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Hydrogen-Related Transportation R&D Portfolio

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Gas R&D Program Overview

- Fund R&D not adequately addressed by competitive or regulated entities.
- Support state energy policy including the transition to clean energy, greater reliability, lower costs, and increased safety.
- Provide benefits to under-resourced communities including job creation, improved air quality, and economic stimulation.
- \$24 million annual budget, funded by a surcharge on gas consumption in California.



Gas R&D Program Research Topics

- The \$24 million annual budget is allocated to several research topics including:
 - Energy efficiency
 - Renewable energy and advanced generation
 - Energy transmission and distribution
 - Energy-related environmental research
 - Transportation
- Recent program plans include hydrogen-related R&D initiatives with the goal of decarbonizing hard-to-reach end uses.



Hydrogen-Related Transportation R&D Summary

Plan	Research Initiative/Topic	Funding	Status
FY19-20	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Demonstrations in Rail and Marine Applications at Ports (H2RAM)	\$6,600,000*	March 2021: 3 approved awards, active projects
FY20-21	Hydrogen Fuel Cell Truck and Bus Technology Integration and Demonstration	\$4,000,000	March 2022: 2 approved awards, projects kicked off
FY21-22	Advanced Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure Solutions for Heavy Transport	\$4,000,000	Sept 2021: CPUC approved plan, solicitation in development
FY22-23	Advanced Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure Solutions for Heavy Transport – Funding Augmentation	\$4,500,000	March 2022: submitted plan to CPUC, pending approval

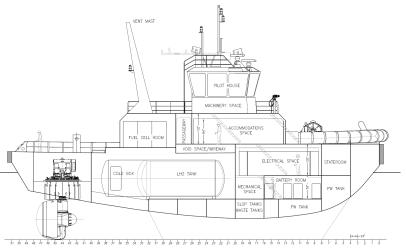
Total Investment: \$19,100,000

^{*} In partnership with the CEC's Clean Transportation Program, another \$4,000,000 project was funded from the H2RAM solicitation



HyZET – H2 Zero-Emission Tugboat



















Objectives

- Design a H2 fuel cell harbor tug for future implementation at POLA.
- Evaluate liquid hydrogen fuel systems and bunkering solutions.

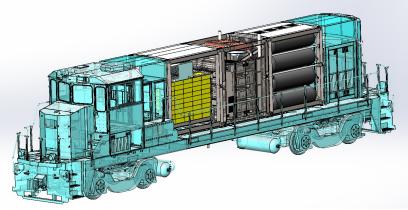
Benefits

- Marine vessels contribute to 60% of diesel PM, and 62% of NOx at POLA.
- Decarbonize marine vessels and improve air quality for portside communities.



Sierra Northern Hydrogen Locomotive







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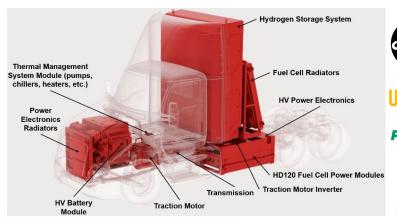
- Demonstrate a H2 fuel cell switcher locomotive at the Port of West Sacramento.
- Develop a multi-modal H2 refueling station for locomotives and on-road vehicles.

Benefits

- Statewide, locomotives contribute to 12% of NOx and 8% of PM2.5 emissions.
- Decarbonize locomotives and improve air quality around ports and railyards.



Hydrogen for HD Trucks with Challenging Duty Cycles









Objectives

- Demonstrate H2 fuel cell trucks for bulk gas delivery and long haul.
- Improve efficiency and lower total cost of ownership.
- Assess feasibility of LH2 on-board storage.

Benefits

- Decarbonize HD trucks with heavy payloads, long routes, and limited refueling opportunities.
- Engage community college students and service facilities with H2 fuel cells.



Advancing H2 Refueling Solutions for Heavy Transport

Objectives

- Develop and demonstrate innovative H2 refueling solutions to decarbonize heavy transport:
 - MDHD on-road vehicles (trucks, buses)
 - Mobile off-road equipment (agriculture, construction, mining, cargo handling equipment)
 - Emerging off-road (rail, marine, aviation)
- Enable high flow rates, lower H2 refueling costs, improve reliability, and reduce energy losses from transportation/distribution.

Status

- Solicitation in development.
- Active coordination with Clean Transportation Program and CARB.