the first panel.

22 MS. RAITT: Great. Thank you, Commissioner.

23 So I'd like to introduce our first panel which
24 is: Setting the Stage for Industrial Decarbonization in
25 California and the moderator is Kevin Uy. Kevin is a

1 supervisor for the Food Production Investment Program in
2 the Energy Commission's Research and Development Division.

3 So, thank you, Kevin for being here, and I will
4 turn it over to you.

5 MR. UY: All right. Can you see me and hear me
6 okay?

7 MS. RAITT: I can hear you and see you. Thank
8 you.

9 MR. UY: All right. Thank you so much.

10 So welcome, everybody, to today's first panel.
11 The purpose of this panel is to provide some background
12 and context on the industrial sector. The industrial
13 sector is the second-largest contributor to greenhouse gas
14 emissions in California, behind the transportation sector.
15 And in this session, panelists are going to provide some
16 additional background on the industrial sector and how
17 state and federal agencies are helping to decarbonize.

18 As a reminder, if you have questions during the
19 session, please enter them into the Zoom Q&A box. And
20 we'll respond to as many as we can at the end of the
21 session.

22 So with that, we'll jump right into it. First
23 up we have Mark Sippola. Mark is the Manager for
24 Allowance Allocation for the Cap-and-Trade Program at the
25 California Air Resources Board.

1 If we could go to the next slide, Mark, you can
2 go ahead and start your presentation when ready.

3 MR. SIPPOLA: Thanks so much, Kevin.

4 Good morning, everybody. And thanks to the
5 Energy Commission staff for including me on the panel.
6 It's really nice to be with you all here today. Next
7 slide, please.

8 So the California Air Resources Board is the
9 lead agency that sets the State's emission standards for a
10 range of statewide pollution sources, including vehicles,
11 fuels, and consumer products. CARB also coordinates
12 across agencies to lead California's efforts to reduce
13 climate-change emissions. 8032 requires CARB to adopt a
14 scoping plan every five years that charts our path to
15 meeting future emission reduction targets.

16 This slide is showing key elements of the
17 comprehensive strategy about that in 2017 to meet our 2030
18 emissions target. The State takes a portfolio approach.
19 We don't rely on just one program. This portfolio
20 approach includes policies to increase building
21 efficiency, renewable power, renewable fuels, zero-
22 emission vehicles, cleaner freight options, and to protect
23 our natural and working lands.

24 In June, CARB formally kicked off the process of
25 updating the scoping plan for 2022. This plan will assess

1 paths for achieving statewide carbon neutrality, including
2 scenarios for carbon neutrality by 2035 and by 2045. The
3 scoping plan public process is where we'll be assessing
4 progress in any sector of the economy, including the
5 industrial sector; and considering approaches to ensure
6 that emissions from all sectors are on course to support
7 carbon neutrality by 2045. Next slide, please.

8 Focusing in on industrial sector measures, CARB
9 has longstanding regulatory relationships with a wide
10 variety of industrial facilities in California. Over the
11 past 15 years, CARB has adopted and implemented a suite of
12 measures that worked to reduce industrial sector GHG
13 emissions and the major measures are listed here. The
14 Cap-and-Trade program places a steadily increasing carbon
15 price throughout the economy, including on industrial
16 facilities. It includes provisions to minimize industrial
17 leakage. The Cap-and-Trade Program auction proceeds are
18 invested to further reduce GHGs. For example, the Food
19 Processor Investment Program administered by CEC is
20 providing over a hundred million dollars in auction
21 proceeds to industrial food processors to encourage
22 decarbonization.

23 The Low Carbon Fuel Standard incentivizes
24 efficiency in producing transportation fuels. The oil and
25 gas regulation reduces methane emissions from the

1 production, processing, transport, and storage of oil and
2 gas. The regulation for energy efficiency and co-benefits
3 assessment of large industrial facilities requires the
4 largest industrial facilities to conduct energy
5 assessments and implement certain efficiency improvements.

6 It's also important to recognize the State's
7 long history of adjusting local air pollutants from
8 industrial sources. California's air quality programs are
9 responsible for significant public health improvements
10 through statewide and regional air quality planning
11 requirements, advancements of technology-based solutions,
12 and risk-reduction efforts near industrial facilities.
13 Next slide.

14 This slide shows the statewide GHG emissions by
15 sector from 2020 through -- excuse me -- from 2000 through
16 2018. We have been below the 2020 target of 431 metric
17 tons since 2016. Last week, CARB released data for 2019
18 and that shows even further reductions below the 2020
19 target. Oh, we also know that much more will need to be -
20 - will be needed to reach our ambitious 2030 target.

21 In blue, at the bottom, transportation continues
22 to be highest-emitting sector, about 40 percent of total
23 emissions. Industrial emissions are the green portion in
24 the middle. Annual industry emissions are about 90
25 million metric tons, 21 percent of the statewide total.

1 They have been relatively constant over the past decade.

2 Next slide, please.

3 This is a closer look at onsite GHG emissions
4 during 2013 through 2019. From bottom to top, each bar
5 shows emissions from: Refining; oil and gas production;
6 cement plants; industrial use of steam from cogeneration;
7 and the gray portions at the top are emissions from
8 remaining industrial sectors, like glass, metal, and paper
9 manufacturers, mining operations, and food processing
10 facilities like: Food and vegetable canners, milk and
11 cheese producers, and breweries.

12 Direct emissions from within each of these
13 sectors mostly remains steady from year to year.

14 So these emissions are associated with making
15 products that we rely on. As a society, we will continue
16 to rely on industrial products, so we will need to produce
17 and use these goods as efficiently as possible. Many have
18 noted that certain industrial emissions can be especially
19 challenging to abate due to cost and availability of
20 technology. This is the case throughout the world and not
21 just California.

22 So recognizing the challenge that this sector
23 presents for carbon neutrality, CARB held public workshops
24 in 2019 and 2020 to discuss what with a variety of
25 stakeholders the role of the industrial sector in meeting

1 our mid-century targets. These workshops have forwarded a
2 broad range of tools for decarbonizing industries that are
3 currently being deployed around the world. We were
4 pleased to have Eric Stokes from the Energy Commission to
5 serve as a panelists at one of these workshops to discuss
6 the State's technology support. And recording and ships
7 materials are available on the CARB webpage from those
8 workshops.

9 I'm pleased to continue those discussions at
10 today's workshop. And I expect all of this will be
11 feeding into our scoping plan process, in addition to the
12 IEPR process moving forward. Next slide, please.

13 So also relevant to today's workshop, CARB
14 contracted with E3 to model pathways for how the State
15 could reach carbon neutrality by 2045. This preliminary
16 modeling assessed emissions from buildings, transport,
17 industry, and non combustion sources. It looked at
18 various scenarios with different levels of
19 electrification, low carbon fuels, and carbon capture and
20 sequestration, among other technologies. Across all
21 scenarios evaluated by E3, the initial modeling tells us
22 that industrial sources must significantly increase use of
23 low carbon fuels including electricity, biofuels, and
24 green hydrogen.

25 So this is informing our thinking for longterm

1 industrial transformation. In the scoping plan,
2 California will be assessing approaches to promote
3 adoption of alternative fuels in the ideal sector through
4 adjustments to existing programs and through new measures.

5 We also know we won't be able to eliminate all
6 emissions through new technologies. Carbon neutrality
7 will mean increasing carbon sinks, and that means
8 assessing the role of carbon capture and sequestration at
9 industrial facilities. Our scoping plan will also discuss
10 the role for CCS to meet carbon neutrality in California,
11 and the measures that might support that. For those
12 interested, on August 17th CARB will hold a workshop
13 focused exclusively on new scoping plan modeling that will
14 build on this initial modeling. Next slide, please.

15 So, again, the scoping plan needs to be updated
16 every five years, so the next version needs to be adopted
17 by the end of 2022. This slide depicts time lines and
18 major milestones for that process. Legislatively-mandated
19 reports on electricity, transportation, and workforce
20 development have been completed, and these serve as
21 building blocks that will inform charting the path to
22 carbon neutrality. Members of the Environmental Justice
23 Advisory Committee have been identified and they will
24 convene and provide input regularly. Public workshops
25 covering specific topics and sectors have already begun.

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1 Just yesterday there was a technical workshop on
2 engineered carbon removal. Workshops will continue
3 through next year. I anticipate multiple workshops
4 related to the industrial sector, so there will be many
5 opportunities to engage.

6 We will release a draft scoping plan in spring
7 2022 and a final version in the fall of 2022. We
8 anticipate our board adopting the final plan by the end of
9 2022.

10 Some of the context and process. Significant
11 direction exists in statute for the scoping plan, for
12 emission targets, and for climate programs. There are
13 also executive orders and directives issued by the
14 Governor to CARB. We must be consistent with these, and
15 partnerships across agencies will be crucial for
16 consistency.

17 When considering the role of the industrial
18 sector, labor groups must be part of the conversation.
19 The transition to a clean economy can't come at the cost
20 of well-paying jobs.

21 So we really need a thorough public process with
22 input from the private sector, frontline communities,
23 labor, industrial, academics, legal governments and state
24 agencies for a robust and balanced pathway to carbon
25 neutrality. Next slide.

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1 This is just giving some links to CARB's scoping
2 plan and neutrality pages. Again, we're looking for broad
3 participation and partnerships for success. So I'm
4 encourage you to engage on the scope plan process for the
5 rest of this year and through 2020 [sic]. Thank you very
6 much for your time. I'm looking forward to the discussion
7 with the other panelists.

8 Kevin.

9 MR. UY: Excellent. Thank you so much for that
10 presentation, Mark.

11 As a reminder, if you've got questions please
12 enter them into the Q&A box.

13 So next up we have Elizabeth Dutrow. Elizabeth
14 is the team leader for the ENERGY STAR industrial
15 partnerships at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
16 If we could please pull up Elizabeth's slides? There they
17 are.

18 So, Elizabeth, please go ahead when ready.

19 MS. DUTROW: Thank you.

20 I'm pleased to talk with all of you today. I am
21 going to report on an evaluation that we did for the
22 potential of carbon dioxide emissions from U.S.
23 manufacturing by the year 2050. And I will make the point
24 that you should be aware that carbon dioxide is often a
25 process byproduct of several heavy industries as well; and

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1 we did not include this in our study except for the
2 process cement -- from cement manufacturing. Next slide,
3 please.

4 So who we are. We are part of the ENERGY STAR
5 program. Team Ion manages -- is a team that works
6 directly with the industrial sector in the U.S. We
7 promote energy efficiency and decarbonization strategies
8 to more than 32 industries and more than 800 corporations.
9 We provide tools that help them make decisions about
10 benchmarking the efficiency of their plants, energy guides
11 which identify opportunities for promoting energy
12 efficiency. We work directly with unique sectors. And we
13 certify plants that perform with the top quartile
14 nationally. Finally, we have a network of -- nationally
15 of energy managers who help to inform the strategies that
16 the program has. Next slide, please.

17 I'd like to acknowledge my co-authors. It would
18 not be possible without the work from Gale Boyd, who is an
19 associate research professor at Duke University and Ernst
20 Worrell, also a professor in the Copernicus Institute at
21 Utrecht University, along with Josh Smith of ICF. Next,
22 please. Advance, please.

23 So why are we considering the industrial sector?
24 You've already pointed to them, we've already had
25 discussions about this, but the industrial sector in the

1 U.S. is responsible for about 29 percent of the emissions,
2 when you look at electrical consumption and related
3 greenhouse gas emissions and apportion them to the major
4 sectors of the economy. Industry is comprised of:
5 Manufacturing, agricultural, mining, and construction.
6 And when you look at manufacturing specifically, 77
7 percent of the greenhouse gas emissions come from that
8 part of industrial. Of these, 85 percent are carbon
9 dioxide. Next slide, please.

10 Now why this evaluation? There were many
11 studies that we looked at and they looked at specific
12 technologies. Other looked at specific sectors.
13 Industrial is diverse. So we didn't see anything that
14 looked across the entire industrial sector and examined it
15 for its potential. So the question we looked at in this
16 evaluation is what is the full impact when we consider
17 opportunities for increased energy efficiency,
18 electrification, renewables, and grid balancing. We
19 really wanted to understand how much decarbonization is
20 feasible. Advance, please.

21 So the scope of the evaluation was very basic
22 and simple. We looked at the North American Industrial
23 Classification Code system for manufacturing sectors.
24 That's from 31 through 33. That covers everything from
25 sewing of clothing to production of brooms. And what's in

1 between all of that are these energy-intensive industries
2 that many of us are paying attention to, such as cement
3 and steel and refining. All of them are encompassed.

4 We look at the opportunities for energy-related
5 emission reductions. And we looked at four main pillars
6 that could contribute to substantial decarbonization by
7 the year 2050. These include energy efficiency,
8 electrification, renewables, and grid balancing. And of
9 course there was additional consideration given, as we got
10 into this, to technologies such as: Hydrogen; carbon
11 capture and storage or use; CHP was interesting; and also
12 something known as the circular economy or, as we'll call
13 it later, material efficiency. We had to start somewhere,
14 and the best information we have for looking at the
15 industrial sector nationally comes through Department of
16 Energy's Energy Information Administration, so we used the
17 Annual Energy Outlook that they issue each year. And it
18 has good estimates through modeling of where we believe
19 the industrial sector starts, in 2018, our baseline, and
20 grows through 2050. Advance, please.

21 So the sectors that we looked at include iron
22 and steel, cement, chemicals, pulp and paper, petroleum
23 refining, aluminum and glass -- even though these are
24 smaller, and then something we can call "light" industry
25 because it is everything else in industry. Advance,

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1 please.

2 I'm going to show you just two industries. We
3 didn't want to go in today to everything about industry,
4 but just taking a look at paper, for example. To come up
5 with a zero-carbon paper industry there are large
6 technical potentials still remaining in industrial energy
7 efficiency. We believe there is a great opportunity
8 there. Material efficiency also will create an
9 opportunity in this industry if we move from plastics, an
10 extensive investment in plastic. Still important, but we
11 become material efficient, paper may pick up some of the
12 slack. There will be increased recycling in our view of
13 the future for papers.

14 Renewable energy is also an opportunity. This
15 is an industry based on a renewable resource. There is
16 great opportunity there. There are new process designs
17 under examination. Water-free papermaking is one
18 opportunity.

19 And then electrification will present a good
20 opportunity for paper, the paper industry as well. One
21 example of a technology is microwave-drawing technologies.
22 Electrification will also be important for currently --
23 current fuel processes as well, and I think there are
24 opportunities there. Advance, please.

25 We look at the cement industry. We believe that

1 there are opportunities still remaining in efficiency, but
2 those improvements that have been made need to be made
3 sustained. We can't lose any ground on that.

4 On material efficiency, there are great
5 opportunities for blended products, which we reduce the
6 amount of carbon dioxide from the process, because we
7 don't need as much clinker if we can blend more materials
8 in, on order of what we see in Europe. We can improve
9 design and concrete recycling and other types of process
10 in the concreting end of things.

11 For renewables, there is the opportunity for
12 alternative fuels. Carbon capture and storage is under
13 study. And of course new processes and raw materials are
14 also being examined as the industry moves forward.
15 Advance, please.

16 So if you look across all these sectors, what
17 did we come up with? Across the top of this table you can
18 see the main sectors of bulk chemicals, lime, and so forth
19 across. And down the side you can see the main
20 opportunities from the pillars of energy efficiency,
21 material efficiency, some of those specific technologies.

22 The greatest opportunity is still energy
23 efficiency. It remains a large opportunity for everyone.
24 Material efficiency is also very important as we learn to
25 make things that are made differently but still viable and

1 useful for us.

2 The opportunities of carbon capture and storage
3 and hydrogen, when we did this evaluate, they're there,
4 but we now have the Earth shots that the Administration
5 has announced. And those hopefully will change the
6 trajectory for all of these opportunities of hydrogen and
7 carbon capture and make things affordable and more
8 prevalent and useful, in which case many of these
9 industries will have more opportunity to make use of them.

10 Electrification is important and we believe
11 there are opportunities now that can come across for
12 industry and longterm there will be some others. Next
13 slide, please.

14 So the number is 86 percent. That's our
15 estimate of how much industry in the U.S. can reduce CO2
16 emissions by the year 2050 on a feasible basis. Next.

17 The reduction potential is seen in this slide.
18 We started with the 2018 base year, AEO shows the growth
19 in industry to a little over 1200 million metric tons of
20 carbon dioxide. Our estimate is we can reduce through
21 direct industry action down to 649 and additionally down
22 to 184 when the grid greens and provides the benefits that
23 come from that electrification. Next slide, please.

24 The important thing to note about this is you
25 will see the same bars on this slide, the black and the

1 grays. Look at the second bar, by 2050, there is a blue
2 chunk above it. That is an estimate of current energy
3 efficiency programs and policies that are in place right
4 now in this country, and those must continue. They are
5 built in to what the AEO looks like. And if we stop those
6 activities, we will grow industry emissions to over 1600,
7 close to 1700 units of emissions. So those efficiency
8 activities still continue, and that's why we have placed
9 those on the direct industry action bar. There is an
10 additional chunk of energy efficiency still yet to be had.
11 We believe that material efficiency and the light around
12 175, for those of the -- you can see the peach. And
13 carbon capture and storage and hydrogen can also provide
14 opportunities.

15 The final bar, what's interesting here is we see
16 electrification's potential beyond just when the grid
17 greens. Of course anything that's used electrically by
18 industry will be greener, but there is a great opportunity
19 for industry to do more in forms of electrification. Next
20 slide, please.

21 So I'd like to just give a little insight here.
22 Energy efficiency, great opportunity, needs to continue.
23 It's going to buy down the price of capital investments in
24 other things that will come. It's low cost relative to
25 other opportunities and it's prevalent across all of

1 industry. Next slide, please.

2 And material efficiency is going to be very
3 important. We need to incentivize consumer demand.
4 Electrification is very important. And, finally, the last
5 comment I'll make, is we need to make sure that we have
6 all opportunities available and we need to move things
7 now. Thank you for your time.

8 MR. UY: Thank you so much for your
9 presentation, Elizabeth. That was great.

10 So next up we have Melissa Jones. Melissa is a
11 Senior Energy Policy Specialist in the CEC's Energy
12 Assessments Division. If we could please pull up
13 Melissa's presentation?

14 All right, Melissa, I will let you take it away
15 whenever you're ready.

16 MS. JONES: Great. Good morning. I am Melissa
17 Jones and I am a Principal for the Energy Commission on
18 electricity and natural gas issues. I am going to provide
19 some context for industrial gas use in California, which,
20 as you've heard, presents some challenges for
21 decarbonization. Next slide, please.

22 So gas demand in California. Residential and
23 small commercial, there is major gas use for space and
24 water heating. In the commercial sector, we have
25 restaurants, educational facilities, commercial laundries,

1 healthcare, food processing that all use gas.

2 For the industrial sector, natural gas is used
3 as a fuel for process heat and feedstocks. We in
4 California also use quite a bit of natural gas for
5 electric generation; to help with system reliability; and,
6 more recently, to help integrate renewable resources on
7 the electrical grid.

8 And then, finally, we have transportation fuels
9 that consume a large amount of natural gas in the state.
10 And that includes oil refineries as well as CNG and RNG
11 fueling stations.

12 And we use the utilities gas system to deliver
13 gas to all these different customers. They have an
14 extensive gas infrastructure in the state.

15 Just some context here, the gas world classifies
16 customers as core and noncore. Industrial customers are
17 noncore customers. They are longer users of gas who
18 purchase their gas supplies from marketers and other gas
19 suppliers and then they use the gas utilities
20 transportation services to deliver their supplies to their
21 facilities.

22 In Northern California, industrial customers
23 also have the ability to buy storages services to balance
24 their supplies and to hedge against prices. In Southern
25 California, storage services for noncore customers have

1 been suspended with limitations on storage volume at Aliso
2 Canyon. Next slide, please.

3 So this shows gas demand in California from 2001
4 to 2020. As you can see, demand for residential,
5 commercial, and industrial has been relatively flat, while
6 electric generation demand varies substantially on an
7 annual basis. There is some variation in residential and
8 commercial demand, mainly due to weather and also due to
9 economic conditions. The electric generation is the one
10 that varies the most and it is most variable based on
11 weather conditions, that's both hot and cold conditions,
12 and it's also sensitive to hydro availability. It is the
13 swing fuel when there are droughts and hydro availability
14 is limited.

15 Overall gas generation, as you can see from
16 this, has been declining as we have been brought on
17 increasing amounts of solar and wind. This has had a
18 fairly dramatic impact on natural gas and then for
19 electric generation in recent years. Electric generation
20 of gas is going to be needed, at least in the nearterm, as
21 we continue to integrate more and more renewables onto the
22 system and we deal with these large increasing ramps on
23 the electric system. Okay, next slide, please.

24 So in terms of percentages of total consumption,
25 the residential and commercial, industrial, and electric

1 generation are split about 33 percent each. So it varies
2 somewhat and has been declining, as I mentioned, for
3 electric generation from about 36, 37 percent back in
4 2000, to about 30 percent in 2020. And the green, -- so
5 that's the yellow on the top.

6 The green in the middle is industrial
7 consumption. And, as electric generation demand has
8 declined some, industrial has become a little bit larger
9 share of gas use in the state, increasing from about 32
10 percent in 2000 to about 35 percent in 2020. And
11 industrial demand has been relatively flat, so you can see
12 that. Industry -- I mean commercial and residential has
13 also remained flat, although there has been some decline.
14 And it's roughly the same percentage, 20, 21, 22 percent.
15 And most of the savings that have been achieved there have
16 been from energy efficiency inputs. Next slide, please.

17 So this slide shows a breakdown of industrial
18 demand by the North American Industry Classification
19 System, or NAICS. The orange band -- oh, let's -- no,
20 start with the blue band at the top, is the NAICS code for
21 logging, wood, paper or pulp, paperboard, printing,
22 petroleum chemicals, plastics and rubber, and nonmetallic
23 metal. And I would -- okay. So I was looking at a
24 message there.

25 If you look at blue, at the blue you can see

1 that it has increased some over time. And up until about
2 2018, it started to decline. There was a decline
3 especially last year associated with Covid. The blue band
4 is -- the blue hatchmarks are for nonmetallic minerals,
5 and this is primarily for oil and gas, tertiary oil
6 recovery in the Kern County area. The black is primary
7 and fabricated metal, machinery, computer electronics and
8 semiconductors, electrical and transportation equipment,
9 furniture and miscellaneous manufacturing which in
10 California includes pharmaceuticals manufacturing. The
11 red is construction materials.

12 And this is a forecast of gas demand from --
13 let's see. So we are basing this off 2019. The IEPR
14 forecast, which is our most recent forecast, right now in
15 our process we are still developing our 2021 IEPR released
16 later this year and will be subject to workshops in this
17 IEPR process.

18 For the residential and commercial sectors, we
19 do see some decline, but it's still relatively flat. At
20 this point, forecasts for the -- the Energy Commission's
21 forecasts as well as for the gas utilities, hasn't really
22 incorporated building electrification. We will be trying
23 to build in some of the changes in demand in this year's
24 forecast. I should note that the gas utilities both
25 forecast similar energy demand declines at about one

1 percent per year.

2 And, let's see, electric generation, as I said,
3 is expected to decline. And transportation and
4 communications and utilities are expected to grow some,
5 but it's still a fairly small portion of natural gas in
6 the state.

7 So that's my overview. Thank you very much for
8 listening, and we'll move on to the next presentation.

9 MR. UY: Great. Thank you so much, Melissa.
10 That was great.

11 So next up we have Heriberto Rosales, or Eddie.
12 Eddie is an Energy Specialist II in the CEC's Existing
13 Building Office in the Efficiency Division.

14 So, Eddie, whenever you're ready, please go
15 ahead.

16 MR. ROSALES: Thank you, Kevin.

17 Good morning, Commissioner McAllister,
18 Commissioner Monahan. Good morning, attendees. I will be
19 providing an overview of the state's industrial sector
20 energy profile relative to Senate Bill 350, Energy
21 Efficiency Savings Doubling Goals, and its relationship to
22 the state conversation.

23 So SB 350 requires the CEC to set annual targets
24 to achieve a statewide cumulative doubling of energy
25 efficiency savings in electricity and natural gas end uses

1 by January 1st, 2030. So data in this presentation is
2 taken from the CEC's SB 350 Doubling Energy Efficiency
3 Savings Report and the 2019 California Energy Efficiency
4 Action Plan, and other sources identified here. The data
5 will show a significant energy savings potential on the
6 industrial sector. Next slide, please.

7 California's industrial energy sector usage
8 accounts for about 20 percent of the state's total energy
9 usage, with natural gas as the dominant fuel. About 70
10 percent of energy consumed by the sector is in the form of
11 natural gas. Industry is the second-largest natural gas
12 consuming sector in the state. Petroleum refining,
13 cement, glass, and the gas-consuming sector in the state -
14 - I'm sorry. The petroleum refining, cement, glass, and
15 chemical industrial subsectors are high fossil fuel users.
16 The industrial sector emits 21 percent of statewide GHGs
17 and is second behind the transportation sector. So
18 reducing the energy consumption in the industrial sector
19 will help the State meet its SB 350 energy efficiency
20 objectives to reduce GHG emissions. The data show that
21 the industrial sector has untapped energy savings
22 potential. Next slide, please.

23 This chart from the 2019 California Energy
24 Efficiency Action Plan shows a forecasted 20-percent gap
25 between all combined energy efficiency efforts, and the SB

1 350 2030 doubling goals. The industrial sector is the
2 second sector wedge here on the top, shown here in
3 magenta. It's circled with the arrow on the graph.

4 Though the industrial sector is a large user of
5 energy, it's 2030 projected savings are small relative to
6 residential and commercial expected savings. Next slide,
7 please.

8 We cover some industrial sector energy
9 efficiency barriers on this slide. So one barrier of the
10 industry subsectors, as Commissioner McAllister had
11 commented in opening remarks, are very diverse. They
12 range from oil and gas to cement processing, assembly
13 plants, water and wastewater treatment plants, and food
14 processing. Unlike the building sector, each subsector
15 uses energy in totally different ways.

16 Another barrier is the industry processing are
17 equally diverse, so developing a one-size-fits-all
18 solution is not practical. This makes identifying and
19 implementing energy efficiency measures in individual
20 subsectors really cumbersome and expensive.

21 A third one is energy upgrades often necessitate
22 shutting down industrial processes, thereby disrupting
23 goods production. So narrow time windows for installing
24 upgrades means that energy efficiency efforts must be well
25 planned ahead of time. Production delays and financial

1 losses associated with shutting down industrial processing
2 inhibit taking on energy efficiency projects.

3 Yet another barrier, according to the Department
4 of Energy Report "Barriers to Industrial Energy
5 Efficiency," industrial businesses compete internally for
6 capital. Financial officers often don't see the value in
7 energy efficiency. Without an external energy efficiency
8 focus of financial support, efficiency upgrades are often
9 overlooked.

10 State and federal energy codes are also
11 barriers, and they don't exist for the industrial sector.
12 In addition, the industrial sector doesn't participate in
13 traditional ratepayer-funded energy efficiency models. As
14 a result, in California industrial energy savings are
15 listed as nonutility programs.

16 And the last barrier listed here on the slide is
17 lack of information. So the DOE "Barriers to Industrial
18 Energy Efficiency Report" also notes that some
19 manufacturing plants lack information on the benefits of
20 modern energy management systems. These plants fail to
21 capture the value of cost-effective energy savings that
22 can be achieved by these systems. Next slide, please.

23 I will cover some energy efficiency opportunitites
24 and strategies on this slide. Industrial energy
25 efficiency cohorts facilitate exchange of energy

1 efficiency best practices and lessons learned among energy
2 managers from similar industries. One example is the
3 Marine Clean Energy. It's currently sponsoring a small
4 industrial cohort that shares in reduced energy management
5 practices and systems. Another opportunity is the
6 Strategic Energy Management programs which are designed to
7 support industrial companies by focusing on several high-
8 level objectives. For example, implementing energy
9 efficiency projects and saving energy primarily from
10 savings in operations and maintenance, establishing the
11 energy management system, or business practices, to help
12 facilitate and manage -- helping to facilitate and
13 management and continuously improve energy performance.
14 Normalizing and quantifying and reporting facility-wide
15 energy performance is also included in SEMs.

16 Another opportunity is research, development,
17 and better technology demonstrations, to strategically
18 identify, evaluate, and demonstrate innovative strategy
19 that reduce energy usage, encourage fuel switching when
20 possible, and reduce GHG emissions in the industrial
21 sector.

22 And last here, the utility and state financing
23 model will help spur and encourage industrial actors
24 through active grant or loans to target energy efficiency
25 upgrades. Next slide.

1 So we'd definitely like to hear from attendees
2 here today. Some key questions here: What key policies or
3 ideas or suggestions would support the industrial sector
4 in reducing energy consumption and GHG emissions. What
5 industrial subsectors lend themselves to short-term market
6 transformation. What best practices would you recommend,
7 for example, energy efficiency investments,
8 decarbonization strategies. Next slide.

9 This is my contact information and this will
10 conclude and wrap up my presentation. So thank you for
11 your time.

12 Kevin.

13 MR. UY: Thank you, Eddie.

14 Next up and lastly we have Virginia Lew.
15 Virginia is the Manager of the CEC's Energy Efficiency
16 Research Office in the Energy Research and Development
17 Division.

18 Virginia, please go ahead when you're ready.

19 MS. LEW: Hi. Good morning, everybody. My
20 presentation today will focus on some of the Energy
21 Commission's investments in clean energy innovation in the
22 industrial sector. Next slide, please.

23 Our programs invest in technologies and
24 strategies to catalyze change that will be needed to meet
25 our State energy policy goals. For the industrial sector,

1 our investments have focused on energy efficiency,
2 renewable energy, storage, and other areas. Our goal is
3 to bring breakthrough technologies from the lab to the
4 market through demonstrations and actual industries while
5 documenting technical and economic performance and other
6 benefits.

7 This slide shows the three programs that are
8 applicable to the industrial sector. The Electric Program
9 Investment Charge, or EPIC, focuses on electric --
10 electricity-related research to benefit electric
11 ratepayers.

12 Our Natural Gas Research and Development Program
13 emphasizes natural gas related research to benefit natural
14 gas ratepayers.

15 Commissioner McAllister mentioned the Food
16 Production Investment Program, or FPIP. This program
17 focuses on demonstrating advanced commercially-available
18 technologies that can reduce greenhouse gas emissions in
19 the food processing industry.

20 And each of these programs provide funding
21 through competitive solicitations that we have released
22 periodically. Next slide, please.

23 This slide highlights a few of our R and D
24 projects. Capturing waste heat was a key way to reduce
25 energy use. Some of our projects have demonstrated

1 innovative heat exchangers for capturing waste heat and
2 also waste cooling. Also we focused on the development of
3 plastic heat exchangers to reduce costs. And also
4 development of heat exchangers that can capture low
5 temperature waste heat.

6 Membrane technology has the potential to reduce
7 fossil fuel use. Natural gas fired evaporators are used
8 to make fruit, vegetable, and juice concentrates.
9 Membranes can be used to replace energy-intensive
10 evaporators. Membranes also have the potential of
11 recovering waste water from industrial processes for
12 onsite reuse.

13 We are also looking at different electrification
14 technologies, such as infrared heating to replace gas
15 heaters.

16 And, lastly, on the lower right here, many
17 industries do not know how energy is used in their
18 facility and how they compare with others. We had an
19 energy management project that focused on compressed air,
20 which is commonly used in all industries. This project
21 showed that by installing sensors to monitor compressed
22 air operation, we can identify anomalies and
23 inefficiencies, and we did this in over a hundred
24 industries in California. Monitoring energy use just in
25 this one area resulted in a 17-percent average decrease in

1 compressed air energy usage. This project led to the
2 creation of a new business, to offer energy monitoring of
3 compressed air and energy using systems as a service to
4 industry. Next slide, please.

5 In our food production program, we have funded
6 renewable microgrids that can provide food processors with
7 energy reliability, especially during critical processing
8 times in the summer. Solar thermal systems can provide
9 processed heat for food processing to reduce natural gas
10 use.

11 Installation of boiler improvements, heat
12 recovery systems, refrigeration systems, use of low- or
13 no-global-warming potential refrigerant and other energy
14 efficiency measures have also been able to reduce both
15 natural gas use, electricity use as well as greenhouse gas
16 emissions.

17 The FPIP program has funded 51 companies. And
18 there is the potential to reduce greenhouse gas emissions
19 by over 160,000 metric tons. Next, please.

20 We've also created a free networking platform
21 that enables subscribers to connect with potential project
22 partners, search for funding opportunities, view curated
23 resources and databases, as well as message others. The
24 entire innovation network is a great way to connect and
25 build strategic partnerships, and you can sign up on the

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1 link shown here.

2 This slide also shows other webpages to get more
3 information about our programs. In fact, there is an epic
4 workshop tomorrow focusing on our potential research
5 initiatives for the next four years. Check it out on the
6 CEC calendar link or by going to -- by going to
7 energy.ca.gov/EPIC4.

8 And that concludes my presentation. Thank you.

9 MR. UY: Thank you, Virginia.

10 So I believe now we'll transition to questions
11 from the dias from the Commissioners and discussion from
12 panelists for about 10 minutes and then we'll move onto
13 the Zoom Q&As and get through as many as we can.

14 And, you know, when you're doing your Zoom Q&A,
15 if you wouldn't mind saying who your question is addressed
16 to, that would be helpful. Otherwise we can likely infer
17 it from the question itself.

18 So if the panelists would like to turn their
19 cameras back on? Okay, I see we've got everybody.

20 So, Commissioner McAllister, would you like to
21 ask any questions of the panelists?

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I would. Thank you,
23 Kevin. I really appreciate that.

24 And thank you, all of you, for being with us,
25 you know, both our internal staff, who I know are always

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1 excellent -- so thank you, all -- but also Elizabeth and
2 Mark as well. I just really appreciate your being here.

3 I will say just by way of kind of context, in
4 this IEPR cycle, you know given the sort of hubs of
5 synergy now between the federal direction and energy
6 decarbonization in our state, we're doing everything --
7 we're really making a lot of effort to build bridges with
8 the federal agencies that we want to partner increasingly
9 with.

10 So, Elizabeth, I just want to thank you for
11 being here.

12 And we also have Bob Gemmer of the U.S. DOE
13 later. And then also partnering across with other states,
14 who are leading in these various areas, and so I just
15 wanted to thank in advance Patrick O'Shei for being here
16 from NYSERDA.

17 So what -- so you know there are a lot of things
18 about this discussion I think get my blood pumping because
19 I think there is so much potential. And, Elizabeth, your
20 presentation just pointed out how deep the decarbonization
21 possibilities are.

22 I wanted to ask each of you -- not all of you
23 have to comment on this, but in terms of something that
24 you really, Elizabeth, and I'll ask the same question in
25 the rest of the panels today probably, in terms of

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1 implementing new technologies, you know, whether they're
2 incremental or kind of truly new transformational, what
3 are your thoughts about the workforce piece of this? And
4 so the ability to actually conceive and implement, you
5 know, if I'm an industry and I'm a CFO or I'm, you know,
6 sort of a plant manager, what challenges do I face in
7 actually getting access to the kind of knowledge that I
8 would need to actually do a project that's successful and
9 saves energy in terms of just engineering resources that I
10 would need to identify and contract and get on my sight?

11 MS. DUTROW: So I'm not a workforce specialist,
12 but so many of these sectors have specific technologies.
13 So if you're talking cement, you're going to have a staff
14 that will have to implement something. And those
15 technologies may be very specific for a plant and require
16 the engineers of this -- they will learn it.

17 But there are a lot of things for light industry
18 that are general technologies as well. Efficiency is
19 something that we need education. We need a workforce
20 that's educated, and good management of these plants. A
21 lot of the industries know things. So as new technologies
22 come about, that's going to happen. If you're going to
23 put something on a steel mill, you're going to have staff
24 that will learn it, but for general technologies education
25 is important to help the workforce, so certainly that's

1 important.

2 We'll see what others might want to say about
3 that.

4 MR. SIPPOLA: If I might just chime in --

5 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Oh, go ahead.

6 MR. SIPPOLA: -- if I may. Excuse me. If I may
7 just chime in and point to I mentioned a couple of the
8 legislatively-mandated reports feeding into the CARB
9 scoping plan process, one of those is the AB 398 report
10 from the California Workforce Development Board, which,
11 you know, is substantial. I think it's well over 600
12 pages. So I think it came out last year, but really
13 talking about what's needed for a just transition. It's
14 really taking a broad scope, but looking at things like
15 workforce development strategies and workforce policy
16 levers to protect and really empower the current workforce
17 and future workforce to have the tools that they will need
18 for these types of technologies. So I would just raise
19 that as a potentially good source of information on this.

20 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks, Mark. I
21 appreciate that.

22 And, Virginia, I guess maybe I'll tweak the
23 question a little bit. You know you've been sponsoring
24 over the years some really interesting work on data of
25 monitoring and sort of data gathering and best practices

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1 there. Do you feel like there is enough knowledge to
2 really replicate that approach and go to scale relatively
3 quickly in terms of the kinds of services that industries
4 can avail themselves of out there in the world, or is it
5 still very specialized?

6 MS. LEW: I think there are some specialist.
7 But like our compressed air project where it's a common
8 type of system that's used in a lot of industrial
9 facilities, and in that project and you know we're trying
10 -- artificial intelligence combined with energy management
11 systems provide plant managers with information. And so I
12 think that's going to be a common thread too that plant
13 managers are going to be looking for ways on how they can
14 reduce energy.

15 Right now I think the industrial sector for the
16 most part many of them pretty much are kind of tight.
17 They don't share a lot of information. So even when we
18 did an audit of some cheese factory, they didn't know what
19 other cheese factories doing were in terms of energy use,
20 so there was no benchmarking. And so I think that the
21 opportunity to provide more energy management data is
22 going to enable plant managers to better understand
23 whether they are operating -- you know, using more energy
24 than their competitors or not.

25 And with that project we found out that once

1 people found out that they were using more energy than a
2 competitor, --

3 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

4 MS. LEW: -- then they wanted to do better. So
5 I think that whole process of, you know, knowledge is
6 power is going to help.

7 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: That's great. I
8 really like the cohort approach and hopefully we'll get to
9 hear something about that from our panelists later this
10 morning/in the afternoon.

11 Elizabeth, go ahead.

12 MS. DUTROW: Yes. And I will add, just as she
13 said, at the beginning of my slides I quickly said that we
14 have worked with industry to benchmark. That is a key
15 activity that needs to happen. We create tools ourselves
16 that allow just what she said. And when you enable
17 industry to see what its performance can be, because of a
18 curve that doesn't reveal information about individual
19 plants, the confidentiality things, create a forum to
20 actually enable progress. And we have seen that with
21 ENERGY STAR.

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah. Great. And I
23 will just thank you on behalf of all of us for ENERGY
24 STAR's Portfolio Manager which we use tremendously in the
25 state as a basis for some of our programs.

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1 MS. JONES: Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Is there any -- maybe
3 this is to you, Elizabeth, first and others as well. You
4 know in that study that you gave us the summary of and
5 other work, is there any particular conversation with
6 industry or industrial sectors that gets you particularly
7 excited about the potential for decarbonization?

8 MS. DUTROW: Well, for us the energy efficiency
9 side is still completely relevant. I mean it's very
10 relevant. I think some strategies are going to be harder
11 than others, but energy efficiency needs to continue. And
12 we need industry to really pick up everything it can. We
13 have work that we do with our partner companies. And we
14 had someone recently certify a plant, which means they
15 achieved top quartile performance for their industry, and
16 the answer that came back from one of the fellows who did
17 it said they said it couldn't be done. He was the first
18 in that industry to achieve it, so we know there are
19 opportunities out there.

20 I know that there are also companies that still
21 don't have corporate energy programs, which is very --

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Right.

23 MS. DUTROW: -- and that tells me that there is
24 still a lot of room where we can improve in that regard.

25 And the other area that I find interesting is

1 electrification. Two years ago when we started all of
2 these far -- far-reaching strategies, we brought up
3 electrification, and some in the chemical industry looked
4 at us and said, 'No, what?' And so we're now hearing
5 people talk more about it, so they're not so far flung
6 now. It's like this is now we need to be looking at what
7 we can do now.

8 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Great. Thank you very
9 much. I completely, completely agree with that.

10 We do have a few questions on Zoom, but I wanted
11 to -- so we'll get to those eventually, just heads up,
12 everyone.

13 But, Commissioner Monahan, did you want to ask
14 any questions?

15 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Yes, I do. This is a
16 fascinating panel. And I actually -- Elizabeth, I really
17 appreciated that loading order announcement and just the
18 emphasis on efficiency, efficiency, efficiency. It's like
19 we cannot say that enough.

20 And I was also struck with Mark's emission
21 inventory and how much of the sector from refining and
22 hydrogen production on -- and I'm assuming, Mark, that
23 it's mostly refining? Is that -- refining of petroleum,
24 that is the big user; is that correct?

25 MR. SIPPOLA: Relative to refining and hydrogen

1 being lumped together was your question?

2 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Um-hum.

3 MR. SIPPOLA: Yes, that's true. I don't have
4 the numbers right at the top of my head, but it's also
5 true that nearly all of the hydrogen production goes into
6 the refining process.

7 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Right.

8 MR. SIPPOLA: I'm guessing the hydrogen -- you
9 know, if that was around 30 million, I think the hydrogen
10 might be around eight or nine million metric tons --

11 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Oh, so pretty
12 significant.

13 MR. SIPPOLA: -- of that, so it's a pretty
14 substantial portion, yeah.

15 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Interesting. Well, I'm
16 wondering --

17 MR. SIPPOLA: But I want to go back and check
18 just to make sure.

19 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Well, Mark, this might be
20 a question for you but maybe for anyone on the panel, it
21 might be that we don't have the right expertise on this,
22 but, you know, the Low Carbon Fuel Standard, which is --
23 which is a standard that requires each gallon of fuel used
24 for transportation reduce its carbon intensity on a
25 lifecycle basis, and that includes actually the upstream,

1 so it's a way to sunlight some of the efficiency
2 possibilities. Do we have any information on how much the
3 Low Carbon Fuel Standard is driving efficiency in the
4 upstream? And I'm wondering if there are any lessons
5 learned for thinking about other sectors, right. This
6 benchmarking that we're talking about doesn't currently
7 exist. You know, the LCFS is the only policy I know of
8 that is looking at that upstream potential.

9 MR. SIPPOLA: Well, we do have the additional,
10 you know, industrial policies like the carbon pricing that
11 do affect those utilities also.

12 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Um-hum.

13 MR. SIPPOLA: And it can be a little challenging
14 to disaggregate exactly which programs might be driving,
15 you know, emission reduction specifically --

16 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: I think the LCFS because
17 it's so much higher on a dollar-per-ton basis so that you
18 get -- you should theoretically -- I don't know if it's
19 working, --

20 MR. SIPPOLA: Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: -- but theoretically it
22 would work.

23 MR. SIPPOLA: And I will also preface my
24 response by saying it's not a program that I work on
25 specifically, but it is, you know, adjacent to the efforts

1 that I work on.

2 There are a couple provisions like the
3 Innovative Crude Provision within the Low Carbon Fuel
4 Standard and also a Refinery Investment Credit, which do
5 incentivize those types of onsite emission reductions for
6 oil production in the case of innovative crude and at
7 refineries in the case of the Refinery Investment Credit
8 that are also providing additional incentives. And there
9 -- the application process for those incentives I believe
10 is public, so there is public information, I believe, on
11 the CARB website related to the applications themselves
12 and comments that have been received on those
13 applications.

14 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Um-hum. So maybe this is
15 for next year's IEPR really to explore whether the
16 policies that we currently have to improve efficiency, how
17 effective they are and what are lessons learned for other
18 applications, industrial applications.

19 I have one last question on carbon
20 sequestration. So it's kind of the last in the loading
21 order. Elizabeth, are you assuming that at some point CCS
22 becomes -- or what do you see in terms of the carbon --
23 the carbon capture efficiency of CCS? Are you assuming it
24 gets better than whatever we're at now? It's like 80
25 percent, I think.

1 MS. DUTROW: Well, we didn't get into the
2 technologies of carbon capture. We assumed it would be a
3 relative tool that could be -- or a tool that would be
4 relevant and usable. So we looked at everything else
5 first. In this case that's how we approached it. It
6 doesn't mean it needs to be that way.

7 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Um-hum.

8 MS. DUTROW: But the idea was that there are
9 other things that don't cost much to start out. Energy
10 efficiency is, you know, just basically cutting an
11 electron or, whatever, a Btu. So the bottom line is, is
12 do all cost-effective things, do these other things that
13 save money pay for your opportunities and then capture
14 what's left with the tools like carbon capture and
15 storage.

16 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Yeah.

17 MS. DUTROW: Now that doesn't mean it has to
18 happen that way with -- if things get the -- the new
19 programs get the price down.

20 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Great. Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you very much,
22 all.

23 We're going to move on to the Zoom Q&A. So,
24 Heather and crew, I pass that to you for that.

25 MR. UY: So I will go ahead and read some,

1 Commissioner.

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay, go ahead. Go
3 ahead, Kevin. Thanks.

4 MR. UY: So I will try my best to direct it at
5 certain panelists and we'll just go in order. And the
6 first one I believe is directed to Elizabeth. And it's
7 from Sean Armstrong asking: What is the remaining CO2
8 sources from industry after all action -- I think in
9 reference to the fact that in the 2050 goals you had an
10 86-percent reduction, what is the remaining CO2?

11 MS. DUTROW: Oh, so I'll answer this briefly,
12 and I'm happy to talk with anyone privately offline later,
13 but we looked across many different sectors. And some of
14 them, you know, in some we may assume a certain percent of
15 efficiency, so much material efficiency pick up, and so
16 forth. But when you look across all of the sectors, we
17 didn't get to zero for every sector, and that's because
18 hydrogen may not be reasonable for some. Carbon capture
19 and storage, because of the small source of an industry
20 may not be reasonable, so there will always be some
21 remaining, and that's with that.

22 MR. UY: All right. Thank you.

23 So the next question is for Mark, from Jennifer
24 Haley. And to -- to paraphrase, to shorten it a little
25 bit here, they're asking how -- how can we create a

1 unified space for the right folks to collaborate on a
2 roadmap to carbon neutrality that is sustainable and
3 appropriately balances competing interests, by
4 anticipating and mitigating the inevitable unintended
5 consequences; looking for a discussion of both who as well
6 as where for this kind of collaboration.

7 I think you were talking about the scoping plan
8 process earlier, but if there are others you have in mind,
9 please go ahead.

10 MR. SIPPOLA: I really think the forum, the
11 right forum for that is the scoping plan. It looks like
12 she's, you know, getting at a little bit of the workforce
13 development aspects. I did note the AB 398 report from
14 the Workforce Development Board, which I think is
15 important for informing the process.

16 I can also point out that I mentioned our
17 Environmental Justice Advisory Committee which is convened
18 to provide input on the scoping plan process. The members
19 were appointed just recently and there was -- the
20 committee was slightly expanded to incorporate a few
21 additional members with labor and workforce development
22 perspectives. So there is sort of some of that baked
23 right into the process right now in a formal way.

24 The Environmental Justice Advisory Committee is
25 legislatively mandated for the scoping plan process. And,

1 you know, I think it's up to us to cast a wide net for
2 including labor and workforce in the scoping plan
3 discussions, but I would really direct to the scoping plan
4 discussions and encourage -- encourage folks to recruit
5 and bring them to that conversation.

6 MR. UY: Great. Thank you, Mark.

7 And then I think we've got time for one more.
8 Sorry for those folks we didn't get to. And from Walt
9 Tunnessen: The U.S. EPA's ENERGY STAR program has been
10 convening industrial-sector specific energy efficiency
11 cohorts with corporate energy directors for many years.
12 Decarbonization is also a focus for many of these groups
13 as well. These types of forums are very helpful for
14 transferring best practices between organizations. I'd be
15 interested in knowing if similar types of cohorts of
16 industrial energy managers are being convened in
17 California.

18 Maybe -- maybe, Eddie, if you might respond. I
19 know that you talked about SEM and some other programs in
20 your presentation of what's being done in California.

21 MR. ROSALES: Yeah. This is -- that's a good
22 question and that's a very good concept for -- the
23 Commissioner had laid out at the beginning. This sector
24 is an area where, you know, there is still a lot of
25 potential and a lot of ideas are still valid. So the

1 Marine Clean Energy, which is a local energy utility, has
2 actually been sponsoring that for medium industry
3 facilities in their jurisdiction. And everything is a
4 volunteer basis. So some of the folks who have been
5 participating have actually been sharing best practices.

6 Most organization -- or businesses, I should
7 say, have already adopted SEM strategies, but they're
8 still learning from each other. And really that was the
9 purpose, to be very light-handed, share information,
10 increase sort of ideas, and inspire cohorts in the area
11 without having to have a greater authority present or
12 greater authority towards direction. So that's one
13 example I know, at least in Northern California. I'm not
14 aware if there's one, I haven't heard of one in Southern
15 California. But, anyway, yeah, that's been a very
16 promising practice. And it's on a contract, so most of
17 the work is going to wind up early next year.

18 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I wanted to -- Kevin,
19 if I might, I will jump in. So there has been within the
20 efficiency portfolios that the investor utilities fund,
21 there have been starting maybe not quite a decade ago but
22 perhaps that long there have been cohorts, industrial
23 cohorts that the utility programs that have convened. And
24 those have -- I think they're really positive things in
25 terms of best sharing, best practices. So there have been

1 convenings. And I believe SDG&E, I'm not sure about the
2 investor owned utilities, but there have been efforts
3 along these lines for quite a while in California. I
4 don't know that they have scaled, and I think that's one
5 thing we could talk about in this track today.

6 MR. UY: Thank you, Commissioners.

7 So I believe we are out of time. I wanted to
8 thank all of the panelists for joining us on Panel 1 today
9 for your great presentations and discussions.

10 I will now turn it back over to the IEPR team so
11 they can start on Panel 2. Thank you, everyone.

12 MS. RAITT: Great. Thank you, Kevin.

13 And again thank you, Mark and Elizabeth,
14 Melissa, Eddie and Virginia, really appreciate those
15 presentations.

16 So this is Heather. And so next we'll move on
17 to the next panel which is on Programs Focusing on
18 Industrial Decarbonization, and the moderator for the
19 panel is Eleanor Oliver. Eleanor works in the Food
20 Production Investment Program, in the Energy Commission's
21 Energy Efficiency Research Office.

22 Go ahead, Eleanor.

23 MS. OLIVER: Thank you. I just wanted to
24 welcome everyone to the second panel. I just wanted to
25 thank the dias and the panelists for being here and

1 bringing their unique perspective to this topic.

2 As you can see from the title of this panel, we
3 will be broadly going over what programs are focusing on
4 decarbonizing the industrial sector and their
5 opportunities and results.

6 A reminder that if you do have any questions,
7 please submit them to the Q&A box.

8 So first is Bob Gemmer. He is the Technology
9 Manager of the R and D Advanced Manufacturing Office at
10 the U.S. Department of Energy.

11 So, Bob, if you could please turn on your video.

12 MR. GEMMER: Okay. Thank you very much. I'd
13 like to thank the Commission and my other colleagues for
14 this opportunity to give a presentation of what's going on
15 in the Department of Energy's Advanced Manufacturing
16 Office.

17 Just very briefly, the Advanced Manufacturing
18 Office, or AMO as we like to call it fondly, is the DOE
19 program that aims to improve energy efficiency broadly in
20 the manufacturing sector. This has focused historically
21 on what you might call heavy industry, but we have
22 expanded it to include other aspects of manufacture and
23 also concerned with the downstream energy consequences of
24 what is manufacturing. In other words, we pay attention
25 to the fact that cars do better if they're built with

1 light materials, and we focus on light materials.

2 I also should give a shout-out, rather, to my
3 colleague from EPA about energy efficiency because energy
4 efficiency is the first and most critical aspect of
5 reducing our carbon footprint.

6 Almost two years ago Congress in its wisdom
7 directed us to take a roadmapping effort to examine the
8 opportunities in the industrial space for decarbonization.
9 This was despite the prior administration's reluctance to
10 consider these issues. And the report for that workshop,
11 which was held over a year, is in the process of being
12 reviewed right now. Needless to say, holding it over the
13 bridge between two completely different administrations
14 has delayed it somewhat, but what I'll be speaking to are
15 basically the outcomes of that workshop. And then I will
16 have some comments about the things that -- some of the
17 things that we're doing, just a very small snapshot, but
18 honestly of what we're doing in the area. If I could have
19 the next slide, please.

20 So one of the things that really came out of the
21 workshop is we need to be doing everything we can. It's
22 not just focusing on what element of the overall
23 opportunities that are out there. And, as a consequence,
24 it's kind of promoting an all-of-the-above solution. This
25 ranges from: Working on the various aspects of

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1 decarbonization, and I will get to some of those in a
2 moment, to finding ways to invest in low carbon
3 technologies to change the way industry does its business;
4 to look for low capital investment approaches. Energy
5 efficiency is a great solution. Many times people don't
6 understand how much money they're actually spending on the
7 energy they use. And educating them actually has been a
8 central part of my own career, is really important. And
9 also aligning expansion of renewable energy and other --
10 other low carbon assets to help industry do its job.

11 The medium portfolio needs to include new
12 technologies integrating those into process systems and
13 supply chains. And, finally, we have already mentioned
14 the importance of developing a workforce that can support
15 this kind of change in industry. And, again, I want to
16 give kudos to two following speakers in this panel from
17 the Industrial Assessment Centers, because that's a very
18 active program that we have, educating people, students,
19 on how to look for and identify opportunities to save
20 energy. Let's move onto the next slide, please.

21 Well, this is a really complicated slide but it
22 summarizes the outcome of the workshop. And, first of
23 all, I mentioned the pillars. Those are: Carbon capture,
24 utilization, and storage in the upper left; low carbon
25 fuels; electrification; and energy efficiency. And each

1 of those corridors, if you will, to 2050 has in it a
2 number of specific activities that were developed over the
3 course of the conversations by the workshop members.

4 And I will let people look at them as I'm
5 talking, but I think the two important aspects to consider
6 as we're moving forward, and, first of all, we use the
7 term "technology readiness level" to determine where in
8 the development cycle a technology might be, whether it's
9 a high TRL, which means it's closer to use, or is it a low
10 TRL, meaning it's essentially at the very beginning of the
11 process.

12 And the important point here is that we have
13 activities across the full spectrum of the opportunities
14 that we're looking for in terms of a national solution to
15 decarbonization. This I think emphasizes for me the
16 complexity but also the capability of doing the right
17 thing to solve the problem. Let's go onto the next slide.

18 Now if I tried to show you all of our activities
19 in the space of decarbonization, it would basically be the
20 entire program currently, but I'm going to highlight a
21 couple. One is near and dear to my heart and that's
22 Combined Heat and Power. I am the principal lead for the
23 Department of Energy's Combined Heat and Power Activity,
24 so I picked two examples from that space.

25 And one of the challenges we have CHP is it's

1 largely driven by fossil fuel, natural gas, and so what
2 we're looking for is to change the paradigm from being a
3 fossil fuel-fueled technology to an energy conversion
4 technology. And there is a program we're just starting in
5 collaboration with Caterpillar at the St. Paul,
6 Minneapolis District Energy System. It's a biomass-fueled
7 district energy system. And we're bringing in a combined
8 heat and power system that's intended to support not only
9 that district energy system but also to connect with the
10 local grid to mitigate some of the consequences of
11 variable power provided by renewable resources, like solar
12 or wind.

13 The other point I'd like to raise is that we are
14 very interested in the intersection between water and
15 energy. And that's -- my time is up, so just at the top
16 emphasizing that deployment. This is where workforce
17 development comes in. And then we maintain a collection
18 of assistant partnerships across the country for a supply
19 of information about CHP. I am sorry I ran a little long.

20 You're up.

21 MS. OLIVER: Thank you, Bob, for that.

22 So just as a reminder, if you do have any
23 questions please put them in the Q&A.

24 So next up we have Patrick O'Shei, who is the
25 Director of Market Development at the New York State

1 Energy Research and Development Authority.

2 And with that, I will give it off to you,
3 Patrick.

4 MR. O'SHEI: Thank you, Eleanor.

5 And good morning, Commissioners McAllister and
6 Monahan.

7 As mentioned earlier by Commissioner McAllister,
8 the true industrial decarbonization solutions are industry
9 specific. And New York's industrial program priorities
10 are driven by two things: Our policy, most notably the
11 Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, which
12 requires a carbon neutral economy by 2050, with a goal
13 that 85 percent of that will come from carbon emission
14 reduction and 15 percent of that will come from offsets.

15 And by our industrial profile, so we go to the
16 next slide, on an emission basis, this is our net energy
17 consumption of our industrial sector. And I want to point
18 out a couple of things because they're key -- they're key
19 differences. So upstate New York has a large amount of
20 hydro. And so we have a 90-percent carbon neutrality grid
21 already, 90-plus percent carbon neutrality grid already
22 upstate between our large hydro and nuclear. But the low
23 cost or low-priced hydro attracted certain types of
24 industries to upstate New York.

25 The other thing is bio energy. Most of that bio

1 energy is biomass associated with the forest products
2 industry. So you will see that in New York state as well.
3 Could you go to the next slide where we switch to
4 emissions, please.

5 And then New York state, I just want to -- like
6 top line, California has more of its energy and emissions
7 associated with industrial, the industrial sector, than
8 New York state does. So in terms of this sector, it
9 represents about nine percent of energy consumption and
10 about ten percent of emissions when you're looking at
11 carbon dioxide. If you fully consider methane leakage and
12 refrigerant leakage, it drops down to about five percent
13 of the greenhouse gas potential in New York state. It's
14 still a very important sector. It provides a lot of good-
15 paying jobs.

16 And as we have been standing up the CLCPA, one
17 of the advisory panels that my team has been working with
18 on the Working Group is the Energy Intensive and Trade
19 Exposed Industry Panel. And we are really trying not to
20 export emissions and jobs from New York state but, rather,
21 to decarbonize our economy in a way that we decarbonize
22 industry and keep it in New York.

23 Additionally, the CLCPA requires 40 percent of
24 all benefits to occur in disadvantaged communities, so
25 we're also focused on how we can focus our efforts and

1 interventions on industrial sites that are adjacent to
2 low-income neighborhoods and reduce the emission impacts.

3 So I want to just switch to a couple of examples
4 that are industry specific related to the slide. So the
5 largest source of industrial emissions in New York right
6 now is associated with Portland Cement and the manufacture
7 of concrete. We have plentiful deposits of Portland
8 Cement along the Hudson River and it's inexpensive to ship
9 to New York City for construction. The primary effort at
10 this point in time is really focused on formula change.
11 And we recently passed legislation requiring a lower -- a
12 lower carbon formula in New York State purchases of
13 concrete. And then future opportunities in this area
14 involve carbon sequestration, so that you can actually
15 sequester carbon in concrete. Other efforts focus on the
16 design or use of concrete, where we're looking at reducing
17 the amount of concrete used in construction in New York.

18 And then if we go down to the pulp and paper
19 products sector, the next contributor, the pulp and paper
20 industry, as I mentioned earlier, is a -- they use a high
21 amount of biomass for their energy already, and they're
22 looking for further opportunities. I will say that the
23 actual programmatic efforts that are going on in New York
24 already really are mostly focused still on efficiency and
25 heat recovery, and have not thus far gone into the realm

1 of some of the process energy changes.

2 And then the last industry-specific example I
3 want to mention really has to do with aluminum. We have
4 Alcoa, a large aluminum manufacturer based in northern New
5 York, adjacent to the St. Lawrence Power Plant. And we
6 are very interested -- so the electricity going to the
7 plant itself is already carbon neutrality. And most of
8 the carbon emissions are part of the smelting process
9 itself.

10 There currently is a pilot that is going on in
11 Quebec. It's a joint venture between Alcoa and Rio Pinto,
12 and they're looking at a low carb and smelting process
13 where they hope to be able to have that process available
14 and available for sale to smelting facilities by 2024.

15 So different solutions and different focus in
16 each of those sectors. Could we go on to the next slide.

17 So let me talk about the current programs and
18 efforts, and I want to start off by talking about the
19 utilities. In New York state the largest amount of
20 funding that's available for both efficiency and
21 electrification of thermal loads is available through
22 utility programs. And NYSERDA works in the market in
23 collaboration with the utility programs, but it -- because
24 they exist and they have the bulk of the funding for
25 buying down the cost of efficiency and electrification of

1 thermal load, NYSERDA has a very specific suite of
2 programs getting after other opportunities in additional
3 incremental opportunities.

4 So we do have emissions-reduction grants. I
5 mentioned the utility grants. We have an effort that's in
6 its -- currently in its third year of funding called The
7 Carbon Challenge. And they're we're focused on
8 demonstrations of -- demonstrations that get after
9 electrification of thermal loads, reduction of thermal
10 loads, reduction of peak temperatures, or other shaping of
11 thermal loads so it would make them easier to electrify in
12 the future. And then also that we have funding for
13 process-based opportunities, so any carbon-emission
14 reduction that comes from process changes, whether it's
15 formula driven or process driven, we would have funding
16 for that in the carbon challenge.

17 We have currently \$15 million of funding,
18 competitive funding in the marketplace -- well, I guess it
19 closed two days ago, so we just closed our third round.
20 We've already provided \$30 million in funding for that.

21 In terms of ongoing funding, in terms of an
22 open-enrollment program that as long as we have funding
23 available and you're eligible, you can come in and access
24 that funding, we have a group of programs under Technical
25 Assistance. Flex Tech is focused on helping you develop

1 energy studies and look for both energy and beneficial
2 electrification opportunities in your facility.

3 We have been using the ACEEE model, Strategic
4 Energy Management Program, we launched that in 2017. And
5 we offer that in several different modes. So we do have
6 just open treasure hunts that are focused on looking for
7 low-cost opportunities to reduce energy. We have done
8 cohort groups. Those were impacted -- those are impacted
9 by the Covid, and we have a self-pace one and we have
10 Onsite Energy Manager. But that gives you an idea of the
11 suite of our programs. Thank you.

12 MS. OLIVER: Thank you. Great presentation.

13 So next we have Derek Okada. He is the Senior
14 Manager of the Business Public and Finance Energy
15 Efficiency Programs at Southern California Edison.

16 MR. OKADA: I think this is the last
17 presentation. If you could pull the presentation before
18 this one.

19 While she is pulling that up, I'd like to thank
20 the Commission for this opportunity to speak about SCE's
21 Strategic Energy Management Program. And I can
22 emphatically say yes, Southern California does have
23 cohort-based programs through our SEM program.

24 SEM is a jointly-coordinated program -- what
25 you've heard, the slide's coming up -- is a jointly-

1 coordinated program in the four investor-owned utilities,
2 Pacific Gas & Electric, Southern California Edison,
3 SoCalGas, and San Diego Gas & Electric. Each utility has
4 similar SEM programs using shared program and energy
5 guides with simply contracted third-party implementors.

6 MS. OLIVER: All right, Derek, one moment.

7 MR. OKADA: Sure.

8 Okay, if we can advance to the next slide. I
9 think that's not -- yes, if you go to the next one.
10 That's not my slide. Yes. Sorry. Go back. More. I
11 think you're going toward the end. If you could towards -
12 - right after the title slide. Slide 2. Right. Thank
13 you.

14 So a little background on SCE. SCE is the
15 nation's largest electric -- one of the nation's largest
16 electric utilities. We serve over five million customers
17 over a 50,000-square-mile service area. And we're focused
18 on the state's carbon reduction goals through our Pathway
19 2045 Strategic Plan, which focuses on decarbonizing the
20 electric sector by transitioning to 100-percent carbon-
21 free resources by 2045, electrifying the transportation
22 sector by transforming at least 75 percent of light-duty
23 vehicles to electric vehicles, electrifying buildings by
24 achieving conversion of at least 70 percent of space and
25 water heating from natural gas to electricity, and using

1 low carbon fuels for the hard-to-electrify end uses. Next
2 slide.

3 So a little background where energy efficiency
4 is headed. Energy -- our programs are being transitioned
5 over to third-party design implemented and led programs
6 per CPUC regulatory decisions. So the IOUs have a goal to
7 outsource a minimum of 60 percent of their respective EE
8 portfolios to third parties by 2023. And the IOUs are
9 actually involved in the solicitations.

10 SEM is categorized as a traditional third-party
11 program, which was jointly developed by the IOUs in
12 coordination with the CPUC, the CPUC consultants, and
13 their third-party implementors. SEM has evolved from the
14 former Continuous Energy Improvement Program that was
15 initiated in 2017.

16 Some of the key benefits of SEM is that it
17 offers energy coaching, energy modeling and analysis,
18 incentives, and employee engagement, with a focus on
19 operational improvements to impact the company's bottom
20 line. Next slide, please.

21 So SEM in California follows a three-cycle
22 approach, with each cycle comprises two years. The first
23 cycle is focused on recruitment and educational awareness
24 through workshops, treasure hunts, and other opportunities
25 to get the participants to adopt SEM principals. Cycle

1 two focuses on further refinement and focusing more on
2 IDSM. And cycle three is -- we haven't reached that point
3 yet since we started the programs in 2018, so we will be
4 looking at cycle three design guides in the near future.

5 I have listed some of the subindustries that we
6 cover, including aerospace, beverages, packaging,
7 construction, food processing, metal smelting, and water
8 bottling. And the next slide.

9 And I'd like to just cover some of the results
10 to date for SCE's SEM program. In the first year we
11 achieved 8.1 million kilowatt hours. In 2020 we added two
12 additional cohorts, but due to Covid-19 and other factors,
13 we achieved a slight flattening, to 8.4 million kilowatt
14 hours. And in 2021, we are hopeful that we will resume
15 back to 17 and a half million kilowatt hours as cohort two
16 and three kind of are at full speed and we add cohort
17 four. Next slide.

18 So here are some testimonials from some of our
19 customers. Sierra Aluminum is a metal extrusion company
20 that began its SEM journey in 2020 and was initially
21 attracted to the program's Free Energy Consultation and
22 Rebates. And they enrolled their Riverside and Fontana
23 facilities. The company quickly uncovered cost savings
24 during its initial onsite treasure hunt by fixing leaks
25 with this compressed air systems and installing auto

1 shutoffs of its superfluous air compressor.

2 And the company realized a five-percent
3 reduction in energy use and saved more than \$70,000 in
4 energy savings, while receiving a \$10,000 incentive check
5 from SCE after achieving key milestones.

6 Glanbia produces nutritional products out of its
7 Corona plant. And there is another participant that
8 worked with an energy coach to quickly identify energy
9 savings at the onset of its SEM program. The company
10 saved thousands of dollars as a result of this treasure
11 hunt by identifying 30 to 40 air leaks and using borrowed
12 equipment from SCE's lending library. Overall, the
13 company saved over \$10,000 in savings but also engaged
14 their team. Next slide.

15 So, in closing, SEM's approach to
16 decarbonization begins with the commitment from
17 participants from top management down to the line staff to
18 employ operational and business improvement practices to
19 reduce energy use while achieving operational savings.
20 SEM helps customers increase their productivity,
21 operational efficiency, and thus their profitability,
22 which makes this a win-win for customers, IOUs, and
23 ratepayers.

24 SEM also focuses on the highest-energy
25 customers, so it helps reduce consumption for energy-

1 intensive businesses while helping participants and the
2 grid. SEM builds strong partnerships between customers,
3 energy services providers, and cohort participants, while
4 offering training and technical support to participants
5 through energy coaching and energy monitoring and
6 analysis.

7 And, finally, SEM encourages the adoption of
8 ideas and principles by taking a holistic approach to
9 energy use and management.

10 That concludes my presentation. And if you have
11 any questions, I have provided my contact information.
12 Thank you.

13 MS. OLIVER: Thank you for that presentation.

14 Next we have Ahmad Ganji, who is a Professor of
15 Mechanical Engineering and Director of the Industrial
16 Assessment Center at San Francisco State University.

17 DR. GANJI: Good morning. I want to thank the
18 Energy Commission for inviting me to this workshop. Next,
19 please.

20 I want to provide data and information about the
21 Industrial Assessments Center, which is a DOE program.
22 That started before the DOE existed, actually in 1976. We
23 are one of the -- there are two centers in California, 32
24 centers across the country. The centers in California
25 have been serving the industrial establishments for the

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1 past 30 years. The two centers, one in Northern
2 California, San Francisco State, and the other center is
3 at San Diego State University, we provide two basic
4 functions: Perform energy and water assessment for
5 manufacturing facilities, the manufacturing process at
6 facilities, and also water and wastewater facilities. And
7 during this process, we train energy engineers. Our
8 trainee -- our graduates are working throughout the energy
9 industry in California. Next, please.

10 We have served approximately 1200 plants, the
11 majority of them are small to medium-sized plants,
12 although we do serve larger plants with permission from
13 DOE. We recommend projects in energy -- in electricity
14 and gas efficiency, renewable energy measures, renewable
15 energy projects, cogeneration projects, and also water-
16 saving measures which has become very, very fruitful for
17 our customers.

18 Approximately 60 percent of recommended projects
19 are implemented -- that we recommend are implemented. The
20 way we know is that six to nine months after
21 implementation -- after preparation of the audit report
22 that we -- that we sent to the plant, we do surveys to see
23 which project they have already implemented or they plan
24 to implement.

25 The overall implementation is even more -- more

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1 than this because six to nine months is not sufficient
2 time for making a decision and implementing the project or
3 the plan or projects.

4 The majority of the plants that we serve are
5 presently in California are food processors, which are, at
6 least for the northern IAC, Northern California IAC,
7 that's San Francisco State, we -- we serve the Central
8 Valley, which is the -- you know, the most productive
9 agricultural production areas in the country. Next,
10 please.

11 I want to provide just an example -- an example
12 of the many projects that we have done. This is for
13 Crystal Creamery in Modesto, California. This is a large
14 plant with production of approximately 500 million pounds
15 of production, annual energy consumption of over 47
16 million kilowatt hour per year, average maximum demand of
17 about over 600 kilowatts, over a quarter million MMBtu per
18 year, a million Btus per year. And we identified 16
19 energy efficiency measures and one water-saving measures.
20 Next, please.

21 Out of the 16 measures that we recommended or
22 the 16 projects that we recommended, they opted to do
23 eight, eight based on their financial situation and other
24 provisions that they had. They implemented the water-
25 saving measure that we recommended. Originally we had

1 recommended 11 percent. They implemented eight -- eight
2 percent of their energy savings of their annual energy
3 usage on electrical and all the gas measures that we had
4 recommended.

5 The original energy savings was approximately
6 over \$600,000, and they opted to implement and achieve
7 approximately \$350,000, which had to pay immediate to 2.7
8 years of payback. So these projects are effective and the
9 manufacturers, if they are helped with the process, they
10 do implement projects. Next, please.

11 From our experience, there are major
12 opportunities for energy savings in the industrial -- in
13 the industrial sectors. And there are opportunities for
14 renewable -- for renewables, mostly PV plants are
15 implemented, implementing PV measures that we have
16 recommended, and less of solar thermal measures.

17 There are a great deal of opportunities for heat
18 recovery and electrification, especially in replacing gas
19 flow, hot water equipment. But there are major challenges
20 that exist for conversion of high temperature, large gas-
21 consuming equipment in -- such as large boilers and ovens
22 -- in the food processing sector.

23 Thank you. I will be available for any
24 questions.

25 MS. OLIVER: Thank you for that presentation.

1 So last on our panel is going to be Asfaw
2 Beyene. He is the Professor of Mechanical Engineering and
3 Director of the Industrial Assessment Center at San Diego
4 State University.

5 DR. BEYENE: Thank you, Eleanor, and thank you
6 to the Commission and everybody. Quite an honor. And
7 also thank you to my colleague, who, Professor Ganji, who
8 talked about the IAC, which we have been leading for about
9 30 years.

10 If we go, we may go to the next, yes. This is a
11 picture I wanted to show, industry in California,
12 especially imports energy in two forms, the top stream,
13 the power side, and the lower stream will be the thermal
14 side. On the left side, I put only combustion, although I
15 could have put up other sources, such as hydro or nuclear,
16 but those are not important for the topic.

17 On the right side, also instead of industry I
18 could have added transportation, residential, etc., but
19 the topic restricted as to industrial decarbonization.

20 And the top side, which is the power side, goes
21 through a power conversion and produces electricity that
22 is delivered to industry, whereas the lower stream goes
23 directly as natural gas to produce thermal energy. And
24 both offer great opportunities. On the top side, there
25 are two opportunities on the power side. The main one

1 being efficiency and some of that were mentioned, some of
2 the efficiency opportunities were mentioned by several of
3 my colleagues, and I mention in industry it is very
4 complicated. It is a jungle. There is no one solution
5 that fits all, we go out and start hunting, literally, for
6 opportunities.

7 In the IAC, of lighting, efficient motors,
8 resizing fans or blowers, insulation, and many, many
9 opportunities. And on the power side, we have also
10 several efficiency, which will reduce the need for
11 combustion, we can also talk a little bit in that
12 opportunity usually comes in the form of renewables, which
13 comes with another problem of intermittency. That means a
14 need for energy storage.

15 In other words, in my humble opinion, energy
16 storage needs to be seen as part of the decarbonization
17 effort. Not necessarily at the residential level, where
18 the incentives are given and encouraged these days, but I
19 think to make a big difference, energy storage at the
20 utility at scale should be planned.

21 On the lower thermal side the main opportunity
22 is if recovery comes a CHP or simply economizers. In the
23 middle you see an arrow going from south to north, a small
24 arrow. That is combined heat and power, which also can be
25 considered part of waste heat recovery.

1 The efficiency, if I were to pick one great
2 idea, emerging idea from the efficiency side, I would pick
3 variable frequency drives. We had these 15, 20 years ago,
4 they were very expensive. They were also troublesome,
5 propagating some harm into the system. Those problems
6 have been resolved. The prices have come really down.
7 And the cross-cutting, meaning whether you're talking
8 about compressors pumps, fans, injection machines, molding
9 lines, cooling towers even, often operate in variable
10 load. The problem being industrial sized equipment for
11 one-point load, where there is a GAZ designed to operate
12 in some degree, but we operate them to bring the
13 temperature from 75 to 70. So the mismatch between these
14 loads is quite abundant and widespread in industry. This
15 is not a statistics. It's based on my studies of
16 experience. So, in conclusion, I see it all the time.

17 So, for example, a 100-horsepower dust collector
18 may need all the power at 10:00 a.m. because all the PT
19 extensions need to operate, but in the afternoon it needs
20 less because six or seven of the machines have been
21 closed. And the BFD is ideal to match a load to the
22 needs.

23 On the heat recovery side, where the Commission
24 and DOE are doing an excellent job with CHP, but there are
25 still great opportunities, especially in the low-grade

1 heat-recovery area.

2 I know I spoke a lot about this PowerPoint, but
3 it really is the crux of what I wanted to talk about. If
4 we may now go to the next one. Thank you.

5 And this metric is efficient. Number one, it's
6 only for our center. Number two, even for our center, it
7 is incomplete, and it covers only Southern California.
8 But the point, the idea is in the point, or the point is
9 in the idea, \$1.77 saving for every dollar investment
10 based on our center's initial calculation is a good
11 investment. That's why energy savings still is a great
12 idea for decarbonization to be employed. Continue,
13 please.

14 This shows implementation for our center, from a
15 minimum of 300, where just simply installing a thermostat
16 is acquired over three million, where probably we
17 recommended -- not probably -- for sure, a complex system.
18 If we continue, please.

19 The total -- the average implementation rent
20 over the 30 years, but that isn't complete but I don't
21 think it would change it by much, is 1.5 years. Industry
22 doesn't like more than two years of payback period, so we
23 focus on ideas that have less than two years payback. But
24 sometimes ideas are so great, we go out to five years.

25

1 We did this, for example, for BFD, knowing that
2 the price will drop because while dropping every year, we
3 still recommend it. And the timing was recommended. Some
4 plants went back and implemented. Next, please.

5 This shows that including some audits within --
6 outside of the IAC program, the amount of saving, trivial
7 maybe, is more a little bit more proportional to the total
8 net energy cost. That's why we at the IAC like large
9 plants where the utility bill is one million because we
10 can go and save a hundred thousand, and we comprise about
11 the large sum of savings. But quantitatively, there are
12 more plants -- okay, next, please. Can you go to the
13 conclusion? Conclusion. Yes.

14 In conclusion, and this is what the three last
15 PowerPoints were just identifying, we want to re-emphasize
16 variable frequency drives. The drives combustion
17 reduction or elimination in the form of efficiency with
18 the recovery and renewable, which will eliminate
19 combustion from that, including carbon.

20 And with this, the last one, please. Thank you.

21 MS. OLIVER: Thank you for that presentation.

22 A lot of great information was given by our
23 panelists. So now I believe we will move on to the
24 comments and questions from the dias.

25 The public is still encouraged to submit

1 questions to the Q&A. So if I could have all the
2 panelists turn back on their cameras, please. And then we
3 will hand it off to Commissioner McAllister.

4 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Eleanor, thank you so
5 much. A nice job moderating.

6 And thank you, all five of you. This has been a
7 great panel so far. I do have a number of questions.
8 But, you know, first I just want to thank Bob and Patrick,
9 Derek, Ahmad, and Asfaw. Just a really great breadth of
10 experience on the panel, so thank you very much for being
11 with us today.

12 I have a whole bunch of questions. I'm going to
13 try to not ask them all and leave time for others. But I
14 guess, let's see, I want to talk about sort of how, sort
15 of pragmatically speaking upgrades happen in industries.
16 And I think Professor Beyene -- well, both professors
17 really, you know, have a particular audience of sort of
18 maybe not the largest industries in the state but sort of
19 medium and somewhat smaller industries. You know,
20 Patrick, you talked about some of the large sectors that
21 you're targeting, which is amazing. Lots of potential
22 collaboration there.

23 But right at the end here, Professor Beyene, you
24 mentioned just the need for quick paybacks, quick returns
25 in the industrial sector, and I guess I want to explore

1 models, and certainly with this panel and probably this
2 afternoon as well, how do we stretch that out? What's the
3 opportunity to do sort of more muscular measures,
4 presumably more capital-intensive measures to save more
5 energy, to get deeper decarbonization by bringing sort of
6 capital to the table with a longer timeframe of payback
7 than one and a half years. You know, how do we do that in
8 the industrial sector and kind of get around this natural
9 -- you know, this natural tendency to really focus on the
10 quick payback stuff? How do we get important shifts in
11 industrial processes and get those investments to actually
12 happen?

13 DR. BEYENE: That's a great question. Am I
14 allowed to proceed?

15 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yes, please, go ahead.

16 DR. BEYENE: Apologies. I just jumped in. It's
17 a great question. I think the implementations, those
18 recommendations that we recommend and are implemented give
19 us a hint. The most commonly-implemented ones are those
20 that on which the Commission has incentives, especially in
21 California. So the number one thing that we can -- we can
22 do is to offer incentives.

23 I took a risk and I mentioned one, for example,
24 of the three. I really think it's a great place where we
25 can in a short period of time accomplish a great deal.

1 And it can be -- just like PV, cover of incentives for
2 frequency drives, but I'm not saying that's the only one.
3 I took a risk of using one because I see a mismatch with
4 load and need all the time. So my short answer is:
5 Incentives and training in industry. They know the bottom
6 line, whether it's two years, three years, they still save
7 money. We have to commit them, train them. And those are
8 the two ideas probably that I control. Incentives still
9 being the main situation.

10 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you.

11 Anybody else have an idea there?

12 MR. O'SHEI: Maybe I'll just give one. In the
13 carbon challenge we although the submitters to bundle
14 mixes of efficiency and energy reduction projects. And we
15 allow them to bid in a price at which they would move
16 forward with their project. And then we select,
17 essentially, the projects where we are getting the most
18 benefit for the dollars that we're investing. So we do
19 help them work towards their investment hurdle in that
20 design.

21 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Are you aware -- let
22 me just follow up, Patrick. Are you aware of any sort of
23 public-private partnerships where, you know, the bulk of
24 the capital for a deep retrofit like that or a process
25 shift might be coming from the private sector with some

1 state support or, you know, how can we sort of get
2 relatively low-cost longterm capital into these projects -
3 - I guess is kind of where I'm getting at.

4 MR. O'SHEI: I mean we do have the green bank.
5 The green bank has participated greatly in the -- in the
6 generation and storage sectors. But so far I would say
7 that our industrial customers have been reluctant to
8 participate in that offer, but we -- you know, we are
9 looking at trying to provide that type of financing.

10 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Interesting. Thank
11 you.

12 Anybody else, quickly, on that?

13 MR. OKADA: I can speak to this a little bit.
14 So we offer on-bill financing for SEM participants.

15 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Yeah.

16 MR. OKADA: Unfortunately we haven't had a lot
17 of uptake on it.

18 We also designed a pilot similar to what Patrick
19 shared about NYSERDA, which was a market-based incentive
20 pilot, and we launched it last year to our participants.
21 So I think some of the key is still the information and
22 awareness. Because, at least speaking from SEM, which is
23 looking at behavioral recognition and operational
24 efficiency, there's a lot of low-cost, no-cost
25 opportunities, and that seems to be the bulk of where

1 we're finding the savings in the industrial sector.

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks, Derek. That's
3 super helpful. And congrats on the cohort stuff. I had
4 sort of underplayed that at the beginning there. I didn't
5 realize it had gone so well and for so long.

6 So, let's see, I'm tempted to talk about
7 workforce, but I think I'm going to shelve that for now.
8 I just want to acknowledge the Industrial Assessment
9 Centers and what just a beautiful resource they are and
10 how -- how responsible they have been for really the
11 scale-up in the knowledge base of our engineering
12 community in the state. And it's just really a tremendous
13 resource that the Department of Energy has been funding
14 for a long time, so it's really great. I've actually in
15 the previous lives I've hired alums of the Industrial
16 Assessment Centers and they're just quality, so
17 congratulations on that.

18 Let's see. I want to just -- the last question
19 I'll ask for now is on heat recovery, so several of you
20 mentioned that. Could you talk more about the potential
21 there? And CHP obviously is one form of that. It's
22 pretty common. But do you see sort of, you know, the flip
23 of that would be like a bottoming cycle, like for
24 generation with -- with the waste heat or any other kind
25 of balancing of thermal and electric along those lines?

1 MR. GEMMER: Let me -- let me step in here for a
2 bit. Waste heat recovery is one of the biggest
3 opportunities that we see from the Department of Energy's
4 perspective and, in particular, the more challenging lower
5 temperature waste heat recovery issues, I think are
6 something we have been looking for solutions, and I have
7 been with DOE now for a little over 20 years, and that's
8 20 years of searching. It's very challenging because
9 we're faced with the physics of trying to do it. You know
10 the physics is pretty uncompromising. Having said that,
11 it's a subject that we're continually looking for.

12 And the idea of using waste heat recovery as a
13 bottoming cycle is also very attractive.

14 And there is another point I'd like to raise in
15 that we frequently get caught up with what you have to
16 realize are sort of simplified models of energy cycles.
17 And most common of those is the Carnot cycle. And that
18 works fine for a closed-cycle heat engine, but it turns
19 out it's not a very good cycle for what you would call a
20 chemical engine, meaning something that uses up fuel,
21 whether it's fossil based or bottom based.

22 I currently have a number of projects following
23 on some work that was done by ARPA-E a couple of years ago
24 to look for ways of making electricity in excess of 60-
25 percent efficiency. And actually that's a pretty easy

1 target. Thermodynamically it's much more complicated
2 where you try to do it at back. But that's the sort of
3 thing that we need to think about out of the box.

4 I mean many -- I had a -- when I first posed the
5 idea of making electricity in excess of 60 percent
6 efficiency, I was told flat out you can't do it. You
7 know, it violates Carnot. And, I'm sorry, the Carnot
8 cycle is not relevant, so we should look at it with
9 different thoughts. Maybe part of the reason is that I'm
10 not an engineer. Actually I'm a scientist, and we are
11 open to new ideas.

12 Any other thoughts?

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Anybody else?

14 DR. GANJI: Heat recovery from air compressors
15 and also refrigeration compressors in industrial
16 facilities can be very fruitful. And we have started,
17 actually recommending them more, although it is not a
18 quick payback type of -- they are not quick payback time
19 shares.

20 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks for that.
21 That's actually -- I'll just point that out to the EPIC
22 team, who is listening here, as maybe a subject, that kind
23 of waste heat recovery from compressors and refrigeration,
24 might be a place to -- might be something we can build
25 into the investment plan. Great.

1 So, Commissioner Monahan, I just see that you
2 have to bow out here soon, would you like to ask any
3 questions? That was a fascinating panel. I could go on
4 for a long time, but I'll restrain myself.

5 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: So I do have a question.
6 You know from the earlier presentation this morning, from
7 the Air Resources Board, we saw that this combination of
8 refineries and hydrogen production and oil and gas
9 production were almost half of the GHG emission profile
10 from industrial. And I think that's probably what makes
11 California unique from New York in some way, is that we
12 have so much emissions from just this ecosystem of fossil
13 fuel extraction and processing.

14 And I didn't hear any of the panel speak to
15 opportunities in those arenas. Has anyone done research
16 or investments on the refinery or oil extraction, and gas
17 -- I don't know how much gas extraction -- we have in the
18 state, has anyone done that kind of analysis?

19 MR. OKADA: Well, I can't speak to the analysis,
20 but we did have a former oil and production, a third-party
21 program, but we have since closed those down in advance of
22 our third-party solicitation for the commercial industrial
23 space. So the implementor would have to target that
24 sector.

25 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Um-hum. I mean maybe

1 this also a place for investments. I'm not sure. But the
2 fact that there are so many emissions reductions from it -
3 - I mean emissions, emissions from it, you know,
4 highlights to me that we -- this is something we should be
5 targeting.

6 I think this may be a question more on the
7 utility side but, you know, benchmarking is also something
8 that come up this morning, like how do we get data on
9 benchmarking. What's your -- I mean it seems like at
10 least SCE had a great experience, right, with customers
11 really wanting to engage. What's your thoughts on the
12 possibility for California doing a better job benchmarking
13 different facilities and their energy use and energy-
14 savings opportunities?

15 MR. OKADA: It's a challenge because, one, is I
16 mentioned about the delivery channels changing, but I
17 think also that each site is usually different, so this
18 fits into the custom category. So the benchmarking may
19 provide some awareness, but, you know, each refinery or
20 each industrial site may be a slightly different
21 operation.

22 I'll just say that's one of the strengths of the
23 SEM model because we pair noncompetitors in the same
24 cohort so they feel more openly to speak to opportunities
25 and share, but -- yeah, so I think that's one of the

1 barriers that we have.

2 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I'd also point out,
3 Commissioner, if you can join us in the afternoon probably
4 -- there are some representatives from the oil and gas
5 sector and just more broadly that might be able to speak
6 to this, I'm not sure but likely.

7 COMMISSIONER MONAHAN: Great. Well, thanks to
8 all the panelists. This has been really fascinating. I
9 have a hard staff at 12:15, so I'm going to be dropping
10 off in a sec.

11 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you very much
12 for being here.

13 Let's see, Heather, do we have -- or, let's see,
14 who do we have moderating -- oh, Eleanor, you're
15 continuing on to moderate the Zoom Q&A. Do we have
16 questions on Zoom, just a couple?

17 MS. OLIVER: Yes, we have three.

18 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Great. Great, go
19 ahead.

20 MS. OLIVER: Thank you. So this one is directed
21 at Dr. Ganji: Can you provide examples of the type of
22 efficiency improvements implemented as a result of your
23 recommendations? That is from the Bay Area Community Land
24 Trust. You might be muted. Technology, I know.

25 DR. GANJI: Compressed air measures for the

1 compressors and as well as the leaks are the one. And the
2 most common measures are lighting, especially for
3 industrial facilities, that they work more than one shift,
4 so they are commonly implemented.

5 Recently, PV, photovoltaics are being more
6 implemented. in terms of for boilers, energy efficient
7 boilers. VFDs are expensive to implement.

8 MS. OLIVER: Thank you for that.

9 Next I think is towards the whole panel from
10 Robert Mullin: Dripping could be from skepticism about
11 the energy and the economics efficiency of using renewable
12 energy to produce green hydrogen as opposed to just
13 storing that energy to achieve increased electrification.
14 Do any of the panelists think use of green hydrogen might
15 actually be necessary to decarbonize certain industries?
16 Would that necessity potentially create the economic case
17 for using renewables to produce hydrogen?

18 MR. O'SHEI: So I could just take New York's
19 position. So we just launched our hydrogen effort last
20 week. So I will say this: It appears that the European
21 Union and Japan are going all in on a hydrogen economy as
22 part of their strategy. If you believe the forecast, they
23 believe that they can eventually get to green hydrogen at
24 a cost of about five -- \$4 per MMBtu. If you look at the
25 spot market of natural gas right now, it's up near 3.75.

1 Now a year ago it was down near \$2. So we don't know the
2 quantity that makes sense yet, but we do believe that the
3 technology will be there to put hydrogen in specific
4 locations where a high thermal load is required and the
5 electrification of that load would be prohibitively
6 expensive because of what you'd have to build out on both
7 the grid and the storage side.

8 One thing I would comment about is you can ship
9 hydrogen through natural gas distribution pipelines, but
10 you essentially can ship hydrogen through electric lines
11 by shipping excess renewable energy that you're not using
12 on the grid into -- into a facility that is essential
13 creating hydrogen on site. So we think it's going to be a
14 niche solution for some high-thermal temperature, high-
15 thermal load industries.

16 MR. GEMMER: Let me add that one of my sister
17 organization, the Fuel Cell and Hydrogen Program, is
18 actively pursuing new technologies to drive down the cost
19 and production capability of hydrogen based on renewable
20 fuels, electricity. I'm not familiar with all the details
21 on that, but I'd like to encourage anybody who is
22 interested in it to check with the Hydrogen and Fuel Cell
23 website on DOE's webpages.

24 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: I will just chime in
25 there too. We actually in this IEPR, just for the

1 questioner's benefit here, we have had quite a bit of
2 discussion about hydrogen in the cyber cycle and really
3 actually beyond, and so it's very active conversation here
4 in California. And many, many of the same themes that
5 Patrick and Bob just brought up.

6 And in fact, Zenita (phonetic), Bob, your
7 colleague Zenita was -- has been very present in those
8 conversations, so checking the right dots.

9 MR. GEMMER: I'm sure. And I am connected
10 peripherally. I get engaged in those discussions. So if
11 they have any difficulties in contacting the Hydrogen,
12 Fuel Cell folks, they can always come through me.

13 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Great. Thank you.

14 All right. Back to you, Eleanor.

15 MS. OLIVER: Thank you for that.

16 So from Jennifer Haley: Can you speak to the
17 challenge in funding oil and gas emission reduction
18 because he prohibition against providing funding to
19 obligated parties? For example, refineries are often
20 ineligible for CEC biofuel grants because of their
21 obligations under LCFS.

22 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: So I'm not sure this
23 is the panel for that as much perhaps -- perhaps, Derek,
24 you might have some insight on that. I'm not sure. LCFS
25 being the Low Carbon Fuel Standard. That sounds like an

1 accounting, sort of a policy/accounting issue that
2 probably needs some work. Thanks for the question.

3 MR. OKADA: Yeah. I really can't speak to it
4 because our efficiency programs are really focused on
5 kilowatt and hour and kilowatt. But you know with the
6 change in EE policy that's going to look at total system
7 benefit, we hope that there will be more of a focus on
8 GHG. So right now I think, you know, the -- to the extent
9 that it could be part of our goals, if it's seen as part
10 of potential goals, then that might be an opportunity to
11 go after. But I will say that one of the recognitions I
12 think the CPUC found is that utilities are driven to
13 resource acquisition because of the short-term nature to
14 meet goals with limited cost-effectiveness. So we're in
15 this conundrum of how do we get to our goals short term
16 and still support the long term. So that's why I think
17 market support and market transformation have been carved
18 out.

19 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Oh, I agree with you.
20 Thanks for that. And that's also partly a conversation
21 that needs to involve the Air Resources Board and LCFS.
22 And, you know, I think there's an effort to not "double
23 count" in the construction of all these programs across
24 covered sectors of the economy in terms of the Cap and
25 Trade Program. So I think that's one of the sticking

1 points at least there which probably needs some policy
2 discussion.

3 Eleanor, any other questions?

4 MS. OLIVER: Not at this time, but we can go
5 ahead and turn it back over to Heather.

6 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Great.

7 MS. RAITT: Great. Thank you, Eleanor.

8 And thank you, Patrick and Bob and Derek and
9 Ahmad and Asfaw, for your presentations.

10 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thank you.

11 MS. RAITT: So we'll move to public comment.
12 And Dorothy Murimi from the Public Advisor's Office is
13 here to moderate that.

14 Go ahead, Dorothy.

15 MS. MURIMI: Thank you, Heather.

16 So some instructions for everyone. One person
17 per organization may comment. And comments are limited to
18 three minutes per speaker. However, we may reduce the
19 time to accommodate everyone. If you are using the Zoom
20 platform, use the raised hand feature to let us know if
21 you'd like to make a comment. We will call on you and
22 open your line to make those comments. And if you're on
23 the phone, dial star 9 to raise your hand and star 6 to
24 unmute on your end, and we'll unmute on our end.

25 Just a note. If you are -- if we are not able

1 to accommodate everyone for this morning or this session,
2 you can still make comments at the next session.

3 So I will move onto participants raising their
4 hands. I see Michael. I don't see a last name.

5 But, Michael, you are unmuted. Please state
6 your name, your affiliation, and give you comments.

7 MR. YEE: Good afternoon. My name is Michael
8 Yee. That is spelled M-i-c-h-a-e-l Y-e-e. I am with
9 SoCalGas. Do you need to write that -- and I will start
10 my comments then.

11 First off I'd like to just say thank you to all
12 the speakers today for giving us some really great
13 information. We really appreciated that. And I also just
14 want to thank the Commission for, again, this opportunity
15 to just be able to provide a comment.

16 SoCalGas, we have had a long and successful
17 history of partnering with our industrial customers to
18 identify comprehensive solutions and provide technical and
19 financial support to meet their energy efficiency goals.
20 Over the past years, our industrial customers have saved
21 14.3 million therms. However, as has been noted, many
22 industrial-related emissions can be challenging to
23 eliminate. Some choices to mitigate those emissions
24 exist, such as carbon capture and utilization; carbon
25 dioxide can be efficiently captured, stored, and used as

1 end use for diverse applications. Also instead of carbon-
2 intensive fuels used for industrial processing, both
3 renewable hydrogen and sustainable biomass can be
4 potential feedstocks for several industrial processes,
5 including chemicals and food processing.

6 The 2018 report by the EU Commission points out
7 that steel, cement, and chemical processing dominate most
8 of the industrial emissions of the EU and state that in
9 the next 10 to 15 years technologies that are already
10 known will need to demonstrate that they can work at
11 scale, and some of them are already being tested at small
12 scale.

13 Thank you for allowing me to give these
14 comments.

15 MS. MURIMI: Thank you, Michael.

16 Let's do another call for hands. Again, if
17 you're on Zoom, use the raised hand feature, looks like a
18 high five, it's at the bottom of your screen or device.
19 And if you're on the phone, you can raise your hand by
20 dialing star 9. Again, dial star 9 to raise your hand.

21 Going to give that one moment.

22 Seeing no more hands, I will hand the virtual
23 mic back to you, Commissioner McAllister -- or Heather.

24 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Sorry. Oh, here we
25 go. My video was stopped. There we go.

1 Great. Thank you very much, Dorothy.

2 Appreciate that.

3 I want to again just thank all of our presenters
4 from both panels for this morning session. Really
5 fascinating. I get the feeling there is a lot of
6 creativity in the room on this. We're getting more and
7 more data, which I think helps identify the opportunities
8 and also assess how we're doing as well, along the way.
9 And so a lot of tools in our toolbox and we're hearing
10 about even more today, and I think these conversations are
11 great to begin to flesh out where we want to direct
12 policy, since I said this morning at the outset we have a
13 really great opportunity that's approaching quickly.

14 With that, I think we're done for the morning.
15 And here we go, there's the slide there for anybody who's
16 only here for the morning and not the afternoon. And you
17 do want to submit comments, which we very much encourage,
18 they are due by August 17th, 2021, which is here in a
19 couple weeks. And we look forward to getting your
20 comments. We do read every comment and actually they do
21 turn up in the IEPR document when they provide some
22 substance that we want to build on which they invariably
23 do. So please, please do submit comments. And with that
24 I think we're done for this morning and we'll reconvene at
25 2:00 p.m. and we have a couple of really great panels to

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1 get into really the nuts and bolts of industrial -- the
2 industrial sector in California. We have a diverse set of
3 panelists representing all of the major industries in the
4 state as well as the associations and the Air Quality
5 Management Districts, and so I look forward to that very
6 much. All right. And pass it back to you, Heather, for
7 wrapping up, and then we'll see everyone again at 2:00.

8 MS. RAITT: You covered it all. Thank you,
9 Commissioner.

10 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Okay, great.

11 MS. RAITT: Thank you, everybody.

12 COMMISSIONER MCALLISTER: Thanks, everyone.

13 (Whereupon, the Workshop was adjourned at 12:27
14 o'clock p.m.)

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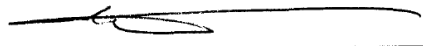
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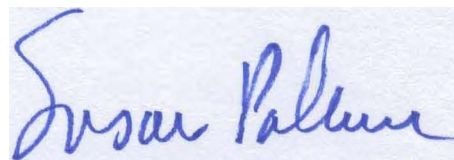
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