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- 4 progress.)
- 5 MR. MC KINNEY: Electric charging
- 6 infrastructure, that's also our charge. And the vehicle
- 7 supports on that for commercial vehicles is our sister
- 8 agency, the Air Resources Board and the AQIP or Air
- 9 Quality Improvement Program.
- 10 For zero emissions and here's we can -- and it's
- 11 really a collaborative effort between the Energy
- 12 Commission, the Air Resources Boards, (inaudible) -- in
- 13 particular and the others in California.
- 14 And then biofuels, we have the responsibility
- 15 for funding in that area. We'll talk more about that
- 16 later.
- 17 Something else we want to get out of our
- 18 workshop today, and from our panelists is what are your
- 19 recommendations on the strategic uses of this fund to
- 20 help achieve our State policy goals for climate change,
- 21 petroleum reduction and air quality.
- 22 So, to set the stage, we are currently the
- 23 eighth largest economy on a global scale, so we could
- 24 call this a nation state.
- 25 So the statistics, I think you're generally

- 1 familiar with this. We're coming up on 38 million
- 2 people in the populace.
- 3 The gross GDP is now \$2 trillion. --
- 4 (inaudible) are 448 million metric tons.
- 5 Unlike most of the rest of the country,
- 6 transportation is the predominant source of carbon
- 7 emissions in California. It's about 40% of all GHG
- 8 emissions.
- 9 We have an incredibly large vehicle fleet.
- 10 There's about 26 million passenger vehicles and about
- 11 one million trucks.
- Our fuel consumption is also prodigious, 17.8
- 13 billion gallons in total. 14.5 of that is gasoline and
- 14 ethanol, 3.3 billion gallons is diesel fuel.
- 15 Policy drivers for this program and others, so
- 16 GHG or carbon reduction comes from AB 32. I think
- 17 you're familiar with these numbers, 30 percent reduction
- 18 by 2020 and then 80 percent reduction stretch goal by
- 19 2050.
- 20 Petroleum reduction and in-state biofuel
- 21 production.
- 22 And then we get to the Low Carbon Fuel Standard,
- 23 which is just a critical fuel that the State of
- 24 California as developed of the 10 percent reduction in
- 25 carbon intensity across the board on transportation

- 1 fuels by 2020.
- 2 Here are a couple important federal statutes and
- 3 drivers that affect California to a great extent. They
- 4 are the RFS2 renewable fuel standard that calls for 36
- 5 billion gallons of renewable fuel by 2022.
- And something we've heard about and I think Dr.
- 7 Barry Wallerstein in his remarks, on March 27th, was
- 8 probably the most articulate about this.
- 9 He did the two air basins in California that are
- 10 in severe non-attainment, the San Joaquin Valley
- 11 (inaudible) -- they're going to need another 80 percent
- 12 reduction from the current baseline levels in NOx by
- 13 2023. So, all of the technologies we're going to talk
- 14 about today, it is about policy goals that really
- 15 (inaudible) --
- 16 And the Administration of Governor Brown has
- 17 also been critical in pushing the technologies forward.
- 18 So, he's laid down a marker with a goal of accommodating
- 19 1 million zero emission vehicles by 2020 and 1.5 million
- 20 by 2025.
- 21 So, Assembly Bill 8 was passed and that
- 22 reauthorized ARFVTP last year. And the goal of this is
- 23 to transform our market to the technologically advanced
- 24 set of markets that we'd have for zero emissions and try
- 25 to get further.

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- 2 that transform California's fuel and vehicle types to
- 3 help attain the state's climate change policy goals.
- 4 So, here's some stats on what we've done with
- 5 our program thus far. We started issuing (inaudible) in
- 6 about 2009.
- 7 Thus far we've got \$413 million in grant
- 8 contracts out. And this is how they're displayed.
- 9 So, on the fuel side, when we were at about \$85
- 10 million in investment, it's about half of that was in
- 11 biomethane, 30 percent for biodiesel and the rest for
- 12 ethanols.
- For fueling infrastructure it's about \$100
- 14 million and you can see the breakout there. So, most of
- 15 that is with electric charging infrastructure, the green
- 16 part of the bar, and then the blue is hydrogen fueling
- 17 infrastructure. That number's going to get a lot bigger
- 18 very quickly. And then the natural gasoline and propane
- 19 infrastructure, as well.
- 20 On the vehicle side, we're at about \$115 million
- 21 in investment. That's predominantly the medium duty and
- 22 heavy duty technology sector. But it also feeds our
- 23 contributions to the (inaudible) -- project at the Air
- 24 Resources Board and that investment's about \$25 million
- 25 to date and direct funds are about a \$50 million pool to

- 1 fund the ARFVTP.
- 2 Most of that is electric drive, a little bit on
- 3 hydrogen fuel cells which are predominantly buses and
- 4 trucks. And those programs will be part of our efforts
- 5 here and then a little bit on propane.
- 6 The manufacturing sector is about \$40 million
- 7 and that's predominantly been electric support so,
- 8 components for batteries and assembly plants for new
- 9 technology vehicles.
- 10 So, what do we think we're going to get from
- 11 this? This is a chart from our 2013 IEPR and it comes
- 12 from a graph from an NREL Guidance Report from Dr. Mark
- 13 (inaudible) at NREL.
- So, expected benefits, so that's what we
- 15 expected to get to 2025, 2025 assuming that everything
- 16 under contract is built out according to plan.
- 17 (Inaudible) -- Department of Justice.
- 18 And there's also some additional factors called
- 19 the market transformation effect and that can be, you
- 20 know, as we get our electric drive out and demonstration
- 21 phases, the prices goes down, the market picks up,
- 22 regulatory drivers kick in and we have a synergistic
- 23 effect where the market's going to grow.
- 24 Part of that is directly attributable to what we
- 25 do in our program and part of it is these other

- 1 regulatory and market forces.
- 2 So, we think with that, total carbon reduction
- 3 from our program will range from 1.7 million metric tons
- 4 to a high (inaudible) in metric tons.
- 5 The green line there is the direct trajectory
- 6 curve that is articulated in revisions to the draft from
- 7 the Air Board.
- 8 So, under that case scenario, we're about a
- 9 third of the way (inaudible) by 2025/2030.
- 10 The good news is that if you look at the other
- 11 version of this chart, looking at 2050 and those lines
- 12 on the bottom, they're just really, really narrow and
- 13 they're really (inaudible) -- slope very steeply.
- 14 So a lot of work can be ahead of us, but I mean
- 15 that's the point of what we need to get at today.
- 16 Really, what's your best estimate of how far we can push
- 17 these technologies and link it over the next ten years
- 18 and beyond?
- 19 So, one of the -- and I'll kind of give you a
- 20 little background and some of the policy goals for each
- 21 of the four categories that we'll do and then we'll have
- 22 our first speaker, Anthony Eggert.
- 23 So, for hydrogen fueling infrastructure, our
- 24 strategy goals that would facilitate commercial launches
- 25 of light duty fuel cell vehicles in California, and this

- 1 truly a team effort with the Air Board, and the
- 2 California Fuel Cell Partnership, and the automakers,
- 3 and the development community.
- 4 So, this will help achieve the ZEV mandate goals
- 5 for zero emission vehicles, improve air quality, reduce
- 6 petroleum use and reduce carbon emissions.
- 7 The specific goal is a network of at least 100
- 8 stations by 2020. And this is from the AB 8 statutes,
- 9 and this is the first time there's been a specific carve
- 10 out for (inaudible) -- and then for hydrogen fueling
- 11 stations.
- We're also learning to bring down station costs.
- 13 They're coming in about \$2.5 million apiece right now.
- 14 That's a lot of money and we believe that's not so good.
- 15 There's an observation on today's panel on how to reduce
- 16 that.
- 17 Here's where we are now. We've got nine
- 18 operational stations. We've got 20 stations funded and
- 19 in development with ARFVTP funding. That includes our
- 20 first 100 percent renewable hydrogen stations.
- We have \$30 million in the pipeline. We've had
- 22 a large solicitation that was just released. We've had
- 23 a very good response. And Jeannie Barrett (phonetic)
- 24 has her team working with the ranking and scoring of
- 25 those.

- 1 Let me -- (inaudible) -- if you totaled up the
- 2 money that we have spent and the Air Board has spent,
- 3 the State investment in hydrogen infrastructure will be
- 4 over \$80 million to date. And I think that's a real
- 5 indicator of the State of California's commitment at the
- 6 policy level and at the financial incentive level to
- 7 really help spur this very, very (inaudible) -- market.
- 8 Here's where you can see the stations. So the
- 9 green ones are open, this is Southern California.
- 10 As always, my thanks to Kathleen and her team
- 11 for being able to see these maps.
- 12 So, they have eight operational in Southern
- 13 California, 15 are in development in Southern
- 14 California, and a couple more that are in planning.
- 15 And in Northern California, especially in
- 16 Silicon Valley, the demographics are equally, I think,
- 17 rich and ripe for early consumer uptake of fuel cell
- 18 vehicles.
- 19 We have one station in Emeryville and then four
- 20 more in development.
- 21 And for electric vehicle charging our strategic
- 22 goals is to support consumer acceptance of light duty
- 23 electric vehicles and complement the prodigious work of
- 24 the Air Board in the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project,
- 25 achieve the Governor's ZEV mandate targets. I already

- 1 articulated those.
- 2 And policy wise includes air quality, reduce
- 3 petroleum use and reduce carbon emissions.
- For our program, this is what we've done thus
- 5 far. (Inaudible) -- back to the team.
- 6 So, we've spent almost \$27 million thus far and
- 7 that's only going to get us about 7,800 charge points
- 8 throughout California.
- 9 The green bars show the ones that are installed.
- 10 The blue bars are the ones underway.
- 11 We've done 11 regional readiness planning
- 12 grants. That's very important to get on-the-ground
- 13 knowledge and information out to the companies to figure
- 14 out where actually these chargers would be situated.
- 15 And we're also starting to get in on fast
- 16 chargers. We've done 77 of those and they're smaller.
- 17 The bigger picture, there's an important
- 18 settlement between NRG and the California Public
- 19 Utilities Commission. So, at full build out that will
- 20 give us another 200 fast charger stations and 10,000
- 21 level 2 EVSEs. That's the conduit and adds some
- 22 foundation for chargers (inaudible) --
- 23 Tesla has got a Supercharger Network. I checked
- 24 on their website last night and they've got 10
- 25 operational stations now in California.

- 1 Something that's a little harder for us to get
- 2 data on is what the charger companies have done
- 3 (inaudible) --
- 4 And the Air Districts are contributing in an
- 5 important way to building out EVSE.
- 6 So, I think a lot of you are familiar with this
- 7 chart or versions of this chart. This is done from the
- 8 CCSE down in San Diego. There's a point factor for the
- 9 CVRP, the Air Board.
- 10 The numbers are -- the market is really picking
- 11 up. So, as of now we're putting out about a thousand
- 12 voucher rebates. And here it's battery electric and
- 13 plug-in electric.
- 14 That's over \$100 million. And I think it puts
- 15 the vehicle count at about 64 or 65 thousand in
- 16 California right now.
- 17 So, our policy goals; facilitate technology
- 18 development and commercialization of medium duty and
- 19 heavy duty vehicles for goods movement and freight
- 20 transportation.
- 21 There are multiple pathways that we're actually
- 22 supporting with this, so natural gas, electric drive,
- 23 hydrogen fuel cell electric drive and then all the
- 24 different combinations of these technologies that we can
- 25 use, so for hybrid and range extender combinations.

- 1 Policy goals are reduce diesel fuel use, and I
- 2 think (inaudible) -- that trucks comprise about three,
- 3 three and a half percent of the total vehicle fleets in
- 4 California. So, the used about 16 percent of the fuel
- 5 and are responsible for up to 24 to 25 percent of the
- 6 total criteria and particulate emissions in California.
- 7 So, it's kind of a disproportionate --
- 8 (inaudible) -- so we think that by investing in this
- 9 sector using lower carbon, zero carbon technologies
- 10 power we can lower the carbon and the poor air quality
- 11 levels.
- 12 And a lot of information here, but I basically
- 13 want to say that these put about 2,000 trucks on the
- 14 road between natural gas and propane. And we just have
- 15 some great projects in the pipeline on the development
- 16 side.
- On the assembly plant side, so companies called
- 18 Motor Electric (phonetic), life Vehicles International,
- 19 Motor Power in the Bay Area, Light Speed (phonetic),
- 20 we've got really exciting (inaudible) -- in the
- 21 marketplace.
- So, we've put about \$7 million into that and
- 23 about \$40 million into the truck sector.
- 24 The takeaway here is that they put about 1,600
- 25 trucks on the road with all commercial scale trucks,

- 1 nearly \$50 million in funding.
- 2 So, you know, we're moving the needle away from
- 3 zero. But again, it's a long way to go to put a dent in
- 4 the truck vehicle fleet.
- 5 As to biofuels, so our strategic goals and
- 6 policy goals are to displace petroleum as predominant
- 7 vehicle fuel in California, support the low carbon fuel
- 8 standard and its target of 10 percent reduction by 2020,
- 9 develop commercial products and markets for ethanol and
- 10 green gasoline, biodiesel and renewable diesel, and
- 11 biogas.
- 12 Policy goals, again, reduce diesel fuel use,
- 13 enhance public health, improve air quality and reduce
- 14 carbon emissions.
- This is a snapshot of what we've got so far. So
- 16 on capacity basic we can get about 240 million gallons
- 17 per year in capacity.
- 18 In California, their production is below that,
- 19 it's about 150. We're very pleased to see that Pacific
- 20 Ethanol, the second plant in the (inaudible) is back
- 21 online. That's a big time market signal.
- 22 But our in-state use is over a billion gallons
- 23 of ethanol per year. So there's a lot of increased move
- 24 and that's primarily for (inaudible) --
- 25 On the biodiesel side we've got about 50 million

- 1 gallons per year of capacity and production's about
- 2 half.
- 3 The graph's about what we've funded for far, so
- 4 about \$100 million for fuel production and about 34
- 5 projects.
- In addition, we've got the infrastructure to
- 7 support that.
- 8 So, the way the program will run today is our
- 9 first speaker is going to be Anthony Eggert from UC
- 10 Davis.
- 11 And before I introduce him formally, I just want
- 12 to say I think this is a really exciting mix of
- 13 panelists. And I counted up, we have three CEOs and we
- 14 have one chief technology officer. We have two former
- 15 commissioners and appointees. We have representatives
- 16 from major global corporations, like Air Liquide and
- 17 Toyota.
- 18 And we're going to hear from speakers from two
- 19 very progressive utilities in California, the Southern
- 20 California Edison and the Sempra Utilities.
- 21 And I was making the bios, I was really, truly
- 22 pleased to see the credentials that these folks have.
- So, I'm really looking forward to today.
- So, the way the rest of the day will run is I'll
- 25 introduce the panels. And, again, we'll start with Mr.

- 1 Eggert.
- 2 I'll introduce each panel, and review the
- 3 strategic goals and key questions that we distributed to
- 4 the speakers early on. We'll hear from the speakers.
- 5 We'll then take questions from the Commissioners. I may
- 6 have a few questions.
- 7 And I think, generally, we're going to be tight
- 8 on time, so questions are going to have to come later in
- 9 the afternoon.
- 10 So, with that I want to introduce Anthony
- 11 Eggert.
- 12 MS. RAITT: I think we need to take a one-minute
- 13 break.
- 14 (Off the record.)
- MR. MC KINNEY: Okay, are we good? Great.
- 16 I'd like to introduce our first speaker, Mr.
- 17 Anthony Eggert.
- 18 Anthony Eggert is the Executive Director of the
- 19 UC Davis Policy Institute for Energy, Environment and
- 20 the Economy, which is dedicated to leveraging University
- 21 of California experience to inform better policy.
- 22 Anthony has served as an appointee of Governor
- 23 Brown and Governor Schwarzenegger in several senior
- 24 policy positions, including Science and Technology
- 25 Policy Advisor for the Chair of the Air Resources Board,

- 1 Commissioner for the California Energy Commission, and
- 2 Deputy Secretary for Energy Policy of the California
- 3 Environmental Protection Agency.
- 4 His prior positions include advising the
- 5 University of California on Federal energy and climate
- 6 policy, directing research on low carbon fuels and
- 7 vehicles at UC Davis, and as an Engineer and Manager at
- 8 Ford Motor Company.
- 9 Anthony serves as a Board Member of the Alliance
- 10 to Save Energy, the National Commission on Energy
- 11 Efficiency Policy, and is a Technical Advisor to the
- 12 U.S. Department of Energy and the National Renewable
- 13 Energy Laboratories.
- Welcome Anthony.
- 15 MR. EGGERT: Thank you very much, Jim. And it's
- 16 great to be back here in these chambers and see so many
- 17 familiar and friendly faces. And I want to thank the
- 18 Commissioners for inviting me to present on some work
- 19 that we've done.
- 20 Looking out to kind of where we want to go to
- 21 2050 I think, you know, to answer the question about
- 22 what we can do in the next ten years we kind of have to
- 23 know where you want to end up.
- 24 And so, what I'm going to be presenting on today
- 25 here is the results of a modeling forum that we held in

- 1 December, with participation from the Energy Commission,
- 2 many of the other State agencies, the Governor's Office,
- 3 and a number of the modeling teams that have looked at
- 4 this question: which is can California achieve its long-
- 5 term energy and climate goals and what might that mean
- 6 for technology and policy pathways.
- 7 I'm going to go through this relatively quickly,
- 8 both because I know we're running a bit behind on time,
- 9 but I want to make sure I get, you know, to the key
- 10 findings that are of relevance to the IEPR process.
- In fact, I'll just jump right to the punchline.
- 12 And that is that, pretty much I would say, universally
- 13 across all the different analyses that have been done on
- 14 this that we -- if we're going to get to our long-term
- 15 climate goals within the transportation sector, we have
- 16 to accelerate our progress towards zero emission
- 17 vehicles, particularly for the light duty sector.
- 18 And even increasingly we're finding that that's
- 19 necessary in portions of the goods movement, heavy duty
- 20 sector, as well as advanced biofuels, particularly low
- 21 carbon biofuels that don't contribute significantly to
- 22 emissions from a land use change.
- 23 So, that's the conclusion. Let's see if I can
- 24 now walk you through it.
- I do want to just acknowledge this is a project

- 1 that involved a quite a number of folks, steering team,
- 2 all the other modeling teams.
- 4 Morrison, who's a post-doc, who did a quite a bit of the
- 5 analytical work. He also happens to be looking for a
- 6 job, if anybody --
- 7 And so, just a couple of very, very brief
- 8 comments about models, and this is a quote from a late
- 9 and distinguished professor at the University of
- 10 Wisconsin, Madison, George Box, who was really quite
- 11 well known for the development of statistical modeling
- 12 and using Bayesian inference tools and techniques, which
- 13 is basically saying that you should always be updating
- 14 and looking for opportunities to update your model with
- 15 recent experience, data and knowledge.
- And I think it's important to recognize that,
- 17 you know, it is -- this is a true statement: models are
- 18 an attempt to basically provide a simplified view of
- 19 reality. And whether we know it or not we use models
- 20 all the time.
- 21 Even to get here to work today I had to create a
- 22 model about how long it was going to take me from when I
- 23 left my house to when I arrived here in the room.
- 24 Fortunately, most of assumptions and parameters
- 25 were correct. Otherwise, you'd be looking at an empty

- 1 podium.
- 2 But when we think about models for the purposes
- 3 of informing decision making, the best models are those
- 4 that are sufficiently transparent to provide an
- 5 understanding about the assumptions, the methodologies
- 6 and the implications for different inputs.
- 7 They allow you to ask what if questions and see
- 8 what the results are, and be able to understand those
- 9 results in a sense that you can actually use them for
- 10 the purpose of decision making.
- 11 And I would say, you know, without them you're
- 12 really stuck with opinion and conjecture, which I would
- 13 suggest is not the best basis for important decision
- 14 making.
- 15 Again, just sort of a very quick terminology,
- 16 you know, we also talk about scenarios and this is, I
- 17 guess, a relatively recent term from the 1970s, at least
- 18 made famous by Shell Oil when they used scenarios to
- 19 understand what the future trajectory of different oil
- 20 supply situations might be then used that for the basis
- 21 of decision making.
- 22 And what scenarios do is they recognize that the
- 23 future is informed, is shaped by decisions. And
- 24 certainly, for government, it's also shaped by policy
- 25 that helps to shape decisions that lead to different

- 1 outcomes.
- 2 And then just a very quick word about
- 3 predictions; I would say that the history of predictive
- 4 models is sort of fraught with challenges.
- 5 This is just a chart that shows the attempts by
- 6 the Department of Energy to predict the future price of
- 7 oil. The little whiskers are where they thought it was
- 8 going to go and the solid line is what actually
- 9 happened.
- 10 And it sort of reflects some of the challenges
- 11 when you're trying to do predictive things, like
- 12 pricing.
- I would say DOE has mostly learned its lesson
- 14 and now they do, basically, scenarios analysis where
- 15 they use different assumptions to establish low and high
- 16 price trajectories, which gives them guite a bit of
- 17 latitude.
- 18 And then I also think some humility is
- 19 appropriate. There's always going to be things that we
- 20 didn't anticipate, even though we may think that we've
- 21 found the best way to power our energy future using
- 22 porcupines and Raisin Bran, there's always the
- 23 possibility that porcupines might be allergic to raisins
- 24 and our theory falls apart.
- So, when we looked at this question, we really

- 1 did focus on this idea of California's contribution to a
- 2 stabilized climate, which is mentioned in the policy
- 3 goals for the State, which is an 80 percent reduction in
- 4 emissions out to 2050, comparative to 1990 levels.
- 5 And we sort of also were informed by a desire, a
- 6 stated desire by the State to determine where they
- 7 should be in the next 16 years, sort of, or at least at
- 8 different mid points along the path.
- 9 And this is articulated both in a policy
- 10 document by the Air Resources Board, as well as the
- 11 Governor's Office, their Environmental Goals and Policy
- 12 Report identifying the need to establish sort of midterm
- 13 targets to guide policy development.
- 14 So, across all these models we asked the teams
- 15 to look at what they thought -- where the State might be
- 16 in 2030 and 2050 with respect to greenhouse gases, fuel
- 17 mix and technology mix, infrastructure built rate, air
- 18 quality. What were the key assumptions that drive those
- 19 results? What are some of the common insights? And
- 20 where do they diverge?
- 21 Again, I'm going to be focusing primarily on
- 22 those results that are relevant to transportation and a
- 23 little bit on power generation.
- 24 But you can get all of the information,
- 25 including the findings, the summaries, all of the model

- 1 documentation from our website.
- 2 Again, in the interest of time I won't go
- 3 through this. But you find that when you start to look
- 4 at these things you realize that there's quite a
- 5 different -- quite a number of different modeling tools,
- 6 methodologies and philosophies, all of which have kind
- 7 of different merits, pros and cons.
- 8 And understanding what those are I think is very
- 9 helpful when you're thinking about what types of
- 10 questions you might want to ask of the models.
- 11 And so, the other sort of benefit of undertaking
- 12 this exercise was just the -- by looking at these in
- 13 detail, we were able to uncover and I think discover
- 14 some additional value from each of these exercises.
- 15 Assumptions do matter. Some significant ones,
- 16 certainly, are things about, for example, the future
- 17 population of the State, which based on the latest
- 18 census has actually been falling, at least in terms of
- 19 its future estimate.
- 20 It's now estimated to be about 50 million across
- 21 the State, going from about 36 today, by 2050.
- 22 That can impact things like business as usual,
- 23 what you think would happen otherwise, without any
- 24 additional policy.
- 25 And one interesting thing about assumptions

- 1 about business as usual is that as additional policies
- 2 have become sort of ingrained in the activities of the
- 3 energy sector, it's caused a substantial reduction in
- 4 the estimate of that future business as usual.
- 5 And that gives you, in a sense, of sort of how
- 6 much harder you have to work to get on the path to 2050.
- 7 So, this is just reflective of a straight line
- 8 and a constant rate reduction to 2050. And then these
- 9 are the scenarios that actually either hit the mark or,
- 10 in the one instance, a model that we included from
- 11 Lawrence Berkeley Lab, which only looked at, really,
- 12 policies out to 2030, actually still had similarly --
- 13 cumulatively similar reductions to 2050.
- 14 And one of the things you'll note is that you
- 15 can kind of look at this either from the perspective of
- 16 an annual emissions target or a cumulate emissions
- 17 reduction.
- 18 And this definitely matters for a variety of
- 19 reasons, but it particularly matters for the climate.
- 20 The climate care is primarily about the buildup of
- 21 atmospheric concentration of greenhouse gas emissions
- 22 that contributes to the radiative forcing, which causes
- 23 climate change.
- 24 And, therefore, cumulative emissions is
- 25 sometimes even a better estimate of how your policies

- 1 are contributing to that goal.
- 2 And actually, among these models the difference
- 3 in the cumulative emissions was as much as 40 percent.
- 4 In terms of the specific question that we were
- 5 asked about 2030 targets, what you'll see there on the
- 6 left, this just shows the envelope of results.
- We're, I think, able to give a fairly wide range
- 8 of values, anywhere from about 8 to 52 percent below
- 9 1990 levels by 2030.
- 10 And that's reflective of a lot of different
- 11 paths to the end goal. And depending on how these
- 12 models work, they tend to favor either early reductions
- 13 or later reductions.
- And again, just want to point out that that does
- 15 make a difference when you look at the cumulative side.
- Okay, so let's jump to the results. So, these
- 17 are -- this is a fairly busy slide, so I'm going to just
- 18 try to draw you to the primary findings.
- 19 This is for the transportation sector. The bar
- 20 on the left is the light duty energy use and then the
- 21 little red triangle on the left, at the top there is
- 22 reflective of the energy consumption across all
- 23 transportation modes in 2010.
- 24 And then each of the subsequent bar charts and
- 25 triangles is reflective of each of the models' estimates

- 1 for 2030 and 2050 for the transportation sector, again,
- 2 the light duty sector being the gold bars.
- 3 And so what you find is that by 2030 -- I think
- 4 for some people this might be a surprising finding, but
- 5 it's still a relatively small fraction of the overall
- 6 light duty vehicle fleet, which is comprised of zero
- 7 emission vehicles, primarily battery-electric or
- 8 hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- 9 But by 2050 they dominate the market. So,
- 10 across the model somewhere between 57 and 87 percent of
- 11 all vehicles on the road are zero emission vehicles
- 12 across these different models.
- 13 The other thing is that the transportation
- 14 energy use falls dramatically across pretty much all of
- 15 the models, some of them by more than half.
- 16 This is despite the dramatic growth in
- 17 population. And this reflects a dramatic increase in
- 18 the efficiency across all modes for the transportation
- 19 sector.
- 20 And that includes both conventional vehicles
- 21 using combustion technology, as well as the more
- 22 advanced technologies like batteries and fuel cells.
- 23 So, then the question is what's the rest of the
- 24 energy that's not either hydrogen or electricity, coming
- 25 primarily from low carbon sources?

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- 2 models they saw a very significant role for biofuels,
- 3 liquid biofuels and -- but also were sort of reflective
- 4 of the resource limitations, the feedstock limitations
- 5 for the production of those biofuels that could be truly
- 6 low carbon.
- 7 And generally they saw that as being limited to
- 8 about 40 percent of the overall transportation energy
- 9 need in 2050, and comprised primarily of things like
- 10 waste materials, plus some of what are characterized as
- 11 energy crops to the extent that, again, they don't have
- 12 significant contributions to land use emissions.
- On the power generation side, so the electricity
- 14 sector, here it's a very, very different story. So,
- 15 again, the little red box on the left for 2013 is the
- 16 current electricity generation, kilowatt hours per year
- 17 in California.
- 18 I note that the bottom is not at zero. It's at
- 19 250 terawatt hours.
- The number above that is, at that time, the
- 21 generation associated with renewables, 20 percent.
- 22 And then each of the successive box spots on the
- 23 right are each of the different pathways.
- 24 And what you'll see is that across all the
- 25 different models electricity consumption grows

- 1 dramatically. In some cases it's quite a bit more than
- 2 twice the amount of electricity consumption by 2050,
- 3 despite dramatic assumptions about efficiency for
- 4 buildings, for appliances, et cetera.
- 5 And this is really associated with two factors
- 6 that being sort of the electrification of a lot of our
- 7 end uses, especially in the transportation sector, but
- 8 also, particularly in residential, commercial and
- 9 industrial heating processes.
- 10 The other thing I would -- I know the other part
- 11 of the IEPR is to look at things like the DRECT and the
- 12 future potential for renewable energy generation.
- 13 So that the numbers, the percentages that are
- 14 above those plots reflect the estimates of what the
- 15 renewables fraction would be in each of those years.
- 16 And there's a quite a wide range and a lot of
- 17 that has to do with the extent to which the models
- 18 assumed there would be availability of things like
- 19 nuclear generation, and carbon capture and
- 20 sequestration.
- 21 But even under the fairly modest assumptions I
- 22 would say the build rate for renewables is quite
- 23 dramatic. So, anywhere between 200 megawatts and 4.2
- 24 gigawatts per year between today and 2030, and one and a
- 25 half and 10.4 gigawatts per year between 2030 and 2050.

- 1 This is really, I would say, unprecedented. We
- 2 do have the resource base in this State, but this is
- 3 sort of a call to action, you might say. If we believe
- 4 we need to be on this path, we really need to think
- 5 about a dramatic uptick in the build rate for renewable
- 6 generation.
- 7 And then, finally, and very importantly, of
- 8 course, we do still have the air quality challenges that
- 9 Jim mentioned.
- 10 And for those models that did address air
- 11 quality, not all of them did, but those that did I think
- 12 reinforced the statement that Jim mentioned and that
- 13 Barry did in the first meeting, which is that we really
- 14 need the zero and near zero emissions freight, goods
- 15 movement technologies earlier than we might have
- 16 otherwise thought, especially in the San Joaquin Valley
- 17 and South Coast Air Basins.
- 18 And again, that has implications for how quickly
- 19 we need to build out and deploy those technologies.
- 20 So, just to conclude, again I want to emphasize
- 21 that you should never really rely upon any singular
- 22 model. They do all provide some interesting
- 23 perspectives, especially if they've sort of opened up
- 24 their books and allowed you to see inside how they
- 25 actually work.

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- 2 it is technical plausible to get to these deep
- 3 production levels. That's not going to say it's going
- 4 to be easy, but it is possible. And we've been able to
- 5 sort of identify what that means in terms of technology
- 6 deployment.
- 7 And then, of course, you know, as good
- 8 researchers we always have to identify opportunities for
- 9 additional research. There was quite a few of them.
- I just highlight one, which relates to bioenergy
- 11 and biofuels production, a need to really sort of dig
- 12 into that because there's a variety of different
- 13 pathways that biomass can take into the energy sector.
- 14 And depending upon certain assumptions about
- 15 things like bioenergy plus CCS that can sort of tip the
- 16 model in different directions as to where that ends up.
- 17 And then I guess I'm just going to conclude with
- 18 the last two bullets here, which is the essential need
- 19 for a continued collection of data.
- 20 And this is something where I see CEC has just a
- 21 tremendous opportunity, given its programs that it's
- 22 undertaking, that you are in the process of building
- 23 what could be a really, really valuable dataset about
- 24 sort of where we're at on the path towards these
- 25 futures.

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- 2 form that can then be fed back into both the modeling
- 3 efforts and the decision making, I think we have a real
- 4 chance for the State of California and the Energy
- 5 Commission to be an active and productive player in that
- 6 process.
- 7 And then the very last point I'll make is that
- 8 we're already getting requests from other jurisdictions
- 9 that are very interested in this work and how it might
- 10 apply to other states, like Washington, Oregon. Of
- 11 course, even across the rest of the country because if
- 12 we are going to reach our climate goals, these
- 13 technologies eventually have to be adopted elsewhere as
- 14 well.
- 15 So, I think with that I will conclude. Thank
- 16 you very much.
- 17 MR. MC KINNEY: Thank you very much, Anthony.
- 18 Commissioner Scott or Douglas, do you have any
- 19 follow-up questions?
- 20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I do not have any follow-up
- 21 questions, but I would just say thank you very much for
- 22 this thorough and really interesting presentation. For
- 23 me, it's a great way to set the stage and really
- 24 understand kind of the broader context for the
- 25 discussions that we're going to have in our panels

- 1 today. So thank you.
- 2 MR. EGGERT: Thanks a lot, thank you.
- 3 MR. MC KINNEY: And Anthony, this is not so much
- 4 a question, but I think you truly kind of laid a good
- 5 framework for later on today.
- 6 And two of the stats you put out that caught my
- 7 attention. I think you said 40 percent of
- 8 transportation energy from the biofuels sector in 2050.
- 9 Was that the modeling result?
- 10 MR. EGGERT: Yes, as a potential for biofuels
- 11 that could be produced in a way that would be consistent
- 12 with the long-term climate goals.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, and I think that will be
- 14 really interesting on our fourth panel today because
- 15 there's not a lot of good market connections right now
- 16 between kind of our nation biofuels industry and the
- 17 fleets, and the blenders that have to pick that up and
- 18 get it into the gas tank. So, that will be good.
- 19 And also, the projections on hydrogen fuel cell
- 20 vehicles by 2020. And given how hard all of us are
- 21 working just to get that puppy up and running, and just
- 22 crawling, really. That's good to see that the models
- 23 are showing that.
- 24 MR. EGGERT: Yeah, so maybe just two quick
- 25 comments. So, one, I'll put a plug in for my other

- 1 colleague who's going to be here presenting later today,
- 2 Nathan Parker, who's going to talk about some of the
- 3 transitional challenges and opportunities associated
- 4 with moving towards the other biofuel sources and what
- 5 their resource potential is.
- 6 And then I think, you know, to the point about
- 7 we're -- we have to think about this on sort of a multi-
- 8 decadal time frame. You know, we're talking about
- 9 nothing less than transforming one of the largest
- 10 industries in the world, which is both the
- 11 transportation sector and the energy sector that serves
- 12 it.
- 13 And, again, having some understanding about the
- 14 pace at which we can introduce things and when they're
- 15 likely to have an impact I think can really help sort of
- 16 quide both our ambitions and our specific investments.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, great, thanks Anthony.
- 18 So, with that I would like to call our hydrogen
- 19 speakers up to the tables here.
- You will be our first panel. So, we need
- 21 Brendan Shaffer, Aaron Harris, Daniel Dedrick and Matt
- 22 McClory.
- Do you see your name tags there?
- 24 Heather, would you prefer that people present
- 25 from the table or the podium?

- 1 MS. RAITT: Either way is fine. We can turn
- 2 your slides or if you wanted to come here and use this,
- 3 that's fine, too.
- 4 MR. MC KINNEY: So, Brendan, we'd like to have
- 5 you go first. Would you prefer speaking from the table
- 6 and Heather or Lynette can run through your slides?
- 7 MR. SHAFFER: Yeah, this is fine.
- 8 MR. MC KINNEY: So, to review the policy goals
- 9 here, so again to facilitate commercial launch of light
- 10 duty vehicles. And, really, work towards this network
- 11 of a minimum of 100 stations by 2020, as laid out in AB
- 12 8, and really begin to drive down station costs.
- So, some of the key questions, Commissioners
- 14 that we had prepared for this panel:
- 15 Are there critical technology issues that need
- 16 to be resolved in order to drive down station cost or
- 17 the cost issues of function of low volume and non-
- 18 standard station designs?
- 19 Number two: How can ARFVTP funding be used to
- 20 overcome specific technology and market barriers?
- 21 And three: What role can hydrogen fuel cell
- 22 vehicles play in helping to meet California's climate
- 23 policy goals through 2023 and beyond?
- 24 So, we have four speakers for this panel. We
- 25 have an hour and a quarter. I'm going to keep you to 15

- 1 minutes and then we'll have some room for, again,
- 2 follow-up questions from the Commissioners.
- 3 Our first speaker is Mr. Brendan Shaffer. He's
- 4 the Technology Manager of Sustainable Energy and
- 5 Transportation at the Advanced Power and Energy Program
- 6 at UC Irvine.
- 7 He has been performing research in the
- 8 alternative energy space since 2006. His research has
- 9 covered modeling of all the electric and transportation
- 10 systems, high temperature fuel cell development and
- 11 modeling, hydrogen fuel turbine systems, and advanced
- 12 dispatch for distributed energy resources.
- 13 He is a Licensed Mechanical Engineer for the
- 14 State of California and he received his MS and BS in
- 15 Mechanical Engineering from UC Irvine.
- Brendan.
- 17 MR. SHAFFER: Thank you, Jim.
- 18 MR. MC KINNEY: Let's get the mic closer to you.
- 19 MR. SHAFFER: Okay, so Jim asked me to talk a
- 20 little bit about hydrogen fuel cell technologies and the
- 21 status of them, as well as some opportunities associated
- 22 with them.
- 23 And I'm going to discuss the applications, not
- 24 only in the transportation sector, but also some
- 25 applications in the stationary power sector.

- 1 So, why hydrogen fuel cells? Well, Anthony kind
- 2 of alluded to this in the previous presentation is we
- 3 have quite a few air quality challenges in the State,
- 4 and we also have a lot of climate change goals in the
- 5 State.
- 6 And there's like a lot of animations in this.
- 7 Who's controlling this? Sorry, I thought I was going to
- 8 have control of the -- but okay.
- 9 MR. MC KINNEY: If you'd like to go to the
- 10 podium, you can.
- 11 MR. SHAFFER: Yeah, I'll do that.
- Okay, sorry about that. So, to address these
- 13 challenges, hydrogen fuel cells can really play a
- 14 significant role in addressing these challenges.
- 15 Battery electric vehicles can also play a
- 16 significant role here, as well, but for the purposes of
- 17 this presentation I'm going to focus on hydrogen fuel
- 18 cell technologies.
- 19 An important aspect to note here with actually
- 20 both of these technologies, battery electric and fuel
- 21 cell electric vehicles is that the electrification of
- 22 the fleet, of the light duty vehicle fleet provides a
- 23 lot of opportunities for grid support.
- 24 So, whether you're doing vehicle to grid, or
- 25 large scale central electrolysis, you can really provide

- 1 a lot of support for the grid, especially at the higher
- 2 renewable penetrations.
- 3 Another thing to note here is that a lot of the
- 4 modeling I showed that you're really still going to need
- 5 at least some natural gas resources to support grid
- 6 operation in the future, even at the high renewable
- 7 penetration.
- 8 And stationary fuel cells can really meet this
- 9 need. And in particular, the TIGER station application
- 10 is a very interesting one. And I'll discuss that
- 11 application later in the presentation.
- 12 And finally, managing the internet intermittent
- 13 renewables on the electric grid will require large
- 14 amounts of storage to avoid excessive curtailment of
- 15 those resources.
- 16 And batteries can serve this role, some hydro
- 17 can serve this roll, hydrogen can serve this roll.
- 18 And in the mad rush to get this presentation
- 19 ready, I somehow missed compressed air energy storage.
- 20 But I'd really like to focus on the hydrogen
- 21 aspect here. Hydrogen has some -- hydrogen energy
- 22 storage have some very important qualities that make it
- 23 very, very interesting.
- 24 So, looking at the wheel of carbon intensities
- 25 for various fuel vehicle systems, we can see that

- 1 hydrogen can provide some nice reductions from the
- 2 current fuel vehicle systems we're using today and the
- 3 gasoline vehicles.
- 4 But where we are now at getting our hydrogen
- 5 from natural gas won't really be enough to get us to the
- 6 reduction goals that we need to meet, in particular, the
- 7 80 percent reduction in 2050.
- 8 So, we really need to get down to getting our
- 9 hydrogen from renewable sources, whether it's biogas or
- 10 using electrolysis of renewable electricity.
- 11 So, just to quickly go through some possible
- 12 reduction potential using fuel cell electric vehicles,
- 13 we've done some dual sector analyses using our
- 14 transportation electric system model.
- 15 And the duel sector analysis is really
- 16 important, especially when you're considering
- 17 electrified vehicles because those vehicles are highly
- 18 coupled to the electric system, itself.
- 19 And the bottom line here is that fuel cell
- 20 electric vehicles can provide a large potential for GHG
- 21 reduction if you're producing that hydrogen from the
- 22 right source.
- So, a particular case, and these are rough
- 24 numbers, and presented here just because they work well
- 25 together.

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- 2 penetration at 60 percent renewable penetration can give
- 3 you approximately a 60 percent reduction in greenhouse
- 4 gas emissions.
- 5 And a really interesting thing to note here is
- 6 that for this particular case there were still some SMR
- 7 in this case, so about 30 percent SMR, 30 percent
- 8 electrolysis.
- 9 And what we saw in the results is that if you
- 10 dispatch your electrolysis system, so there we're
- 11 talking about large-scale electrolysis systems.
- 12 If you dispatch those large-scale electrolysis
- 13 systems, you can really take advantage of a lot of that
- 14 otherwise curtailed energy from the intermittent
- 15 renewables.
- 16 In addition, we also saw that the hydrogen
- 17 fueling infrastructure, itself, has a large potential
- 18 storage potential.
- 19 So, these are some nice synergies that allowed,
- 20 you know, fuel cell vehicles to enhance renewable
- 21 deployment, if you will.
- 22 So, I pulled this figure from the Fuel Cell
- 23 Technologies Market Report, from the USDOE, just to
- 24 highlight the building momentum in the fuel cell sector.
- 25 And you can really see that, you know, the

- 1 amount of systems shipped is continuing to increase.
- 2 And once these volumes are increased sufficiently,
- 3 production costs are going to drop enough and you're
- 4 going to start to see profitability in some of these
- 5 companies.
- 6 So, I'm going to move to stationary fuel cells
- 7 real quick. So, here's a schematic of what a mobile
- 8 fuel cell system looks like.
- 9 In the stationary application you need to pre-
- 10 treat the fuel, since hydrogen does not occur naturally.
- 11 Typically, your fuel will be natural gas or biogas. You
- 12 also need to convert that direct current to a
- 13 (inaudible) current for integration with the current
- 14 electric system.
- 15 An attribute of stationary fuel cells is they
- 16 have efficiency, virtually zero pollutant emission and
- 17 virtually zero acoustic emission.
- 18 So, in a stationary application you have natural
- 19 gas coming in and alternating current coming out.
- There's also some other attributes of the
- 21 stationary fuel cells, which it can also provide a high
- 22 quality waste heat stream. So, you can use that to
- 23 raise steam provide heat for HVAC applications, cooling
- 24 for HVAC applications if you integrate it with an
- 25 absorption chiller.

- 1 They also have a very low water consumption
- 2 which is increasingly an issue in the State of
- 3 California.
- 4 They're also, typically, now baseloaded systems,
- 5 24/7 operation and highly reliable.
- 6 And given their power conditioning systems to
- 7 take the direct current to alternating current it can
- 8 also provide power quality benefits.
- 9 So, in the stationary fuel cell market right now
- 10 there's three chemistries that are commercially offered.
- 11 Phosphoric acid is the first one, molten carbonate is
- 12 the second one and solid oxide fuel cell is the third
- 13 one.
- 14 And these names are associated with the type of
- 15 electrolytes in the fuel cells, themselves. And the
- 16 electrolyte determines the operating temperature. And
- 17 you have three manufacturers of each.
- So, you have ClearEdge Power which provides the
- 19 phosphoric acid fuel cell; FuelCell Energy which
- 20 provides a molten carbonate fuel cell; and Bloom Energy
- 21 which provides the solid oxide fuel cell products.
- Here's a map showing some of the installations
- 23 throughout the State. You can see that there's 38
- 24 megawatts of natural gas in the State and 43 megawatts
- 25 of renewably-fueled stationary fuel cells in the State.

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- 2 right. And let's look through some of the examples.
- 3 So, outside of Sacramento there's a ClearEdge power
- 4 system at a hospital, another ClearEdge power system at
- 5 an Albertson's in San Diego.
- 6 A FuelCell Energy system at California State
- 7 University, Northridge, another FuelCell Energy system
- 8 at a wastewater treatment system in Ontario and that
- 9 one's renewably fueled.
- 10 So, we have all three major manufacturers
- 11 showing a product in California. And two of these
- 12 companies are actually based in the State of California,
- 13 Bloom Energy and ClearEdge Power.
- 14 So, this is showing stationary fuel cell
- 15 shipments for -- by number of systems shipped, as well
- 16 as megawatts of fuel cells shipped.
- 17 And we can see here that the United States,
- 18 South Korea and Japan are the major markets right now.
- 19 In the U.S., California is actually a major
- 20 market, as I kind of alluded to in the previous slide.
- 21 Some interesting things from this slide, you can
- 22 see that Japan is shipping a lot of small units for
- 23 distributed generation applications, while South Korea
- 24 is shipping a very few large units for applications at
- 25 potential generation scale.

- 1 And that kind of segues nicely into the next
- 2 slide, where I introduce the TIGER Station concept.
- 3 So, if we look at the schematic of our electric
- 4 system, we have central generation in the transmission
- 5 system on the right and distributed generation in the
- 6 distribution system on the left.
- 7 And typically, so far stationary fuel cells have
- 8 been installed in distributed generation applications to
- 9 either a home or a business.
- They've also been installed at wastewater
- 11 treatment facilities for the renewable case.
- 12 And the TIGER Station application looks to
- 13 install a fuel cell at a substation where the
- 14 transmission system and distribution system meet.
- 15 And TIGER Station is an acronym for Transmission
- 16 Integrated Grid Energy Resource.
- 17 And there's two major motivations for installing
- 18 a fuel cell at a substation. The first is that putting
- 19 a fuel cell there allows the utility to communicate with
- 20 that system and dispatch it as it needs to.
- 21 And then the second is that a lot of these
- 22 substations are located in urban air sheds with air
- 23 quality challenges. And fuel cells, as we all know,
- 24 have very low pollutant emissions and they're easily
- 25 sited within those areas.

- 1 Another application I need to mention here is
- 2 the fuel cell gas turbine hybrid. This system could be
- 3 well utilized both as a TIGER station, as well as a
- 4 central generation site.
- 5 They have the potential to exceed 70 percent
- 6 fuel to electricity efficiency, which is very
- 7 impressive. Here's an example of a TIGER Station in
- 8 Bridgeport, Connecticut and another example in South
- 9 Korea. And this one is 59 megawatts and I think it's
- 10 the largest one in the world at this point.
- 11 So, we did some modeling to demonstrate how
- 12 TIGER Stations could contribute to CO2 reductions,
- 13 despite them typically being fueled on natural gas at
- 14 this point.
- 15 So, we looked at a base case of 33 percent
- 16 renewable penetration, no coal, and a 5 gigawatt
- 17 deployment of these fuel cell technologies.
- 18 And what we can see is that from the base case,
- 19 which is in the gray, we can achieve a 6 percent
- 20 reduction despite the systems being natural gas fueled,
- 21 just due to their high efficiency.
- NOx emissions would actually be a much greater
- 23 reduction. I'm not showing those here.
- 24 And then if you look all the way to the right on
- 25 this plot, on the light green, you can achieve a 13

- 1 percent reduction if you implement advanced control of
- 2 those systems such that you can -- you would curtail
- 3 their power during periods of excessive curtailment of
- 4 renewables on the grid. So, that's an advance dispatch
- 5 case that isn't typically how stationary fuel cells are
- 6 operated now, but could be operated in the future.
- 7 So that's it, thank you.
- 8 MR. MC KINNEY: Thank you very much, Brendan.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Brendan, can I ask you one
- 10 clarifying question?
- 11 MR. SHAFFER: Sure.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: You had on slide three, the
- 13 hydrogen supply chain analysis --
- MR. SHAFFER: Yes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: -- and it talked a little
- 16 bit about the plug-in hybrids with 40-mile electric
- 17 range with the California grid and battery electric
- 18 vehicles with the California grid.
- MR. SHAFFER: Yes.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: And my question there was
- 21 is that today's grid, is that the grid of 33 percent, is
- 22 that the --
- MR. SHAFFER: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay.
- MR. SHAFFER: That's today's grid.

- 1 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay.
- 2 MR. SHAFFER: So, you know, if the renewable
- 3 portion goes up those are going to start to shift to the
- 4 left.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay.
- 6 MR. SHAFFER: Which is why you really need to
- 7 start working toward renewable production of hydrogen
- 8 which, you know, the CEC in their recent solicitation
- 9 required 33 percent of the hydrogen to be renewably
- 10 produced.
- 11 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.
- MR. SHAFFER: Yep.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Great. Our next speaker will be
- 14 Aaron Harris, Air Liquide. So, Aaron, you can either go
- 15 to the podium or speak from the table.
- 16 Aaron developed his passion for U.S. energy
- 17 independent while serving in the Marine Corps. While
- 18 researching his career options he stumbled into hydrogen
- 19 fuel cells and became enamored with the technology.
- In his view, the potential for hydrogen served
- 21 both environmental and national security interests,
- 22 which brought on his pursuit of Bachelor's and Master's
- 23 Degrees in Mechanical Engineering from the University of
- 24 Washington.
- 25 Aaron has held various positions in several

- 1 companies, including International Fuel Cells, the
- 2 Boeing Company, Nuvera Fuel Cells, and Sandia National
- 3 Laboratories.
- 4 Aaron is currently the Hydrogen Technical
- 5 Director at Air Liquid Advanced Technologies in Houston,
- 6 Texas.
- 7 He's also served on many codes and standards
- 8 development committees and is a member of the USDOE
- 9 Hydrogen Safety Panel.
- 10 And I can say, personally I've have the pleasure
- 11 of serving on the Fuel Cell Partnership Working Group
- 12 with Aaron for many years.
- 13 And I've got to get used to your new hat and
- 14 affiliation here, so Aaron.
- MR. HARRIS: Thank you, Jim.
- So, I'm looking forward to running through a
- 17 slides that I think give you the perspective, based on
- 18 the questions you asked.
- 19 But I want to begin with what may be some
- 20 questions regarding -- you'll see our motto "Creative
- 21 Oxygen", and you might wonder, well, how does that play
- 22 into hydrogen?
- 23 And in fact, when you consider, and this has
- 24 actually been a bit part of Air Liquid's global
- 25 strategy, creative oxygen involves making sure that we

- 1 have clean oxygen to breathe and, therefore, reducing
- 2 the carbon emissions.
- 3 And so that's key to this aspect of what we see
- 4 as an enterprise moving forward and why hydrogen fits
- 5 very well into Air Liquid's global strategy.
- 6 So, speaking of that I wanted to at least begin
- 7 with the large big picture and I think one of the things
- 8 that I think sometimes challenges some of the
- 9 corporations in this space is that we aren't motivated
- 10 to participate, necessarily.
- 11 And I think that that is not necessarily the
- 12 truth. What I wanted to make sure that I articulated is
- 13 that we do see a huge opportunity in this market,
- 14 globally.
- 15 And if you look here, this is a quote from Air
- 16 Liquide's Global CEO, "If 10 percent of the global fleet
- 17 of cars could represent \$138 billion sales revenue"
- 18 which is twice the size of the global industrial gas
- 19 market today.
- 20 So, obviously, for us, there's a strong
- 21 motivation to understand, learn and develop in this
- 22 area. And certainly, the activities in California
- 23 present an opportunity to learn alongside the State.
- 24 So, you had asked about some of the network
- 25 planning, what's going on as a network? And I'll try to

- 1 drill down slowing into what's going on.
- 2 So, starting at the global level, Air Liquide
- 3 has developed quite a bit of experience in putting
- 4 fueling stations in the ground, understanding this
- 5 technology, coming up with designs, 60 stations total.
- 6 And are now participating with -- you know,
- 7 globally in these three regions with these very
- 8 substantial efforts. Not only the 100 stations that are
- 9 identified here in California, but also other regional
- 10 activities, as was mentioned earlier, throughout the
- 11 U.S. and throughout the Americas in general.
- 12 Then looking in Europe, we've got quite a bit of
- 13 activity in Germany, but not only just Germany, but
- 14 Scandinavia, the UK, France, all throughout Europe as
- 15 well.
- 16 And then Japan, there's been some recent
- 17 announcements within Japan and its plans for putting 100
- 18 stations in.
- 19 And so I think when you look at that activity
- 20 globally for us there's obviously a lot to be gained.
- 21 But one of the things I wanted to make sure I
- 22 highlighted here, and although you asked me for some of
- 23 the information about the European experience and I'll
- 24 look to make sure I talk about that in a few slides, I
- 25 wanted to highlight what I think is important regarding

- 1 what California represents.
- 2 California is leading in several key areas of
- 3 technology. One of these, in particular, is the retail
- 4 sales, and with activity within weights and measures,
- 5 and trying to drive the technology from meters.
- 6 That has not necessarily been the case globally.
- 7 These other early-adopter nations and states have
- 8 decided to forego that in their planning, where
- 9 California's stepped out by itself, almost, and is
- 10 addressing this metering issue.
- I think that's not only commendable, also maybe,
- 12 you know to Jim's point, it might be a little bit
- 13 frustrating. But I think frustration comes with being
- 14 the one who's in front and taking that lead.
- 15 So as long as you're willing to face that
- 16 frustration, I think that is certainly something that
- 17 we're interested in learning along with you.
- 18 So, that's certainly something that plays well
- 19 with us as far as internally, when we advocate for why
- 20 is California so critical when a global corporation is
- 21 identifying how to balance our activities, we can
- 22 identify certain lead activities within the State of
- 23 California and why the participation here is so critical
- 24 for us.
- 25 And that's what I've tried to highlight here, as

- 1 well, that we've identified and seen the sustained
- 2 government funding. And we don't think that there's
- 3 going to be a change, you know, necessarily coming
- 4 there.
- 5 That we do see California evolving as this
- 6 regional and national model, and so learning the lessons
- 7 as well as being a participant here is critically
- 8 important.
- 9 And then the leveraging of the experiences and
- 10 opportunities, as Anthony had alluded to earlier, across
- 11 the U.S. and being able to identify that. You know, in
- 12 a sense trying to opportunistically say that this now is
- 13 the time to jump into that.
- 14 So, stepping yet another level down and deeper
- 15 into the details, we do see this -- as Brenda was
- 16 pointing out, this transitional effect. And in fact, it
- 17 is one of our core tenets within our program for
- 18 hydrogen energy is to produce, by 2020, 50 percent of
- 19 the hydrogen through carbon-free processes.
- 20 And so that certainly aligns with the activities
- 21 within the State of California and it aligns with our
- 22 global initiatives, and our goals, and the way that we
- 23 see this market evolving.
- 24 So, I think that's very critical in my mind that
- 25 you'll see this industry-to-government collaborative

- 1 initiative because we see that. And I think that's not
- 2 necessarily the result of just a benevolent corporation.
- 3 That's certainly shareholder input. That's certainly
- 4 driven from you know, market forces that are controlling
- 5 or pushing us in that direction.
- 6 But I do want to make sure I highlight the fact
- 7 that I've pointed out, and as Brendan pointed out, there
- 8 is a transitional effect between natural gas, natural
- 9 gas with carbon capture, biomass, and biogas, all the
- 10 way to solar and wind.
- 11 And so, to simply state that if we were going to
- 12 try to jump over this entire technology and go entirely
- 13 to electrolysis from renewables, we would be missing
- 14 several of the key opportunities that we have.
- 15 And as I think Anthony's models showed, that
- 16 cumulative effect of carbon reduction could be greatly
- 17 affected if we try to just drive to that one end.
- 18 And so, I wanted to make sure that I articulated
- 19 that, as well, since we see that as an opportunity from
- 20 the various types of source feedstocks to our hydrogen,
- 21 and that's critical that we can develop all of those
- 22 alongside the program.
- 23 Another aspect of this is that we aren't,
- 24 necessarily, simply just interested in the light duty
- 25 vehicle aspects of this. Certainly, there's aspects

- 1 within the forklift market, in the bus market, our heavy
- 2 duty market, medium duty market.
- 3 And I think we have experience in all of those,
- 4 in all of our sectors. But it's certainly something
- 5 that I think is helping.
- 6 In particular, one of the things that, having
- 7 spoken with my European colleagues, the primary concern
- 8 in a lot of ways is this social acceptance, the societal
- 9 acceptances of hydrogen as a fuel.
- 10 And being able to locate it in various places
- 11 and not just pushing it through the light duty vehicles
- 12 really enables that and highlights that.
- I think the bus programs that you see within the
- 14 State of California are critical to that and I wanted to
- 15 make sure I highlighted that, as well, because we see
- 16 that with all of our global sectors.
- 17 So, to speak, as I had promised, a little bit
- 18 about the European experience, I think it's important to
- 19 note that with Germany there is, I would say, a
- 20 substantial amount of effort. And we can compare the
- 21 actual overall spend plans and the ambitions of the
- 22 goals.
- 23 But I think what's a layer below that is that
- 24 first bullet point where I'm pointing out, in a sense,
- 25 there's a little bit different approach within this

- 1 German way of moving forward. And that is, in a sense,
- 2 taking this private/public partnership and moving that
- 3 forward.
- 4 And I think trying to make sure it was an
- 5 objective together to put these in and not necessarily,
- 6 I would call more our California experience sort of a
- 7 call-and-response. There's a proposal and there's
- 8 responses.
- 9 But I think that we've seen a lot of challenges
- 10 to that. I don't want to say one is better than
- 11 another. I certainly thing that there are challenges
- 12 here, but I certainly think if we don't understand that
- 13 distinction between the two, then we would be comparing
- 14 apples to oranges when we make comparisons, say, between
- 15 Germany and California in saying what we're doing.
- 16 As I pointed out earlier, there are some things
- 17 that we're leading in here. I think there certainly are
- 18 going to be some things that they may accelerate in the
- 19 market with on this plan.
- 20 And how that evolves and making sure that we're
- 21 coordinated I think will be a good -- you know,
- 22 something that we'd be excited about participating with.
- 23 I think we can lend insight from participating in these
- 24 various sectors.
- 25 So, another question that you had for us in our

- 1 panel was this idea of technology versus scale. And I
- 2 tried as simply as I could to kind of quantify this in a
- 3 description that I think is clearly attributable to what
- 4 we think is really going to drive this market, and
- 5 that's what somebody's going to pay at the pump.
- 6 And the truth of the matter is that I think the
- 7 way the question was worded by answer is very
- 8 specifically yes.
- 9 So, I tried to make it a little bit more
- 10 explanative than that and saying that I know there are
- 11 technologies today, they're either in a lab, they're in
- 12 early phases. They are not necessarily something that I
- 13 can go and put into a station tomorrow within the State
- 14 of California.
- 15 And the challenge that I face is that I then
- 16 have to identify the right one, go and demonstrate it
- 17 for myself, ensure that I'm confident about its
- 18 performance and then implement it.
- 19 And anything we can do that accelerates that
- 20 portion of technology development, not necessarily going
- 21 and pushing money into, you know, new, brand-new
- 22 technologies, but these are new and emerging
- 23 technologies and they're there. And they could create
- 24 this opportunity that I'm showing here.
- 25 You know, where that negative portion of this,

- 1 while we're keeping this sort of cost price range at the
- 2 same place for that end user, that negative portion is
- 3 what we see as a subsidy.
- And, you know, we have to be able to have line
- 5 of sight to eliminate that subsidy over the course of
- 6 time such that these costs can come in.
- 7 And that's why I say demonstration and
- 8 validation of those technologies that are just over the
- 9 horizon for being commercial, pre-commercial.
- 10 And I've identified a couple here. And I would
- 11 make sure that I incorporate the fact that there's
- 12 business processes to that. It's not just some new
- 13 widget or device that helps. It's also can we validate
- 14 a business process that we think might be evolutionary
- 15 to this.
- 16 And then, finally, I wanted to highlight the
- 17 fact that for a lot of the challenges that we face,
- 18 regulations, codes and standards are certainly one of
- 19 them. And it is in this area where technology
- 20 advancement challenges us probably the most as far as
- 21 investment -- private investment into this.
- 22 How we go about incorporating additional
- 23 resources to address not only the risks in permitting,
- 24 but understanding all of these details is where I think
- 25 we can certainly benefit either from a collective

- 1 approach, private/public partnership approach and those
- 2 sorts of things.
- I highlight two here. One is this risk-based
- 4 and performance-based. This is getting a little bit
- 5 into the weeds of details on permitting.
- 6 The second is with regards to liquid hydrogen
- 7 and bulk storage. If we're talking about centralized
- 8 systems of dispensing hydrogen at large quantities,
- 9 similar -- you know, approaching the quantities and
- 10 number of fueling events for a typical gas station, then
- 11 we are talking about systems that have this bulk
- 12 capacity. And liquid certainly is one of those options.
- 13 And I think that being able to identify that as
- 14 a high priority -- I know the DOE already has identified
- 15 this one and so I bring it up here to reemphasize that
- 16 as well.
- I think that's the last slide I have for you.
- 18 It is. Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I do have a couple
- 20 questions for you. Thank you for that terrific
- 21 presentation.
- 22 And one question, and maybe there's too many
- 23 lessons learned or stories to share right now, but I
- 24 appreciate and take your point on the German experience
- 25 versus the U.S. -- or the California experience.

- 1 And, you know, if there were certain pros or
- 2 cons to one or the other that you would want to
- 3 highlight for us here, now?
- 4 Of it not, if that's information that you could
- 5 share with us in additional detail, I think that would
- 6 be terrific.
- 7 MR. HARRIS: Yeah, absolutely. I mean, I
- 8 think -- so, I have to speak for myself and being with
- 9 the Americas, technical lead.
- 10 And so, I have a certain bend toward our
- 11 approach in the Americas. But certainly in conjunction
- 12 with my colleagues overseas I can better refine that and
- 13 answer questions moving forward.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Sure.
- 15 MR. HARRIS: And like I said, I think they're
- 16 just different is probably the best way to put it. And
- 17 understanding those differences will be, I think in a
- 18 sense, critical to you in planning.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yeah, absolutely. Thank
- 20 you for that.
- 21 And my other question for you, I think it was
- 22 terrific to hear that you're committed to producing at
- 23 least 50 percent from carbon-free processes.
- 24 Do you have a pathway towards that or what level
- 25 are you at, now?

- 1 MR. HARRIS: That's a good question. I can't
- 2 answer that immediately with a number, but yes. And I
- 3 would say that what you saw there as far as
- 4 technologies, carbon capture for natural gas in
- 5 reforming systems, and then biogas and biomass are
- 6 certainly the next evolutionary steps for us.
- 7 But that's not to say -- a good majority of the
- 8 stations that are being developed in Germany are
- 9 electrolysis based.
- 10 So, globally, we're probably all along that
- 11 pathway. You know, targeting in, say, California
- 12 probably not quite as heavy into the renewable side.
- 13 But that's not to say that there aren't folks who are
- 14 using that technology, it's just not something for us,
- 15 for the Americas that is necessarily as keyed into.
- 16 But like I said, it's how are we going to learn
- 17 from our German experience and we can translate very
- 18 easily and very readily to California, as needed.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great, thank you.
- 20 MR. MC KINNEY: And Commissioner, can I follow
- 21 up on that question, please?
- 22 So, Aaron, when you talk about electrolysis in
- 23 Germany is that central station or is that on site?
- MR. HARRIS: I think it's a mix -- it's actually
- 25 on site, as far as I understand it, with a mix of both.

- 1 I know there are several large demonstrations of power
- 2 to gas going on in Germany, so that's certainly one of
- 3 those things that I think has been highlighted already,
- 4 this potential for hydrogen storage.
- 5 It's just important to I think note that where
- 6 the world is going to look to California for metering
- 7 technology, California's going to need to look to other
- 8 folks to find out what their demonstration has done. I
- 9 don't think there's need to, necessarily, replicate
- 10 immediately. You know, we can learn when we need to
- 11 learn.
- 12 That's probably my advice, in a sense.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much, Mr.
- 14 Harris.
- 15 Our next speaker is Daniel Dedrick from Sandia
- 16 National Laboratories.
- 17 Daniel manages the Hydrogen Combustion
- 18 Technologies Group at Sandia and is responsible for a
- 19 broad range of applied research programs and energy
- 20 systems.
- 21 He's a mechanical engineer from the University
- 22 of California at Berkeley. I just have to -- as a
- 23 Berkeley alum, I'm very pleased to see a fellow alum on
- 24 the panel throughout today.
- Daniel has expertise in heat transfer, mass

- 1 transfer and energy systems design, in addition to
- 2 organizational leadership and strategic planning.
- 3 Daniel leads Sandia's Hydrogen and Fuel Cell
- 4 Technologies Program which provides leadership in
- 5 critical RD&D areas, including high-pressure hydrogen
- 6 systems, hydrogen safety, codes and standards, renewable
- 7 hydrogen production, hydrogen effects and materials,
- 8 advanced hydrogen storage and fuel cells.
- 9 Daniel is known for developing meaningful
- 10 partnerships with industry, labs and academia to
- 11 accelerate the deployment of clean energy technologies.
- 12 He is the author of many peer review
- 13 publications in the areas of renewable fuels and
- 14 hydrogen energy.
- Welcome Daniel.
- MR. DEDRICK: Thank you, Jim and good morning,
- 17 Commissioner.
- 18 So, as Jim indicated, I'm from Sandia National
- 19 Labs just down the road in Livermore, California. We're
- 20 located very close to the Bay Area for strategic
- 21 purposes. And if you ever have a chance of visiting us,
- 22 please let me know, I'd more than welcome you to come
- 23 visit us.
- 24 I'm happy to be here today and be able to
- 25 participate on this panel. It's an outstanding panel

- 1 with a very important topic and so I'm glad for the
- 2 invitation. Thank you for that, Jim and Commissioner.
- 3 For me this is an extremely exciting time to be
- 4 involved in hydrogen fuel cells. I've been involved for
- 5 almost a decade, a little over.
- 6 And it's very rare that you get to see the
- 7 introduction of a whole brand-new vehicle platform and
- 8 the infrastructure system to support that. So, it's
- 9 very exciting to participate in that and I couldn't be
- 10 happier.
- 11 So, a little background on Sandia; Sandia is the
- 12 DOE National Lab. It happens to be the U.S.'s largest
- 13 national lab and we have responsibilities in the areas
- 14 ranging from national security to energy security, and
- 15 we work in both stationary and transportation energy
- 16 applications.
- Our programs in hydrogen fuel cell technologies
- 18 are supported by the DOE, the Fuel Cell Technologies
- 19 Office, in addition to support from state and regional
- 20 government agencies, and private sector partners,
- 21 including the car companies and the technology companies
- 22 associated with hydrogen fuel cells.
- So, our goal as a national lab is to work with
- 24 the private sector to accelerate clean energy
- 25 technologies into the marketplace.

- 1 And we have a history of doing this. And
- 2 because of that track record, the DOE has asked Sandia
- 3 and our sister laboratory, the National Renewable Energy
- 4 Laboratory to provide some leadership in the area of
- 5 hydrogen infrastructure.
- And what they've asked us to do is to look at
- 7 ways that we can advance hydrogen fueling
- 8 infrastructure, accelerate innovation and help reduce
- 9 the cost of hydrogen infrastructure. So, I'll talk a
- 10 little bit more about that today.
- 11 Can I have the next slide, please? So, the
- 12 State of California, through investments from the CEC,
- in partnership with the Air Resources Board, is
- 14 providing internationally recognized leadership.
- 15 And I think this is something that Aaron pointed
- 16 to in his presentation. And this is a true statement.
- 17 I think around the world, whether you're in Asia, where
- 18 there's a lot of activities are in Japan, or in the EU
- 19 and Germany there's a lot of focus on California and how
- 20 things are going here. And so, there's a lot of
- 21 leadership that California provides.
- 22 And so, it's very impactful, the work that's
- 23 being done here.
- 24 And so, through the work of the California Fuel
- 25 Cell Partnership we now know the roadmap to achieve the

- 1 full market potential of hydrogen fuel cell vehicles.
- 2 And now, we have the challenge of reaching that.
- 3 So, the State investments in general are really
- 4 enabling the car companies, such as Toyota, to get the
- 5 long-range, high-performance vehicles on the road. And
- 6 without these investments, these cars could not be sold
- 7 and leased in the State of California, of course, so
- 8 this is very important.
- 9 So, the transition to zero emission vehicles is
- 10 not easy, of course, and it will require continued
- 11 policy support, persistence and strategic investment,
- 12 and technology innovation to build the fueling
- 13 infrastructure network.
- 14 And this will lead to reduce station costs,
- 15 improved reliability and then, ultimately happy
- 16 customers behind the wheels of cars.
- 17 And so, I think one important thing to point out
- 18 here is remember the high-pressure hydrogen systems are
- 19 a successful commercial technology. It's just that this
- 20 is a new retail application for that successful
- 21 commercial technology. And we need to be working
- 22 together to make sure that it's successful in that new
- 23 environment.
- 24 So, as with deploying any new technology
- 25 platform challenges will be faced in terms of cost,

- 1 which the CEC is experiencing now, of course.
- 2 Also, you know, customer experience is very
- 3 important and those challenges need to be addressed.
- 4 Those perceptions of the early customers, as these
- 5 vehicles get on the road, as they start using the
- 6 fueling stations those -- those are going to be
- 7 challenges, as with any new technology introduction.
- 8 The next slide, please? So, the most obvious
- 9 challenge right now is cost and this is the whole point
- 10 of this panel, of course.
- 11 And the cost is really associated with the
- 12 refueling station hardware and systems. And so, if you
- 13 look at a hydrogen fueling station, as one shown there
- 14 on the slide, it looks very similar to a gasoline
- 15 station, yet the cost is much more.
- 16 And, you know, this is something that's going to
- 17 be seen by the investments by the CEC, hydrogen fueling
- 18 stations can cost between, say, \$1.5 and \$3 million
- 19 which, you know, is something that if you compare this
- 20 to a conventional hydrogen station or a conventional
- 21 gasoline station, which has had, you know, a hundred
- 22 years of innovation and government subsidy behind it,
- 23 we're looking at a five to seven times cost premium for
- 24 the hydrogen fueling systems.
- 25 And the hydrogen fueling system cost really

- 1 comes from the storage, compression and the dispensing
- 2 components within these systems and these are causing
- 3 the cost premium.
- 4 There are other things like conservative design
- 5 approaches, which also impact cost of these stations.
- So, we may not need to achieve cost parity with
- 7 gasoline stations in the next five to ten years, but we
- 8 do need to start showing a pathway to driving down the
- 9 costs and making progress towards cost similarity with
- 10 the more conventional fueling stations out there.
- 11 And so, making progress on that pathway is, of
- 12 course, very important.
- The next slide, please? So, the total cost of
- 14 hydrogen fueling stations is influenced by three main
- 15 factors, the level of experience with the technology,
- 16 the economies of scale that are in the current market
- 17 environment, and the cost of the technology, the
- 18 compression, storage and delivery technology.
- 19 The two first cost factors, which are a lack of
- 20 experience and economies of scale, these are almost
- 21 entirely functions of the market. Meaning as the demand
- 22 grows and we get more and more stations in the ground,
- 23 costs will naturally be reduced.
- 24 However, this approach will not allow us to
- 25 reduce the hydrogen fueling station cost sufficiently

- 1 enough to achieve full market potential because we
- 2 haven't addressed the cost of the technology, yet.
- 3 So, a subsidy-based strategy for initial station
- 4 capital costs and operation will be effective as long as
- 5 the strategy has longevity, of course, and it is
- 6 coordinated with a focused effort in technology
- 7 innovation to reduce the compression storage and
- 8 dispensing technology capital cost.
- 9 So, this coordinated approach that includes
- 10 early market subsidies and technology innovation support
- 11 will help achieve the ultimate cost targets and drive
- 12 down the cost of hydrogen stations to a level that can
- 13 be accommodated in the open market by private investors.
- 14 So, to help accelerate hydrogen station
- 15 innovation and drive down costs and also, of course,
- 16 encourage a positive customer experience with the
- 17 fueling network Sandia and the National Renewable Energy
- 18 Laboratory are -- have formed a partnership to help
- 19 accelerate these technologies.
- 20 And this effort is in support of H2USA. Some of
- 21 you may be familiar with H2USA. It's the National
- 22 Public/Private Partnership focused on accelerating
- 23 deployment of hydrogen fueling stations. And it
- 24 currently consists of over 30 major private sector
- 25 partners from the auto companies, station providers,

- 1 government agencies, and associated stakeholders.
- 2 So, to this effort, Sandia and NREL will be
- 3 contributing their foundational expertise, their
- 4 experience, specialized facilities and, of course,
- 5 technical objectivity and work directly with the private
- 6 sector to incubate and prove new technologies, and
- 7 accelerate them into the market.
- 8 The next slide, please? So, in order to be most
- 9 impactful with our collaborate efforts, the Sandia and
- 10 NREL team are forming partnerships with leading private
- 11 sector organizations. And we're actually forming
- 12 project teams with these organizations to address some
- 13 of the biggest opportunities for cost reductions and
- 14 performance improvement.
- 15 And we're actually in the process of formalizing
- 16 what we call a Stakeholder Review Board, consisting of
- 17 many of these organizations you see on this slide here
- 18 that will help us identify and prioritize activities
- 19 that we work in.
- The next slide, please? So, using input from
- 21 our partners, Sandia and the NREL team developed a 10-
- 22 year roadmap and we actually published this roadmap.
- 23 And this identifies technical areas that need to
- 24 be addressed to reduce station cost and enhance the
- 25 customer experience associated with hydrogen refueling

- 1 infrastructure.
- 2 And so, just pulling out a few examples, there
- 3 are a number of near-term high impact opportunities
- 4 requiring collaborative approach.
- 5 And I'm highlighting those here, on the right-
- 6 hand part of this slide. And we're actually forming
- 7 project teams around these areas to advance our efforts.
- 8 And just as an example, some of these near-term
- 9 areas include reducing the station footprint by
- 10 developing a better understanding of the risk and
- 11 hydrogen release scenarios.
- 12 And what this does is this enables a larger
- 13 number of stations to be deployed on smaller plots of
- 14 land.
- 15 And so, there is almost 10,000 refueling
- 16 stations in the State of California. Of those, about
- 17 347 fall within the CEC's -- or the priority areas as
- 18 identified by the PON.
- 19 And so you can see that we're going to need to
- 20 be able to install stations in those 347 some station
- 21 areas. And looking at being able to reduce footprint is
- 22 going to be extremely important.
- 23 So, another area is enhancing reliability of
- 24 components. And this would be by developing an
- 25 understanding of failure modes and working with the

- 1 private sector to enhance reliability. This reduces
- 2 operating costs so that you don't have to spend so much
- 3 money keeping your station running. It also improves
- 4 your customer interaction.
- 5 Third, developing and implementing methods for
- 6 evaluating hydrogen dispenser performance and making
- 7 sure that the customer is getting what they pay for,
- 8 regardless of the station provider.
- 9 And finally, being able to eliminate unnecessary
- 10 high value materials from the system and this is a huge
- 11 lever in the development of these stations, and it has a
- 12 big impact on cost.
- 13 And if we can minimize the amount of these
- 14 materials, cost can be substantially reduced.
- The next slide, please? So, to illustrate, and
- 16 I apologize for the business of this slide, but to
- 17 illustrate the scale of impacts that our efforts could
- 18 have on station cost, we can consider the approach of
- 19 selecting alternative materials for the high pressure
- 20 components within the compression storage and dispensing
- 21 system.
- 22 So, what I want you to do is consider a simple
- 23 tube containing hydrogen at pressure, which represents
- 24 the basic characteristics of many pipes and components
- 25 within the hydrogen station. It's an over-

- 1 simplification, I admit, but it's good for this
- 2 exercise.
- 3 And the two wall thickness required to contain
- 4 the hydrogen air pressure is readily calculated and,
- 5 thus, the amount of material that is needed to actually
- 6 do that using formulas found in well-established design
- 7 codes.
- 8 And so, a particular stainless steel for this
- 9 example called 316L is commonly used in hydrogen
- 10 systems, and this includes hydrogen refueling stations.
- 11 And this alloy has many advantages, including
- 12 resistance to weakening in hydrogen service. In
- 13 addition to it having a very established track record,
- 14 so it gives a lot of confidence in its use.
- Unfortunately, the main disadvantage is the high
- 16 cost due to a very high nickel content in this alloy
- 17 which drives up the cost of the material itself and,
- 18 thus the system.
- 19 So, 316L's high cost, coupled with its
- 20 characteristically low strength or relatively low
- 21 strength compared to other allows means that current
- 22 fueling systems are relatively costly.
- 23 And in the example analysis shown here, we can
- 24 calculate cost on a relative scale, and that's the red
- 25 box that's circled there on the slide.

1	And	if	we	calculate	the	cost	of	this	component

- 2 on that relative scale, we can give the cost value of
- 3 316L a value of one, so that's our baseline cost.
- 4 So, anything higher than one is higher cost and
- 5 anything lower than one is lower cost.
- 6 So now if we start thinking about alternative
- 7 materials that are lower cost and/or have higher
- 8 strength to replace that 316L, you can see that cost
- 9 reductions upwards of 70 percent are achievable. And
- 10 this is on, of course, the component level.
- 11 And so, you can see a very strong motivation to
- 12 start thinking about alternative materials in these
- 13 systems and it also provides some hope for dramatic cost
- 14 reductions in the capital cost of these systems.
- So, you might ask why are these materials not
- 16 commonly used today and that's a good question.
- 17 And, quite simply, there is insufficient
- 18 materials properties data and experience with these
- 19 materials especially, of course, in the retail fuel
- 20 environment to encourage their widespread use, and this
- 21 is something that we can address.
- 22 So, this is a perfect example of how we, in the
- 23 research community, can work directly with the private
- 24 sector to develop new, low-cost, high performance
- 25 hydrogen fueling systems which then can ultimately reach

- 1 the ultimate cost targets.
- 2 So, in conclusion, fuel cell electric vehicles
- 3 of course are, and I think we all very much understand
- 4 this, but a vital part of a secure and sustainable
- 5 energy future.
- 6 And they are critical to the success of
- 7 California's clean air and environment program goals.
- 8 Policies, such as the ZEV credit system and
- 9 station cost subsidies, are being implemented to
- 10 accelerate this future.
- 11 And the truth is that fuel cell electric
- 12 vehicles will only be successful if we develop a
- 13 comprehensive strategy to transition the hydrogen fuel
- 14 station investment burden from the State agencies to the
- 15 private sector. And it's really going to require
- 16 addressing all of those three cost areas that I talked
- 17 about.
- 18 So while economies of scale and experience will
- 19 help reduce cost, a major part of this transition
- 20 strategy needs to relay on advancing innovative, next-
- 21 generation technologies into the market through
- 22 public/private partnerships and thus reducing station
- 23 cost and, ultimately, leading to happy drivers behind
- 24 the wheel of vehicles.
- 25 So, there's a real opportunity here for the

- 1 state, federal and private sector stakeholders to work
- 2 together to reduce hydrogen station costs. And, really,
- 3 this would be paving the way for improved air quality,
- 4 of course, and a healthy economy.
- 5 And I'm confident that we can be successful. We
- 6 have the community to be successful in this because the
- 7 stakeholders are engaged, as evidenced by this workshop
- 8 and many other events, even on the national level.
- 9 So, thank you and please come visit us on our
- 10 open campus, which I show a picture of here.
- 11 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much,
- 12 Daniel that was very, very informative.
- MR. DEDRICK: Thank you.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Right, that was incredibly
- 15 informative. The one question I had for you -- I
- 16 actually had a bunch of questions but then you kept
- 17 answering them as you went along.
- MR. DEDRICK: Oh, good.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: And I look forward to
- 20 having happy drivers, as well.
- Is the timeline that you see for some of these
- 22 material advancements and does that kind of fit along
- 23 with the timelines of when we see the introduction of
- 24 the cars, or the timelines for -- as the stations are
- 25 getting built, and the kind of next-end stations.

- 1 MR. DEDRICK: Yeah, I think that's a very
- 2 important question. And I think there's -- and if you
- 3 look through kind of our white paper you'll start seeing
- 4 some of these. But there's very near-term, low-hanging
- 5 fruit which we could probably focus on.
- 6 And then there's much longer term, like five,
- 7 ten years sort of things that we need to start working
- 8 on today to make sure that in ten years the State of
- 9 California is fully out of the business of subsidizing
- 10 hydrogen stations. So, there's a little of both.
- 11 You know, an example of a near-term thing that
- 12 could be done is some of these components on the
- 13 station, like the nozzle, are incredibly expensive,
- 14 thousands of dollars. And from a scientific perspective
- 15 there's no reason for that. But there's some things
- 16 that can be done there to reduce those costs in the near
- 17 term, which could be on those time scales.
- 18 Similarly, if you think about some of the costs
- 19 in bringing stations online, making sure that you can
- 20 get the stations online very quickly, there's ways that
- 21 we can accelerate that today.
- 22 So, being able to work with stakeholders to test
- 23 the stations appropriately meaning, you know, we can get
- 24 the fuel into the hands of consumers in weeks, instead
- of months, or maybe even days or less.

- 1 So, there's definitely some near-term
- 2 opportunities.
- 3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.
- 4 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, I'd like to introduce our
- 5 next speaker. So, we'll have Matt McClory from the
- 6 Toyota Motor Corporation.
- 7 Matt McClory is a Manager with Toyota's
- 8 Technical Center's Power Train System Control Department
- 9 in Torrance, California.
- 10 His primary responsibilities include the
- 11 development, testing and evaluation of prototype fuel
- 12 cell vehicles, as well as coordinating Toyota's
- 13 contributions to the SAE Fuel Cell Vehicle Safety Codes
- 14 and Standards Working Groups.
- 15 In addition, he is involved in activities
- 16 supporting development of the hydrogen refueling
- 17 infrastructure and external affairs promoting Toyota's
- 18 message for sustainable mobility.
- 19 Mr. McClory earned a Bachelor of Science Degree
- 20 in Mechanical Engineering from UC Davis.
- 21 And I'd just like to say by way of further
- 22 introduction that it's just been a tremendous experience
- 23 to see what these major corporations, so Toyota, Honda
- 24 and Hyundai, really, I think, have the first set of
- 25 announcements for vehicles to be available this year and

- 1 next model year. It's just tremendously exciting and
- 2 I've been able to drive some of the vehicles, as has
- 3 Commissioner Scott, and we're just incredibly pleased
- 4 with the innovation that Toyota's bringing to this
- 5 field; so Matt.
- 6 MR. MC CLORY: Thank you for that introduction.
- 7 Good morning and, first of all, I'd like to thank
- 8 Commissioner Scott and the CEC staff for putting
- 9 together this workshop. I think so far the
- 10 presentations have been very interesting and I have a
- 11 lot of information to take back to my group.
- 12 Unfortunately, I was a bit late in submitting
- 13 it, so hardcopies, I think, are not available for this
- 14 morning, but I think that's something that is possible.
- 15 So, I'll just talk to the slides that we have today.
- 16 The next slide, so the kind of one-slide summary
- 17 of what my company does is we make a focus right now
- 18 towards sustainable transportation technologies for
- 19 vehicles that range from very small vehicles, such as
- 20 scooters. There's actually an urban mobility concept
- 21 that was introduced called the i-REAL, at Las Vegas, at
- 22 the CES, and is going to start having trials in Japan
- 23 and the U.S. And it's a way towards trying to reduce,
- 24 again, carbon and pollution within urban environments.
- This chart, I apologize, it has a lot of

- 1 different pieces of information on it, but what it's
- 2 intending to show on the horizontal axis is basically
- 3 energy sources from electricity through conventional
- 4 fuels, biofuels, CNG, synthetic fuels towards a spectrum
- 5 resulting in hydrogen on the right-hand side.
- 6 And this correlates with vehicle size. And some
- 7 of the key areas I'd like to highlight very simply here
- 8 is that towards a zero emission portfolio of vehicles we
- 9 see that electrical vehicles and fuel cell vehicles both
- 10 can exist in a complementary fashion towards those
- 11 goals.
- 12 And I think one of the key things that was
- 13 highlighted earlier is that the fuel feedstock needs to
- 14 also follow along in development towards a sustainable
- 15 zero greenhouse gas, as well as zero pollution from that
- 16 perspective.
- But also, one of the key things here is that in
- 18 the near term, as we look at reduction and reduced
- 19 emissions we do look at plug-in hybrid vehicles. And we
- 20 see plug-in hybrid vehicles having an opportunity to
- 21 become kind of the dominant hybrid vehicle platform.
- 22 But one of the key things in that area is, of
- 23 course, a reduction in cost of the battery technology.
- 24 I'd also like to highlight that we see fuel cell
- 25 vehicles as being able to provide a wide range, not just

- 1 for light duty vehicle power trains, but also for heavy
- 2 duty vehicle power trains.
- 3 And currently, in the Japanese market we have a
- 4 fuel cell bus that's -- I believe it's on its fourth
- 5 generation and there are continuing activities for new
- 6 heavy-duty applications, both for buses as well as for
- 7 delivery trucks.
- And so, we're very excited, actually, to be able
- 9 to see the potential of trying to bring that technology
- 10 to North America.
- 11 The next slide, so kind of getting into the
- 12 topic for this slot is looking at the hydrogen
- 13 infrastructure. And, fundamentally, we see that the
- 14 integrated and reliable hydrogen fueling network is a
- 15 prerequisite for being able to launch a fuel cell
- 16 vehicle market in larger numbers.
- 17 This picture is of the Shell Torrance fueling
- 18 station. It's, I believe, the only station that's in
- 19 North American that's both multiple dispensers and
- 20 pipeline-fed gas from a local methane plan, which uses a
- 21 renewable content to offset the production from natural
- 22 gas.
- 23 And one of the key things, one of the key
- 24 lessons from this is that the limited, the currently
- 25 limited seven-station network of 70MP stations in the

- 1 L.A. region have demonstrated with the fleet of vehicles
- 2 from multiple OEMs that an increase in the network will
- 3 bring more vehicles.
- 4 And the limitation of being able to deploy more
- 5 vehicles is limited by the network that exists today. I
- 6 think we all kind of understood this or guessed this,
- 7 but we have actually data, and I think the OEMs have
- 8 data in aggregate that demonstrates this key point.
- 9 The next slide, so to the first question
- 10 regarding automakers, what do the automakers need from a
- 11 hydrogen station network in California?
- 12 And speaking on behalf of Toyota, again I'll
- 13 reiterate that an integrated and reliable network is
- 14 critical to be able to pull retail market vehicle sales
- 15 and to be able to grow the market.
- 16 And the key takeaway here is that being able to
- 17 grow the market correspondingly allows you to increase
- 18 the rate of station utilization towards and economic
- 19 viable station operation, which is key. It goes kind of
- 20 hand-in-hand with being able to grow the vehicles.
- 21 Key elements of this network and I apologize for
- 22 the level of detail. I've tried to speak at a high
- 23 level here as a summary, but the key point is 100 retail
- 24 stations are needed.
- 25 This is part of the roadmap as well as, also, we

- 1 understand, the AB 8 objective.
- 2 However, I think one of the open items that
- 3 probably needs to be reviewed going forward is what the
- 4 actual target year is. The original target was 2017.
- 5 I would probably argue that 2019 should really
- 6 be the challenge target to be able to have enough of a
- 7 network in place to launch multiple OEMs into that space
- 8 within California.
- 9 Right now we're looking at, based on our count
- 10 of retail access stations in the public domain at the
- 11 right level is about 20 stations by the end of 2015.
- 12 And this, you know, is based on the 17 stations that are
- 13 funded by the CEC, as well as the upgrades that were
- 14 also funded through the CEC by the Air Quality
- 15 Management District.
- 16 And so we're very excited and we're following
- 17 very closely the progress of those stations.
- 18 I think the other thing also to highlight is
- 19 that the progress towards 100 retail stations is also
- 20 something that Toyota looks at very closely as we review
- 21 with our management the justification to be able to
- 22 bring larger volumes of vehicles for the market.
- I think there's a phrase that says it's a very
- 24 iterative approach or it's definitely an approach that
- 25 needs to be coordinated, but progress towards those 100

- 1 stations is very important to the visibility within our
- 2 management to kind of justify the local market within
- 3 California as getting that portion of vehicles on a
- 4 global basis.
- 5 The second item is locations. The station
- 6 locations need to be coordinated and integrated with OEM
- 7 customer target markets. This is not just for Toyota,
- 8 but also for the OEMs.
- 9 And again, this kind of goes back to the prior
- 10 point, which it comes back to the utilization. In order
- 11 to have stations in areas, they need to make sure that
- 12 the utilization rate of those stations are meeting the
- 13 targets that are necessary to meet a cash flow positive
- 14 scenario at a future date so, the so-called cross-the-
- 15 valley-of death.
- And so, having stations not only with the right
- 17 location, but also the right requirements are key to
- 18 this effort and I think moving together it's important
- 19 to coordinate that.
- The third item is operational term of at least
- 21 ten years, with retrofit and scalability requirements.
- 22 The key thing here is that we're looking at
- 23 vehicle deployments over the long term and one of the
- 24 things that we're trying to transition from is
- 25 demonstration stations that were funded quite a few

- 1 years ago that are in the process of going offline, or
- 2 have uncertain futures.
- 3 And so, we need to make sure that stations that
- 4 are being funded today for retail access have a pathway
- 5 to be in operation for the long term.
- 6 Industry standard fuel interface is key; the key
- 7 takeaway here making sure that all automakers have the
- 8 same ability to access that station, it's not something
- 9 that's proprietary.
- 10 Then also the performance, both for daily fill
- 11 capacity and peak hourly capacity and basically the
- 12 details of this are you need to have a certain level of
- 13 performance in the early market days, but you need to be
- 14 able to be scalable within a certain timeframe to be
- 15 able to grow with the market. Otherwise, you know, you
- 16 basically have a stranded asset that is not able to
- 17 upgrade, then we're limited again in the growth of the
- 18 market.
- 19 The next slide, so a continuation on this
- 20 question and I think we've seen some progress on this,
- 21 is the first bullet is we're really excited about the
- 22 progress that the stakeholders and DMS has made to be
- 23 able to reach certification for retail point of sale.
- 24 This is a very key area and we're very excited
- 25 to see the progress that's here. And I that this has

- 1 kind of been said earlier by some other speakers that it
- 2 shows, also, a path forward for some of the markets in
- 3 Japan and Europe as a kind of a reference example.
- 4 And we're looking forward to having some of the
- 5 first stations receive certification by the end of this
- 6 year in that effort.
- 7 Also, don't want to lose sight of fuel quality.
- 8 This is a key area that we've had a lot of opportunities
- 9 of learning over the past year, where we're not only
- 10 meeting the fuel quality, but also making sure that
- 11 testing at the station is part of the integrative
- 12 process, so the way the station works similar to a
- 13 gasoline station is inherent and integrated into the
- 14 station.
- 15 Retail point of sale transactions or retail
- 16 access, this is a key area to highlight because this is
- 17 really one of the fundamental areas that we transitioned
- 18 from demonstration stations that are operating today
- 19 into retail stations that we are, you know, looking to
- 20 come online by the end of this year.
- 21 That will be really a groundbreaking event that
- 22 it will be the first time within North America that we
- 23 would have the capability to have a truly public and
- 24 retail station that emulates a gasoline fueling
- 25 experience for the customer today.

1	Also,	as	was	mentioned	earlier,	reliable,	high-

- 2 availability design and operations, basically, we're
- 3 really excited about the efforts of Sandia and NREL, and
- 4 with the H2First activity to kind of focus in this area,
- 5 as well as other folks, or other groups working in this
- 6 area of high availability, looking at requirements to
- 7 make sure that the stations stay online for the
- 8 customer.
- 9 And then another area that I think is going to
- 10 be interesting to look at for this year, we'll be
- 11 looking at hydrogen dispensers that are not co-located
- 12 at existing gasoline stations.
- This is, of course, an area that was an issued,
- 14 currently today. But as was mentioned, the amount of
- 15 qasoline stations that are available to fit hydrogen
- 16 dispensers within target markets are very limited and
- 17 then you also reduce the number of those with the
- 18 retailers that actually want to participate.
- 19 And so, the ability to be able to install
- 20 dispensers at, in a sense, green field sites, or non-
- 21 gasoline sites are really key to growing the market in
- 22 California.
- 23 And one of the key areas is looking at
- 24 simplifying the CEQA process in a way that it is done
- 25 today with gasoline sites.

1	And	finally,	the	last	item	on	this	part	is	the

- 2 engagement of fuel retailers as key stakeholders. I
- 3 think we're starting to see a transition to this. But
- 4 we definitely, as we go towards a larger market, we want
- 5 to see more of an involvement with the companies and
- 6 coalitions that are going to be key to this field as the
- 7 retailer in the future market.
- 8 MR. MC KINNEY: And Matt, just a friendly time
- 9 check, you've got about three minutes left.
- 10 MR. MC CLORY: Uh-hum, my next slide. So, I
- 11 think this was the second question and I can just
- 12 summarize this: How can automakers support development?
- 13 Basically, the key areas are communication and
- 14 coordination across the stakeholders.
- 15 Some of these, as I had mentioned before, is
- 16 reviewing locations across the OEMs as part of target
- 17 markets and utilization planning in these areas.
- 18 The second, as has been done I think in the past
- 19 several years, is the design requirements, communizing
- 20 those design requirements across the industry.
- 21 And feeding into this is the California Fuel
- 22 Cell Partnership. This acts as a data store for OEM
- 23 aggregate consensus information.
- 24 And in addition to that, there's also measures
- 25 that could be considered to basically ensure or provide

- 1 assurance measures that early market fuel demand will be
- 2 there for those operators.
- The next slide, and I think what I'll do is I'll
- 4 end on this question here and then I'll leave the rest
- 5 for the backup.
- 6 What additional changes are needed on light duty
- 7 vehicle fuel cell technologies?
- 8 So, currently we have a vehicle that's shown
- 9 that we're planning to bring to market in the 2015
- 10 timeframe, that have reached the ability to reach
- 11 cruising ranges approximately 200 miles and fueling time
- 12 is three minutes, and cold start capability down to
- 13 minutes 30 degrees Celsius.
- 14 The remaining challenges are to be able to
- 15 continue cost reduction, work on improving the power
- 16 density of the system, and as well as fuel cell stack
- 17 durability.
- 18 So with that I can leave these for questions.
- 19 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much,
- 20 Matt.
- 21 Commissioner Scott or Douglas?
- 22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Sure, I had -- it was more
- 23 of a thought, actually, as you were walking through your
- 24 answers to question one, on slides three and four, it
- 25 reminded me that we're working closely -- the Energy

- 1 Commission has worked to fund a zero emission vehicle
- 2 permitting director, who's sitting over at the GO-BIZ
- 3 (phonetic) office and is thinking diligently about a lot
- 4 of these questions.
- 5 And we've got a strong State commitment to this.
- 6 The Energy Commission is working with GO-BIZ, is working
- 7 closely with the Air Resources Board and others to
- 8 really help get this done.
- 9 And I was thinking about what Aaron Harris
- 10 presented about the amazing amount of capital that's --
- 11 that could be captured if there's additional hydrogen
- 12 fueling stations. And just hope that the auto
- 13 manufacturers, and the station providers, and the gas
- 14 providers are all kind of working hand-in-hand the same
- 15 way that the State agencies are to sort of help overcome
- 16 some of these challenges.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, and I'd also really --
- 18 again, to follow on what you're saying, Commissioner
- 19 Scott, I mean Toyota's innovation and kind of stepping
- 20 out of the traditional OEM sphere into permitting
- 21 issues.
- 22 So, on Monday many of us will be down in
- 23 Torrance to participate in a workshop that Toyota's co-
- 24 hosting with the Governor's Office of Business
- 25 Development.

- 1 It's really unprecedented to have an automaker
- 2 step into the hydrogen station permitting sphere in an
- 3 effort to -- and, really, it's what we try to do with
- 4 our Community Readiness Grants or Regional Readiness
- 5 Grants, really prepare local permit review authorities
- 6 and decision makers for what does a hydrogen station
- 7 look like, what are the steps, what are the safety
- 8 issues and all the standards that need to be met.
- 9 And how to make that happen smoothly so all
- 10 these stations that we have in the pipeline can come
- 11 into service as quickly as possible, so I want to tip my
- 12 hat to that initiative.
- 13 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Agreed, I second that
- 14 compliment. I look forward to -- I'll be done there on
- 15 Monday, as well, working with folks.
- 16 And I'll also mention that I also got to drive
- 17 the car when you brought it by the Energy Commission and
- 18 it was good fun.
- 19 And so, we're looking forward to continuing our
- 20 work to get these out on the road.
- 21 Thank you for your great presentation.
- MR. MC CLORY: Thank you.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Any other comments from the
- 24 dais?
- 25 Well, with that I'd like to thank our first

- 1 round of panelists. Thank you very much, gentlemen.
- 2 (Applause)
- 3 MS. RAITT: And we'll take a brief break to set
- 4 up for the next panel.
- 5 (Off the record)
- 6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, welcome back
- 7 everybody. We're going to get going again. And we are
- 8 starting our second panel of the morning, which is on
- 9 Electric Vehicle Charging Network and the Alternative
- 10 and Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program's
- 11 Strategic Goals for California's Electric Charging
- 12 Network through 2023 and beyond.
- So, I'll turn it over to Jim McKinney to get us
- 14 going.
- 15 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you, Commissioner.
- 16 For our second panel we are going to talk about
- 17 electric charging infrastructure. And I reviewed some
- 18 of the policy goals in my introductory comments.
- 19 So, briefly, to support consumer acceptance of
- 20 the light duty electric vehicles and complement what
- 21 ARB's doing through CDRP; help achieve the Governor's
- 22 ZEV Mandate targets of supporting one million ZEVs by
- 23 2020 and 2.5 million by 2025.
- 24 And some of the key questions that we had for
- 25 this panel are do we have the fundamental technologies

- 1 that are need for a mass market EV charging system or
- 2 additional technology innovations needed?
- 3 Do we have the fundamental tools to create a
- 4 widespread consumer-friendly charging network or
- 5 additional business, technology or regulatory measures
- 6 needed?
- 7 How can ARFVTP funding be used to overcome
- 8 specific technology and market barriers?
- 9 And lastly, what role can electric drive
- 10 vehicles play in helping to meet California's climate
- 11 policy goals through 2023 and beyond?
- 12 So, we have five very distinguished speakers on
- 13 that panel, so that means we're going to have a little
- 14 less time than we had for the previous panel.
- 15 I'd like to ask you to limit your remarks to 12
- 16 minutes apiece.
- 17 And our first speaker is Mark Duvall from EPRI.
- 18 Mark is a Director of EPRI's Energy Utilization Research
- 19 Area, which includes electric transportation energy
- 20 efficiency, power quality, energy storage, customer
- 21 research and electrification; so Mark.
- 22 MR. DUVALL: Thank you. So, at once I apologize
- 23 for a paper copy of my presentation not being available.
- 24 But the positive aspect of that is that when I saw some
- 25 of the other presentations I realized I had a huge

- 1 redundancy. So, rather than steal everyone's thunder I
- 2 sort of rerouted and I'm going to focus primarily on
- 3 technology.
- 4 And speaking of technology and next. Well,
- 5 anyone who's familiar with me knows that we can
- 6 comfortably go past the ten-minute mark with one slide.
- 7 (Laughter)
- 8 MR. DUVALL: All right, thank you. So, I want
- 9 to make a few comments and they're certainly up for
- 10 discussion, even argument. Not during ten minutes, but
- 11 maybe later today.
- But, you know, the PEV landscape in 2025 is one,
- 13 obviously, that the adoption meets or exceeds the ZEV
- 14 program targets.
- I just got back from the Bloomberg New Energy
- 16 Forum and I spoke with some of their transportation
- 17 analysts and they gave a great presentation where, you
- 18 know, amazingly enough the gasoline consumption in
- 19 California is going to decrease according to their
- 20 results by 2020, a significant decrease, almost ten
- 21 percent, I think.
- 22 And one of the things I told me, and that's why
- 23 I always love financial analysts, they said, we used the
- 24 ZEV Program, the baseline as for electrification, but
- 25 we'll exceed that, I think. California will go past

- 1 that, won't they?
- 2 And I said, well, you know, sure, if the right
- 3 things happen it's always possible.
- 4 So, I mean, like we're going to see a
- 5 significant increase not only in consumer vehicles, but
- 6 fleet adoption. Fleet adoption is trailing a little bit
- 7 in the on-road, but I think we're going to see
- 8 significant electrification both in the on-road and the
- 9 non-road, ports, airports, goods, material movement,
- 10 especially driven by air quality needs within the major
- 11 air basis, particularly the South Coast.
- We're going to see more platforms, so we're
- 13 going to see larger platforms. So, we might see
- 14 different vehicles with different charging requirements.
- 15 I expect to see charging power, while there's
- 16 always going to be a very, very strong role for level
- 17 one charging, we're also going to see folks push up
- 18 against the upper limits of power, charging power as
- 19 well.
- 20 So, an increase in range and electric
- 21 performance. So, PHEVs and EREVs with more range; BEVs
- 22 with more range. So, BEVs with more range are
- 23 interesting and you like them because they reduce the
- 24 need for public and workplace infrastructure. I mean
- 25 the need. That doesn't meant they will reduce the want

- 1 or the desire for it, but it can reduce the need. And
- 2 even 20 miles of additional real-world range can
- 3 substantially change the number of people who -- what we
- 4 would call replacement days where someone driving a
- 5 battery electric vehicle has to either replace it or has
- 6 to stop and charge.
- 7 So that does -- and that is worth tracking in
- 8 terms of understanding if the State is ahead, even or
- 9 behind in providing enough infrastructure in those
- 10 areas.
- 11 Obviously, we're going to see vastly increased
- 12 capabilities in vehicle connectivity and in methods of
- 13 power delivery. And they are today and are well-
- 14 outpacing our ideas of what to do with those
- 15 capabilities.
- 16 And then we'll also almost certainly see
- 17 superior total cost of ownership from owning PEVs.
- 18 And the next slide. Especially given that in
- 19 California today, the Nissan Leaf, a car that Nissan has
- 20 declared is profitable by some metric, has basically
- 21 accounted for the \$7,500 tax credit in terms of total
- 22 cost of ownership. So, that gap is real and it's only
- 23 going to keep improving on the side of the EV.
- 24 The next slide, so we have a little bit of a to-
- 25 do list on the technology side, the technology and

- 1 planning side.
- 2 First and foremost is elimination of the
- 3 residential infrastructure barrier to PEV ownership.
- 4 The charging pyramid has held the home is the first
- 5 place. It's not the only place, not the only place to
- 6 charge, but it's the first and we'll have to figure out
- 7 how to account for multi-unit dwellings, and tenant-
- 8 owned structures, and apartment complexes. All of that
- 9 stuff, we have to get rid of that, that can never be a
- 10 barrier to ownership.
- We need flexible, scalable and I would add
- 12 interoperable public and workplace infrastructure to
- 13 scale. Build what we need, when we need, where it is
- 14 needed.
- We have to lower costs all around. We were just
- 16 talking at the break that while we're seeing equipment
- 17 costs fall, if anything installation costs are going in
- 18 the opposite direction. And almost mystifyingly given
- 19 that the electric contractors, the folks responsible for
- 20 these installations are by and large gaining more and
- 21 more experience, especially in places like California
- 22 and they just really seem like they're going in the
- 23 wrong direction.
- 24 And we've got to both develop an understanding
- 25 of that and start to drive that back down through

- 1 various means.
- 2 You're going to see EVSEs that are increasingly
- 3 connected, but that's going to have to happen at
- 4 dramatically lower costs. Especially if you want to see
- 5 connectivity on the home residential side, we're really
- 6 going to have to look at ways we're connecting Smart
- 7 appliances and looking at utilizing existing residential
- 8 broadband connections and things like that.
- 9 But it's going to have to really be done at a
- 10 cost level that's not even seen today within non-network
- 11 infrastructure.
- 12 And then where I think we can integrate PEVs
- 13 into load management programs or complete what I
- 14 consider the first stepping stone on the VGI objectives
- 15 or the vision is if they are, in many cases treated --
- 16 they are not demand response.
- 17 And inside EPRI I've always resisted lumping
- 18 plug-in vehicles in with other demand response programs.
- 19 But if we're using the methods and techniques and
- 20 integrating them into the same programs where a utility
- 21 is looking at thermostatic control of a house for demand
- 22 response or load management is getting the EV and some
- 23 of the other devices at the same time, I think there's
- 24 dramatic implications for cost reduction, or cost
- 25 effectiveness which provides more value to the vehicle

- 1 owner.
- 2 So, when we see technology -- right now we see
- 3 technology primarily as a means to reduce costs, cost of
- 4 everything, cost of ownership, cost of providing the
- 5 State's infrastructure network.
- 6 And finally, I don't want to use the term
- 7 "safer", but we need a more robust and resilient
- 8 charging equipment, particularly with cord-and-plug
- 9 connected EVSEs.
- 10 So, we've identified potential weaknesses within
- 11 cord-and-plug connected 120 volt, level one equipment,
- 12 and those are all solvable problems. Many of them have
- 13 been identified already, they're all solvable.
- 14 A lot of it has to do with old equipment. Old
- 15 outlets don't work as well as new outlets. But I think
- 16 we really need to get a handle around that because
- 17 that's the majority of installations going forward.
- The good news on installation cost is that in my
- 19 mind the single greatest breakthrough on installation
- 20 costs have been done -- we didn't have to do anything.
- 21 PEV owners did it themselves. They costed out the
- 22 intermediaries, the seamless services that were
- 23 recommended to them when they bought their vehicles.
- 24 Many of them said I'm just going to do level one at home
- 25 or I'm going to hire my electrician, I'm going to buy my

- 1 own equipment.
- We've some companies emerge quite successfully
- 3 leveraging this supply chain. You know, I'm going to go
- 4 on the internet and buy what looks good, and looks like
- 5 a good deal, and it has value. I'm going to put it in
- 6 myself or I'm going to get electricians to put it in.
- 7 So, the homeowners have made really dramatic
- 8 cost reductions over what might be the tab if you went
- 9 into the dealership and got all that done for you.
- 10 So, we can make more strides here, but I think
- 11 we do need to pay attention to that.
- 12 The next slide, please, and the next. There are
- 13 many deterministic ways of understanding how much
- 14 infrastructure the State needs and where it needs to be.
- 15 Richard's going to talk about one today that I
- 16 think is really unique and important. We need to keep
- 17 doing that. We need to keep sharing data. We need to
- 18 keep making it possible to understand what's going on in
- 19 infrastructure utilization, installation.
- 20 You know, the State -- the CEC just awarded a
- 21 phenomenal number of really great infrastructure
- 22 projects. We felt ours was good, but I think the others
- 23 were good as well, too. This is a tremendous
- 24 opportunity to leverage, to understand, really, what is
- 25 the current state of affairs in terms of equipment,

- 1 installation costs, utilization. We need to just keep
- 2 working that.
- 3 That means that researchers from UC Davis need
- 4 to have access to it. Researchers from EPRI, Edison,
- 5 everyone needs to have -- we need to protect private
- 6 data, but we need to really figure out what's happening
- 7 here and how we can address each of these issues.
- 8 The next and the next, and then we also have to
- 9 migrate the State from a primarily metropolitan-based
- 10 infrastructure -- the next slide -- to a regional
- 11 distribution.
- 12 What we're showing here is no dissimilar to the
- 13 analysis that UC Davis has done around fast charging
- 14 infrastructure.
- 15 We need to figure out what we need to do here to
- 16 provide access throughout the State and what it has to
- 17 look like, and how it can be done at the highest value
- 18 and lowest cost.
- 19 The next slide. The more advanced end of
- 20 vehicle-to-grid; so it's here today and we have the
- 21 capability to do it. Vehicles are being built with the
- 22 production capability to do it.
- 23 How will it be used? There are a number of
- 24 things that we can do here. One of the gaps here is the
- 25 evolution of real durable, sustainable business models

- 1 that the folks who tend to be more on the vehicle
- 2 technology can understand, hey, if I build this type of
- 3 vehicle and it can do these things in interacting with
- 4 the grid what is the business case for that and, really,
- 5 the long-term business case?
- 6 You know, given that Beacon Flywheel, and
- 7 extremely smart, exceptionally smart and very advanced
- 8 technology company, part of their -- part of their
- 9 failure as a company stemmed from not fully
- 10 understanding the risks of the ISO market they were
- 11 participating in, which was the New York ISO, where they
- 12 saw a dramatic drop in revenue just due to market
- 13 forces.
- So, without -- what's going to be necessary for
- 15 this to evolve are going to be markets, or programs, or
- 16 incentive programs that really draw an economic box
- 17 around these technologies that someone can build to, or
- 18 develop a program, or aggregate to.
- 19 And then figure out is this a stand-alone, is
- 20 this leveraged with other business models? We just
- 21 really need to figure that out.
- 22 And that's -- we don't see that here today.
- 23 There are pieces of it and we see hope for more.
- 24 The next slide. We talk a lot at EPRI about the
- 25 integrated grid. California utilities talk a lot about

- 1 grid modernization.
- 2 The technology's being applied here are going to
- 3 improve the PEV charging experience. One example is
- 4 that we believe that you can lower the cost, especially
- 5 of public and workplace networks that tend to have
- 6 multiple chargers. In many cases many, dozens or
- 7 hundreds of chargers on a single load center or a single
- 8 location.
- 9 We believe that we can find more efficient ways
- 10 of feeding those locations, connecting installations at
- 11 utility distribution voltages.
- 12 So, instead of building 480 volt or 208 three-
- 13 base installations for fast charging, let's connect fast
- 14 charging at 8 KV.
- 15 There's documented cost reductions in doing
- 16 that. We can handle the -- the one problem I haven't
- 17 promised to solve is the three different fast charging
- 18 technologies that are currently in play in California.
- 19 And I would not bet that we will solve those by 2020. I
- 20 think the problem will work itself out.
- 21 But in the meantime, I think there are
- 22 technology options that will allow us to put charging
- 23 heads that feed from single VC charging engines that can
- 24 serve multiple vehicles, maybe dozen vehicles at a time,
- 25 allocate power between them, help to manage demand

- 1 impacts, all of this which will manage costs.
- 2 So, the next slide and I think I'm done. And
- 3 thank you very much.
- 4 Richard?
- 5 MR. MC KINNEY: Thank you, Mark.
- 6 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Wait before Richard starts
- 7 I have a question.
- 8 MR. LOWENTHAL: I'm more comfortable standing
- 9 up. I'm short enough as it is. It helps if I stand up.
- 10 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Before Richard starts,
- 11 Mark, I did have one question for you on your slide 10,
- 12 as you were talking about it you mentioned that some of
- 13 the pieces of the vehicle-to-grid are here today and
- 14 there's a lot more that we need to work on.
- 15 Do you have a specific one or two, or I don't
- 16 know what the right number is that are critical, that we
- 17 really ought to be looking at today versus farther into
- 18 the future?
- 19 MR. DUVALL: You know, I really think it
- 20 revolves around the economics. I really think that if
- 21 you want something, let's figure out how it gets paid
- 22 for.
- Because, you know, I was on the vehicle side
- 24 before I went to EPRI and, of course, they force-fed me
- 25 the utility side of it, in many cases against my will.

- 1 But the point is that the technology, a lot of
- 2 the vehicle technology guys are really focused on the
- 3 vehicle and they're not really -- you know, they don't
- 4 have a guy full time trying to understand how the
- 5 different ancillary service markets work, how they're
- 6 evolving over time.
- 7 A lot of the time when you talk to these folks
- 8 and say, by the way, you realize that many of these
- 9 markets are declining in revenue year over year and they
- 10 go, really?
- 11 Because they're getting -- obviously, they're
- 12 getting more efficient and understand what their
- 13 competition is.
- I mean every time I see, you know, from the
- 15 utility or the ISO perspective we see this flexibility.
- 16 Oh, you can turn vehicles on and off. You can turn
- 17 hydrogen production on and off. You can do power to
- 18 gas, all these things. They're all competitors for the
- 19 same -- they're all competitors for the same revenues.
- 20 And I don't think that's something that really
- 21 is fully understood by all the players and I think that
- 22 to manage their risk and understand where they can go
- 23 to.
- 24 You know, folks like Richard. Richard has an
- 25 existing business and he can look at these things as a

- 1 potential add-on or a nice-to-have.
- 2 But there are folks that for them this might be
- 3 a much more critical part of what they do and I think
- 4 they need help understand that.
- 5 And if it means the program stuff that comes
- 6 into existence to take advantage of that, then those
- 7 programs have to be made clear.
- 8 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you for that
- 9 informative presentation.
- MR. DUVALL: Thank you.
- 11 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, I'd like to introduce our
- 12 next speaker, Mr. Richard Lowenthal.
- So, I mentioned we had a nice array of CEOs and
- 14 CTOs. Richard is both. He founded ChargePoint in 2007
- 15 and is now their Chief Technology Officer.
- 16 He's got previous executive level experience
- 17 with Cisco, Straticom, Star Den, and Convergent
- 18 Technologies, and he's also been a Mayor of Cupertino.
- 19 And is another Engineering Degree from Berkeley.
- 20 So, Richard, I know you've got a big slide deck.
- 21 I'd like to offer you a couple more minutes.
- MR. LOWENTHAL: I'll move fast.
- MR. MC KINNEY: But, yeah, if you can move --
- 24 MR. LOWENTHAL: I'll move very fast. But you
- 25 have paper copies, so if questions come up I'll address

- 1 them there if I go too fast.
- 2 So, first of all, I was allowed to give a minute
- 3 about the company. We're doing very well. You know,
- 4 we're extremely pleased with the progress of our
- 5 business.
- 6 We have 65,000 drivers in our network, now, 16
- 7 and a half thousand stations. We're shipping about 25
- 8 stations every day, so quite pleased.
- 9 In our market, which is the shared charging
- 10 market, that's a combination of public, workplace,
- 11 multi-family housing we have about 75 percent market
- 12 share. So, things are going very well and our growth is
- 13 good.
- I want to talk just a minute about what we are.
- 15 So, we don't view ourselves as a charging station
- 16 company but, rather, as a charging services company.
- 17 And these are the services that we offer.
- 18 For us, charging stations is sort of a sideline.
- 19 And just I'll talk about one of these services and why
- 20 it matters to the Commission and that's the ability to
- 21 get real-time status.
- 22 So, when I arrived here today I found out,
- 23 unfortunately, that the two garages right near here all
- 24 ten EV charging stations were all busy, and I found out
- 25 from my app., which is good because if you go in the one

- 1 across the street they charge you \$1.50 even if you
- 2 don't park.
- 3 And the closest one available was down the
- 4 street at 300 Capitol Mall, so that's where I parked.
- 5 But having the ability, for instance, to find
- 6 out where an available station is increases the density
- 7 of use that is the utilization of the equipment because
- 8 otherwise I didn't even know there was one over at
- 9 Capitol Mall.
- 10 So, these kinds of features are quite important.
- 11 Of course, the billing feature is important, too. And
- 12 the billing feature is becoming more important. Not as
- 13 a revenue generator, but as a utilization generator.
- 14 People are putting very low prices, 25 cents an hour, in
- 15 order to get more cars per day. If you do that, you get
- 16 three cars per day on an EVSE, as opposed to one.
- So, we're seeing the use of these advanced
- 18 features to be quite important for our market.
- 19 And consequently, in our market the network
- 20 charger is becoming the dominant way to deliver charging
- 21 services.
- 22 And for instance in the recent PON there were
- 23 several features that depended on the network charger,
- 24 as opposed to the stand-alone non-network charger. So,
- 25 that market is growing quickly.

- 1 I'm not going to go through these. There are
- 2 lots of monetary reasons involving synergy with
- 3 businesses of why they deploy charging stations.
- 4 Ninety-five percent of our business is paid for
- 5 by the private sector, not by subsidy. So, we got some
- 6 help in the early days from subsidy, not much anymore.
- 7 But because of the reasons on this slide, people buy
- 8 their own infrastructure.
- 9 The marking is growing very quickly, the EV
- 10 market I'm talking about which is, of course, a driver
- 11 for our business. It's more than doubled this year.
- 12 We're very pleased with that. It tripled the year
- 13 before.
- We're extremely pleased in our target for our
- 15 plans for growth because the EV market is growing so
- 16 quickly.
- 17 The acceleration of it, if you compare it to the
- 18 first three years of, basically, the previous market is
- 19 about 4X. So, the EV market is catching up very
- 20 quickly, the plug-in hybrid and BEV hybrid is catching
- 21 up very quickly to the hybrid world because it's growing
- 22 at a much faster rate in its first three years than the
- 23 plug-in hybrids did.
- 24 And that applies here. We expect to see
- 25 California get to two percent cars by 2020, of new sale

- 1 cars.
- 2 And that's going to grow into the future
- 3 nationwide.
- 4 So, you know, we're plotting out the growth.
- 5 We're very happy with, at this point, kind of the
- 6 predictability growth of the EV market. Now, attach
- 7 rate is an important thing for us. So, what we define
- 8 attach rate as is the ratio of public charging stations
- 9 to vehicles, so that runs our business.
- 10 And, you know, we have goals that are in the 24
- 11 percent rate. Where we are at today is about eight
- 12 percent. So, for every 12 cars that goes out we sell
- 13 one station. We would like to see that higher. We
- 14 think that there are not enough because in concentrated
- 15 areas drivers are unhappy because they can't find enough
- 16 charging stations.
- I tell people the state of the art for EV
- 18 drivers now is to walk a half a mile for the last leq.
- 19 So, they had to walk a mile because the half-mile ones
- 20 are across the street and they're all busy. The one-
- 21 mile ones are not busy to this location. And that's too
- 22 much, we think. We think that the driver has to be
- 23 within a half a mile of their destination when they stop
- 24 to charge their car during the day.
- 25 I had to charge my car during the day because I

- 1 can't get home if I don't do it, so it's busy charging.
- 2 So, it's quite important. I couldn't use my EV today
- 3 without finding one. The mile walk was a little longer
- 4 than expected.
- 5 We forecast attach rate. We expect it to get to
- 6 the 17 percent rate at some point, but that's twice as
- 7 many stations per car as we see today.
- 8 And the problem is this one, really, this slide
- 9 11 I think is key, you get concentrated areas. There
- 10 are some stations that have no utilization at all and
- 11 then there's areas like around the Energy Commission,
- 12 where the stations are extremely busy and they're busy
- 13 every day.
- 14 And we forecast that for our customers and we
- 15 tell our customers every month how their stations are
- 16 doing and you get these hot spots. So, this even within
- 17 once city you get hot spots and cold spots, but the hot
- 18 spots are a problem.
- 19 And what I would suggest is a possible policy
- 20 idea for the Energy Commission is to fund growth. That
- 21 is, where there's a demonstrated busy location fund more
- 22 stations there to avoid the problems of stranded assets
- 23 or wasted assets that you put out where people don't
- 24 charge, like at 35 Street.
- 25 We have a little problem here. This slide 12

- 1 shows where we could use some help. The vehicle sales
- 2 are outrunning the charging station sales and so that's
- 3 going to create increasing problems like I suffered
- 4 today in Sacramento.
- 5 So, we need to change this equation in order to
- 6 not see drivers get frustrated by the inability to
- 7 charge their vehicles.
- 8 So, this is just another way to look at it and
- 9 I'll leave that to you.
- But, basically, current attach rate is 7-to-1,
- 11 seven cars. I said eight, but it's actually falling,
- 12 and that's too high.
- Now, what we see in workplaces -- so, for us, 62
- 14 percent of our business is workplace. This is a
- 15 sophisticated workplace shown on this slide.
- And what we can see is every time they add ports
- 17 more cars come.
- 18 So, we track the number of unique drivers that
- 19 visit our stations and the number of stations, the
- 20 number of stations in each parking lot to see how
- 21 utilization tracks.
- In this workplace what you see is that no matter
- 23 how many stations and cars they have, they have 20 uses
- 24 per port, per month, meaning every workday one car.
- 25 We are driving that to three. Three cars can

- 1 charge on one station per day. And we'll talk about why
- 2 that's true in a minute, why we're doing that.
- 3 There are some places that are worse, so the
- 4 left chart here is the San Francisco Airport. The green
- 5 line is how many unique drivers we see at those
- 6 stations, a lot. And now, at the San Francisco Airport,
- 7 for instance, you have to use one of the Smart Phone
- 8 apps in order to find an available station because your
- 9 favorite terminal or the one near your airline is
- 10 frequently busy, now.
- 11 So, all of these we're getting a little bit
- 12 behind.
- We've estimated how much money it would cost.
- 14 It's about a billion dollars needed in order to get to
- 15 the 2025 -- or the 2020 goals that the Governor has.
- 16 Most of that will come from the private sector.
- 17 As I said, 95 percent of our business is private sector
- 18 at this point. But a billion dollars needs to be found
- 19 to get to the 2020 number of charging stations needed to
- 20 support the rapid growth of EVs in California.
- I wanted to mention a little bit about DC
- 22 chargers. We don't manufacture a DC charger but we put
- 23 them on our network. They are very popular for us.
- 24 They are moneymakers in terms of cash flow.
- The only issue ever being the demand charges.

- 1 We are shipping one a day, now.
- I would recommend a thought that there's a
- 3 proposal in Hawaii, don't know if it's passed yet, or
- 4 not, but it will, which is that the demand chargers for
- 5 DC charging are waived if demand response is implemental
- 6 on the station.
- Without that, especially in the early adoption
- 8 phase, you can't get cash flow to work on a DC charger
- 9 with demand charges. So, it either has to be subsidized
- 10 in the early days or some program like this.
- 11 I'll go quickly through a couple of these. The
- 12 biggest problem we have is that the landlord and the
- 13 driver are not the same person and have different
- 14 motivations.
- 15 So, it's hard to sell into apartments, hard to
- 16 sell into condominiums, hard to sell in business parks
- 17 where the business owner doesn't own the lot.
- 18 And so, we are looking for solutions for that.
- 19 It's a severe problem.
- 20 Installations are expensive. Our answer to that
- 21 is a technology answer. So, we're moving from one car
- 22 per circuit per day which what you get, for instance,
- 23 with level one, to an average now of three cars per
- 24 circuit per day.
- 25 Because all the money -- last year when I was

- 1 here a station and the installation had the same price
- 2 and now stations are significantly cheaper than the
- 3 installation. So, we're moving technology to see that
- 4 we get three cars per day per circuit in order to
- 5 amortize the high cost of installation. And we're doing
- 6 that primarily with technology.
- 7 I don't have time to go through the rest of
- 8 these. I would say probably another important one is
- 9 the option of Handbook 130. That's the Departments of
- 10 Weights and Measures standards for what the public --
- 11 regulation on behalf of the public for charging at
- 12 public stations. That is setting prices, providing
- 13 receipts, all of those kinds of things like you get at a
- 14 gas station.
- So, the last slide I'll talk about, the
- 16 Department -- we could use help on this HB 130. In
- 17 California, that means we need the Department of Food
- 18 and Agriculture to adopt it so that there's a standard
- 19 for public charging, so that the consumer gets what they
- 20 expect.
- 21 We need to go to a policy, like we have for
- 22 condominiums now, which is where if a business or an
- 23 apartment owner will pay for their EVSE, the property
- 24 owner has to allow it. And that may require legislation
- 25 to get that done, just as it required legislation to get

- 1 it done for condominium owners.
- We know what the right number is. You want one
- 3 port for two EVs if you want to keep people very happy.
- 4 We are far from that.
- 5 We still have a fair amount of chicken and egg
- 6 problem where people don't expect the cars to come.
- 7 So, you'll hear in an apartment building, we
- 8 never see any cars so we're not putting in an
- 9 infrastructure. And of course, obviously, the tenant
- 10 will not buy a car if they can't plug it in.
- 11 So, we still have that problem and probably will
- 12 have to force our way through that. Funding could help
- 13 a lot there because the obstacle is largely that the
- 14 apartment building doesn't want to part with their
- money.
- 16 But even then, even if the tenant is willing to
- 17 pay today, they can't.
- 18 And then there's a particular thing which I
- 19 think that the Commission should consider to fund, which
- 20 is the panel upgrade for apartment buildings and
- 21 condominiums because we can get the tenant to pay for
- 22 the same -- the equivalent price that they would pay if
- 23 they owned their own home, but we can't get them to pay
- 24 the \$30,000 that it takes to get a condominium or an
- 25 apartment building ready to install EVSE.

- 1 So, there's a common area piece that has to be
- 2 done and nobody wants to pay that \$30,000.
- 3 So, we could use a grant program, I think, to
- 4 just address the panel readiness of condominiums and
- 5 apartment buildings. It's a severe problem. They will
- 6 not do it.
- 7 And, you know, 41 percent of Californians live
- 8 in apartments or condominiums and they have no access to
- 9 the EV market because of this issue. So, if you can
- 10 help there, it would be great.
- 11 And finally, I think we could use more leverage
- 12 funding. So, we can now bring bank financing into all
- 13 of our projects, so to the extent that the State
- 14 requires higher and higher match, we would encourage
- 15 that and that is stretch your money.
- Because if you allow the banks to pay part of
- 17 the bills, we can get that financing. I have a \$100
- 18 million line of credit just for us that we can apply to
- 19 that, to matching grants that you might provide.
- Thank you very much.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you. So, I had a
- 22 couple of questions as we went along and I'll try to ask
- 23 them quickly.
- 24 So, you mentioned back on slide 9 that for every
- 25 12 cars we have one station and that you'd like to see

- 1 that radio go down. And then you mentioned twice as
- 2 many stations per car. So, are you thinking we have to
- 3 get to a 6-to-1 ratio?
- 4 MR. LOWENTHAL: So, what people -- what drivers
- 5 are happy with is 2-to-1, but that's not feasible.
- 6 So, our long range view, I have it here, is to
- 7 get to 17 percent as opposed to the current number,
- 8 which is somewhere about seven percent.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I see, okay.
- 10 MR. LOWENTHAL: That is for seven -- there will
- 11 be a public charging station or a shared charging
- 12 station for multiply the numbers of cars times .17.
- 13 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay and then on slide 11
- 14 you mentioned that -- you showed the stations where
- 15 we've got lots of utilization versus the stations where
- 16 we don't have as much utilization. And I was
- 17 thinking -- and recommended that maybe the Energy
- 18 Commission could fund growth in the areas that are known
- 19 to be busy.
- 20 And I thought about this and it's -- this is
- 21 very data-intensive. So, is this the kind of data that
- 22 ChargePoint provides to the Energy Commission? I was
- 23 just trying to think where does the Commission get that
- 24 kind of data to then know where some of the busier
- 25 places are that we might look at funding.

- 1 MR. LOWENTHAL: That's very good. So, there
- 2 isn't a mechanism now. We are just concluding a
- 3 contract right now with UC Davis, so we will have a
- 4 channel to get that out to the public.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, great. And then I
- 6 also thought about how we balance that with the map that
- 7 Mark showed in terms of we've got a concentration in a
- 8 lot of the busy cities, and then how do you broaden that
- 9 network right out across the whole State?
- 10 MR. LOWENTHAL: So, Commissioner Scott, let me
- 11 just say that your policies tied to funding make a big
- 12 difference.
- 13 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Uh-huh.
- 14 MR. LOWENTHAL: So, for instance in the recent
- 15 PONs that were just announced there was a policy
- 16 requiring open network connections between EVSE and the
- 17 operating network, which caused us to have to develop
- 18 some products, which was good for the industry.
- 19 So, you could also, for instance, tag this to
- 20 say there has to be a demonstrated case of high
- 21 utilization.
- 22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Uh-hum.
- MR. LOWENTHAL: That is you could condition any
- 24 funding that goes out based on us demonstrating the fact
- 25 that it is a busy location.

- 1 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Got it, got it.
- 2 And then one last one, I was just thinking in
- 3 terms of the technology and how it may change over the
- 4 next ten years or farther. And you mentioned, so we
- 5 first started where you just had one car per circuit,
- 6 and now we're to a place where we get three cars per
- 7 circuit.
- 8 MR. LOWENTHAL: Right.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Do you see a future where
- 10 we can do more cars per circuit?
- MR. LOWENTHAL: Yes, so there's -- definitely
- 12 that's true. And even more so it's now shifting to a
- 13 panel allocation issue. So, there's technology
- 14 solutions now for that where the panel is used in the
- 15 most efficient way to charge cars.
- 16 So the cars, for instance, that are on a circuit
- 17 but not charging don't use any panel capacity. So,
- 18 traditionally, that's been a static calculation, but a
- 19 huge cost driver, as I said, \$30,000 in a typical
- 20 condominium.
- 21 So, the next technology will be such that we use
- 22 the energy allocation in a panel more wisely and fully
- 23 occupy that. And those kind of technologies are
- 24 underway at our company and others.
- 25 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great.

- 1 MR. MC KINNEY: Commissioner, can I add
- 2 something really quick?
- 3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yes.
- 4 MR. DUVALL: So, one of the things as the -- so,
- 5 this is really good at understanding where you have
- 6 infrastructure that's over-used, over-subscribed and you
- 7 need more.
- 8 But also you'll have to identify under-served
- 9 areas. And the two biggest examples -- the two best
- 10 examples of under-served areas now are areas outside the
- 11 four major metropolitan areas, and then also -- so, I
- 12 don't want to call them rural, because they're not
- 13 really rural, where there is adoption and you can plot
- 14 traffic patterns that would lead to the need for EV
- 15 charging.
- 16 And then, of course, multi-unit dwellings, I
- 17 don't think there's any disagreement there that those
- 18 are also under-served.
- 19 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.
- 20 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, I'd like to turn to our
- 21 next speaker. Thank you very much, Richard.
- MR. LOWENTHAL: You're welcome.
- 23 MR. MC KINNEY: Our next panelist is Edward
- 24 Kjaer, who is Director of Transportation Electrification
- 25 at Southern California Edison.

- 1 And in our efforts to kind of catch back up with
- 2 our schedule today he's got a beautiful biography, and
- 3 we're going to post that and just get to your remarks,
- 4 so Edward.
- 5 MR. KJAER: Well, that's the first introduction,
- 6 "a beautiful biography".
- 7 (Laughter)
- 8 MR. KJAER: Thank you very much, Commissioner
- 9 Scott, for hosting this event.
- I think, you know, what's kind of encouraging I
- 11 think about today is many of us in the room have been
- 12 doing this for a long time and in many times in the past
- 13 it was about what we think the future will look like.
- 14 And I think in this particular space, in plug-in
- 15 electric vehicles, clearly the market is real. What
- 16 you're seeing today is the sharing or real data.
- 17 And I think, you know, more and more every day
- 18 we're getting better at truly understanding what is
- 19 actually going on in the marketplace.
- 20 So, from my perspective what I wanted to -- I
- 21 only have a couple of slides. And so, because I was
- 22 hoping we would get into some dialogue and the two
- 23 previous speakers had lots of slides.
- So, I think overall my comments are really
- 25 couched in we need to really work to perhaps have a

- 1 better balance at kind of near-term versus long-term.
- We tend to, I think, gravitate towards high
- 3 technology, complex business models and solutions,
- 4 sometimes solutions that are kind of looking for
- 5 problems to solve.
- 6 And Anthony Eggert, I think, set the tone very
- 7 well at the very beginning of this workshop when he
- 8 basically said that there is a heck of a task in front
- 9 of us to get to 2050.
- 10 And, you know, I would suggest that we'll never
- 11 get to 2050 if we don't start focusing on the here and
- 12 the now at accelerating the market.
- I think that Richard is right we're off to a
- 14 good start, a really good start when you compare it to
- 15 the hybrid market from a decade ago.
- 16 But I don't think that it's a done deal. I
- 17 don't think we're over the valley, the so-called valley
- 18 of death by any stretch of the imagination.
- 19 So, what I'm advocating for is a balance of that
- 20 long-term push towards technology solutions, balance
- 21 that with near-term, low-cost simple solutions that
- 22 reduce barriers and just fundamentally get more cars on
- 23 the road, driving home and simply plugging into the
- 24 system.
- 25 So, having said that as kind of the opening,

- 1 what I want to do is just set the table a little bit, if
- 2 I can have the first slide, please. Apparently I can't
- 3 click it. There we go.
- 4 So, this kind of helps to just put in context
- 5 kind of where we are today with the market for plug-in
- 6 electric vehicles. As I said, it's off to a good start,
- 7 but it's also really, really small.
- 8 1.5 million cars got sold in California last
- 9 year, 117,000 were hybrid. So, 1.5 million was
- 10 conventional ICAs, 117,000 HEVs. And then you can see
- 11 between BEVs and the plug-in hybrids 43,000 units, so
- 12 two and a half percent. So, it's a very, very nascent
- 13 market today.
- 14 And again, the focus should be on that --
- 15 finding that balance, that sweet spot between the
- 16 longer-term strategies that are technology, and laden
- 17 and complex, and nearer-term how do you accelerate the
- 18 market.
- 19 Because if we don't accelerate the market, we're
- 20 never going to be able to, you know, stabilize those
- 21 longer-term business models that need volume, need
- 22 through put.
- 23 The next slide, let's go to -- we'll skip this
- 24 one and we'll go to the next one in the interest of
- 25 time.

- 1 Okay, so what's kind of interesting about this
- 2 is just kind of helps to put in perspective, I think,
- 3 the charging event that we're talking about.
- 4 So, roughly speaking, you know, 70, 80 percent
- 5 of the market is -- has daily trips of less than 20
- 6 miles. And if you take a look at all the miles traveled
- 7 both for commuting and shopping, you know, basically the
- 8 average is less than 30 miles.
- 9 And so if everyone fuels up at home, and that's
- 10 certainly the kind of behavior that we want to encourage
- 11 because that's when the energy costs are the lowest, and
- 12 that's when the load is the most valuable to the system
- 13 because that's when we have a lot of excess capacity,
- 14 and then drives to their location.
- 15 You can see that for a car like the Toyota Prius
- 16 to have location charging, like workplace charging, you
- 17 can literally double the electric vehicle miles traveled
- 18 for that car.
- 19 You are doubling the Fords, which have about 20
- 20 miles of all-electric range.
- 21 And, you know, the Volt, you're not doing too
- 22 much on the Volt because it's already able to deliver 35
- 23 to 40 miles of all-electric range.
- 24 And you're not doing maybe so much for the pure
- 25 battery electric car because they have about 80 miles of

- 1 all-electric range capability, and yet they're only
- 2 using about 30, 35 miles of that battery every day.
- 3 So, regardless of the battery size, you know,
- 4 you don't necessarily drive any differently. About 80
- 5 percent of the market is commuting less than 20 miles a
- 6 day.
- 7 So, when you look at the amount, the time that
- 8 it takes to fuel these vehicles at level one, even at
- 9 level one you can see that in an eight-hour day you're
- 10 only using up to about five hours. It's more like,
- 11 probably, four hours.
- 12 So, we have plenty of time to fuel cars, even at
- 13 level one, in nonresidential situations.
- 14 And you can see that it's about -- these are i-
- 15 Tunes transactions. You know, we tend to get very
- 16 excited about the ability to move energy backwards and
- 17 forwards, to do energy arbitrage. We're dealing with i-
- 18 Tunes transactions.
- 19 We're dealing with a bunch of hairdryers running
- 20 at level one. And so, I think we've just got to kind of
- 21 put that into perspective as we think about, you know,
- 22 how we design the system.
- 23 And again, I think we need that balance between,
- 24 you know, faster charging and low, slow, simple, low-
- 25 cost charging. Again, a balance, it's not all one or

- 1 the other, but a balance.
- 2 The next slide. So, this really speaks very
- 3 much to that point. So, in the case of Southern
- 4 California Edison's area, we -- and this is interesting
- 5 because the market is not defined -- we tend to define
- 6 the market in one way, I think, in the State, and that's
- 7 dangerous because I think Northern California and
- 8 Southern California are different. And I think the
- 9 kinds of vehicles that are being purchased are
- 10 different. And the charging, the propensity of level
- 11 two charging versus level one charging is different.
- 12 So by that what I mean is that in our area we
- 13 have about, now, about 22,000 plug-in vehicle customers
- 14 and the majority of our customers, we skew towards plug-
- 15 in hybrids, rather than battery electrics whereas, up in
- 16 the Bay Area it's more battery electrics over plug-in
- 17 hybrids.
- 18 And we skew towards a lot more level one
- 19 charging than we ever thought.
- 20 So, I think what's happening is that customers
- 21 are simply buying the cars, driving them home and
- 22 plugging them in. And you know what, the grid can
- 23 handle it. In fact, the grid really likes this level
- 24 one.
- 25 And as we think about, you know, focusing on

- 1 that kind of near-term, more balanced approach then we
- 2 think -- I think we need to be thinking about policies.
- 3 For example, there are policies today that are sort of
- 4 saying, well, faster charging is better. Well, why is
- 5 that? Why do we think that?
- 6 That's an old paradigm, you know, called the gas
- 7 station model.
- 8 So, I think we need to really be thinking about
- 9 a balanced approach, this near-term versus long-term.
- 10 And from and R&D perspective, in terms of the
- 11 Energy Commission, I think there's an opportunity, and I
- 12 think this speaks very much to a point Richard was
- 13 making.
- It is that we can get more cars on a circuit.
- 15 In fact, I was at UCLA a couple of days ago and the
- 16 engineering school there has been working for a couple
- 17 of years on an algorithm-based product. And they showed
- 18 me level one, a level one charge box with four ports,
- 19 and octopus. And they can literally sequence four cars
- 20 off a circuit at level one.
- 21 And if only a couple of cars are charging on
- 22 that circuit, then they can up the speed at the rate of
- 23 the charging.
- 24 And then they have level two capability as well,
- 25 again, a box with four -- the capability to charge four

- 1 cars.
- 2 So the costs are -- you know, it's about
- 3 reducing the cost and that's very much, I think, the
- 4 point that Richard was making, as well as Mark, is that
- 5 we've got to lower the costs. We've got to make it
- 6 simpler to connect to the system.
- 7 And I think we also need to really work on
- 8 building out low cost, simple workplace charging that is
- 9 highly visible. Again, finding that balance, not just
- 10 the low cost, but finding that balance.
- 11 But workplace is where these cars are parked for
- 12 eight hours a day.
- 13 And so, this chart really is basically saying,
- 14 you know, 75 percent or so of the fueling is done at
- 15 home and then 15 or 20 percent is the workplace. And
- 16 then the last piece of this is this public or
- 17 opportunistic charging.
- 18 But workplace charging is really going to help
- 19 increase electric vehicle miles traveled, particularly
- 20 for plug-in hybrid vehicles because you're going to
- 21 effectively double the range of Priuses and double the
- 22 range of Fords, and put a little bit extra range on for
- 23 the Volts.
- 24 And then I think this kind of judicious amount
- 25 of fast charging for the battery electric cars is the

- 1 way to go for that part of the market.
- 2 So, I think, you know, bottom line balancing the
- 3 near-term versus the long-term.
- 4 The other piece that we critically need, I
- 5 think, in the State to help accelerate the market is we
- 6 need fundamental education. We need market education.
- We have extremely low awareness. And so, there
- 8 are organizations that are trying to stand up effective
- 9 and sustained education programs, organizations like the
- 10 Electric Drive Transportation Association in Washington.
- I really encourage the State to explore
- 12 opportunities to develop and execute, and sustain broad
- 13 education programs to just increase fundamental
- 14 awareness. Awareness about why electric vehicles, plug-
- 15 in electric vehicles make sense and why connecting to
- 16 the grid here in California makes a lot of sense.
- 17 Electricity is fundamentally a dollar a gallon
- 18 equivalent. We need to get that message out into the
- 19 marketplace. Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thanks, that was great. I
- 21 will only ask one quick question, recognizing that we
- 22 have a couple more speakers.
- I was just looking, so at this pyramid chart
- 24 here, do you think if we can sort of crack the multi-
- 25 family dwelling, and then also increase the workplace

- 1 charging, I mean do you see in the future maybe there's
- 2 additional yellow in the workplace part of this chart,
- 3 or how do you see this kind of overall picture changing?
- 4 MR. KJAER: I think workplace charging will
- 5 increase the electric vehicle miles traveled.
- Now, workplace might become even more critical
- 7 in the future, 15, 20 years out, potentially, if we get
- 8 into this duck trap situation, right, where -- so, where
- 9 we may just simply say we'll take all the load you can
- 10 give us.
- But I think that also speaks to the question
- 12 that you raised about vehicle to grid is that -- and the
- 13 way Mark answered it, I would only add an extra point
- 14 and that is that the grid is constantly changing. The
- 15 grid is constantly adapting.
- 16 So, it's really difficult to build a business
- 17 model today around vehicle to grid when at scale we may
- 18 have a whole different set of challenges. For instance,
- 19 over-capacity during the day, by which case we won't
- 20 want vehicle to grid, we'll want load.
- 21 And so, the whole definition of on-peak and off-
- 22 peak may be changing in the future, as well.
- 23 So, I just think it's -- we need to be careful
- 24 not to, you know, over commit today, and not to -- you
- 25 know, again, it comes back to that balance. Don't spend

- 1 so much time trying to pull things out of the lab and
- 2 stand them up in the marketplace before the market is
- 3 really ready.
- 4 You know, again, more of a balanced focus on
- 5 just how do we get more cars on the road, how do we get
- 6 more cars connecting to the system, and doing it in as
- 7 cost-effective, non-complicated way as we can.
- 8 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you, Edward.
- 9 Our next speaker is our remote presenter,
- 10 Professor DeShazo, from the UCLA Luskin Institute.
- 11 And, Lynette, are we good to go there?
- 12 So, Professor DeShazo is the Director of the
- 13 Luskin Institute for Innovation at UCLA and a Professor
- 14 and Vice-Chair of the Department of Public Policy, also
- 15 with the Luskin School at UCLA.
- So, do we have you, Professor DeShazo?
- 17 Shall we go to Dan Davids and go back to J.R.?
- MS. RAITT: J.R., go ahead.
- 19 MR. MC KINNEY: So, it's not a connection issue,
- 20 he's just not there.
- Okay, why don't we turn to Dan Davis and then,
- 22 hopefully, Professor DeShazo can join us right before
- 23 the lunch break.
- 24 Dan Davids is the Chair of Plug In America. And
- 25 Dan -- well, I'm just going to have to suspend the bios

- 1 here so we can kind of get back on schedule.
- 2 But Plug In America is really the leading kind
- 3 of consumer voice in the adoption of plug-in vehicles,
- 4 so Mr. Davids.
- 5 MR. DAVIDS: Great, thanks. Well, if I have to
- 6 say, hats off to you, Jim, for creating the order in
- 7 which we spoke because I think the three previous
- 8 speakers have -- there really isn't anything that I
- 9 heard that I think I disagree with. I think they've
- 10 really presented the state of things and made cogent
- 11 remarks and good recommendations.
- 12 And also, they showed up, Mark and Richard, with
- 13 more detailed slides, and we were more in the camp of --
- 14 and simply not having the time to put together a lot of
- 15 detailed slides, so that's good, so there isn't
- 16 duplication of effort.
- We did, however, spend quite a bit of time
- 18 looking at your questions at Plug In America, and
- 19 actually now, I think it's very clear based on the fact
- 20 that we've had such good presentations before me that my
- 21 approach, what I'm trying to do, which is at a bit of a
- 22 higher level to help the board in its planning and
- 23 decision making going forward, was the right way to go.
- So, I'll just say on the opening slide here, by
- 25 the way, the two signs, keep those in mind and we'll

- 1 talk about those in a little bit.
- 2 So, the next slide, yeah, you can go ahead and
- 3 display all of them on here. Oh, wait, this is the old
- 4 version. Oh, goodness gracious.
- 5 All right, can we go ahead? Okay, stop on that
- 6 one for a second. So the wonders of software PowerPoint
- 7 seems to not want to put my slides in the order that I
- 8 told it to.
- 9 Plug In America, just briefly, over 30,000
- 10 supporters. We were heavily involved in raising the
- 11 amount of funding years ago, basically, the \$7,500 tax
- 12 credit that we're all enjoying in purchasing these cars
- 13 now.
- We do an awful lot of work, both with consumers
- 15 and at the policy level and, increasingly, you know,
- 16 consulting work with municipalities and even,
- 17 occasionally, automakers and utilities.
- 18 Our sort of largest claim to fame is National
- 19 Plug-In Day, which if you'll see from this slide there
- 20 it's now been renamed National Drive Electric Week.
- 21 This will be our fourth year with that.
- We went from 25 cities the first year to 50 the
- 23 second year, 100 last year. Our goal this year is 200
- 24 cities and actually, probably, a half-dozen to maybe a
- 25 dozen of those in Europe.

- 1 So, that has turned out to be an extremely
- 2 effective way -- you talk about bang for the buck and
- 3 how to spend your money, because CCSE, which tracks the,
- 4 you know, rebate applications has documented a spike in
- 5 sales in the week immediately after when we hold these
- 6 National Plug-In Day events.
- 7 And the key there, of course, is getting people
- 8 in the cars, in a neutral environment. Most of the cars
- 9 are supplied by EV owners, plug-in owners. A
- 10 nonthreatening environment to ask questions and kind of
- 11 just get your good experience with the cars, so that has
- 12 really worked well.
- 13 And also, our Plug In At Work effort is just
- 14 massively expanding this year, where we go to workplaces
- 15 and hold -- actually, they turn out to be pretty
- 16 boutique events. Each workplace is quite different, has
- 17 different requirements, both in terms of their internal
- 18 policies and how they want things handled. And so,
- 19 we're able to respond and we've gotten across-the-board,
- 20 you know, a very positive response from that.
- 21 And again, it generates car sales. It gets
- 22 vehicles on the road.
- 23 And then kind of lastly, I mentioned that we've
- 24 been involved for a number of years in actually creating
- 25 the community readiness, if you will, guidelines.

- 1 California actually was a little behind some of
- 2 the other states, like Washington and Hawaii, but now
- 3 has come up to at least parity, I think, in that regard.
- 4 And those signs, as a matter of fact, were developed
- 5 elsewhere but now are pretty much going -- been adopted
- 6 in California and are going nationwide. That's just one
- 7 example of that.
- 8 So, we go back, you know, to the ZEV mandate,
- 9 you know, the original one, we've kind of been there,
- 10 done that. We've walked that mile in Richard's shoes to
- 11 public charging stations. A few that existed back in
- 12 the day.
- 13 And with that we'll move to the next slide.
- 14 Great, oh, just I'm not going to go through all these
- 15 but last year we happened to, you know, support six
- 16 different pieces of legislation which were ready to be
- 17 signed by the Governor, and we worked with the
- 18 Governor's Office to get him to do all those on one day,
- 19 at the same time, on National Plug-In Day.
- 20 So, that's the kind of thing Plug In America,
- 21 you know, does is to try and look for opportunities like
- 22 that to raise the awareness in the marketplace, as Ed so
- 23 clearly points out is a key component of things.
- We also were kind of the first to again apply
- 25 when we got to 100,000 electric vehicles, which is just

- 1 about exactly a year ago, now, nationwide, and shown a
- 2 light on that.
- Right now, matter of fact, we're about a week,
- 4 maybe ten days away, from looking at our numbers,
- 5 200,000.
- 6 We think we're probably going to keep our powder
- 7 dry and more celebrate when we get to 250,000, which we
- 8 think might actually be at this year's National Drive
- 9 Electric Week.
- 10 Next. Okay, so these are -- I saw that we
- 11 ordered the strategic goals because when I saw the
- 12 questions and looked at these goals, the immediate thing
- 13 that popped into my mind was prioritization. You know,
- 14 where's the best place to spend money to get the most
- 15 vehicles on the road the soonest?
- So, I'm really pleased to hear, you know, my
- 17 colleagues point out, repeatedly, the need for
- 18 accelerating the pace of getting these cars on the road.
- 19 That certainly is not just a good thing for
- 20 building any market, but it's also essentially needed if
- 21 we're going to be able to meet the climate goals.
- I mean, if it takes a great deal of effort to
- 23 get a sale and get a car on the road five years from
- 24 now, that's not going to make anywhere near as much
- 25 effort as if you get that car on the road now. That's

- 1 just the way the chemistry and physics of the
- 2 atmosphere, you know, works.
- 3 So, keeping the climate sort of model in mind,
- 4 we certainly want to bring -- and so that's one of my
- 5 key messages is a real sense of urgency around thinking
- 6 about everything that you do, everything that the
- 7 Commission does is it consistent with getting more cars
- 8 on the road sooner.
- 9 And so, that's kind of how I -- this isn't a
- 10 strict prioritization, but that's kind of the way we
- 11 looked at it.
- So, the -- yeah, okay, so that's how that's
- 13 reordered. And I'm going to definitely to down there
- 14 sort of at the bottom, things like storage on DC fast
- 15 networks. I think Ed is completely dead on.
- 16 What's going on, on the networks now is changing
- 17 day by day. I mean, when we started all of this, you
- 18 know, five, ten years ago there was this big assumption,
- 19 oh, we want to charge off peak, right? Well, now we've
- 20 got all these renewables coming on the grid and we've
- 21 got duct charts and, you know, excess green capacity
- 22 during the day. And so, that wasn't foreseen.
- So, what's going to be the role of storage and
- 24 DC fast-charging networks or, you know, V2G?
- Our view would be to not put, you know, too much

- 1 effort and money towards those right now because they're
- 2 still in flux. There's a lot of technology still to
- 3 develop there and they're not really, certainly, going
- 4 to answer my overall or arching concern which is to get
- 5 more vehicles on the road sooner.
- And on the commercial truck fleets, it's a part
- 7 of it that we don't really focus on that at Plug In
- 8 America. And everything, everything with a plug, but
- 9 I'll defer to my colleagues for that one.
- 10 So, next, okay, let's stop on that one. This
- 11 one is just -- you know, I wanted to bring a little bit
- 12 of humor into the day's proceeding. That certainly is
- 13 not a real Prius. Someone was quite creative with
- 14 Photoshop.
- But I'm trying to make the point, my next point
- 16 which is it's pretty easy to get down in the weeds and
- 17 start talking about V2G and, you know, battery capacity,
- 18 and battery chemistries, and storage on the network, and
- 19 all these different things and here's sort of a -- you
- 20 know, this is probably not out of the realm of
- 21 possibilities. Someone could say, hey, well, this is
- 22 the way we ought to go. We ought to tap into the
- 23 catenary systems of the nation's trolley bus lines and
- 24 power our vehicles.
- 25 And so, what I want -- my sort of message here

- 1 is just kind of remove the complexity of things when we
- 2 go outside this room and we talk to the public. Because
- 3 the point that has been made is the vast majority of the
- 4 people outside this room are still very unaware of
- 5 electric vehicles, and their advantages, and what they
- 6 do for the climate, and for their pocketbook.
- 7 So, if we can remove that complexity and make
- 8 it, you know, not look like there are all these
- 9 incredible technical barriers that have to be overcome
- 10 before the vehicles are ready.
- 11 Part of the reason Plug In America exists is
- 12 these cars were put in our hands with no public charging
- 13 infrastructure out there whatsoever and we've discovered
- 14 what a better lifestyle it was, how much more pleasant
- 15 they were to drive, how much money they saved us, how
- 16 good they worked for the environment, how we had the
- 17 infrastructure at home with 124 volts. And geez,
- 18 everybody should do this.
- 19 So, we didn't see technical barriers out there
- 20 as the big thing at all. The biggest thing was nobody
- 21 was making the cars. So, that's why our focus is
- 22 always, you know, getting cars on the road.
- 23 So, next, if we can go back to the one that --
- 24 that one, there we go.
- Okay, so, yeah, my first point, try and remove

- 1 the impression of EV complexity.
- If I could wave a magic wand, everything we
- 3 could do to make permitting for putting in charging, be
- 4 it at home, or workplaces, or MUDs, to make that cheaper
- 5 and simpler, that's something we really think is key.
- 6 It's disheartening to find that the actual
- 7 installation costs are kind of rising at the time when
- 8 equipment costs are going down.
- 9 I don't think we really saw that with solar but,
- 10 yeah, we need to fix that.
- 11 As far as charging stations in MUDs, again, our
- 12 point of view is supported by the pyramid. We would
- 13 prioritize spending money on workplace over MUDs. Not
- 14 to say that the MUD problem isn't worth solving, it
- 15 absolutely is. People who are garage challenged and
- 16 want to drive these vehicles ought to be able to, you
- 17 know, do that.
- But, certainly, you know, a \$30,000 barrier just
- 19 to get the panel upgraded so that the first owner in an
- 20 MUD can get a car, and you start thinking about, well,
- 21 if we spent \$30,000 in incentives or other sorts of ways
- 22 to sell cars, we could probably put five or ten vehicles
- 23 on the road for the same amount of money and that's
- 24 better.
- 25 And I'm not -- you know, I can only feel for the

- 1 folks in the MUDs.
- 2 And so the next one would be signage and I think
- 3 this one was kind of missed, I think, in the big ERA
- 4 grants. And if we had been consulted in -- we didn't
- 5 know those grants were under development, backed by DOE,
- 6 in the D.C., but we certainly would have had them
- 7 include a component for signage and to make it easier
- 8 for Richard and the other companies that installed
- 9 stations out there.
- I want to give a big, you know, shout out to
- 11 SMUD here, locally. I just was, two weeks ago, at their
- 12 opening of a DC fast charger at their campus, and their
- 13 former -- at the former -- under the solar array of a
- 14 former hydrogen fueling station. It's got both CHATMO
- 15 (phonetic) and SAE.
- 16 And one of the great things about it is they
- 17 used exactly the latest and greatest of Caltrans
- 18 approved, those signs that you saw in my opening slide
- 19 there, from the street, through the parking lot, and at
- 20 the station. And that's exactly the way it should be
- 21 done.
- 22 And they also even have another sign which
- 23 clearly lists how much they charge per kilowatt.
- 24 They're doing it on a kilowatt hour basis, by the way,
- 25 which is 22 cents a kilowatt hour.

- 1 And so, we really think that that's something
- 2 that should be emphasized and would help people get to
- 3 the stations and increase the utilization that Richard
- 4 talked about.
- 5 Credit cards we think give us a lot of
- 6 interoperability. We don't think the government should
- 7 be getting overly involved in trying to tell the
- 8 industry how to make their billing systems
- 9 interoperable. There's already an industry trade group
- 10 Richard's involved in that's making that all happen. I
- 11 think that's going to sort itself out.
- DC fast charging, we think so as well. There's
- 13 a lot of innovation happening there. The cost of the
- 14 equipment, you know, is plummeting.
- 15 I would put efforts on removing the barriers to
- 16 get the trenching and the installation costs happening.
- So, with that I think I'll wrap that up.
- 18 Oh, by the way, I looked up 70 megapascals
- 19 because, again, from the consumer -- I mean I'm a
- 20 physicist, but from the consumer's point of view I have
- 21 to admit, I don't have a feel for a megapascal. But I
- 22 looked up the conversion and 70 megapascals is 10,000
- 23 PSI.
- 24 So, I'm hoping by the time the hydrogen stations
- 25 open that it will say 10,000 PSI because I think that

- 1 means something to people and 70 megapascals, you know,
- 2 doesn't. But anyway, right.
- 3 MR. MC KINNEY: Thank you very much, Dan,
- 4 appreciate it.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yeah, thank you.
- 6 Recognizing that I and potentially one other speaker
- 7 stand between everyone and lunch, I won't ask this
- 8 question for an answer right now, but I will ask it for
- 9 potentially, if you have answers to it, if you'll be
- 10 sure to get it to us on the record and submit in the
- 11 comments so that we have it.
- 12 And that is, Dan, you mentioned this and someone
- 13 else did, as well, that the installation costs are
- 14 rising when the equipment costs are going down, and I
- 15 just think that would be something useful for us to have
- 16 more information on.
- MR. DAVIDS: May be rising.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: May be rising, okay.
- 19 MR. DAVIDS: I mean everything has to be looked
- 20 at in context.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay, thank you.
- 22 Did we get the Professor?
- MS. RAITT: Go ahead, J.R.
- 24 MR. DE SHAZO: Hello? Good morning, can you
- 25 hear me?

- 1 MR. MC KINNEY: Very well, thank you. Please
- 2 proceed, Professor DeShazo.
- 3 MR. DE SHAZO: All right. Commissioner Scott,
- 4 thank you very much for hosting this workshop. I am
- 5 going to focus my remarks on the next five to ten years
- 6 in terms of goals, and keep this very brief and very
- 7 focused on policy, and essentially try and reflect the
- 8 reality on the ground tier in Southern California.
- 9 We've been analyzing the 325 or so stations here
- 10 in the Southern California Association of Government
- 11 area.
- 12 And so, if we could move to the next slide? The
- 13 first thing I'd like to say is we are still struggling
- 14 to develop the methods for evaluating how well we are
- 15 siting stations. And I think this is an area where
- 16 universities, and nonprofits, and other stakeholders can
- 17 make an important contribution.
- 18 I think we should have discussions about how to
- 19 best develop study methods and evaluate those methods
- 20 using utilization data.
- 21 But I'm going to focus at a high level on
- 22 station siting policies and suggest that the future
- 23 really is going to involve understanding the needs of
- 24 building owners and managers, echoing Richard's
- 25 comments.

- 1 And then also suggest that the supply of
- 2 stations should follow the vehicles during the day. I
- 3 think we -- again, this goes back to the siting
- 4 question. We all -- all the municipal metropolitan
- 5 siting organizations have traveled the man models that
- 6 predict where the PEVs are in the morning and the
- 7 afternoon. We're not utilizing any of that information
- 8 very effectively thus far.
- 9 And then the last policy area revolves around
- 10 designing more efficient driver access, which will pick
- 11 upon some of Dan's recent comments.
- 12 Can we go to the next slide, please? So, I'm
- 13 going to focus exclusively on MUDs and public access.
- 14 And I want to suggest that the market has already hit
- 15 the wall when it comes to MUDs.
- 16 In urban areas, there's a tremendous latent
- 17 demand for PEVs by MUD dwellers in urban areas. They
- 18 represent over 65 percent of all drivers, while the
- 19 number is 41 for the State.
- 20 And in the areas where these vehicles are taking
- 21 off, MUD residents make up the super majority of vehicle
- 22 owners and currently cannot access this market.
- So, I think, you know, we may in five to six
- 24 years have vehicles that have much longer electric
- 25 ranges, which will help solve some of the workplace

- 1 charging challenges, but that won't solve the MUD
- 2 challenge. You know, improving the vehicle isn't going
- 3 to make it, necessarily, easier to get them into these
- 4 environments.
- 5 So, I think for the CEC the MUDs represent,
- 6 hands down, the biggest barrier to market growth.
- 7 And then I'd like to make some suggestions about
- 8 policy innovations that the CEC might consider.
- 9 We've all talked about the need to have, in both
- 10 workplaces and for building owners, an opportunity for
- 11 them to pre-commit to programs and to communicate with
- 12 their employees and their residents that they are an
- 13 easy, friendly environment and they will install
- 14 charging stations when their employees or drivers are
- 15 ready to purchase the vehicles.
- 16 So, this would be a program where they announce
- 17 it without having to spend any money up front, and we
- 18 then complement that program participation with
- 19 technical assistance and financial incentives that allow
- 20 them to make good on that commitment to their employees
- 21 or their residents.
- So, a voluntary pre-commitment program I think
- 23 is very much needed. It will expand awareness of
- 24 vehicle readiness, which is one of the greatest
- 25 challenges that we have currently.

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- 2 most of the grant making that goes on as voluntary. But
- 3 I think that historically we would all recognize that
- 4 our programs have been very supply driven, where we have
- 5 contractors who by a certain time have to have a certain
- 6 number of stations in the ground.
- 7 And that has led to considerable stranded
- 8 capital here in Southern California, I believe.
- 9 If we have voluntary installations where there's
- 10 a sustained pool of financing or capital such that when
- 11 site hosts are ready to participate they can do so under
- 12 terms that sort of meet their local need, then I think
- 13 we'll move towards a program that grows with the market.
- 14 Finally, on program design, because of the
- 15 challenges that MUDs face and certain workplaces, I
- 16 think we need to think carefully about a graduated
- 17 mandatory retrofitting policy for charge stations. And
- 18 it needs to be smart, we need to show benefits.
- 19 But I don't see how we're going to support the
- 20 market right now given where the MUD building managers
- 21 are.
- 22 And Richard talked at length about the challenge
- 23 there. And I think the panel subsidies are a great idea
- 24 to upgrade that electrical capacity.
- 25 And this builds -- you know, one of the things

- 1 we need to do is take what we've learned and make sure
- 2 that it's embedded in the green building code,
- 3 improvements in the future.
- 4 So, rather than getting technology-specific,
- 5 focus those green building code improvements on where
- 6 the largest future fixed costs to expanding charge
- 7 station installations are, which are these panel
- 8 upgrades often.
- 9 And finally, just to -- you know, to sort of
- 10 build this out, we need to understand parking systems
- 11 much better than we do.
- 12 I know the CEC is an energy organization, but
- 13 this energy is going to be dispensed into a parking
- 14 space. And there's a real need, I think, if you talk to
- 15 the EVSTs to think creatively and understand the
- 16 opportunity space when it comes to existing parking.
- So, let me just go on to the next slide so I'll
- 18 be short for time here.
- 19 This is obvious to, I think, all of us. We're
- 20 growing a market and we're growing a market, unlike the
- 21 vehicle market which really, literally did not exist
- 22 before.
- 23 And the supply-driven policies have not been
- 24 sensitive enough to current and future vehicle demand.
- 25 And so, we're observing stranded capital, but we're also

- 1 observing, as was discussed before, bunching of over-
- 2 utilization of stations.
- 3 And one of the things I would suggest is that to
- 4 try and shift this incentive towards thinking more
- 5 carefully about utilization, since we have a lot of
- 6 public stakeholders who aren't as revenue sensitive as
- 7 ChargePoint might be, that we think about creating a
- 8 two-part incentive where we subsidize or we create
- 9 incentives for the installation and the equipment, but
- 10 we also reward them for a certain up front level of
- 11 utilization when it's achieved. So that they get the
- 12 second sort of part of the payoff when utilization
- 13 occurs, you know, up to a certain threshold.
- 14 And I think that will encourage us to site
- 15 stations both where the costs are low and demand is
- 16 high. And I think we desperately need a dynamic
- 17 mechanism that creates an incentive.
- 18 So, the other thing I would suggest in the
- 19 context of auction revenues and SB 535, and other kinds
- 20 of capital being made available -- I know one of the
- 21 challenges that the CEC and other organizations face is
- 22 these annual budgeting and multi-year fixed budgeting.
- 23 Richard mentioned this, I think having a
- 24 revolving loan fund that provides favorable financing
- 25 for site hosts is potentially a way to create a pool of

- 1 capital that supports the growth of this infrastructure
- 2 market in a reasonable and sort of synchronized way,
- 3 rather than having to fight this battle on a year to
- 4 year basis.
- 5 The next slide, please. Getting all the way
- 6 down into the weeds, just to pick up on things that have
- 7 already been mentioned, one of the things that's
- 8 happening now is we don't have very efficient driver
- 9 access policy.
- 10 So, in Southern California, at least, over 50
- 11 percent of our publicly accessible charge stations are
- 12 not priced.
- 13 And what you see at a lot of those, if you look
- 14 at the utilization data, is it's congestion. And there
- 15 are a lot of ways to get access to this, and in which
- 16 this information could be submitted to you in grant
- 17 proposals to grow out those locations where there's
- 18 excess demand.
- 19 But the smartest way to both give drivers who
- 20 value charging access to charging is to price that
- 21 charging at a reasonable level.
- 22 So that those that are undertaking opportunistic
- 23 convenience charging, that don't really need that charge
- 24 to return home, make that space available for others.
- 25 And, you know, the innovations here are even

- 1 time-of-day pricing, which we do at parking meters all
- 2 over Los Angeles, now.
- 3 So that, again, we're providing access to those
- 4 that most desperately need that to return home. And
- 5 there are many limited-range vehicle drivers out there,
- 6 now, that fall into this category, like myself and I
- 7 think Richard.
- 8 Let's see, the other challenge that -- for
- 9 curbside charging and for MUDs is to allow for
- 10 scheduling of charging stations.
- 11 And I know that certain technologies allow that
- 12 and others don't. But I think that we need to provide
- 13 certainty around the charging opportunity for a lot of
- 14 individuals and scheduling, pre-paid scheduling is one
- 15 way to do that.
- 16 And finally, penalizing parking in stations when
- 17 there is not charging occurring.
- 18 Right now that's a city-by-city, I know,
- 19 regulation. But if there's a way to encourage that in
- 20 the grant applications for funding, I think that's
- 21 critical so that we can get more than one charge session
- 22 per station.
- 23 The next slide, please? All right, so I will
- 24 stop there. Thank you guys so much for working out the
- 25 technical difficulties and for having me. I've tried to

- 1 keep it focused and short. I'm happy to answer
- 2 questions, if there are any.
- 3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Well, thank you for that
- 4 terrific presentation and for giving us maybe your
- 5 slightly shorter version of it that you originally
- 6 intended.
- 7 It was really informative and so I do hope that
- 8 you will send us additional information to go into our
- 9 comments and to go into our record.
- 10 And sensing that I am the only person between
- 11 lunch, I will not ask you questions, but we might follow
- 12 up with you. Thank you.
- MR. DE SHAZO: Thank you, bye-bye.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Bye. So --
- MR. MC KINNEY: Okay -- oh, go ahead.
- 16 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Go ahead, I'll let you.
- MR. MC KINNEY: First of all, thank you very
- 18 much to this panel, just excellent information. You're
- 19 all real leaders in your industry, so thank you so much.
- 20 (Applause)
- 21 MR. MC KINNEY: So, Commissioner and to the IEPR
- 22 team, I'd like to propose that we stick to our restart
- 23 schedule at 1:30 and cut short our lunch hour a bit,
- 24 because I am concerned we may have speakers at the end
- 25 of today who have flights to catch, and may not be able

- 1 to stay longer.
- 2 So, does that work for everybody?
- 3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: That's fine with me.
- 4 MR. MC KINNEY: Okay.
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay.
- 6 MR. MC KINNEY: So, we'll reconvene at 1:30.
- 7 (Off the record)
- 8 MR. MC KINNEY: Good afternoon, I think we're
- 9 about ready to reconvene here. These will be the
- 10 afternoon panels for our second IEPR workshop,
- 11 Technology Over the Next Ten Years and Beyond.
- 12 This afternoon's panel, our first panel will be
- 13 on what we call ZEV and near-ZEV, or zero emission and
- 14 near zero emission truck technologies.
- 15 So, this includes electric drive, hydrogen fuel
- 16 cell drive, range extenders, hybrid packages, and
- 17 natural gas and all the different parts of that
- 18 technology pathway, as well.
- 19 I'm very pleased with the speakers that we have
- 20 for this panel. All of them are just extremely
- 21 knowledgeable about this part of the business and the
- 22 industry.
- So, we have government, nonprofit and two
- 24 private sector representatives.
- 25 So, let me just review again, briefly, some of

- 1 our policy goals in this area from this morning's
- 2 presentation.
- 3 So, facilitate technology development and
- 4 commercialization of medium duty and heavy duty vehicles
- 5 for goods movement, freight technologies, and other
- 6 purposes.
- 7 Support the multiple near-term and long-term
- 8 technology pathways that I already mentioned.
- 9 And I also threw out some statistics on just the
- 10 disproportionate emission rates for particulates, carbon
- 11 and criteria emissions from the truck sector.
- 12 So, again, a fairly small amount of the fleet,
- 13 about three and a half percent total on a statewide
- 14 basis, but about 15 or 16 percent of the fuel use, all
- 15 of which is diesel or nearly all, and then up to 25
- 16 percent of the emissions from that.
- So, we think this is a very promising area to
- 18 make investments.
- 19 Our key questions for this panel, so number one:
- 20 In advance of the pending 2023 federal regulatory NOx
- 21 requirements for truck emissions and the statewide SIPs,
- 22 or statewide implementation plans that will enforce
- 23 those, what level of market penetration and acceptance
- 24 do you think can be achieved through 2023 for ZEV and
- 25 near-ZEV trucks?

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- 2 surmounted?
- 3 And assuming that we can meet these cost and
- 4 technology challenges, what else needs to occur to spur
- 5 market demand and what tends to be a conservative and
- 6 very cost-conscious industry?
- 7 What specific -- how specifically would you
- 8 recommend that ARFVTP funding be used to overcome these
- 9 technology and market barriers?
- 10 Our first speaker will be Dr. Matt Miyasato from
- 11 the South Coast Air Quality Management District. And
- 12 Matt, you can either go from your desk or the podium.
- Dr. Miyasato is Deputy Executive Officer for
- 14 Science Ethnicology Advancement at the South Coast AQMD.
- 15 He's responsible for their Technology
- 16 Advancement Office, Mobil Source Division, and
- 17 Monitoring and Laboratory Analyses Divisions.
- 18 He has a Master's and a Doctorate from the UCI
- 19 Advanced Power Energy Program.
- 20 And I am very pleased that Dr. Miyasato has come
- 21 up. He used to come up and beat us over the head,
- 22 asking for more money out of ARFVTP.
- 23 And now, it's turned into a true collaboration.
- 24 So, very much appreciate our partnership, Matt, and I
- 25 know we know each other well enough I can tease you.

- 1 So, we look forward to your presentation.
- MR. MIYASATO: Well, thank you, Jim. Yeah,
- 3 that's all you had to do is just give the South Coast
- 4 its due share.
- 5 So, I want to thank Commissioner Scott for
- 6 inviting us to participate. I know Dr. Wallerstein
- 7 participated on the first IEPR Transportation panel and
- 8 I'm very pleased to be here at Jim's invitation.
- 9 What I thought would start my talk is briefly
- 10 summarize the challenges that we face, which Jim
- 11 mentioned, in terms of the requirements for NOx
- 12 reductions in order to meet the Federal SIP.
- But first of all, the South Coast Basin, as many
- 14 of you may or may not know, but we're the greater L.A.
- 15 Region. We're the four counties of L.A., Orange, San
- 16 Bernardino, Riverside Counties, but we comprise about 44
- 17 percent of the State's population.
- 18 And on top of that, about 40 percent of the
- 19 goods that are imported into the United States come
- 20 through our region through the Port of L.A. and Long
- 21 Beach.
- 22 So, that's the sixth largest cargo gateway in
- 23 the world, so we're bearing the burden of a lot of goods
- 24 movement that comes into the rest of the nation and, for
- 25 that matter, the rest of the State.

- 1 If you look at the numbers, it's about 17
- 2 million residents, sixth largest cargo gateway, as I
- 3 mentioned, 10 million passenger drivers plus, and then
- 4 close to 2 million heavy duty trucks that traverse our
- 5 regional transportation system on a daily basis.
- And so, all that conspires to give us the worst
- 7 air quality in the nation, and along with our sister
- 8 agency, the San Joaquin Valley, we suffer from extreme
- 9 nonattainment. That's a Federal word for not meeting
- 10 the ozone standard.
- 11 This is just an animated isopleth that shows you
- 12 through the course of the day, as the emissions go into
- 13 the air wrap at sunlight and it produces photochemical
- 14 oxygen or smog.
- 15 What you can see, as you look at a particularly
- 16 bad day in 2013, those two kind of balloon dots out
- 17 there in the Inland Empire, that's very unhealthy air
- 18 for everyone that's exposed to that air mass.
- 19 You also have a very large red mass out in the
- 20 Inland Empire, and also North L.A. County, and that's
- 21 unhealthy air.
- But also, this orange color is USG, that's
- 23 unhealthy for sensitive groups. That's our children,
- 24 and the elderly, those that suffer from asthma or other
- 25 respiratory challenges.

- 1 And so that's a huge swath of the population so
- 2 this is really a health issue that we're grappling with
- 3 in our region.
- 4 If you look at the numbers, it's over 5,000
- 5 deaths per year that are estimated for not meeting the
- 6 Federal standards. And not only is it a health crisis,
- 7 it's also an economic crisis. So, billions of dollars
- 8 are lost in this region because of missed workdays,
- 9 hospitalizations, asthma cases, et cetera.
- 10 And as we dig in deeper to the health effects,
- 11 you know every day you look in the newspaper and you
- 12 look online and you're finding that air pollution also
- 13 has these very chronic or acute issues. So, the more we
- 14 look, the more we find.
- So, here's just three recent headlines that new
- 16 research shows air pollution might make you bad at your
- 17 job.
- 18 It also can cause in utero effect, so exposure
- 19 by the mother can affect the IQ of a baby. This is
- 20 extremely troubling to those of us who live in Southern
- 21 California, who were exposed to some of these high
- 22 amounts of pollution.
- 23 And then, finally, this was a study about China,
- 24 but it could also affect fertility.
- 25 So, I mean it spans, again, to respiratory, it's

- 1 been linked to brain cancer, atherosclerosis, asthma,
- 2 but also these other kind of more nefarious factors.
- 3 And so when we dig deep to what are the bad
- 4 actors in terms of the NOx emissions from our region
- 5 that are then creating ozone and PM2.5. These are the
- 6 tons per day for this inventory.
- 7 This is in 2023. This is with all the
- 8 regulations in the book being implemented. You can see
- 9 the top sources are these traditional, heavy-duty diesel
- 10 conventional type technologies.
- 11 So, heavy-duty diesel trucks, off-road
- 12 equipment, marine vessels, locomotives.
- 13 The dash lines I show there in 2023 and 2032 is
- 14 where we need to be in terms of our inventory to meet
- 15 the Federal standards by 2023 and 2032. So, that's
- 16 about an order of magnitude of 70 to 90 percent
- 17 reduction we'd have to get from all these sectors in
- 18 order to meet healthy air requirements by the Federal
- 19 government.
- So, again, that's 70 to 90 percent reduction in
- 21 these NOx emissions in order to meet the Federal
- 22 standards.
- So, recognizing that the State, the California
- 24 Air Resources Board, the South Coast AQMD and San
- 25 Joaquin, they did a modeling exercise. We did this in

- 1 2012, where we looked at different scenarios that could
- 2 meet the 2050 greenhouse gas goals of the State, while
- 3 also picking up the Federal standards in 2023 and 2032.
- 4 And what they've developed are these scenarios
- 5 where you could meet those greenhouse gas goals. It was
- 6 a vision document.
- 7 And you can see by this, it's one scenario for
- 8 light duty, it really relied heavily on zero tailpipe
- 9 emission technologies, fuel cell, battery electric,
- 10 plug-in hybrid, all-electric range.
- 11 So, this allowed us to meet the 2050 goal, but
- 12 what it didn't state, explicitly, that you did not pick
- 13 up the 2023 and 2032 criteria pollutant goals.
- 14 And in fact, under this scenario every vehicle
- 15 sold in the State of California would need to be at zero
- 16 tailpipe emissions by 2040 in order to get the fleet
- 17 turnover by 2050.
- 18 But again, as I stated, it didn't meet the 2023
- 19 or 2032 ozone attainment goals. And in fact, you would
- 20 have to move that up by 10 to 15 years in order to meet
- 21 the South Coast goals.
- 22 So, you can imagine if we kind of projected that
- 23 to the South Coast Region, every vehicle sold in our
- 24 region by 2025ish would have to be zero tailpipe. So,
- 25 it just shows the magnitude of the challenge that we

- 1 face.
- 2 And a similar scenario was also produced for
- 3 heavy-duty vehicles and that's what I'll focus the
- 4 remainder of my remarks is you need to have, in order to
- 5 meet all of these combined goals, zero tailpipe
- 6 emission, or near-zero emission, or even plug-in hybrids
- 7 with all-electric range.
- 8 And that leads to this kind of conundrum or this
- 9 typical issue that you're facing and you're grabbling
- 10 with is what comes first? Is it the incentives? Is it
- 11 the market? Is it infrastructure? And we heard all of
- 12 that.
- 13 And so, rather than address those outright, what
- 14 I'd like to do is offer some examples and then perhaps
- 15 we can have a discussion about what some of those
- 16 examples may indeed provide as a policy and a ARFVTP
- 17 distribution.
- 18 So, back in the early 2000s when we knew the
- 19 2010 standards for heavy-duty trucks was coming up we
- 20 worked with the Energy Commission, we worked with the
- 21 Department of Energy and National Renewable Energy
- 22 Laboratory to develop the next generation of natural gas
- 23 engine to meet the .2 gram standard ahead of time or on
- 24 time. And in fact, we did meet the 2010 standard in
- 25 2007 with the 8.9 liter engine, the ISL-G. It's the

- 1 natural gas engine that's currently now in the market.
- 2 And also the 15 liter, the larger engine, the
- 3 HPDI was certified in 2010.
- 4 But having the foresight ahead of schedule to
- 5 develop these technologies then enabled us to have some
- 6 local success stories.
- 7 Now, this is in concert with the South Coast.
- 8 We have a limited mobile authority in our fleet rules.
- 9 But having a fleet rule where every public fleet of 15
- 10 vehicles or larger, when they purchase a new vehicle
- 11 they had to buy the cleanest technology available at
- 12 that time, natural gas.
- But we've seen the fruits of that labor. LAMTA,
- 14 sixth largest -- or third largest transit agency in the
- 15 nation is completely natural gas, currently.
- We see school buses, now -- we've actually
- 17 replaced over 1,000 pre-87 buses with natural gas.
- 18 And the refuse hauling market is going to
- 19 natural gas, as are other fleets because of the
- 20 economics. But we have been able to apply incentives,
- 21 as well as some regulatory backstop with our fleet
- 22 rules.
- 23 If we look to the -- so, that was back in 2010
- 24 and as we moved forward, but now, as I mentioned, we
- 25 have to get even larger NOx emission reductions.

1	So,	as	we	look	today	and	into	the	future	we '	ve'

- 2 got to develop newer technologies that achieve this zero
- 3 or near-zero tailpipe emissions.
- 4 Thanks to the work at CALSTART, they developed
- 5 an H-Tough program. Hybrid trucks weren't in existence
- 6 eight years ago, but because of getting together with
- 7 the fleets and the economics of having a hybrid, there
- 8 are now close to a dozen manufacturers, over 130 miles
- 9 are now available.
- 10 And we're now looking at larger class sizes. As
- 11 opposed to just medium-duty, we're looking at Class 7,
- 12 Class 8 heavy-duty trucks.
- We have programs with Volvo, Capstone and
- 14 Kenworth to develop plug-in hybrid electric vehicles.
- 15 It's a hybrid, it's going to be a large Chevy Volt, it's
- 16 got all-electric range. It plugs in to recharge the
- 17 battery and then operates as a hybrid when the battery's
- 18 discharged.
- 19 But also battery and fuel cell electric trucks.
- 20 This is working with the Energy Commission, as well as
- 21 the Department of Energy to deploy these Class A drayage
- 22 trucks.
- 23 Transpower is one of those providers. I know
- 24 Mike is here and will talk about his technologies.
- 25 But I noticed in Matt McClory's Toyota slides,

- 1 he had something that we also agree with, that the
- 2 technology meets to match the duty cycle. So, we look
- 3 at battery electrics as a short range, and then plug-in
- 4 hybrids with more wide scale adoption, and then
- 5 different fuels for longer range, such as fuel cells.
- 6 But we also think there's an opportunity for
- 7 wayside power. So, Dan Davids had that picture of a
- 8 Prius with a catenary. That's not far from the truth.
- 9 There's actually this catenary truck that operates in
- 10 Germany. We have a program underway, working with
- 11 Transpower and others, to develop a technology that
- 12 operates on and off a catenary, so it's a plug-in hybrid
- 13 using wayside power. And the Energy Commission is also
- 14 a strong partner in that program.
- 15 But again, hybridization with all-electric range
- 16 and zero emissions when it's on the corridor.
- 17 And then, finally, I'd be remiss if we didn't
- 18 acknowledge the economics associated with natural gas.
- 19 Fleets are converting to natural gas now because of the
- 20 favorable economics.
- 21 But what we'd like to have is a win/win, so you
- 22 have a technology that also produces extremely low
- 23 emissions, so what we call power plant equivalent, or
- 24 equivalent to an electric vehicle, but operating with a
- 25 combustion engine and so, again, working with the Energy

- 1 Commission and SoCal Gas.
- 2 On the technology providers, we recently awarded
- 3 contracts to two companies to develop that next
- 4 generation order of magnitude reduction, so .02 grams
- 5 for break horsepower NOx for these heavy-duty
- 6 applications. And so, we're very excited to see this
- 7 going forward.
- 8 So again, this is similar to what we did in the
- 9 early 2000s, we're trying to catch the lightening in a
- 10 bottle once again.
- 11 And so my last couple of slides, I just want to
- 12 impress upon the Commission I think what you're doing
- 13 here is excellent, and you're looking at both side.
- 14 You're looking at technology push and market pull and
- 15 that's, in fact, what we believe is necessary. You need
- 16 to be on both sides of that doorway, as it were.
- We operate, typically, in the space of
- 18 technology push and we have the incentives with ARB and
- 19 others to have that market pull. And you need to
- 20 balance that, and I think what you're doing now is
- 21 looking at both the light-duty sector and the heavy-duty
- 22 sector and understanding that there's different needs in
- 23 each of those sectors of where the technology will
- 24 mature, anyway, and then you can apply your funds in
- 25 that manner.

- 1 So, I applaud you for doing that and taking a
- 2 real hard look at how that occurs.
- 3 The final slide is really the lessons learned
- 4 that we've been able to at least comply on the most
- 5 recent history is if you have some regulatory backstop,
- 6 or a time at which the regulation's going to take place,
- 7 offer incentives to help the end-users comply with that.
- 8 So, good examples are the CARB regulations for
- 9 zero emission vehicles, with their Hybrid Voucher
- 10 Incentive Program, the CVRP.
- 11 We saw a good example with the Port Clean Truck
- 12 Program. The ports actually came in ahead of ARB and
- 13 said any truck into the port complex has to be 2007 or
- 14 newer.
- We added to that proposition 1B funding, as well
- 16 as DOE, CEC, EPA funding and helped incentivize natural
- 17 gas trucks in that application, and was widely
- 18 successful.
- 19 And so we think having this so-called three-
- 20 legged stool, you have the technology, you have an
- 21 incentive program and then you have a policy that backs
- 22 that up.
- 23 And so, the last bullet on this is simply saying
- 24 that the policies that are in place under the Regional
- 25 Transportation Plan, the I710 expansion, the Vision

- 1 Exercise, the ZEV Action Plan, the AQIP Funding that the
- 2 ARB just put out showing that there is a strong
- 3 leadership of the State to develop these zero emission
- 4 technologies really helps to incentivize the market and
- 5 ensure that the providers are actually going to provide
- 6 or engage with us to provide these technologies because
- 7 it's so desperately needed, especially in areas such as
- 8 the South Coast.
- 9 So with that, I'm going to conclude my remarks
- 10 and look forward to the rest of the panel.
- 11 MR. MC KINNEY: We want you to stay up there at
- 12 the podium for a minute.
- 13 Did you have any questions or follow-up
- 14 comments, Commissioner?
- 15 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I did not on this. This
- 16 one is great. Thank you so much for a terrific
- 17 presentation. And I would just echo what you said in
- 18 that we really appreciate the collaboration and the
- 19 partnership that the South Coast and the Energy
- 20 Commission have to help continue to advance these.
- 21 And I think our theme in the morning was how
- 22 important it is to continue to accelerate this.
- MR. MIYASATO: Absolutely.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: And your presentation picks
- 25 that up very well, too, when we look at the 2050 goals

- 1 and how that doesn't help meet the attainment goals in
- 2 2023 and 2032, so thank you.
- 3 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, Matt, and if I could ask a
- 4 follow-up question?
- 5 So, we have, you know, kind of a larger size
- 6 solicitation that will be coming up for a medium-
- 7 duty/heavy-duty advanced technology packages. We have,
- 8 I think, a lot of the AARB team here this afternoon from
- 9 HFIP and then from the Cap and Trade Proceeds.
- In your view, and if you can't answer this now
- 11 that's fine, we could take, you know, kind of written
- 12 comment later.
- But the things we're touching on at the end,
- 14 where we've still got kind of some basic technology
- 15 development work to do, and then we've also got more
- 16 technology, say, in the medium-duty sector that are
- 17 really hitting commercialization, but they still boosts
- 18 to get them out in the market and get them widespread.
- 19 Do you have a sense for what the right balance
- 20 should be between continuing that basic technology
- 21 development versus really moving the market where those
- 22 technologies are mature?
- MR. MIYASATO: I probably don't want to get
- 24 pinned down to a percentage. But I think what you do
- 25 through your investment plan and you actually vet with

- 1 stakeholders, and you have staff look at the state of
- 2 technology, as it were, in terms of how many vendors are
- 3 providing products I think that's a good process.
- 4 Because, as I was alluding to, it's different
- 5 for every technology, every fuel and I think you just
- 6 need to evaluate it on a case-by-case basis.
- 7 Something that I really liked, the AQIP report
- 8 that was just recently by ARB, is they have that nice
- 9 graph that shows pre-commercialization, early
- 10 commercialization and then market penetration, and that
- 11 continuum and then where the incentives may or may not
- 12 fall off.
- I think it's a good concept, but it's not as cut
- 14 and dried as that. You have to actually dig in and look
- 15 at every duty cycle and every technology, and that's
- 16 what we would encourage you to continue to do.
- 17 MR. MC KINNEY: Okay, thank you.
- 18 I'd like to introduce our next speaker, So John
- 19 Boesel is the founder of CALSTART, which is unique and
- 20 really does first rate work in terms of road mapping for
- 21 the medium-duty/heavy-duty vehicle and truck sector in
- 22 California and now nationwide.
- They did the CalHEAT Roadmap through Energy
- 24 Commission funding for us, and have just continued to
- 25 identify and compile really first rate technology

- 1 demonstration teams for our funding programs and for
- 2 others.
- 3 So, John welcome and we look forward to your
- 4 remarks.
- 5 MR. BOESEL: Great, thank you, Jim and thank
- 6 you, Commissioner Scott for this wonderful opportunity.
- Just a good opening slide to help put heavy-duty
- 8 vehicles against heavy-duty vehicles in context; in this
- 9 case the technology selected is hybrid in showing, in
- 10 each of these cases, how one hybrid truck provides the
- 11 equivalent of X number of hybrid cars.
- Because these bigger vehicles consume a lot of
- 13 fuel and so if we can convert them, we can have very
- 14 significant impacts.
- 15 You could do a very similar slide for natural
- 16 gas, and electric, and fuel cells as well.
- But it just goes to show how important this
- 18 sector is. And currently, we do have a very aggressive
- 19 set of regulations driving down the carbon emissions in
- 20 the light-duty vehicle sector, driven by the Obama
- 21 Administration, and with the CARB's EEV Program.
- 22 And as we see those policies move forward, this
- 23 sector will become even more important and represent a
- 24 larger percent of emissions from transportation overall
- 25 so, clearly, some very significant benefits from

- 1 investing in this sector.
- 2 Jim asked me in this scale to specifically focus
- 3 a bit on our I-710 work. And so just to make clear,
- 4 everybody understands this is from the ports down here
- 5 in L.A., Long Beach, up to the rail yards in East L.A.,
- 6 about a 20-mile stretch of highway that's heavily
- 7 congested and heavily polluted.
- 8 And we have been, now, under contract for about
- 9 three years working with Metro and the Gateway Council
- 10 of Governments evaluating opportunities because they --
- 11 the port definitely wants to expand traffic along that
- 12 corridor because it's so crowded, and they want to
- 13 expand the port, but the South Coast Air District
- 14 rightly said we can't let you generate more emissions
- 15 because we're already in nonattainment.
- 16 So, we've been helping them to examine is it
- 17 possible to generate zero emission traffic, truck
- 18 traffic in this region, allowing the port to expand, but
- 19 then not impacting the criteria emission sector.
- 20 And one of the things we have learned is that it
- 21 is really not so much a corridor as a zone through our
- 22 analysis, because these dots -- and there's a key here
- 23 you can see.
- 24 But, basically, if you look at these
- 25 concentrations over here -- I don't know how well my

- 1 pointer's showing up, maybe I need a new battery.
- 2 But in these various concentrations of the dots,
- 3 these are distribution centers and places where the
- 4 trucks actually go.
- 5 So, it's necessarily right along the I-710
- 6 corridor, but it's in the region. So, what we really
- 7 want is zero emission traffic in that region to really
- 8 help the residents.
- 9 And so, what we have done and there's a
- 10 published report that's publicly available, we have
- 11 identified four leading options that could help the
- 12 ports and the region attain its goals.
- Because a lot of people said zero emission
- 14 trucks, you know, when you get that big it's just not
- 15 possible. You know, it works for a Nissan Leaf, or a
- 16 Tesla, but not in big trucks.
- Well, in fact, we've done an extensive analysis
- 18 and interviews with manufacturers, suppliers and there's
- 19 a lot of really good work being done.
- 20 So, there are four options that we think really
- 21 have viability that would really benefit from continued
- 22 State and Federal investment in this sector.
- One is, basically -- and Matt touched on this as
- 24 well, is basically a Chevy Volt type system, a range-
- 25 extended electric vehicle, using that in the truck

- 1 format. And there is currently a prototype underway
- 2 that is being tested out in that configuration.
- 3 So, it would allow you, basically, a limited --
- 4 a limited number of miles, all electric, and then you
- 5 more or less go into what we normally would call a
- 6 hybrid mode, but still actually in the Volt
- 7 configuration, you're still operating under electric
- 8 drive.
- 9 And then the next option is the pure battery
- 10 electric vehicle and we'll hear about that from Mike
- 11 Simon. A truck that on a fixed route, going back and
- 12 forth can operate quite easily with rapid charging or
- 13 possibly battery replacement, and provide you the Nissan
- 14 Leaf equivalent experience.
- 15 And then there's the fuel cell range-extended
- 16 electric vehicle, which is somewhat how like the Honda
- 17 Clarity is designed.
- 18 Basically, the fuel cell is helping to keep the
- 19 batteries charged and continuing to provide electric
- 20 power throughout continuous operation in the day.
- 21 And then you have the plug-in hybrid electric
- 22 vehicle that's more similar to how the Ford Fusion
- 23 Energi is designed and operates.
- 24 So, those are four options that we think are out
- 25 there that could be developed and we could see come to

- 1 the market. So, what we need are the right set of
- 2 standards and investment, public investment to really
- 3 help drive this forward.
- I want to just say, talk just quickly here on
- 5 the bus/truck connection. We have, on the picture of
- 6 the bus on top, that was an Energy Commission funding,
- 7 coming from CALSTART, one of our ten projects that we're
- 8 operating for the Energy Commission, and we're very
- 9 happy to have that grant to do so.
- 10 But these were the -- we were able to purchase
- 11 two Protera zero emission electric buses. They were the
- 12 first electric buses put into revenue service in the
- 13 heavily polluted San Joaquin Valley.
- 14 And right now the San Joaquin RTV is having
- 15 really a good experience with these buses and we're
- 16 working with them to procure more with Federal funding.
- 17 So, this is an example where the Energy
- 18 Commission invested in bus technology and it's really
- 19 helping to have an impact.
- 20 And what we have really seen is, basically, that
- 21 the transit market is the early adopter segment in
- 22 advanced heavy-duty vehicle technology.
- We saw it with hybrid buses starting out in
- 24 prototypes. And in fact, when Mike Simon, in his
- 25 previous company developed some of those early hybrid

- 1 buses, prototypes, they got into the tens, hundreds and
- 2 then eventually over a thousand buses being sold in a
- 3 year in the transit sector.
- 4 And so, that was sort of starting in the early
- 5 to mid-90s and carrying through the middle of the last
- 6 century -- or the last decade, sorry.
- 7 And then we started to see, once that technology
- 8 got proven out, move into the truck market which is an
- 9 order of magnitude larger than the bus market.
- 10 And you can see that basically a very similar
- 11 set of curves with natural gas with -- in part due to
- 12 really good leadership of the South Coast AQMD, funding
- 13 from the Air District, from DOE, and the Energy
- 14 Commission in the early 90s, you helped develop a heavy-
- 15 duty natural gas engine that then became viable, allowed
- 16 for the fleet rules, allowed for natural gas to be the
- 17 dominant fuel in the California transit market.
- 18 And that's amazing that we can say that now.
- 19 And now we're starting to see heavy-duty natural gas
- 20 engines proliferate in the trucking industry.
- 21 But it wouldn't have happened, I would suggest
- 22 that we really wouldn't -- we wouldn't be seeing the
- 23 progress we are in the truck market today without
- 24 transit playing a key role.
- 25 And sometimes we say, well, transit is CARB's

- 1 sphere of influence, the Z-bus rule. But I would say
- 2 this is a great area of collaboration and cooperation
- 3 between the Energy Commission and the Air Resources
- 4 Board.
- 5 So, right now, you know, why aren't we seeing
- 6 more advanced trucks and buses?
- 7 The technology is still pretty new. Well, in
- 8 this case, the light-duty market is actually quite far
- 9 ahead. It generally does tend to be still too
- 10 expensive. And we haven't yet quite seen the
- 11 investments moving along as fast as we'd like.
- 12 And then, frankly, also the standards at the
- 13 Federal level are not as aggressive as they are in the
- 14 light-duty market.
- They're not forcing technology as much as we'd
- 16 like to see.
- Now, however, we're right now working with EPA
- 18 and MITSA (phonetic), and sometime next year there will
- 19 be a second set of standards for the medium and heavy-
- 20 duty vehicle sector.
- 21 And we think there's an opportunity for those
- 22 standards to encourage more technology development and
- 23 more investment and innovation in this sector, and we're
- 24 working to help make that happen.
- 25 And so, I want to answer Jim's questions that he

- 1 posed, what can the State do?
- 2 One is to just remember that we are leading the
- 3 nation, if not many parts of the world, in our response
- 4 to the climate threat. And simply staying the course
- 5 with the Low Carbon Fuel Standards, the Cap and Trade
- 6 Program is hugely important, and I really urge the State
- 7 to do that.
- 8 And then I think, you know, the effort that
- 9 the -- with the Air Resources Board and the Energy
- 10 Commission, CPUC all working together to really help
- 11 promote this industry is important.
- 12 And then more specifically, for the CEC and the,
- 13 I'll call it the AB 118 program because I can't remember
- 14 all the letters in the acronym, but is really, I think,
- 15 continuing to invest in technology development.
- 16 Helping us move from that prototype to the pre-
- 17 production phase is really important. And it's really
- 18 critical, of the 150 CALSTART members, we have six
- 19 light-duty car companies, but we've got a lot of players
- 20 in the medium and heavy-duty vehicle space.
- 21 The car companies tend to have their own major
- 22 R&D centers. The government funding doesn't do a lot to
- 23 help develop that technology for that sector.
- 24 But the truck companies tend to be integrators.
- 25 They don't have large R&D centers. So, public funding

- 1 on the technology and development side can have a much
- 2 more significant and beneficial impact and we've already
- 3 seen that happen. We wouldn't have natural gas buses
- 4 and trucks today without government funding. The same
- 5 with hybrids and I'd say the same with electrics.
- 6 So I'd say continue to invest in technology
- 7 development funding.
- 8 And I know the ARB is talking about a very
- 9 significant increase with Cap and Trade funding for this
- 10 area as well.
- 11 Then we not only want to develop the prototypes,
- 12 but these large pilot deployments, whether they're 10s,
- 13 20s, 50s, and that will really help move the industry
- 14 forward, there's a lot of fleet learning.
- 15 And then at the same time I think continuing to
- 16 provide the incentives through the HVIP program. The
- 17 CEC has a natural gas program that -- a natural gas
- 18 truck purchase program that's very helpful.
- 19 You may want to consider using more of a voucher
- 20 model to help provide those incentives. But I think
- 21 providing those purchase incentives concurrently is
- 22 really critical.
- 23 So, I think that's the second to the last slide.
- 24 And the last slide is I want to also just touch on the
- 25 opportunity for natural gas. We did, under the CalHEAT

- 1 Roadmap that Jim referred to, we did do a lot of work on
- 2 the real upside for natural gas. We have technology
- 3 today that's quite good but it can be better. We
- 4 shouldn't think of natural gas as a stagnant technology.
- 5 There's a lot to be done to improve the efficiency and
- 6 lower the carbon emissions from natural gas.
- 7 And just some numbers here about, you know, how
- 8 that fuel could be used in the Class A truck and bus
- 9 market. We are now -- it's very exciting to see an
- 10 expansion of engine sizes coming available.
- 11 And I think when we look at policies to really
- 12 help us integrate renewable natural gas with fossil
- 13 natural gas it is a great way to really increase -- or
- 14 decrease carbon emissions.
- 15 And then, also, longer-term if you look at
- 16 studies done by Stanford and elsewhere, if an engine was
- 17 optimized to run on natural gas, versus taking a diesel
- 18 engine like we have today and kind of modifying it to
- 19 run on natural gas, we could see very significant
- 20 improvement in efficiency.
- 21 And that's a large area of investment, but there
- 22 really is a huge opportunity that hasn't yet been
- 23 leveraged.
- So, Jim, that concludes my presentation and I'm
- 25 happy to answer any questions.

- 1 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much,
- 2 John, very informative as always. I don't have any
- 3 immediate questions.
- 4 Commissioner?
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Sure, I had a couple
- 6 questions. Thank you, John, for that great
- 7 presentation.
- 8 So, you talked at the end of your presentation
- 9 about what can the State do? And I would ask you, also,
- 10 in terms of the money, so the Alternative and Renewable
- 11 Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program, and you're right we
- 12 definitely need a better acronym for that.
- You know, we've got up to \$100 million a year
- 14 that we could spend. And that's a lot of money, but
- 15 it's not probably enough to really accelerate this
- 16 market the way we've been talking about here around the
- 17 room today.
- 18 And so, I'm wondering what ideas you have about
- 19 how you can -- or if you have ideas if there's places
- 20 where we can strategically invest that money that it
- 21 would really help leverage additional funds, or a great
- 22 portion of additional funds to continue helping with
- 23 this transformation?
- 24 MR. BOESEL: Yeah, well, I would say that
- 25 actually those funds -- I realize there are a lot of

- 1 demands on those funds and they're used in a lot of
- 2 different ways.
- 3 But I would say that they have already had a
- 4 pretty good impact and they can continue to have a
- 5 significant impact.
- 6 And I think looking at opportunities to leverage
- 7 it and match it with Air District funding, other funding
- 8 is really important.
- 9 I think those four technologies I laid out for
- 10 the I-710 they're really worth investing in.
- 11 And then in the CalHEAT Roadmap, we also
- 12 identified some opportunities that perhaps might be more
- 13 appropriate to the San Joaquin Valley.
- 14 Because you don't have -- in the South Coast, in
- 15 that one very heavily concentrated region you have a
- 16 need for this zero emission capability, 30, 40 miles of
- 17 zero emission capability.
- 18 The San Joaquin Valley is long. A lot of those
- 19 trucks are just doing long-haul. And so there are some
- 20 other opportunities I think that we ought to be looking
- 21 at, natural gas hybrids and others that were detailed in
- 22 the CalHEAT Roadmap that are really worth examining.
- 23 And then, Commissioner, I did just realize there
- 24 was one other point I wanted to add, and that is that
- 25 the Energy Commission does have a block grant authority

- 1 established under the AB 118 program that really does
- 2 allow the Energy Commission to leverage and make use of
- 3 the incredible expertise here in California in this
- 4 sector, in the advanced medium and heavy-duty vehicle
- 5 sector.
- 6 And I think the Energy Commission could use that
- 7 block grant authority to more efficiently leverage those
- 8 resources. And you've got a staff that's pretty over-
- 9 burdened, I'd say at this point, and constrained.
- 10 And if that block -- making full use of the
- 11 block grant authority under AB 118 and extended through
- 12 AB 8 would really allow, I think, the Energy Commission
- 13 to do more with its investment.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: And then two more things.
- 15 One was the technology, the four different technology
- 16 options that you laid out, and you mentioned that those
- 17 are in a report. And so I just wanted to make sure you
- 18 make sure we get a copy of that report, and that it goes
- 19 into the docket and all of that, that would be great.
- MR. BOESEL: Very happy to do that.
- 21 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: And then the last question
- 22 I had for you, you talked a lot about the bus/truck
- 23 connection and you had a great slide about how the
- 24 technology starts in the buses and then it sort of makes
- 25 its way through.

- 1 And do you have more data, or background or
- 2 studies on that that you could share with us, as well?
- 3 MR. BOESEL: I believe we can pull that
- 4 together. And I forgot the little yellow category there
- 5 on the far right, which is the non-road sector. We
- 6 now -- another Energy Commission project that we're
- 7 managing is with Caterpillar and using a -- developing a
- 8 hybrid excavator. So, now, we're seeing that technology
- 9 go to the non-road sector as well, which is really
- 10 exciting.
- And, yeah, we do have some additional
- 12 information that we can pull together. But this is --
- 13 and, actually, I think the South Coast has done a really
- 14 good job, Barry Wallerstein has done a great job in
- 15 several presentations of basically taking this same
- 16 slide and telling the natural gas story, and how that
- 17 investment has really helped.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yeah, that's great, and I
- 19 was thinking a lot because when I looked at the map, the
- 20 slide you had and it's got all of the different types of
- 21 vehicle technologies that we need to address to get to
- 22 the goals, it's --
- MR. BOESEL: Yeah, and just to elaborate on why
- 24 is this the case, and one is that you've got a
- 25 subsidized purchasing system in the transit market. The

- 1 Feds buy 80 percent, currently 80 percent of a transit
- 2 bus.
- 3 And we're actually, now the Congress is
- 4 considering the next Federal Transportation Bill, which
- 5 dictates how gas tax revenues are spent. And we're
- 6 recommending that they develop a more performance-based
- 7 funding formula.
- 8 So that for a diesel bus today it would be 80
- 9 percent. But as you get cleaner and closer to zero and
- 10 lower carbon, perhaps that percentage could go all the
- 11 way up to 100 percent.
- 12 And so you've got the Federal, the subsidized
- 13 purchasing system. You also have public bodies, the
- 14 boards of transit properties also want to do the thing
- 15 that's right, not necessarily the thing that makes the
- 16 most sense for the bottom line.
- 17 But if they do a better job of balancing that, I
- 18 think, that private sector entities.
- 19 So that's why transit, you know, really does
- 20 play a key role here.
- 21 And then it makes the truck manufacturers and
- 22 others more confident in the technology, the fleet's
- 23 more willing to take that risk and try a new technology
- 24 once they've seen it work in the bus sector.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, John, actually I do have a

- 1 follow-up question and then we'll go to Mike.
- I want to ask you the similar question that I
- 3 asked to Matt Miyasato. So, again in our ARFVTP
- 4 portfolio we've got three or four very successful
- 5 medium-duty electric drive companies, so Electric
- 6 Vehicles International, Boulder Electric, Motive Power
- 7 and Right Speed, as well.
- 8 They've got good products that are coming in
- 9 commercial phase, which means that they're eligible for
- 10 the HVIP funding, but perhaps there's more technology
- 11 development from our program.
- 12 And then I think there's still some pretty heavy
- 13 lifting to do, no pun intended, on the truck, the heavy-
- 14 duty side for just basic technology development, whether
- 15 it's electric drive, fuel cells, or natural gas.
- 16 Do you and CALSTART have a sense for what kind
- 17 of the right balance should be between, you know, as we
- 18 think about how to invest our funds, and as the ARB
- 19 considers how to invest their new funding in this
- 20 sector?
- MR. BOESEL: Well, yeah, I guess at the end of
- 22 the day it will depend on how much money are we talking
- 23 about? And then once we have a total sense I'd be able
- 24 to give a better answer to that.
- But I think there's, you know, clearly a need

- 1 for the incentives to get vehicles that have been
- 2 developed and help those, the companies like EVI, and
- 3 Smith and others, and Hino get those trucks out into the
- 4 market, and we need to continue those incentives.
- 5 I'd say right now we're probably under -- we're
- 6 not providing enough incentives for the pure electric
- 7 trucks. And the more that -- if we could provide a
- 8 little higher level of incentive for those that would be
- 9 good.
- 10 And so I think, you know, you really kind of
- 11 look -- you need to look at the total amount of dollars
- 12 available.
- But if you look at between the CEC, the natural
- 14 gas bucket for incentives, the HVIP program, you know, I
- 15 think right now and in the next couple of years, \$30
- 16 million, \$40 million a year if you looked at all that
- 17 combined is the right amount.
- 18 And then we need to be investing in developing
- 19 this next generation of technology. And there are lots
- 20 of demands and opportunities there.
- 21 And so, yeah, you could easily go another \$30
- 22 million, \$40 million a year in that sector.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you.
- And Matt, you had a question or a comment?
- 25 MR. MIYASATO: Just a comment, I wanted to

- 1 highlight and agree with John's comment about
- 2 specific -- or the specific recommendation that,
- 3 Commissioner Scott, you'd asked about, the ARFTVP
- 4 program.
- 5 So, a good example is a block grant, but also
- 6 leveraging existing program infrastructure. So, what
- 7 you were able to do is used South Coast to administer
- 8 some Energy Commission hydrogen funding, which we were
- 9 able to jointly then decide on which stations should be
- 10 funded. And I thought that worked rather well in terms
- 11 of getting the funds expended and encumbered.
- 12 The second comment, Jim, is just more
- 13 specifically on what you asked John about the balance
- 14 between heavy-duty and medium-duty. I guess if you're
- 15 going to pose the question to the South Coast, it's
- 16 really heavy-duty.
- But we have to be careful and that's what I was
- 18 trying to caution Mike on previously is we have to look
- 19 at the duty cycle. It's really duty cycle dependent.
- 20 So, you have to look at where they make sense. Again,
- 21 with Toyota's line, BEVs for short haul, wayside power
- 22 for longer regions, plug-in hybrids for short hauls and
- 23 near dock, and things of that nature.
- 24 So, really be careful on duty cycle specific,
- 25 matching technologies with the appropriate duty cycle.

- 1 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much,
- 2 John.
- 3 MR. BOESEL: Thank you, Jim. Thanks
- 4 Commissioner.
- 5 MR. MC KINNEY: I would like to introduce as our
- 6 next speaker Mr. Michael Simon, who's the founder and
- 7 CEO of TransPower, whose mission is to develop and
- 8 provide advanced power technologies that reduce fuel
- 9 consumption and improve the department.
- 10 I'm going to take a few liberties with your
- 11 biography here, Mike.
- Mike is one of our grantees and I think is
- 13 rather heroically working to develop a commercially
- 14 viable all-electric Class A electric tractor.
- 15 And as I read through his background, this is
- 16 kind of classic California perseverance and innovation,
- 17 somebody who had a long career in the aerospace
- 18 industry, good credentials out of Stanford's Engineering
- 19 Program, and then found himself in a whole new
- 20 technology sphere and marketplace.
- 21 And is really working, again, to develop
- 22 something that, pun intended this time, is a very heavy
- 23 lift to move 80,000 pounds of cargo with an all-electric
- 24 battery platform.
- So, Mike, we look forward to your presentation.

- 1 MR. SIMON: Well, thank you. Thank you, Jim,
- 2 for that very generous introduction. It's not every day
- 3 I'm called a hero, but I'll accept it.
- 4 And thank you, Commissioner Scott. And if you
- 5 would, please give my regards to Commissioner Peterman,
- 6 if you are still in touch with her, please.
- 7 And thanks to the rest of you for giving me the
- 8 opportunity to share some of TransPower's recent
- 9 experiences with you.
- 10 This is -- I only have seven slides, including
- 11 this title slide, and this is the only one, actually,
- 12 that shows any -- that shows vehicles.
- 13 And what you see, the vehicle to the left
- 14 where -- the small shot, I'm posing with Mayor Garcetti
- 15 and our Chief Science Officer, Jim Burns. And then
- 16 another larger shot of it showing it being recharged
- 17 with a plug. That's the first our electric drayage
- 18 trucks. It's been operating up in Los Angeles and it's
- 19 hauled 75,000 pounds over to Vincent Thomas Bridge.
- 20 And showing, you know, fairly good reliability
- 21 and fairly good energy efficiency.
- 22 And we have seven more trucks of that basic
- 23 design on the way that will be deployed this year.
- 24 The vehicle to the right is a yard tracker that
- 25 you see in the process of pulling 100,000 pounds. And

- 1 we're building three of those, two for the Port of Los
- 2 Angeles and one for IKEA, all supported with public
- 3 funding for which we're extremely grateful, the two port
- 4 tractors funded by the Air Resources Board.
- 5 The drayage trucks are funded primarily by the
- 6 California Energy Commission presently, so we're very
- 7 grateful for that support, as well as AQMD, and the
- 8 Department of Energy, and the ports themselves.
- 9 So, this is a really a great team effort. The
- 10 reason I wanted to talk about the vehicles for just a
- 11 moment is one of the core philosophies that has guided
- 12 our business and that I think should play a role in your
- 13 investment planning is that we're trying to develop
- 14 components that can be used across all vehicle platforms
- 15 or multiple vehicle platforms.
- 16 And it sounds easier than it is because there
- 17 are so many different truck and bus models out there in
- 18 the medium and heavy-duty sector, and there are so many
- 19 differences between these vehicles that any time you try
- 20 to convert one to electric or hybrid electric propulsion
- 21 you -- each new vehicle is a brand-new R&D project to
- 22 make a system work.
- 23 The vehicles have complex control systems, as
- 24 well as different physical geometries.
- 25 And so you end up designing some custom hardware

- 1 and some custom software that's tailored to every single
- 2 vehicle model.
- 3 So, that's one thing you should recognize
- 4 because, you know, the money you spent over the last two
- 5 or three years may have gotten five or ten vehicle
- 6 models electrified, but there may be 80 or 90 other
- 7 vehicle models that still need to be electrified. And
- 8 even though the components have been funded and the core
- 9 technology have been funded you still won't get them
- 10 into those other vehicles unless there's some support
- 11 for converting the other vehicles.
- 12 So, understanding that there are a lot of
- 13 vehicle models that have to -- that each of which
- 14 requires its own investment is an important point, I
- 15 think.
- 16 But having said that, what we're trying to do is
- 17 minimize that new investment that has to be made in each
- 18 new vehicle by developing a suite of core technologies
- 19 and core components that are cross-cutting, that are
- 20 very versatile and that can be used in multiple types of
- 21 vehicles.
- 22 And the rest of my presentation is going to
- 23 focus on those particular technologies and our view on
- 24 what additional funding and what additional support
- 25 would have the most benefit in terms of moving those

- 1 technologies forward that can then be -- pay dividends
- 2 by being deployed in multiple vehicles.
- 3 One last point I'd like to make is while the
- 4 vehicles you see here are battery electric vehicles and
- 5 that's what we're best known for right now, we also have
- 6 built and are building hybrid vehicles.
- 7 We do believe very strongly that there's a
- 8 prominent role for hybrid vehicles, particularly plug-in
- 9 hybrid vehicles with large battery pack sin the medium
- 10 and heavy-duty truck sector, and the school bus and
- 11 transit bus sector.
- 12 But every hybrid vehicle is only as good as the
- 13 electric vehicle that it's built on. You know, there's
- 14 a core. So, again, the core, the electric technologies
- 15 I'm talking about not only are cross-cutting
- 16 technologies across vehicle platforms, but they're also
- 17 cross-cutting technologies vertically across different
- 18 technologies.
- 19 Because if you have a really good battery pack,
- 20 you have a really good motor, you have a really good
- 21 transmission, if you have a really good core electric
- 22 vehicle control system, those same basic components can
- 23 be used in diesel hybrid, gasoline hybrid, natural gas
- 24 hybrid and even fuel cell vehicles.
- 25 So, you really get a great multiple path to get

- 1 paid back for investing these technologies.
- 2 That's of interest to you as a government agency
- 3 because you obviously want the most leverage and the
- 4 greatest impact. And it's of the greatest interest to
- 5 us because that gives us the maximum revenue and profit
- 6 when we go into the commercial phases.
- 7 So, it also lets us vertically integrate our own
- 8 company. What's shown here is our -- and this is really
- 9 the only infomercial chart for TransPower.
- 10 But we do business basically at three levels.
- 11 We develop our own components. Some are more
- 12 organically developed in-house, some are adaptations of
- 13 other people's components.
- 14 For example, the lower center photo is a picture
- 15 of our main propulsion system that it's now standardized
- 16 across all of our vehicles. And the silver disk you see
- 17 at the bottom of that photo is an electric drive motor.
- And if you could zoom in on the motor, you'd see
- 19 the word "Fisker" emblazoned on it. That motor was
- 20 actually designed for the Fisker Karma Hybrid Car.
- 21 And, you know, it was an embarrassment to the
- 22 Obama Administration and others when Fisker went out of
- 23 business a year or two ago, but their technology lives
- 24 on.
- 25 And that's another thing to remember is that

- 1 companies may come and go, but the assets of those
- 2 companies find second, and third, and fourth lives, so
- 3 the investments are never wasted.
- 4 And we've taken this Fisker motor and mating it
- 5 to an Eaton transmission that has a unique computer-
- 6 controlled shifting ability, we have a propulsion system
- 7 that can move 80,000 pounds using a motor that was
- 8 designed for a 4,000-pound car. And so far it's working
- 9 very well.
- 10 So, we integrate components and we take these
- 11 components and we build them up into what we call
- 12 subsystems.
- Right now there are three main subsystems that
- 14 we install in our vehicle. I know there are four listed
- 15 in the center box, but we've combined the vehicle
- 16 control and electrically-driven accessory subsystems
- 17 into one. That's the center photo you see there and
- 18 I'll talk a little bit more about that type of
- 19 technology, but the other two being energy storage
- 20 motive drive.
- 21 And we maintain that you have a really good
- 22 solid technology base in these three subsystem areas you
- 23 can build on that in many different ways, with hybrids,
- 24 fuel cells, garbage trucks, you know, drayage trucks,
- 25 school buses.

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- 2 same components. It just finished -- today is its one-
- 3 month anniversary of carrying kids at the Escondido
- 4 Union High School District, a 40-foot school bus funded
- 5 by the ARB, also, thank you very much, so a lot of
- 6 versatility.
- 7 And then, finally, we can integrate these
- 8 systems into total vehicle systems. That's the top
- 9 level of our business.
- 10 And if I haven't given you enough sort of flavor
- 11 for how versatile these technologies are and how many
- 12 different applicants there are, there are applications
- 13 that don't even go in vehicles.
- 14 And what you see here on the right is a battery
- 15 subsystem on a rack that's designed not to go in a
- 16 vehicle, but to be a stationary energy storage system.
- 17 And this was actually -- this research was initially
- 18 funded by the PIER Program, again the California Energy
- 19 Commission playing a leadership role here in stationary
- 20 energy storage.
- 21 And we've already got a commercial sale for a
- 22 system like this from New York City Transit. And this
- 23 summer we're going to be installing an almost one-
- 24 megawatt hour system, 800 kilowatt hours to be exact, on
- 25 West 53rd Street in Manhattan, at a major substation,

- 1 and it's going to provide -- basically, turn the New
- 2 York Subway system into a giant -- into the world's
- 3 largest Toyota Prius by absorbing energy from the subway
- 4 train as they brake.
- 5 This was all -- all of this was funded by the
- 6 California Energy Commission, and the EQMD, and the ARB,
- 7 and the folks in this room.
- 8 So, you're having a huge impact. It's just
- 9 we're not very good with all the resources, really, to
- 10 go out and get a lot of PR.
- 11 You might have heard about the Wal-Mart Wave
- 12 hybrid truck that was -- I don't know how many of you
- 13 heard about that, Wal-Mart put a Wave truck out of here,
- 14 we built it for them, along with Capstone. We're the
- 15 ones that integrated that truck, so a lot of exciting
- 16 possibilities here.
- So, now shifting more to just the generic
- 18 magnitude of what we're talking about, this slide here,
- 19 I was able to find some recent statistics on the number
- 20 of Class 6, 7 and 8 trucks sold. These are new factory
- 21 orders for trucks last year.
- 22 And with even just one out of eight vehicles
- 23 adopting electric propulsion technologies, we project
- 24 that this could be a \$6 billion market, and that's the
- 25 message of that.

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- 2 number of annual sales of different types of trucks that
- 3 might be possible using electric propulsion within, you
- 4 know, the time frame we're talking about, 2020 to 2030.
- 5 Some of these numbers I think might be
- 6 conservative of 2,000 port trucks. There's over 10,000
- 7 just operating in the Ports of L.A. and Long Beach,
- 8 alone. So, 2,000 in terms of nationwide might be
- 9 actually a conservative estimate. But you can see this
- 10 is potentially very big business.
- 11 The basic products that we build that require
- 12 technologies are listed here. Every electric or hybrid
- 13 electric vehicle requires some version of these. These
- 14 just happen to be our versions of them that are shown
- 15 here.
- 16 But most electric and hybrid vehicle makers now
- 17 are using lithium ion batteries of different types.
- 18 We have gone through several generations of
- 19 battery packaging schemes trying to come up with the
- 20 most robust and beneficial way to integrate batteries,
- 21 and develop the battery management systems.
- 22 Those are areas that future research can have a
- 23 high payoff helping to configure different types of
- 24 energy storage systems.
- We don't need a major charging network or

- 1 charging infrastructure because one of the unique
- 2 approaches we've taken is to put the charger on the
- 3 vehicle.
- 4 And the charger you see here, the far right
- 5 photo that's the inside of what we call an inverter
- 6 charger unit because that charger also controls the
- 7 drive motor.
- 8 It charges the battery pack at a 70-kilowatt
- 9 rate, which makes it actually more powerful than a
- 10 typical type three charger, level three charger and it's
- 11 on the vehicle.
- 12 As we were talking about chargers this morning I
- 13 was thinking that with the right investment maybe that
- 14 thing could be shrunk down. And I know some of the
- 15 external charger manufacturers probably don't want to
- 16 hear about this, but if you shrunk that thing down and
- 17 got the cost down low enough, you could put something
- 18 like that in the trunk of every Nissan Leaf and you
- 19 wouldn't need to put charging stations all over the
- 20 State, you would just need to put a plug and a cable.
- I can't say for sure whether the cost to get
- 22 down low enough to do that, but I think it's something
- 23 worth looking at because it could really speed adoption
- 24 of vehicles if people didn't have to go hunting around
- 25 for chargers and only had to find special outlets which,

- 1 instead of costing \$50,000 or \$100,000 per vehicle, it
- 2 might cost you \$2,000 or \$3,000 for just the cable and
- 3 the plug, so just a wild idea to throw out there.
- 4 You know, main propulsion is another area that
- 5 always uses it, is always a key technology core,
- 6 technologies in three types of vehicles. I mentioned
- 7 how we do that with the Fisker motor.
- 8 Electrically-driven accessories are the devices
- 9 of power, power steering, power braking.
- 10 And then, of course, you need a control system
- 11 to regulate when battery power is used, especially when
- 12 you get to the complexity of hybrids.
- 13 Some of the key specific technology challenges
- 14 that we believe require future funding and that should
- 15 be addressed in future programs are shown here, so this
- 16 is probably the most important slide in terms of the
- 17 specific goals of the reasons I'm here.
- 18 Energy storage for these larger vehicles,
- 19 keeping the cells in balance is very important. We use
- 20 very large cells so we don't have to worry about
- 21 balancing too many of them.
- We use cells that weigh 20 to 50 pounds each,
- 23 but still we need about 100 to 200 of these cells in
- 24 every one of our vehicles.
- 25 It's a lot better than if we used the kinds of

- 1 cells that are used in, say, a Tesla, where we would
- 2 need thousands of them.
- 3 But even with just -- just a hundred cells or
- 4 200 cells on a vehicle, those cells will -- because of
- 5 inevitable differences in manufacturing tolerances,
- 6 those cells will get out of balance as the vehicle is
- 7 used. And you need a system, a Smart system on the
- 8 vehicle that can balance those cells and keep them in
- 9 balance if the vehicle is to maintain its optimum
- 10 operating range and if the batteries are to last as long
- 11 as you need them to.
- 12 So, cell balancing is very important.
- 13 Different ways of packaging batteries and
- 14 possibly even developing a technology which was tried by
- 15 a company called Better Place, a few years ago, for
- 16 automobiles. But it may have more of a better chance of
- 17 making it in the heavy-duty market. Some kind of
- 18 battery swap technology would probably be beneficial.
- 19 That would probably require some redesign of the
- 20 trucks themselves, or the buses themselves. But it
- 21 is -- again, it's a technology that is probably worth
- 22 looking into at some point.
- 23 Moving over to the right, power conversion and,
- 24 again, our inverter charger is shown there. It's a
- 25 fairly unique and complex product. One of the key

- 1 needs, now, is to get its cost down. In round numbers,
- 2 that device costs about \$20,000 to \$25,000 to build.
- 3 And so, it obviously is not, at that price
- 4 level, something you could afford to put in every
- 5 automobile.
- 6 But if you get its cost down by a factor of ten,
- 7 and I know Nissan has sold 100,000 Leafs. So could you,
- 8 at a production rate of 100,000 of these get the cost
- 9 down from \$20,000 to \$2,000? That's a question I think
- 10 is worth asking. It could have a transformative effect
- 11 on the industry if you could put a charger in every car.
- 12 Also, one thing we're finding is that after we
- 13 get funded to develop these products, to sell them
- 14 commercially sometimes there are additional hurdles we
- 15 have to overcome, like getting UL certification, and
- 16 having a nationally recognized lab test the product.
- 17 That can be very expensive, so some sort of funding
- 18 availability to help companies, after they develop
- 19 products, get them certified and get them to market
- 20 could be helpful.
- 21 The motive drive system, as proud as I am of the
- 22 fact that we found the second life for the Fisker motor,
- 23 one of the issues with that motor is that after it was
- 24 designed by Quantum here, in California, it was
- 25 outsourced to a factory in China, and it's built by a

- 1 company called JJE in China.
- 2 So, it would be one of the things that I think
- 3 would be beneficial is if we could find a way to build
- 4 motors that sophisticated and that inexpensively here in
- 5 California.
- 6 So, some motor technologies, or switched
- 7 reluctance and brushless DC motors are two technologies
- 8 that could -- that we might benefit from further
- 9 research into those areas.
- 10 And methods tooling and methods for low-cost
- 11 motor manufacturing could have some long-term payoffs,
- 12 as well.
- MR. MC KINNEY: So, Mike, just a friendly time
- 14 check, if you could move to completion please?
- 15 MR. SIMON: Okay, sorry I'm going too long.
- 16 Vehicle control, anticipatory controls is
- 17 basically knowing from your Google map where a vehicle
- 18 with a (inaudible) is going and be able to gauge how
- 19 much battery power or energy to use from what source
- 20 based on what the vehicle's going to do, instead of what
- 21 it's necessarily doing right now, and various other
- 22 controls technologies.
- Just stepping back, just some of the other
- 24 recommendations on how to address the cost challenges,
- 25 specifically, not just the technologies, but getting the

- 1 cost of these vehicles down. Larger scale
- 2 demonstrations than what have typically been funded in
- 3 the heavy-duty sector would be helpful because you
- 4 always get more economies of scale if you can order 10,
- 5 or 20, or 50 of something instead of just one, or two,
- 6 or five.
- 7 The manufacturing initiatives, especially the
- 8 manufacturing of initiatives that help fund the tooling
- 9 to reduce the costs of manufacturing that can have a big
- 10 impact on reducing costs.
- 11 And then for smaller-scale demonstrations we
- 12 believe that there still is a roll for those because,
- 13 again, you always have more vehicle models to convert,
- 14 and more of these specific technologies and you don't
- 15 want to make a mistake.
- 16 While we need some larger-scale demonstration to
- 17 get costs down, you want to be careful that for larger-
- 18 scale demonstrations you use components that have
- 19 already been proven in smaller-scale demonstrations.
- 20 Otherwise, you know, you'll have to fix bugs on 50
- 21 vehicles, instead of five, which is a lot more
- 22 expensive.
- 23 This is my last chart. I just tried -- these
- 24 are wild guesses, but I've just tried to put some meat
- 25 on the recommendations here by kind of showing you what

- 1 the colored cost for each -- for a big, heavy-duty
- 2 truck, a big, heavy-duty electric truck of the type
- 3 we're building, what the cost is for each of the major
- 4 components that we install, and what we think is a
- 5 reasonable long-range target cost.
- 6 Long-range, I just mean five or ten years. I
- 7 don't mean 50 years and I don't mean a million units. I
- 8 mean, you know, just getting to maybe a few hundred
- 9 vehicles per year by 2020 or 2025 and we think we can
- 10 get down to the target cost numbers there.
- 11 You can read for yourself what those numbers
- 12 are, but the bottom line is that, you know, we think
- 13 there's a potential to reduce the cost of these vehicles
- 14 by about \$200,000, which would roughly cut the cost of
- 15 building a truck like this in half, and I think put it
- 16 in reach of many fleet operators, especially if you
- 17 continued having a hybrid vehicle incentive program type
- 18 mechanism where they could maybe buy a truck for
- 19 \$200,000, but get \$100,000 subsidized. And then they
- 20 have a price for the same price as a diesel truck.
- 21 That would be the dream scenario and that would
- 22 guarantee putting, you know, thousands of these trucks
- 23 on the road, in our view.
- 24 So, again, sorry I went overtime but that
- 25 concludes my presentation.

- 1 MR. MC KINNEY: No, thank you very much, Mike,
- 2 it's very informative.
- 3 Commissioner, do you have any follow-up
- 4 questions?
- 5 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I do not, but a very
- 6 informative presentation, thank you.
- 7 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, thank you very much, Mike.
- 8 Our final speaker for this panel is Dr. Jeffrey
- 9 Reed, who is Director of Business Strategy and
- 10 Development for Southern California Gas Company.
- 11 And in that capacity he leads development of
- 12 policies and initiatives for supporting the development
- 13 and deployment of sustainable energy solutions.
- 14 He currently leads the Natural Gas RD&D Energy
- 15 Efficiency Technology sections, and then Venture
- 16 Investment and Low Emission Vehicle programs.
- 17 He has a Doctor in Engineering from Cal and a
- 18 Master's in Business from Stanford University, so Dr.
- 19 Reed.
- MR. REED: Thank you very much. It's a pleasure
- 21 to be here. Thank you for inviting me here, Jim. And
- 22 thank you, Commissioner, as well, for having me here.
- 23 So my role on this panel is to talk about
- 24 natural gas-related pathways in which we include
- 25 renewable natural gas and renewable gaseous fuels in the

- 1 out years.
- 2 And this perspective is the perspective of SoCal
- 3 Gas. But I would like to say that we have received
- 4 input and collaboration on this from many quarters,
- 5 including a lot of manufacturers, research entities, a
- 6 number of consultants which I won't name because I'll
- 7 forget one and offend them.
- 8 And as well, the project work that we do at
- 9 SoCal Gas, much of which is collaboratively funded
- 10 between ourselves and the CEC, South Coast, and San
- 11 Joaquin.
- 12 So with that, and also I'd like to comment that
- 13 the focus here is intentionally the 10-year horizon, but
- 14 for us that's also a lot about what is the starting
- 15 point on the pathway toward 2050.
- 16 Because much of this work that we've done over
- 17 the last several years has been in relation to
- 18 conversations with policy makers going back a number of
- 19 years about natural gas has been a low-emission vehicle
- 20 fuel to date. It's been one of the foundations of
- 21 starting into that path.
- 22 But what's the long-term perspective? How is
- 23 natural gas consistent with 2050? And what should we be
- 24 investing in now, in relation to our longer-term goals?
- 25 As a foundational item, natural gas is currently

- 1 inexpensive and looks to stay that way for quite a long
- 2 time to come. It's a domestic fuel and it's very clean
- 3 to s tart with.
- 4 So, that sort of drives the question of, you
- 5 know, how can we take advantage of this cost position of
- 6 natural gas but build on its current technology position
- 7 in order to advance further toward our longer-term
- 8 goals, both for criteria pollutants, as well as
- 9 greenhouse gas.
- 10 So, as an overview and I think I've said some of
- 11 this already, but natural gas technology is relatively
- 12 mature. So, one important point to make at the start of
- 13 this discussion is that if we look at the four or five
- 14 different technology pathway areas that we've talked
- 15 about today, all of them have significant potential and
- 16 all of them have some degree of uncertainty as to where
- 17 they will wind up in the next 10, 20 or 30 years.
- 18 When looking at natural gas technology strategy
- 19 and policy I think it should be viewed as well from a
- 20 technology risk, time and cost perspective.
- 21 So, when we look at the portfolio approach, kind
- 22 of all the above strategies, one of the important roles
- 23 of these technologies is that there's a pretty high
- 24 degree of certainty that they can move a long way toward
- 25 these goals without break through levels of technology

- 1 development, but with more incremental levels of
- 2 development.
- 3 So, one key point is timing. Our view is that
- 4 accelerated deployment in the coming years, particularly
- 5 the coming decade of next generation natural gas
- 6 technologies is critical to the air emissions goals of,
- 7 in particular, South Coast and San Joaquin.
- 8 So, I think Matt showed a version of this chart
- 9 earlier and this sort of looks at trajectories of
- 10 emissions in the different areas.
- 11 And the basic point of it is that in the mid
- 12 years, in the 2020 to 2030 time frame we're falling
- 13 behind the goals.
- 14 And so, one consideration is that more rapid
- 15 deployment of, you know, relatively near-term natural
- 16 gas technologies can help put those glide paths on a
- 17 steeper trajectory in the near years.
- 18 In addition to the heavy-duty applications that
- 19 we're here to discuss today, primarily there are -- as
- 20 you've heard from some of the other technology
- 21 categories, there are other applications that can be
- 22 served by natural gas to achieve similar emissions
- 23 benefits.
- 24 And in particular, all the high horsepower
- 25 heavy-duty applications, including rail, port operations

- 1 and those applications can be served as natural gas, as
- 2 well.
- 3 One of the questions posed for the workshop by
- 4 Jim was, you know, what do we see as the potential
- 5 deployment.
- 6 Many of you may be aware of some deployment
- 7 forecasts that were done in the 2009 time frame by ICF
- 8 Consulting, for the Energy Commission that showed NGV
- 9 adoption ranges of sort of the high and medium low
- 10 perspective, with the mid-case showing adoption at about
- 11 15 percent per year growth rate.
- We've been a little bit behind that trajectory,
- 13 but we've refreshed that in collaboration with a number
- 14 of parties, including CalHEAT, (inaudible), Andrus and
- 15 others.
- 16 And our expectation really based more on
- 17 economic adoption than on any other thing, as we could
- 18 see 25 percent or so of the heavy-duty vehicle fleet
- 19 fueled by natural gas in the 2030 time frame.
- 20 And that's basically done by looking at specific
- 21 duty cycles and vocations. As Matt had mentioned, ones
- 22 where there's an economic proposition for adopting
- 23 natural gas.
- So, one of the things that I think we need to
- 25 drive in the State is to say, you know, this economics

- 1 is not just a property of California, it's a property of
- 2 the U.S.
- 3 So, one of the things that California can do
- 4 perhaps to address some of the go-it-alone cost burden
- 5 that we have is to drive development of natural gas
- 6 technologies that are low emission technologies, that
- 7 would then be adopted in states that don't have the
- 8 regulatory drivers that we have in California.
- 9 So, effectively, if we look at the two main
- 10 goals from an environmental perspective, criteria
- 11 pollutants which is primarily NOx, as a precursor to
- 12 ozone, and then greenhouse gas, there's -- you know,
- 13 just as an organizing framework, we look at five levers
- 14 that we can use to achieve those goals and some of them
- 15 are common.
- 16 All the ones that address efficiency have a full
- 17 benefit, both on NOx and GHG. So, engine design, drive
- 18 trains including hybridization, aerodynamics, light-
- 19 weight materials, rolling resistance, all those types of
- 20 things are efficiency, total system efficiency
- 21 improvements that benefit both NOx and GHG.
- 22 And then specifically to the NOx side, we can
- 23 work on after-treatment systems, either three-way
- 24 catalysts or selected catalytic reduction as the primary
- 25 methods.

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- 2 frame, we'll need to have significant quantities of
- 3 renewable gaseous fuel to mix in order to meet the
- 4 greenhouse gas goals over the long term that would start
- 5 with waste-derived biogas resources. Eventually, later
- 6 we can have other pathways that we'll talk about briefly
- 7 at the end.
- 8 So, if you look sort of pictorially on how these
- 9 reduction potentials look like in different time frames,
- 10 the perspective we have and also what Matt has mentioned
- 11 in his presentation about the program we've funded,
- 12 following our solicitation.
- We believe, actually, that the ability to
- 14 achieve 75 to 80 percent lower NOx than currently
- 15 mandated levels is available with current technology,
- 16 but simply needs, effectively, policy and regulatory
- 17 forcing functions to get that to happen.
- 18 So, we're moving forward with demonstrating that
- 19 and expect to have that hardware demonstrated within the
- 20 next three years.
- 21 And then we believe with further development in
- 22 the future cycles we can move even further with advances
- 23 on that same technology, but also benefitting from the
- 24 increased efficiency throughout the vehicle system that
- 25 we talk about on the prior side.

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- 2 simply from moving from petroleum-based fuels to natural
- 3 gas, so that's the starting point.
- 4 Then the next step comes from those efficiency
- 5 improvements that we talked about. Between those two
- 6 effects, we can get almost 50 percent lower GHG
- 7 emissions than we have today, and then the remainder
- 8 comes through renewable gaseous fuel blends in future
- 9 time frames.
- 10 So, I'm not sure when I started. How far in am
- 11 I, Jim, time wise?
- Okay, so we'll go into a little bit more detail
- 13 in both what happens in these different notional time
- 14 frames that we've laid out and then we'll talk about a
- 15 few integrated vehicle systems and how you might look at
- 16 sort of many roadmaps for different vocations.
- So, relative to NOx, the starting point here is
- 18 the 0.2 grams per brake horsepower mile standard.
- 19 As I mentioned on the prior slide, we believe
- 20 that in the near term we can get down to about 0.05 and
- 21 shortly thereafter to a full 90 percent reduction from
- 22 where we are today.
- 23 And as I mentioned on the prior slide, the two
- 24 primary mechanisms there are increasing efficiency of
- 25 the total vehicle system and then continuing advances in

- 1 the after-treatment systems.
- In the next ten years that will be primarily
- 3 work on three-way catalysts with rich burn engines. In
- 4 the outer years it would be possible to also look at
- 5 selected catalytic reduction for lean burn engines,
- 6 which would be more commensurate with the approaches
- 7 currently used for diesel, but would also potentially
- 8 provide collateral efficiency benefits.
- 9 And in the outer part of the time frame we're
- 10 reflecting additional, effectively hybridization using
- 11 catenary plug-in, et cetera. When exactly that happens
- 12 time frame-wise, depends a lot on what the cost
- 13 progression of those technologies is.
- 14 So, on the greenhouse side of things, all the
- 15 efficiency-related measures are the same, providing the
- 16 great GHG benefits, in addition to the NOx benefits.
- 17 But in this scenario it requires development and
- 18 deployment, as I said, of the renewable natural gas and
- 19 hydrogen blends to address the greenhouse gas.
- 20 So, one point in terms of just driving
- 21 deployment, and we'll get into some of the various
- 22 applications, but cost is a big factor, and reducing
- 23 deployment cost is key.
- 24 So, we also are looking increasingly at sort of
- 25 more integrative looks at infrastructure around ports

- 1 and things like that.
- 2 John mentioned the corridor areas. So, the
- 3 total ecosystem around the ports, if we look at that in
- 4 terms of how we can best reduce emissions, you open
- 5 further avenues for both CNG and liquefied natural gas,
- 6 and to be able to take advantage of scale economies in
- 7 the equipment that's deployed.
- 8 So, the next few slides are sort of mini-
- 9 roadmaps or vignettes for particular applications and
- 10 how we might see the technologies play out.
- 11 These are point scenarios, so this isn't
- 12 necessarily exactly how this would look.
- But in the heavy-duty sector we start out today
- 14 from a pretty low emissions profile, and relatively
- 15 well-advanced technologies for spark ignition, with
- 16 three-way catalysts and exhaust gas recirculation.
- 17 There's room for significant improvement in
- 18 those areas of relatively modest incremental cost that
- 19 we're working with South Coast and others to
- 20 demonstrate that could take us about 75 percent or so
- 21 below that level.
- 22 And in addition, over the near term we think 10
- 23 or so percent improvement in efficiency is possible.
- 24 And then, so that gets us 75 percent or so NOx
- 25 reductions, 30 or so percent GHG reductions in the 2023

- 1 time frame. Then from 2023 out to 2032, and eventually
- 2 to the 2050 time frame all those further advances in
- 3 lightweight materials, rolling resistance and those
- 4 things.
- 5 And then also, potentially, the advance of
- 6 turbine drive, so it's not limited to internal
- 7 combustion engines. We can also potentially envision
- 8 turbine drive. And both of those could be in various
- 9 types of hybrid configurations.
- 10 So, for the drayage and short hauls, the
- 11 different duty cycle, so we envision in that case
- 12 similar improvement avenues in the near term. But
- 13 given, you know, the issues around the port, the
- 14 different duty cycle, we see earlier deployment of
- 15 hybrid and zero emission mile elements there, as Matt
- 16 also discussed in his discussion.
- So, cargo handling equipment, I think similar to
- 18 the drayage and with similar solutions; zero emission
- 19 miles, hybridization in the future years, potentially
- 20 fuel cell as well.
- 21 So, another application area that has a lot of
- 22 potential benefit and this, as well as the oceangoing --
- 23 or the seagoing applications have the feature that
- 24 they're both starting from a relatively high emissions
- 25 profile starting point. They're much higher emissions

- 1 than is the case with current vehicle applications.
- 2 Therefore, the percentage reductions that can be
- 3 achieved by deploying technology in the near term are
- 4 higher than they are for the others.
- 5 Fundamentally, the rail and vessel applications
- 6 are similar in technology avenues as what we talked
- 7 about before. However, things like aerodynamics and
- 8 rolling resistance obviously not as important.
- 9 But on these larger-duty pieces of equipment
- 10 there's more room on board for storage of LNG and so, a
- 11 significant opportunity for those.
- 12 And here's the ships and, again, the current
- 13 emissions profiles are high and the fuels are not
- 14 particularly clean, so there's a lot of room for near-
- 15 term improvement.
- So, the last thing I'd like to talk about is a
- 17 little bit on the renewable natural gas and related
- 18 hydrogen pathways. It's critical to the pathways that
- 19 I've been discussing, when you get beyond 2030 or 2035
- 20 that these renewable gaseous fuels become available in
- 21 order to move beyond the 50 percent or so reduction in
- 22 GHG down to the 80 percent levels that we need.
- So, I think many of you are aware, but perhaps
- 24 not everyone, that there are quite a large number of
- 25 pathways being worked on in this area.

- 1 These ones are ones that lead to methane to be
- 2 injected into the natural gas system. There are other,
- 3 quite a few other pathways that have other
- 4 configurations.
- 5 And there are somewhere -- on this diagram all
- 6 the pathways shown are leading to methane.
- 7 There's another one where you could take the
- 8 renewable hydrogen production and blend it with the
- 9 natural gas pipeline. That's something that we're
- 10 beginning to look at increasingly, as well.
- 11 What percentages would ultimately be considered
- 12 safe and, you know, acceptable under impact on equipment
- 13 is something that we're beginning to study.
- 14 But, you know, this is where we were I think
- 15 with looking at biogas compositions about five years ago
- 16 so, you know, this is sort of at the early stages.
- But over the coming several years we'll be
- 18 establishing what we think those limits should be.
- 19 I think one important thing to note is that with
- 20 the organic waste-based pathways they're already
- 21 relatively cheap, if you think about it in terms of a
- 22 renewable vehicle fuel.
- So, at \$10 per million Btu, when you compare
- 24 that to geological gas at \$3 or \$4, you may say it's not
- 25 particularly cost competitive, but that's not really the

- 1 substitute resource. The substitute resource would be
- 2 renewable fuel.
- 3 So, at \$10 per million Btu uncompressed you're
- 4 below a dollar a gallon, which is pretty attractive,
- 5 even at the \$40 range.
- 6 So, on this chart the cost kind of goes up as
- 7 you go up the chart on the left. So, the organic waste
- 8 is the least expensive, that can probably be in the \$10
- 9 to \$15 range.
- 10 Then if you have a purpose-built digester
- 11 gasification system, you're probably getting up to
- 12 around \$20.
- 13 The electrolysis and solar thermal catalytic or
- 14 artificial photosynthesis are currently at \$40. That's
- 15 in the \$5 to \$6 a gallon range. So, you know, it's
- 16 expensive relative to conventional gas, but it's not
- 17 orders of magnitude out of the cost competitive range.
- 18 And also, on the upper part although more
- 19 expensive today it has more room for breakthrough levels
- 20 of improvement in those technologies.
- 21 And the solar pathway is what the Berkeley and
- 22 Cal Tech Joint Energy Research Hub is working on the
- 23 artificial photosynthesis work.
- 24 So, anyway, we think all of these avenues of
- 25 advancement we've talked about have a lot of potential.

- 1 They're exciting. And, you know, we would go back to
- 2 kind of the starting point of the discussion which is
- 3 that the foundation point of these is already pretty
- 4 clean and pretty efficient. There's a lot of room for
- 5 advancement.
- 6 And on most of the pathways, if you look at it
- 7 from a technology readiness level, or a risk point of
- 8 view, likelihood of achievement, they're relatively
- 9 high. So, it makes a lot of sense from a portfolio
- 10 management point of view to put a significant amount of
- 11 effort into these pathways.
- 12 Lastly, you can see on a number of these charts
- 13 there is synergy with other the pathways being worked
- 14 on. Many of the things that I've talked about would be
- 15 applicable to, say, liquid biofuels. Not the -- you
- 16 know, not the complete cycle but, you know, many of the
- 17 things.
- 18 And then a lot of it also has technology
- 19 synergies with the fuel cell vehicle pathways. So,
- 20 compression and storage, which were mentioned in some of
- 21 those presentations and some of the other aspects would
- 22 have dual benefit to both pathways.
- Thank you.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Thank you very much, Dr. Reed,
- 25 that was very, very informative.

- 1 Commissioner, do you have any comments or
- 2 questions?
- 3 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Also another excellent and
- 4 informative presentation.
- I had a question for you on, I think it's slide
- 6 six, and it was where you were showing how the
- 7 population of -- how we might have an increased
- 8 population of natural gas vehicles.
- 9 And I wondered why the transit sort of stays
- 10 stagnant across the years and why it takes a little time
- 11 after 2020 before we would see -- or we would
- 12 potentially see the drayage trucks and the ports bump
- 13 up?
- 14 MR. REED: Well, I -- well, we would have to get
- 15 back to you with some of the specifics. But the answer
- 16 would generally be that these sectors have different
- 17 levels of penetration currently. And if there's 30 or
- 18 so percent of transit that's not currently using CNG,
- 19 there may be particular reasons in the analysis for why
- 20 it's not suitable.
- Or perhaps the assumption that, you know, the
- 22 other 30 percent of transit agencies will be making a
- 23 different decision on, you know, fuel cell drive or
- 24 something else over the time period.
- 25 So, it's a combination. In each of these

- 1 vocations of current trend, the economic benefit of
- 2 adopting natural gas, and then some judgment of, you
- 3 know, what the adoption will be.
- 4 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Great, thank you.
- 5 MR. MC KINNEY: And I think my takeaway from
- 6 this, you know, the State is embarking on several kind
- 7 of major efforts to assess optimal strategies for
- 8 freight movement -- goods movement, freight transport,
- 9 and really how to meet these pending NOx goals.
- 10 And I think the thing that's really interesting
- 11 with your presentation, Dr. Reed, is that you're really
- 12 not talking about natural gas just as an interim
- 13 bridging fuel, which has been a traditional way we've
- 14 thought about it, but is something that can reach all
- 15 the environmental and carbon performance standards that
- 16 the regulatory agencies will have to set over the coming
- 17 years.
- 18 And I think that's just very interesting and
- 19 timely in terms of these policy discussions that we'll
- 20 be having amongst different branches of California
- 21 government this year and next year. So, thank you very
- 22 much.
- MR. REED: Thank you.
- 24 MR. MC KINNEY: So, with that I want to thank
- 25 the panel. Again, just stellar presentations by all of

- 1 you, you're all really, really knowledgeable, so thank
- 2 you so much.
- 3 (Applause)
- 4 MS. RAITT: We'll take a quick break to re-set
- 5 up for the next panel, thanks.
- 6 (Off the record)
- 7 MR. MC KINNEY: Panel four is Biofuels
- 8 Technology Assessment, ARFVTP Strategic Goals for
- 9 Biofuels, biodiesel, and biogas, or renewable gas.
- 10 And again, all of these apply directly to our
- 11 statewide policy goals of reducing diesel fuel use,
- 12 improving air quality, enhancing public health and
- 13 reducing carbon emissions.
- 14 And I think as I said in my introductory
- 15 remarks, we've got about \$90 million invested to date in
- 16 various sectors of the biofuels industry in California.
- 17 A little less than half of that is in the biogas sector,
- 18 followed by biodiesel, and then ethanol, and a little
- 19 bit in green gasoline.
- 20 So, I'm very pleased with our final panel for
- 21 today. We have about 15 minutes allocated for each of
- 22 you. And we've got just a really nice array of both
- 23 private sector here, and academia, and then the public
- 24 sector or NGOs.
- Our first speaker is going to be Nathan Parker,

- 1 who is a post-doc scholar at the Institute for
- 2 Transportation Studies at UC Davis. And I've worked
- 3 with Nathan for many years, now, and I'm just very
- 4 pleased to see the development of his academic career.
- 5 His research seeks to understand the potential
- 6 for biomass energy in California and the United States
- 7 through systems level modeling.
- 8 He has written 15 journal articles and book
- 9 chapters on the subject of alternative fuels. And he
- 10 received his MS and PhD degrees in Transportation
- 11 Technology and Policy from UC Davis. So welcome,
- 12 Nathan.
- 13 MR. PARKER: Thank you, Jim.
- Okay, so I'm here giving a presentation. Some
- 15 of this work is also from my collaborators at UC Davis,
- 16 Lew Fulton, Julie Whitcover and Geoff Morrison.
- So, I'm going to be a little bit academic
- 18 because I'm the academic around here. So, I'm going to
- 19 give a guick overview of the State of California
- 20 biofuels and the potential.
- 21 An estimate of kind of advanced biofuels, what
- 22 we think they cost, and what we think California's
- 23 potential is to produce those kinds of fuels.
- A little tidbit on how the advanced or
- 25 cellulosic biofuels are developing.

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- 2 on how they might develop in the future. Is there a
- 3 path for that that is better than what we initially
- 4 considered in biofuel policies?
- 5 And then another little tidbit on policy
- 6 incentives, what's happening in the market? Where are
- 7 the price signals coming from in terms of policies?
- 8 So, in terms of the biofuels in California,
- 9 California has been a major player in the knowledge base
- 10 for biofuels. We haven't been a major player in terms
- 11 of biofuel production relative to the rest of the U.S.
- 12 and Brazil, for example.
- 13 But there's a lot of firms who are based in
- 14 California. And there's a lot of -- there is some
- 15 movement in terms of production capacity.
- 16 And then I have little question marks on all of
- 17 my things. Those aren't question marks, those are
- 18 actually the information.
- 19 If we look at what's the resource base in
- 20 California, this is without energy crops. I think
- 21 California has roughly .5 exajoules, which is about 1.5
- 22 to 2 billion gallons of gas in equivalent. It's energy
- 23 value of biomass and resources as found by the
- 24 (inaudible) Biomass Collaborative, a resource assessment
- 25 that's been in draft form.

- 1 And of this resource, though, a significant
- 2 fraction of it is woody leaf, woody resources from the
- 3 forest sector.
- 4 But there's also a lot of anaerobic digester
- 5 feedstock, the AD feedstock wedge there includes food
- 6 waste, manures, and wastewater treatment biogas.
- 7 And then the blue wedge there is landfill gas.
- 8 And another interesting part of this is the
- 9 small sliver of waste oils which shows that there isn't
- 10 a large potential for waste-based biodiesel or renewable
- 11 diesel, or renewable jet fuel coming out of California.
- 12 There is some potential and it should be
- 13 exploited as much as we can.
- Wow, lots of question marks, interesting.
- 15 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, sorry about that, Nate, I
- 16 don't know what happened in the translation.
- MR. PARKER: You didn't believe my slide.
- (Laughter)
- MR. MC KINNEY: It wasn't me.
- 20 MR. PARKER: So, I put together this, which is
- 21 an assessment of the cost of production of different
- 22 types of biofuels.
- 23 Anaerobic digestion producing renewable natural
- 24 gas, renewable jet and renewable diesel fuels through
- 25 oil-based processes, using fast pyrolysis, which is a

- 1 cellulosic resource. Fischer Tropes diesel, cellulosic
- 2 ethanol and then RNG via gasification, producing
- 3 renewable natural gas through a gasification process,
- 4 and that was touched on in the last session a little
- 5 bit.
- 6 You can see this is academic literature
- 7 estimates on what the costs look like in kind of nearish
- 8 term for these facilities.
- 9 And then on the far right we have what that
- 10 California potential mapped to these technologies, so
- 11 you can get an idea of the scale of the resource in
- 12 California that can be tapped by each of the
- 13 technologies.
- 14 And the highlight of this is that we really
- 15 would like to get into some of these cellulosic resource
- 16 bases, if cellulosic technology -- if we're going to
- 17 make a big dent or have a large-scale production in
- 18 California.
- 19 So these cellulosic technologies, they're a
- 20 little bit problematic because a lot of them are -- or
- 21 the way we've conceptualized them and have been
- 22 attempted in the past have been large-scale facilities
- 23 that if you scale them up, they look like they have a
- 24 decent change of being competitive. But scaling them up
- 25 requires really large capital investments.

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- 2 of the academic literature, what we think the capital
- 3 investment is for these different plants.
- 4 So, on the left we have cellulosic ethanol and
- 5 on the right we have pyrolysis-based diesel and how the
- 6 plants that are being built in the last couple years
- 7 compare with these estimates.
- 8 And what we see here is that they compare --
- 9 they are being built at a smaller scale, but they are
- 10 kind of in line with the economies of scale that are
- 11 expected to be at play.
- 12 So, these fuels may be more expensive now, but
- 13 if they scale up as expected, they are not -- they play
- 14 the role that we were expecting originally.
- 15 So this, I want to pose kind of a framework of
- 16 thinking about biofuels and that is that we have -- when
- 17 we have evaluated policies, like the Low Carbon Fuel
- 18 Standard in California, or the Renewable Fuel Standard
- 19 for the U.S., we thought about these large-scale
- 20 facilities that require large capital investment, and
- 21 facilities that we don't know how well they would work.
- 22 And there's been a lot of policy push behind that.
- In the meantime there's some -- in traditional
- 24 biofuels there's been incremental improvements going on
- 25 in those core ethanol and biodiesel facilities that are

- 1 yielding significant carbon intensity reductions overall
- 2 if you aggregate across a large number of facilities,
- 3 but are small increments and have low financial risk.
- 4 And then there's some interesting plays with
- 5 that, that have high carbon intensity reduction and
- 6 relatively low financial risk, but they tend to be
- 7 characterized by having low future potential. So, the
- 8 little blue dots up there are these -- it's what I would
- 9 consider for the waste-based renewable diesels or
- 10 biodiesels.
- 11 They're really interesting, but they don't have
- 12 a really large, long-time large potential to make a big
- 13 impact.
- 14 So, and in between there's a -- what we're
- 15 looking for is a path to go from where we are now to
- 16 these technologies that are tapping into the large-scale
- 17 cellulosic resource.
- 18 And we're seeing some of this come about and I'm
- 19 quessing that Tom will be talking a little bit about
- 20 this later on.
- 21 But for ethanol there's technologies being
- 22 produced -- being looked at for corn fiber, taking part
- 23 of the cellulosic component of the corn grain, and
- 24 that's kind of a very small incremental way into
- 25 cellulosic fuels.

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- 2 then that can play out and go farther into bagasse and
- 3 Stover, kind of ethanol plants that have bigger capital
- 4 costs, capital expenses but would be less risky if
- 5 you've gotten through the enzyme learning before you try
- 6 to do that in one step.
- 7 And so, we're looking at if we can elucidate
- 8 pathways. And right now the most obvious pathway we can
- 9 see, right, is through the ethanol pathway from
- 10 traditional ethanol to cellulosic.
- 11 But we're looking to see if we can find some
- 12 more incremental pathways for -- or transitional
- 13 pathways for the pyrolysis or leading into diesel-like
- 14 fuels.
- 15 And the final comment I'd like to make is we
- 16 haven't seen a lot of these large-scale cellulosic fuels
- 17 come into the market. And one of the questions is why?
- 18 And there's been a lot of reasons why they
- 19 haven't proceeded as fast as expected, given I've
- 20 been -- I've been having my head in Federal policy and
- 21 so the RFS is not getting there. But partially that's
- 22 because the policy was just extremely optimistic to
- 23 begin with.
- 24 The other aspects are what is -- we're only
- 25 recent giving a value to this fuel, a special value to

- 1 this fuel. And we're doing it through RIN and LCFS
- 2 credit prices, and those have been very volatile and
- 3 very uncertain of whether they're going to be durable.
- 4 And so, this slide highlights how that -- how
- 5 these credits play out for the different technologies.
- 6 So, for corn ethanol, when you have a low RIN
- 7 price and some LCFS price you don't really have much of
- 8 an incentive.
- 9 But when you get to the larger RIN prices we're
- 10 driving higher prices for corn ethanol, but LCFS values
- 11 are not driving too much value in corn ethanol.
- 12 In comparison, waste-based biodiesel, for
- 13 instance, the LCFS value has a much higher value to
- 14 them, but it bounces up and down a little bit.
- 15 And this is -- as a market signal it's not the
- 16 greatest thing. It is good to have a market signal.
- 17 The question is how durable will it be and will it be a
- 18 bankable signal for the fuel providers to put these in
- 19 place.
- 20 And current history is that it's very volatile.
- 21 It looks like it has some significant value, but whether
- 22 it's a durable signal is questionable, and it's
- 23 reasonable to not bank on it for your investment.
- 24 But as the policy proceeds and if this remains
- 25 in place as a durable signal, this will provide a really

- 1 large incentive to move in the direction of these fuels.
- 2 So in conclusion I wanted to say that some of
- 3 the waste oil supplies are limited but are pretty
- 4 important in terms of getting us some good near-term
- 5 reductions, showing good progress on this.
- 6 We kind of need to get to a cellulosic or algae-
- 7 based resource base if we want to have large-scale
- 8 biofuel production.
- 9 And then the path there with a good business
- 10 case at every step is unclear to me. It may be clearer
- 11 to others in the room, but it's unclear to me.
- 12 And that's what I have.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much,
- 14 Nathan.
- 15 Did you have any follow-up questions,
- 16 Commissioner Scott?
- 17 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: But I did have a question
- 18 but I think your last bullet point might have answered
- 19 it. And I was going to ask you about one of the themes
- 20 that we've kind of hearing throughout the day is a
- 21 potential for trying to accelerate some of these
- 22 pathways.
- 23 And so I was going to ask if you had some
- 24 thoughts on, kind of back on your slide six of places
- 25 where we might be able to accelerate that. But then I

- 1 also note that you ended with the path there, with a
- 2 good business case is unclear so --
- 3 MR. PARKER: Well, so for -- we see a pretty
- 4 decent business case or incremental multiple steps
- 5 taking smaller steps case for the ethanol path and to
- 6 get you into cellulosics through kind of fiber, bagasse
- 7 or -- so, we haven't fully explored this in terms of
- 8 pyrolysis or Fischer Tropes type thermochemical
- 9 processes to get to jet or diesel fuels, which I think
- 10 are actually the more interesting ones to get into the
- 11 market.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you for that
- 13 thoughtful presentation.
- 14 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, and I also had a follow-up
- 15 question I think on a similar point to the
- 16 Commissioner's.
- So, it sounds like you're somewhat pessimistic,
- 18 so the blue diamonds there are biodiesel or renewable
- 19 diesel kind of opportunities in California.
- 20 And is that due primarily to the feedstock
- 21 constraint going in or are there some other factors?
- 22 Because I think we're thinking about it a little
- 23 differently at the Commission staff level, at least,
- 24 that it's quite exciting what's happening with waste-
- 25 based biodiesel right now.

- 1 MR. PARKER: Yeah, from my perspective, it's the
- 2 resource base that -- the waste-based resources is
- 3 limited. You soon get to where you have to produce oils
- 4 for the purpose of producing biodiesel or renewable
- 5 diesel, and that gets you into a much thornier problem.
- 6 And there might be solutions to that, but there
- 7 are -- there's relatively few options that don't require
- 8 significant land that -- and the food oil market is very
- 9 fungible and you end up with tracings back -- you can
- 10 get your way to cutting down forests pretty fast if you
- 11 start using oil seeds that could be used for food.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Okay, well, thank you very much,
- 13 Dr. Parker.
- So, our next speaker, actually our next two
- 15 panelists are from the private sector and both of them
- 16 are grantees with the ARFVTP.
- 17 And Harry Simpson is the CEO of Crimson
- 18 Renewables and he is one of our more recent grantees,
- 19 and we're going to help finance a major expansion of his
- 20 biodiesel facility down in Kern County.
- 21 And Harry, I didn't get a biography from you, so
- 22 if you want to say a few more words of introduction
- 23 about yourself feel free to do so, or you can just go to
- 24 your presentation.
- Oh, my bad. Okay, excuse me.

- 1 MR. SIMPSON: Well, my background has really
- 2 been in the technology market for (off-mic) -- doing
- 3 venture capital, technology companies where I've been
- 4 President, COO, CFO, Head of Marketing.
- 5 And it's been an interesting ride for six years
- 6 in the renewable fuel space.
- 7 I'll get started now that it's ready. So, our
- 8 company is a biodiesel producer. We're the largest
- 9 producer here in California. We currently produce about
- 10 10 million gallons and we run most of that on used
- 11 cooking oil, as well as some inedible corn oil that is
- 12 coming out of ethanol plants, and also some animal fats.
- We sell, generally, to major oil companies, but
- 14 also to fuel wholesalers and truck stop operators.
- 15 Jim mentioned we received a grant, which we are
- 16 currently spending that money to expand the plant. The
- 17 work's already begun and we'll complete that, if we're
- 18 lucky, at the very end of this year, but that has
- 19 something to do with what happens with tax policy at the
- 20 Federal level, and what we do with our production
- 21 operations as a result. But worst case, it will be
- 22 early next year.
- 23 And glycerin is produced as a byproduct. And I
- 24 told you a little bit about where we take that, so
- 25 enough about us.

- 1 Biodiesel is something that nationally has sort
- 2 of stepped onto the fuels markets landscape in a much
- 3 more significant way, in particular in the last five
- 4 years, you know, getting to about 1.8 billion gallons
- 5 last year.
- 6 It's also grown significantly in California, but
- 7 really only in the last two years.
- 8 Last year biodiesel consumption was about 50
- 9 million gallons, 45 to 50, somewhere in that range.
- 10 Renewable diesel was probably in the 20 to 25 range.
- 11 And these are some numbers for what's going to
- 12 happen this year which, you know, there's somewhat of a
- 13 range really due to what happens with the value of RINs
- 14 from the RFS program and LCFS credits.
- 15 Nathan's slide showed some of that volatility.
- 16 LCFS credits have actually plummeted from what he
- 17 showed. I think today they traded at 18 bucks a ton.
- 18 And the low trade was maybe two days ago at 16.
- 19 And that's really a function of what's
- 20 happening. You know, all the price drops came on the
- 21 back of the CARB workshop on changes to LCFS.
- So, as every time policymakers tinker with
- 23 established policy it creates gyrations in the
- 24 marketplace and that's what we're seeing now.
- 25 What's driving it here in California, I mean

- 1 LCFS is the big driver, but that in turn is really
- 2 driving the investments that were made in fuel
- 3 infrastructure in the last two years, particularly at
- 4 the bulk fuel terminals in terms of refinery racks and
- 5 pipeline service terminals that enable the blending of
- 6 biodiesel and renewable diesel.
- 7 So, it's storage and blending equipment. This
- 8 gives you some idea here of, you know, going from one
- 9 terminal to about eight terminals last year.
- 10 Chevron, Tesoro and Kinder Morgan are all going
- 11 to be adding additional terminals with blending
- 12 capabilities and storage capabilities for alternative
- 13 diesels this year.
- I will say it will probably go into next year
- 15 with the capacity to blend, from a biodiesel
- 16 perspective. In 2015 I would expect somewhere between
- 17 140 to 160 million gallons of biodiesel.
- 18 And renewable diesel probably a similar number,
- 19 that's a little less constrained from a blending
- 20 perspective, more constrained from a storage
- 21 perspective, and the fact that renewable diesel is
- 22 typically not made in California. It's typically not
- 23 even made in the United States and it's imported in
- 24 ocean-going cargos from Asia.
- 25 You know, there was some talk about -- one of

- 1 the points today is how can we get to sort of a zero,
- 2 you know, ZEV future?
- In the world of diesel, in looking at heavy-duty
- 4 diesel, with the new diesel engines we're almost there
- 5 now, particularly new diesel engines that are burning
- 6 alternative fuels.
- 7 Biodiesel brings significant reductions in PM,
- 8 depending on the research. Particularly with -- but
- 9 with new diesel engines with the catalytic -- you know,
- 10 the SCRs that are built into those machines, catalytic
- 11 reduction technologies that are available in new diesel
- 12 engines, you get to -- very close to a ZEV world, you
- 13 know, now. And that's what this slide is showing.
- In California, Nathan, I'm not sure where you
- 15 got some of your numbers but, realistically, we have
- 16 about 45 million gallons of production capacity in
- 17 California. My company represents about a fourth of
- 18 that.
- 19 Most of the biodiesel produced in California is
- 20 from used cooking oil or other second use feedstocks,
- 21 like inedible corn oil, or animal fats.
- There's one renewable diesel producer in
- 23 California, (inaudible) Refining, and they run typically
- 24 animal fats.
- 25 LCFS is really driving -- you know, if we looked

- 1 at the figures for this year for what we're expecting in
- 2 the marketplace, 75 to 90 million gallons of biodiesel,
- 3 most of that's going to come from out of state, or half
- 4 of it, maybe a little less if we're at the low end of
- 5 that number.
- 6 And that's being driven by LCFS. So, the types
- 7 of biodiesel that are coming in here are very low CI
- 8 biodiesels made from corn oil, you know, scoring four in
- 9 the current regime, or used cooking oils ranging from 11
- 10 to 18.
- 11 The lower pricing that we're seeing in the
- 12 marketplace is going to disincentivize some of that
- 13 importation. If this continues, I think you'll see the
- 14 numbers at the lower end of that spectrum as far as
- 15 what's going to get consumed in California.
- 16 There is a possibility that the EPA will -- when
- 17 they finally issue their ruling on the RFS volume
- 18 obligations that may push up the alternative biofuels --
- 19 I'm sorry, advanced biofuel volume requirements that
- 20 would drive up RIN values and perhaps, in that sense,
- 21 incentivize some additional blending.
- 22 But what really drives the flow of fuel into
- 23 California is LCFS.
- 24 This is sort of something that I've seen come
- 25 out of some CEC staffers, that it's a kind of a forward

- 1 looking view of what -- if we look at what's likely to
- 2 deliver the lion's share of the GHG reductions in the
- 3 next -- this went out to 2020. And I think this slide
- 4 was done about a year or so ago.
- 5 The CI values that it assumes, this was sort of
- 6 a -- you know, taking what's currently happening and
- 7 just projecting it linearly. You know, think of it as
- 8 business as usual or sort of the status quo projected
- 9 forward and it doesn't factor in, perhaps, you know,
- 10 large-scale deployment of cellulosic biofuels.
- 11 Although, from what I've seen and what I
- 12 continue to see, and that's something our company looked
- 13 at pretty closely about five years ago, I don't see it
- 14 coming in the next six to ten years on any meaningful
- 15 scale.
- 16 You'll see that, you know, a lot of the -- it's
- 17 at 85 percent. This assumed a blend of 85 percent
- 18 renewable diesel, 15 percent biodiesel.
- 19 But the alternative diesels make a pretty
- 20 healthy dent in the GHG or account for a large share of
- 21 the GHG reduction.
- 22 You know, these are some of the current
- 23 feedstocks. We talked about vegetable oils. I'm going
- 24 to show you another slide here in a minute that will
- 25 show kind of how that's changed a little bit.

- 1 These are the current types of waste and second
- 2 use feedstocks. Last year's production in the United
- 3 States, the 1.8 billion gallons, kind of broke out
- 4 according to this pie chart as to what the raw materials
- 5 were.
- 6 The interesting thing is that in 2008, five
- 7 years before, soybean oil was 90 percent of all the
- 8 biodiesel. And in 2008 biodiesel production was about
- 9 700 million gallons.
- 10 So, as the market's gone from 700 million to 1.8
- 11 billion, soy has actually gone up with it, but it's
- 12 share of the market so to speak has declined pretty
- 13 dramatically.
- 14 And it's really, I would say, the biggest change
- 15 has been the use of used cooking oils and yellow grease,
- 16 which is just kind of another term for used cooking oil,
- 17 but that purple slide.
- 18 And corn oil is something that, you know, really
- 19 didn't exist in the marketplace three or four years ago
- 20 as far as a byproduct coming out of ethanol plants.
- 21 Right now biodiesel's probably taking up no more
- 22 than 20 percent, tops, of the amount of corn oil that's
- 23 being produced. And the amount of corn oil that's being
- 24 produced, if you take the 14 billion or so gallons of
- 25 ethanol, about 70 percent of that today has corn oil

- 1 coming out the back end as a byproduct.
- 2 And I would say within two years it will be
- 3 close to 100 percent.
- 4 And that corn oil, I mean volumetrically it
- 5 works out to about -- I think it's about 6 or 7 percent
- 6 of an ethanol plant's ethanol production ends up -- or
- 7 that's the volume of corn oil.
- 8 So, if you have 14 billion, 6 or 7 percent of
- 9 that is corn oil.
- 10 That is typically a high free fatty acid
- 11 feedstock. Not all biodiesel plants can run it, and
- 12 that probably accounts for why the number's not bigger,
- 13 but I think it will play a bigger and bigger part in the
- 14 market landscape.
- 15 Which for California, in its GHG reduction goals
- 16 is a good thing given how the current scoring works.
- 17 It's the lowest CI fuel available in any meaningful
- 18 quantity.
- 19 You know, these are some of the things that I
- 20 think we're going to start seeing, at least in the world
- 21 of alternative diesels that you will see biodiesel being
- 22 made from.
- 23 And I would agree with Nathan that, certainly,
- 24 the brown grease -- I mean if you look at fats and non-
- 25 vegetable based, you know, the widely kind of touted

- 1 number within California is about 100 million gallons of
- 2 animal fats, used cooking oils. I don't know if that
- 3 actually includes brown grease, which is another term
- 4 for trapped grease.
- 5 Does it, Nathan, do you know? It's pretty -- I
- 6 mean it's not a huge quantity. It's somewhat an
- 7 untapped resource because most of it goes to landfill
- 8 today and I don't think the market really knows how much
- 9 of it is being generated.
- 10 Tall oil fatty acid comes from the paper
- 11 industry. You know, California has a huge volume of
- 12 dairy cows in particular, also beef cow, a lot of that
- 13 ends up as a type of animal fat that doesn't -- we call
- 14 it dead stock, it's fat rendered from dead animals that
- 15 could be utilized for fuel production that generally
- 16 isn't today.
- 17 The palm-based oils, these are not the oils that
- 18 are for edible human consumption. I mean the sludge
- 19 oils and the fatty acid distillates are sort of the
- 20 waste byproducts of the palm oil industry.
- 21 But as noted here, there's some pretty
- 22 significant concern about what that means in terms of
- 23 overall, you know, deforestation, et cetera, and what
- 24 that means environmentally and from a GHG perspective.
- 25 But it is available currently in large

- 1 quantities in terms of what's already in the
- 2 marketplace.
- 3 They all have very high FFA.
- 4 And that leads to they also have some other
- 5 undesirable compounds, but you need new processing
- 6 technologies to deal with it.
- 7 And these technologies are out there. There are
- 8 commercial scale plants employing each one of these
- 9 technologies operating in -- there's a couple in the
- 10 United States, in Asia and Europe using -- I mean,
- 11 you're going to use one or the other. You don't use all
- 12 three or a combination of the two.
- 13 They all are achieving the same ends, just a
- 14 different path to get there.
- We, as a company, have been looking at some of
- 16 these with an eye towards, you know, using these types
- 17 of feedstocks, the brown grease and the dead stock
- 18 animal fats that are available here.
- 19 They each kind of have advantages and
- 20 disadvantages. I won't get into that today. I didn't
- 21 think that was what Jim wanted to dive into.
- 22 But my point is that the technologies are not
- 23 something that is at the lab scale. They're beyond
- 24 pilot. They're in commercialization.
- 25 They tend to have, for the most part, higher

- 1 capital costs. In some ways it might be capital cost
- 2 neutral relative to putting up a brand-new biodiesel
- 3 plant. Renewable diesel, unless you have an existing,
- 4 you know, unused refinery facility that has a spare
- 5 hydro-treater, you know, that's a \$40 million piece of
- 6 equipment if we're to build it new.
- 7 It's probably cheaper from a capital cost basis,
- 8 compared to renewable diesel.
- 9 So, I think these technologies are something
- 10 we're going to see more and more of in localized
- 11 markets. They're not going to -- and I agree with
- 12 Nathan that, you know, some of these new waste-based
- 13 technologies, if you pull palm oil or palm-based
- 14 byproducts out of the picture this is not going to solve
- 15 all the -- it's not going to meet the demand to get to
- 16 the GHG reduction goals of, you know, 10 or 20 percent
- 17 all by itself.
- I mean I always -- my friends think renewable
- 19 fuels, hey, that's so cool, it's great what you're
- 20 doing.
- 21 But it's a scatter shot sort of -- there's no
- 22 silver bullet, it's a silver buckshot.
- 23 The trick is to come up with policy and why
- 24 we're here, to try to come up with policies that can
- 25 sort of incentivize the development of multiple things

- 1 simultaneously.
- I think it's different to try to pick the winner
- 3 because there isn't a single winner. And it's an
- 4 evolutionary path and there are things we need to do in
- 5 the short and medium term and things we need to invest
- 6 in for the longer term.
- 7 And I think Nathan's slides kind of speak to
- 8 some of that.
- 9 I kind of hit all these points already, so I'm
- 10 not going to reiterate them, and I will say t hank you.
- 11 MR. MC KINNEY: Great, thank you very much
- 12 Harry.
- 13 Commissioners, do you have any follow up?
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: I did have one question on
- 15 slide eight, where you had the pie chart with the ratio
- 16 of soybean oil. And you mentioned while you were
- 17 talking, and I think I wrote it right, but I just wanted
- 18 to check, it was the overall total in 2008 was 1.7, was
- 19 it? And in 2013 it was 2.2?
- 20 MR. SIMPSON: You mean total biodiesel
- 21 production nationally?
- 22 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Yes.
- 23 MR. SIMPSON: In 2008 it was 700 million.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Oh, I wasn't even close,
- 25 700 million, okay.

- 1 MR. SIMPSON: In 2013 it was 1.8 billion.
- 2 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: 1.8 billion, glad I asked.
- 3 And then do you think overall that this trend
- 4 will continue where you use the soybean oil becoming a
- 5 smaller percentage of the overall pie?
- 6 MR. SIMPSON: In general, yes. I mean I think
- 7 some of it has to do with what happens with federal
- 8 policy with respect to RFS and the RVOs, and whether
- 9 advanced biofuels and biomass-based diesels, which
- 10 includes renewable diesel, you know, whether those
- 11 numbers stay static. They actually lowered advanced
- 12 biofuels in the draft and kept biomass-based diesel the
- 13 same.
- 14 I'm expecting, I think a lot of people in the
- 15 industry are expecting some changes in the final ruling.
- So, assuming there is some growth in overall
- 17 national production driven by RFS, I mean just the
- 18 bottom line economics are driving this pie chart and the
- 19 change -- you know, how this pie chart would have looked
- 20 in 2008.
- I mean today, unless you're ADM or Cargill, and
- 22 you're a fully integrated soybean oil crusher, if
- 23 someone like our plant had to go out and purchase
- 24 soybean oil today, looking at where biodiesel is selling
- 25 at or renewable diesel's selling at, nobody could make a

- 1 profit. We'd all lose money.
- 2 Given the lower RIN values and LCFS values, I
- 3 would say this quarter, this past quarter and into April
- 4 and May, very few biodiesel plants nationally will make
- 5 money. Almost everyone is losing money.
- 6 You know, and we expect that for -- it's the
- 7 vicious, kind of volatile nature of the market. I'm
- 8 glad I spent seven years as a foreign exchange
- 9 derivatives trader, it prepared me for it.
- 10 But the economics drive that pie chart. And the
- 11 other raw materials are significant -- the waste-based
- 12 raw materials are significantly cheaper.
- 13 And so, you're going to see the investment in
- 14 those technologies and that will drive -- and the
- 15 emergency of corn oil, which is a little more expensive
- 16 than used cooking oil, but not as expensive as soybean
- 17 oil, that's the other big one.
- 18 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you, another
- 19 excellent presentation.
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, I echo that, very, very
- 21 informative, Harry.
- I also had a follow-up question. You mentioned,
- 23 briefly, the people purchasing your product, and I think
- 24 you mentioned the major, some of the majors as a blend
- 25 stock, some of the jobbers and perhaps some truck stops.

- 1 In your view, what do you see as the potential
- 2 for sales growth in each of those areas and do you see
- 3 one kind of becoming predominant over the others?
- 4 MR. SIMPSON: It's already sort of -- I would
- 5 say major oil has already become sort of the predominant
- 6 player in the marketplace if you look at volumes. And
- 7 the truck stops have -- you know, the truck stops are
- 8 opportunistic. And likewise with some of the jobbers in
- 9 that they're not necessarily mandated.
- 10 To the extent that the LCFS obligation can be
- 11 transferred and, you know, is kind of forced downstream,
- 12 some of those guys -- some of the fuel jobbers are
- 13 blending.
- 14 But I know of fuel jobbers who have said, you
- 15 know, we're not going to buy at the pipe anymore. We're
- 16 going to pull out of the terminals and, you know, we'll
- 17 just change the way we do it, and because they don't
- 18 want the obligation.
- 19 I would say major oil, for sure, is the dominant
- 20 player. And the truck stops, you know when the market's
- 21 right in terms of RIN values and LCFS credits, you know,
- 22 they can blend at a pretty large scale.
- Renewable diesel, you know, I think that's going
- 24 to be a much bigger player and the truck stops will
- 25 leverage that. They do in a pretty big way when they

- 1 can, as it is, and I think we'll see major oil use that
- 2 a fair bit, too.
- 3 MR. MC KINNEY: Well, again, thank you very
- 4 much, Harry, and I know you had a long drive up from
- 5 Bakersfield today, so we really appreciate your taking
- 6 the time to come up and share your thoughts with us. So
- 7 thank you.
- 8 Our next speaker is representing Edeniq, which
- 9 is also a grantee of the ARFVTP. Tom also had a long
- 10 drive this morning.
- 11 So, Dr. Thomas Griffin is the Chief Technology
- 12 Officer at Edeniq, and he's overseen R&D, scale up,
- 13 engineering, technology optimization and intellectual
- 14 property since 2010.
- 15 Prior to his work there he's worked at Shell,
- 16 Molten Metal Technology and DuPont.
- 17 He also co-founded Pennsylvania Sustainable
- 18 Technologies, which integrated biological and chemical
- 19 reaction engineering elements and advanced biofuels
- 20 processes.
- 21 He has a BS, MS, and Doctoral degrees in
- 22 Chemical Engineering from MIT, and has also served in
- 23 the U.S. Navy.
- 24 So, thank you very much for -- I know you're
- 25 very busy and your firm's very busy, so thank you, Tom,

- 1 for making the time to come and share your thoughts with
- 2 us.
- 3 MR. GRIFFIN: Thank you for those kind words,
- 4 Jim, and also thank you for the invitation today. This
- 5 is a great forum and I appreciate being included.
- 6 I'm going to -- I've looked at the broad list of
- 7 questions that the Commission asked and I've decided to
- 8 focus in on really three of them.
- 9 And that is, what is the opportunity and what
- 10 are the challenges?
- 11 And I'm going to be pretty direct about what
- 12 some of the challenges are that we're working on.
- 13 And then the broad question of where can the
- 14 Commission continue to help?
- So, the opportunity is somewhat simplistically
- 16 captured here by the picture of the RFS. You're all
- 17 well-familiar with that. And I didn't want to dwell too
- 18 much on the numbers, the year-to-year numbers and
- 19 category-to-category numbers, but the broad
- 20 opportunities, the gap between the current production
- 21 capacity of 14 billion gallons a year ethanol and the
- 22 target to add an additional 16 billion by 2022.
- 23 When this law first came out we all kind of felt
- 24 that was far off and it's not far enough anymore and
- 25 we're far behind on that.

- 1 This captures, though, the opportunity. The
- 2 opportunity for companies like Edeniq, if we can come up
- 3 with cost-effective and robust technologies, so a little
- 4 bit of a breakthrough is needed for that.
- 5 The alternative, really, is not a pretty one and
- 6 that's imports. And that's starting to take shape and
- 7 that's the alternative that we're trying to work to
- 8 avoid or to move back on.
- 9 So, just as a primer on this one chart, first
- 10 generation sugars or the really easy to ferment sugars
- 11 are from corn and sugarcane primarily.
- 12 I'm trying to work this point here, so give me a
- 13 slide or two to get used to it.
- 14 And these are broadly C6 sugars ISA categories.
- 15 They're easy to extract and ferment, they are in starch
- 16 form largely, or in sugar form already and can be easily
- 17 converted over to ethanol.
- 18 The more recalcitrant materials are the
- 19 cellulosics or fiber, and what I'm calling the
- 20 structural sugars is what I'm calling the feedstock
- 21 potential of those materials in fibrous biomass.
- 22 And this is what Edeniq and other companies in
- 23 our space are after.
- 24 Here, converting the structural carbohydrates
- 25 into sugars goes through a couple of steps and they are,

- 1 in general, hard to extract because of that chemistry,
- 2 more recalcitrant and, therefore, the sugars or ethanol
- 3 from them is less available.
- And yet hardest is the C5 sugars. And I'm not
- 5 going to talk more about that distinction, but I can if
- 6 someone would like to afterwards.
- 7 I learned a lot from the last two talks about
- 8 respectfully disagreeing with maybe the pessimism
- 9 that -- the number collected around cellulosics or maybe
- 10 the time frame is a better way to say it.
- 11 This is an actual projection based on the pilot
- 12 plant and demonstration-scale performance that Edeniq
- 13 has seen to date in projection into full scale
- 14 commercial operations.
- 15 And this shows you that it doesn't have to be a
- 16 food versus fuel competition, or even a strand between
- 17 the two.
- 18 The feedstock costs for cellulosic sugars or
- 19 nonedible feedstocks can already be significantly lower
- 20 on the per pound of sugar, the penny to five cents per
- 21 pound of sugar operating cost for cellulosic sugars.
- 22 And I will explain -- you know, we are not
- 23 there, yet, but we believe we've demonstrated the
- 24 fundamentals to be there. That's just the feedstock
- 25 costs, excuse me, and then over here the all-in price of

- 1 the sugars south of 12 cents a pound. That's extremely
- 2 attractive relative to existing costs.
- 3 We're already making traction with t hose
- 4 process elements and engineering of those processes with
- 5 two customers right now overseas, and we hope to be able
- 6 to do the same in the United States, and really hope to
- 7 be able to do the same in our native State, here.
- 8 So, these are the challenge areas that I will
- 9 identify, there are seven of them. And for each one of
- 10 those I'm going to take just one or two charts and
- 11 explain what the challenges are and why we see those as
- 12 challenges, and what we're doing about it, and what we
- 13 think the industry should continue to do about it.
- 14 The seven are in these four categories. First,
- 15 the cost areas is just broad costs around capital, I
- 16 already mentioned that a little bit.
- 17 The two biggest operating costs are feedstocks
- 18 and enzymes, or catalysts in some technologies.
- 19 And then process technology limitations in terms
- 20 of conversion and purity.
- 21 The feedstock controversies, competition with
- 22 food, we've already -- I've already mentioned that, I
- 23 will come back to that.
- 24 And then the last I'm actually not going to
- 25 spend much time on, other than to acknowledge it, and

- 1 it's been a struggle for us in terms of investment
- 2 readiness cycles. And this is an area where, really,
- 3 the support of the State is a big help because our
- 4 investors, their interests and their timelines wax and
- 5 wane, and that's the way it is in the whole space from
- 6 what I understand.
- 7 So, let me take them one at a time. I probably
- 8 should have numbered these. I'll lose track of the
- 9 number but I'm going to go down -- I'm going to go down
- 10 the list right here, the way that I had ordered them.
- 11 The high capital cost has really been a
- 12 struggling point for the industry. And I think that one
- 13 of Nathan's charts showed numbers of installed per-
- 14 gallon costs north of \$10 a gallon.
- 15 That's a little bit worse than I've seen. I've
- 16 seen a range from \$6 to \$10 for some large projects that
- 17 are being built or being engineered now, so it's a
- 18 little bit tough to understand that.
- 19 The big difference is those are green field
- 20 projects for the most part. Edeniq has adopted
- 21 throughout its technology suite a bolt-on, or using
- 22 existing equipment to the extent possible approach.
- 23 The project we are building in demonstration
- 24 scale right now, in Brazil, and we are engineering for a
- 25 scale up to 11 million gallons per year bolt-on is at

- 1 \$3.50 a gallon capital.
- 2 So, I didn't bring that chart. My business
- 3 development partners asked me to bring it and I didn't.
- 4 And when I heard that other chart I said I better make
- 5 the statement.
- 6 So, it's a little bit of a commercial but it's
- 7 more important than the commercial. But that is the
- 8 crux of reducing the capital cost is the bolt-on
- 9 strategy as a rollout of the core technology.
- 10 Development priorities for us in this space are
- 11 to increase the intensity of the reaction. And we
- 12 increase intensity by doing these two things, increasing
- 13 solid loadings and optimizing recycles.
- 14 The process engineering around the optimization
- 15 of recycles of reagents, both substrates and catalysts,
- 16 and enzymes, really is a critical piece of what we're
- 17 doing and a critical piece of the economics.
- I show it here on the capital but, obviously, it
- 19 touches on the enzyme cost as well.
- 20 Recommendation for the Commission's involvement
- 21 is to foster partnerships to facilitate technology
- 22 linkages. And at the end, Commissioner, I'll try to
- 23 give an example of that where I'm really talking about
- 24 where, you know, two different spaces in the processes
- 25 perhaps the linkage between feedstocks and the front end

- 1 of our process where the partnerships that we're pursing
- 2 are key, and we could use some help with that.
- 3 And then, also unit operations and process
- 4 equipment integration along the same lines.
- 5 This is a sketch of our bolt-on concept. This
- 6 is close to what we're doing in Brazil, but I wanted to
- 7 show a U.S. application so I changed it a little bit in
- 8 terms of some of the unit operations.
- 9 This is what we are actually engineering with a
- 10 major customer now. I think they were mentioned earlier
- 11 in the day. And engineering means we think this is
- 12 probably about two to three years off. So, there's the
- 13 pessimism in livestock that I respectfully disagree
- 14 with. I don't think this is eight years off. Maybe in
- 15 terms of hundreds of millions of gallons it is, but in
- 16 terms of the first kind of 10 million gallon deployment
- 17 it's pretty close, and that's based on our own process
- 18 and concepts.
- 19 This is a process on the left, and this is what
- 20 we call the bolt-on component, preprocessing and
- 21 pretreatment. And I'll talk briefly about this, which
- 22 is the centerpiece of our technologies.
- 23 The hydraulics or saccharification, and then
- 24 this integration of saccharification with separations is
- 25 key as far as being able to extract the most useful

- 1 product and continue the recycle of reagents.
- 2 The bolt-on says we're going to use existing
- 3 liquefaction fermentation and separations, or
- 4 distillation, primarily. And this is a huge piece of
- 5 the capital equation that we're working.
- 6 How to engineer that balance between what is
- 7 coming in, in this case, as the existing feedstock and
- 8 the nonedible or cellulosic supplement originally we
- 9 were engineering that from about a 4 percent inclusion
- 10 up to about a 30 percent inclusion.
- 11 Our Brazil project is at the top end of that, as
- 12 well.
- 13 How that is engineering is really core to what
- 14 we're developing in terms of meshing those feedstocks
- 15 into compatibility and fermentation.
- 16 The cellunator is something that we can talk for
- 17 a long time about, we're very proud of that. That was
- 18 really the foundation of our company six years ago with
- 19 building this for cellulosic ethanol and also deploying
- 20 it in corn plants.
- 21 What does it do? It does all six of these
- 22 things on the left. The ones I've highlighted in green
- 23 are probably the most important, right-sizing the
- 24 particles by breaking down large particles, but not
- 25 creating a lot of additional fines.

- 1 Shearing the fiber and shearing fiber really
- 2 exposes cellulosics to enzymatic access.
- 3 And creating a high density or high solids
- 4 density, homogenous flurry which, again, from a reaction
- 5 engineering stand point really makes the most efficient
- 6 interaction between the enzyme and the substrate.
- 7 And so we have deployed the cellunator
- 8 commercially in six different ethanol facilities. We
- 9 are deploying it now in our cellulosic. We have it in
- 10 our demonstration facilities, two of them in Visalia.
- 11 And also in the plant that I mentioned in Brazil, that's
- 12 being built currently.
- So, we just received the end of last year the
- 14 first of two -- actually, hopefully, the first of three,
- 15 but two have been allowed now, the grant to that patent
- 16 gives us a right to practice that -- really, full rights
- 17 to practice that equipment in that space, and
- 18 particularly around both corn kernel fiber, which I'm
- 19 not going to talk about much today, and around
- 20 cellulosic deployment.
- 21 So, our partner, IKA, is a German company that's
- 22 U.S.-based in North Carolina and they've been a great
- 23 partner through the history of Edeniq and continue to
- 24 develop high shear mechanical equipment for these
- 25 applications.

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- 2 costs, really we're looking for the combination of
- 3 logistics and chemistry.
- 4 So, on the chemistry side, the highest value
- 5 compositions and their consistency is very important.
- 6 Taking advantage on a logistics side of high-
- 7 volume aggregation availability, that is where bagasse,
- 8 as many of you know, has an advantage because of its
- 9 aggregation already as a sugar plant.
- 10 And then developing partnerships with expertise
- 11 in both of those areas. Our immediate development
- 12 priority is getting a deep knowledge, and I really
- 13 stress that, because we've learned some surprises in
- 14 this space, understanding the physical and compositional
- 15 variances of feedstocks and adapting our process
- 16 accordingly.
- 17 What we're asking the Commission is to again,
- 18 the same theme as the first one, facilitate process
- 19 integration partnerships.
- 20 And particular in this case, round the
- 21 agricultural side, the harvest protocols and pre-
- 22 processing operations to make feedstock applicable to
- our process.
- 24 Part of the work that we're doing in sponsorship
- 25 under the program which many have tripped on the

- 1 acronym, and I'm not going to try, the program we enjoy
- 2 very substantial sponsorship from here is looking at
- 3 feedstocks. This was the front end and is the theme of
- 4 our process of being able to look at California
- 5 applicability of our products.
- 6 On our pilot and bench scale studies, and also
- 7 some economic studies, we've looked at all six of these
- 8 categories, and we may continue to look at more.
- 9 You know, this is a moving target in some ways,
- 10 but these are the main categories that we thought were
- 11 of interest.
- 12 The upshots are at the bottom here. I'm having
- 13 trouble with this. There we go.
- 14 California Stover really has the highest
- 15 potential as far as crossing both of those spaces. And
- 16 it has the potential to make cellulosic ethanol and also
- 17 to be available in high volumes.
- 18 Energy crop projects are interesting and
- 19 everybody has kind of mixed feelings about this. As far
- 20 as the actual output of the materials that we tested,
- 21 and we used some surrogates in this space, very high --
- 22 this is the highest ethanol yield that we had, that we
- 23 saw.
- 24 But I would say it has uncertain practicality
- 25 due to the land use issues and the competition for land

- 1 as far as dedicated energy crops go, and that's an
- 2 ongoing debate, but that is a real limitation of that
- 3 route.
- 4 Citrus wood is interesting. So, you know, being
- 5 in the south part of the Central Valley, and looking at
- 6 citrus on my way to work every day, and it's really
- 7 quite pleasant, right, this time of year with the
- 8 blossoms, the wood is everywhere, but the farmers don't
- 9 aggregate it the way that corn Stover farmers are
- 10 starting to do, and certainly the way some other large
- 11 energy crops are targeting.
- 12 As far as the chemistry of that wood, we got
- 13 some good results out of that. I would say it was the
- 14 third best on a list -- yeah, it was in that range,
- 15 along with some of the grain crops that we could
- 16 process.
- 17 But again, aggregation logistics are uncertain,
- 18 they're not really practiced in the scale that we need
- 19 them to be practiced in.
- 20 And then I'll just summarize other feedstocks
- 21 that are at the top of the list, the nut crop residues
- 22 and the grain crops. There are some limitations with
- 23 our cellunator on this point here that I didn't talk
- 24 about, but it's in the footnote there.
- 25 And the other nut crop residues, just by their

- 1 composition, have been disadvantaged.
- 2 The third area is the high enzyme and catalyst
- 3 costs. This is one of the two leading operating cost
- 4 limitations, along with the feedstock.
- 5 Our approach, as I alluded to already, is
- 6 engineering of process recycles to get increased
- 7 turnover numbers. Really try to squeeze as we can out
- 8 of reusing our enzymes.
- 9 We've also developed a series of additives that
- 10 we've filed patents on. These are commodity additives
- 11 that are not enzymes, but they enhance productivity and
- 12 partitioning of enzymes, and you can think of them as
- 13 surface agents.
- 14 And then we've also developed some core
- 15 competencies around analytics to really track where
- 16 specific enzyme classes are going with time and position
- 17 in our system. And that turns out to be a really
- 18 important core competency.
- 19 Demonstrating optimized enzyme deployment. We
- 20 have very specific price targets on enzymes and how we
- 21 get there through conversions and turnover numbers.
- 22 Demonstrating that on our pilot facilities is
- 23 really what we've focused on right now. We've done it
- 24 on a small scale, in some cases on a pilot scale.
- 25 Rolling it out in our demo scale in Brazil, next, is a

- 1 primary objective.
- 2 I'm asking that the State, really, but in
- 3 particular the Commission support, continue to support
- 4 deep analytical expertise. This is the core competency,
- 5 really, for what we're trying to do and what the
- 6 industry needs to do, the analytical chemistry.
- 7 And I'm putting in category two, that I know are
- 8 broadly applicable to us and to our competitors, and
- 9 also into probably the biodiesel space as well, so
- 10 things that the State can get a lot of value for the
- 11 money on.
- 12 And then fostering, really, world class, broadly
- 13 available again, enzymatic fundamentals, so both the
- 14 analytics and the enzymatic fundamentals.
- 15 There is a lot of that in the State. I think
- 16 Nathan's first chart was accurate on that point, but we
- 17 need to sustain that leadership.
- This is just one example, as I will show, of
- 19 what we're doing as far as additives go. This is a
- 20 proprietary additive.
- 21 What's shown here, and this is the conversion of
- 22 C6. I'm not doing too many science charts today, but
- 23 wanted to do this one. It's clarification time.
- In this range, 20 to 40 hours, this is really
- 25 the key range for our process and its effectiveness.

- 1 What's shown in the green diamond here is a low enzyme
- 2 dose without and additive, and so the conversion is
- 3 limited where you see it.
- 4 The same enzyme dose, now with the additive is
- 5 the diamond. We're getting at least a 40 percent
- 6 increase in effectiveness, and I look really at this
- 7 point right here as being what indicates what the
- 8 process can do in that time frame.
- 9 We went to a different enzyme loading and these
- 10 are different products, and I could talk about what they
- 11 are, but these enzyme loadings are based on their -- we
- 12 choose them based on their economics.
- 13 This is the unaided performance and, again, the
- 14 additive aids the performance by about 40 percent, both
- 15 in the very short time and even more so in the longer
- 16 time frame.
- 17 So, this is one of the kind of developments that
- 18 we're bringing to the table. It's taking cellulosic
- 19 economics, if you will, beyond where it has been in a
- 20 substantial way.
- 21 The fourth area is the conversion and this is
- 22 really my chemical engineering part of the talk. And
- 23 what Edeniq brings is intimate integration of
- 24 pretreatment and hydrolysis across the whole value chain
- 25 of the processing from the -- that is our core

- 1 competency in those two spaces, and continuous
- 2 processing.
- 3 We have engineered a reactive separation scheme
- 4 that removes the product continuously from the reactors
- 5 and allows the conversion to be driven much further as a
- 6 result.
- 7 And then, again, unused materials as well as the
- 8 reagents or enzymes.
- 9 So, that reaction engineering piece is core to
- 10 our offering and we believe it's core to making the
- 11 economics work.
- Our immediate priority is to optimize the
- 13 operating space. And we look at conversion, purity and
- 14 throughput as the indices of merit versus the capital
- 15 requirements.
- 16 The recommendation for the involvement and
- 17 you'll see this is along the same kind of two things
- 18 that I said before. It's supporting a core competency.
- 19 In this case chemical reaction engineering expertise
- 20 which, again, the State does have, but has some value
- 21 particularly in biofuels and maintain.
- 22 And also extending -- this is an important one
- 23 that I want to stress today. Extending the feedstock
- 24 studies beyond the pure chemistry, and the economics and
- 25 the logistics into another space, and it's an

- 1 engineering space that I'll call rheology.
- 2 This is an area where there may not be a lot of,
- 3 I would say, sexy fundamentals to fun in terms of what
- 4 starter companies are patenting and bringing to the
- 5 table as new technologies, new fundamental technologies,
- 6 but it is critical to make these processes work, being
- 7 able to pump high solids, very viscous, very non-Etonian
- 8 or even non-standard type of fluids in that rheology.
- 9 And this is something that we spend a lot of
- 10 time on in our company.
- 11 This is a picture of our continuous reactor.
- 12 I've said some of these things already, but just to
- 13 highlight, we've developed a continuous reactor. We
- 14 have cooperations with major enzyme suppliers, as well
- 15 as some of our own enzyme development.
- 16 And the enzyme enhancers or additives are done
- 17 or applied to increase activity and a lot of reduction
- 18 in loading.
- 19 These were our targets when we did some work
- 20 with the Department of Energy that I'll come back to on
- 21 a slide at the end, C6 conversion of 80 percent and C5
- 22 of 70.
- We hit those targets with Stover. We have not
- 24 gotten there with the other feedstocks, yet, but we're
- 25 working to get there and a lot of it is around this

- 1 rheology management.
- 2 MR. MC KINNEY: Tom, if I can just do a friendly
- 3 time check, this is a great presentation but I'm a
- 4 little worried about time.
- 5 MR. GRIFFIN: Right.
- 6 MR. MC KINNEY: And I think you've got several
- 7 categories you still want to cover.
- 8 MR. GRIFFIN: I will accelerate. And I did
- 9 promise you that, Jim, so thank you.
- 10 Okay, and then some of the equipment
- 11 developments that we have around are both the reactor --
- 12 again, this has a lot of core internals for removing
- 13 products and then the filter system we call SmartFlow.
- 14 We have the rights to that technology for biomass
- 15 processing, as well.
- The feedstock controversy, all I want to say
- 17 there is I've already really captured what the idea was.
- 18 What we would like to see -- let me just hit the
- 19 last line. What we'd like to see the Commission do is
- 20 to maintain the focus that you have on LCA and carbon
- 21 intensity. That is a holistic focus that I think you
- 22 bring tremendous value to the way we look at things and
- 23 those are the right ways to look at things.
- 24 All the feedstocks that we've studied, this is
- 25 just -- we took our bolt-on concept and now we've

- 1 deployed it.
- In this design, for another feedstock, I didn't
- 3 name it here because one of our investors brought this
- 4 to us, but it has a combination of components that might
- 5 have some high food value, as well as a significant
- 6 component that doesn't, but have significant structural
- 7 carbohydrates.
- 8 And the combined process flow sheet will allow
- 9 us to optimize the output of those.
- 10 Am I done, Jim, or I get a couple more? Is that
- 11 okay?
- MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, if you can kind of go
- 13 through you last couple of slides quickly and, yeah,
- 14 thank you, Tom.
- 15 MR. GRIFFIN: So, this is a summary of what
- 16 we're asking, really, from the -- or what we're stating
- 17 the issues are around cost, process limitations and
- 18 feedstock controversies. I've touched on all of those
- 19 and how we think we can attack those.
- 20 The investment readiness cycle seems to still be
- 21 a question mark for us. We're finding interest in
- 22 private investors to wax and wane in ways that are
- 23 difficult to manage.
- 24 Support from the Commission, particularly the
- 25 ARFVTP has been really fundamental for us. It's

- 1 broadened the way we look at our technology, to be able
- 2 to go the continuous processing, to look at other
- 3 feedstocks, and we really appreciate that.
- 4 And I want to acknowledge our project manager
- 5 Akasa Carr (phonetic), for her diligence. She's been a
- 6 very helpful liaison with the Commission for us.
- 7 The ongoing support, I've captured it before,
- 8 but just to summarize, we'd like to see establishment of
- 9 sustained core competencies. I've named three areas
- 10 where we want to see that.
- 11 Facilitation of critical partnerships in the
- 12 value chain; we'd like to see the farmers in our valley
- 13 be more -- maybe more unified in their approach to
- 14 handling their residuals.
- 15 And if you could accomplish maybe motivating
- 16 that, that would be one thing in terms of critical
- 17 partnerships.
- 18 Attacking the toughest technical issues head on,
- 19 it may not always be the ones that are in the front page
- 20 of science, or Scientific American, but again, the high
- 21 solids and the rheology issues that we have and your
- 22 continued emphasis on holistic LCA evaluations.
- This is why we come to work in the morning,
- 24 really to try to shift the emphasis of the energy
- 25 struggle -- juggernaut, I guess, of the oil companies

- 1 and oil countries, I should say, and get the maximum
- 2 value out of biomass and agriculture values,
- 3 particularly nonedible feedstocks that are ubiquitous.
- 4 And I, again, thank you for including me.
- 5 MR. MC KINNEY: Well, thank you very much, Dr.
- 6 Griffin that was very, very informative.
- 7 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Indeed, thank you for that
- 8 very thorough presentation.
- 9 I didn't have any questions for you, per se, but
- 10 I really appreciated the focus on some specific ideas
- 11 for potential funding opportunities, potential
- 12 investments that the Energy Commission might be able to
- 13 make. So, thank you for including that in there.
- MR. GRIFFIN: Thank you.
- 15 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thanks for coming.
- 16 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, thanks again, Tom.
- 17 MR. GRIFFIN: All right, thanks Jim.
- 18 MR. MC KINNEY: Well, we didn't really plan it
- 19 this way, but I think it's worked out very well, our
- 20 opening speaker was a former Commissioner here at the
- 21 Energy Commission and our closing speaker is also a
- 22 former Commissioner from the Energy Commission.
- 23 So, I'm very pleased to introduce Julia Levin,
- 24 who is currently serving as the Executive Director of
- 25 the Bioenergy Association of California, which is a

- 1 coalition of companies, agencies, and local government
- 2 and it's working to promote sustainable bioenergy or
- 3 biogas.
- 4 And Julia has served as Deputy Secretary for
- 5 Climate Change and Energy with the California Resources
- 6 Agency, where she Chaired Governor Brown's Interagency
- 7 Bioenergy Working Group, and lead development of the
- 8 California 2012 Bioenergy Action Plan.
- 9 She also worked with Attorney General Brown to
- 10 defend California's Feed-In Tariff and other clean end
- 11 policies.
- 12 And as I mentioned, she served as a Commissioner
- 13 here at the Energy Commission.
- 14 She's also had important positions with the
- 15 National Audubon Society and the Union of Concerned
- 16 Scientists.
- 17 She's a graduate of Hastings and then Brown for
- 18 her undergraduate work.
- 19 So Julia, welcome.
- MS. LEVIN: So, hi everyone. Is this on?
- 21 All right, I must have done something really
- 22 awful in a past life because not only am I last on the
- 23 agenda today, I was last on the agenda yesterday, and I
- 24 was first on the agenda yesterday.
- 25 So, I feel like I must really have done

- 1 something bad.
- In any case, as Jim said, the Bioenergy
- 3 Association of California is an association of local
- 4 governments, public agencies and private companies
- 5 working towards sustainable bioenergy development. And
- 6 our focus is actually on the organic waste piece.
- 7 So, a little bit of overlap with the previous
- 8 speakers, but also some differences.
- 9 I'd like to start with what the potential is for
- 10 organic waste to fuels in California and it's enormous.
- 11 It won't provide all of the liquid fuels. We need the
- 12 other technologies that the rest of the panel has spoken
- 13 about, as well. But it's a really important piece and
- 14 it's actually the lowest carbon piece by far.
- 15 So, California's a big state. We're the biggest
- 16 dairy state in the country. We're one of the biggest
- 17 timber states in the country, one of the biggest paper,
- 18 and pulp processing, construction and we make a lot of
- 19 organic waste.
- We have over 500 wastewater treatment
- 21 facilities, 1,600 dairies. I don't remember the number
- 22 of landfills, but it's a couple of hundred landfills, I
- 23 think, almost 300 landfills in California.
- 24 And we continue to put about 16 million tons of
- 25 organic waste into landfills each and every year.

- 1 Now, hopefully, that's going to change soon.
- 2 There's legislation pending that would require
- 3 commercial organic recycling, so from restaurants, and
- 4 grocery stores, and large producers of organic waste.
- 5 Hopefully, that will pass this year. If not, the
- 6 CalRecycle and the Air Board have said they're going to
- 7 do it administratively.
- 8 But at least for now we continue to put a lot of
- 9 organic waste into landfills.
- If you put just the organic waste together, the
- 11 biomethane emissions from that waste could generate 500
- 12 million to half a billion gallons of very low carbon and
- 13 carbon negative fuels per year.
- 14 So, 500 million to a billion gallons of low
- 15 carbon and carbon negative transportation fuels per
- 16 year.
- 17 The benefits from this are enormous. I mean the
- 18 benefits of all renewable fuels are enormous and I don't
- 19 want to say that they're not all important. So, I
- 20 hope -- I'm not going to keep repeating that, but I hope
- 21 that's clear. We need it all, just as we do on the
- 22 electricity side.
- 23 But on the fuel side, using organic waste to
- 24 create transportation fuels not only gives you a very
- 25 clean renewable fuel that's low or negative carbon, it

- 1 also helps to keep waste out of landfills, and it
- 2 protects air and water quality by reducing the
- 3 uncontained dairy waste, and emissions from wastewater
- 4 treatment facilities.
- 5 It will also help us to meet our landfill
- 6 diversion requirements and it creates jobs because it
- 7 will be done locally here, in California. The feedstock
- 8 will be from California and the fuels produced will be
- 9 used in California.
- 10 I'm going to focus on a couple of areas in a
- 11 little bit more detail just to give you a flavor for
- 12 what the potential here really is.
- So, as I mentioned, in California we have over
- 14 500 wastewater treatment facilities, about half of which
- 15 are capturing and beneficially using their biomethane
- 16 emissions now.
- 17 There's a lot of potential for growth. Some of
- 18 those could be producing transportation fuels, instead
- 19 of electricity, and they could be producing a lot more
- 20 methane if they could digest food along with the
- 21 wastewater treatment, gas and biosolids.
- 22 So, the potential, depending on whether there's
- 23 co-digestion or not for wastewater treatment facilities
- 24 is about 50 to 150 million gallons a year.
- 25 These are, according to the Air Resources Board,

- 1 the lowest carbon fuels in existence. If a fuel, if a
- 2 transportation fuel is produced from a large wastewater
- 3 treatment facility, it would be negative 65 grams per
- 4 megajoule of energy, negative 65. That's a 200 percent
- 5 carbon reduction from traditional fossil fuel, from
- 6 diesel or gasoline. It's astonishing, you know, that it
- 7 could be that far carbon negative.
- 8 Even from a smaller wastewater treatment
- 9 facility it would -- got to check the numbers -- about
- 10 11 grams per megajoule, so still very, very, very low
- 11 carbon.
- 12 The potential from other organic waste sources,
- 13 I'll just run through these quickly. So, diverted
- 14 organic waste, that's food, fats, oil and grease, yard
- 15 waste, things like that could produce 168 million
- 16 gallons a year.
- 17 Landfill gas could produce 121 million gallons a
- 18 year. And dairy waste can produce 184 million gallons a
- 19 year.
- 20 This is all from waste. This isn't growing
- 21 anything. This isn't having to produce something new,
- 22 it's using waste that's already available.
- 23 So what are the challenges to this? Well, the
- 24 slide on the top is supposed to symbolize lawyers, and I
- 25 can say that because I am a lawyer.

- 1 But really, I think for organic waste to energy
- 2 the technology is largely proven. That's, for the most
- 3 part, not the barrier.
- 4 We do need monitoring equipment. We need it at
- 5 a size and commercial price that will work in the field,
- 6 especially with the very stringent new pipeline biogas
- 7 standards that the PUC has adopted.
- 8 But the technology to produce transportation
- 9 fuels from organic waste is already in existence, it's
- 10 well proven, it's being used all over the world.
- 11 The challenges are much more on the legal and
- 12 financial side. There are too many challenges to the
- 13 LCFS and the Federal Renewable Fuel Standard, and that
- 14 creates a lot of uncertainty in the market, in addition
- 15 to regulatory changes.
- 16 One of the producers of low carbon fuels,
- 17 yesterday at a conference in San Diego said he'd much
- 18 rather have a bad rule and have it stay in place over an
- 19 extended period of time than have the rules continue to
- 20 change. And I see head nodding here at the desk.
- 21 The uncertainty in the market is crippling for
- 22 this industry, as I think it is for many of my
- 23 colleagues.
- 24 Pipeline access and costs is another huge
- 25 problem. We have new pipeline biomethane standards in

- 1 California which, for the first time in decades, opened
- 2 it up to landfill gas, but are a step backwards for
- 3 every other kind of biogas.
- 4 They are far and away the most stringent
- 5 standards in the world and they will be difficult or
- 6 impossible to meet for financial reasons, not because
- 7 they're not possible technically. Although, even
- 8 technically we're sort of at the outer limits of
- 9 detection capabilities for some of the constituents of
- 10 concern that California's now asking biogas producers to
- 11 test for.
- In addition, blending, which is likely the only
- 13 way that we'll be able to meet the minimum Btu requires
- 14 from the PUC, we're not sure that the fossil fuel
- 15 natural gas that would have to be blended with the
- 16 biogas will meet the other requirements that are now
- 17 imposed on biogas.
- 18 So, there are multiple layers of irony. The new
- 19 standards are the result of legislation that was
- 20 actually supposed to facilitate injection of biomethane
- 21 and we think that, unfortunately, they're going to make
- 22 it harder.
- 23 Having said that, the PUC is just beginning the
- 24 second phase of the proceeding and they will discuss
- 25 cost allocation, and interconnection. And we're hoping

- 1 that in this phase, at least, the PUC recognizes the
- 2 very broad benefits of increasing biomethane and
- 3 actually allocate costs accordingly.
- 4 In addition, challenges include outdated rules.
- 5 And I'll pick on my former employer here at the Energy
- 6 Commission, things like minimum production levels. When
- 7 you're talking about organic waste, it's a very
- 8 distributed form of energy. You need to put the
- 9 facilities where the waste is and that will depend on
- 10 the size of the dairy, or the wastewater treatment
- 11 facility, or the food processing plant.
- 12 So what might be a reasonable commercial scale
- 13 facility for ethanol or biodiesel, it's going to be too
- 14 big for virtually all organic waste to fuels production.
- 15 The largest one in California right now is the
- 16 Altamont Landfill that's producing 13,000 gallons per
- 17 day of liquefied natural gas. Actually, it was thanks
- 18 to funding from the Energy Commission.
- 19 That wouldn't meet the minimum standard in some
- 20 of the recent grant solicitations from the Energy
- 21 Commission.
- 22 So, the rules need to be adjusted to account for
- 23 the reality of organic waste to fuels.
- 24 CalRecycle also has a bias against gasification.
- 25 While we're thrilled that they're going to have Cap and

- 1 Trade revenues available soon, they're limiting it to
- 2 anaerobic digestion.
- 3 There are multiple technologies to convert
- 4 organic waste to transportation fuels and we should be
- 5 looking at all of them. We shouldn't be choosing
- 6 winners and losers at this point, we should just be
- 7 setting the standards.
- 8 Permitting is also very challenging, particular
- 9 in the South Coast, although less so, I would say, on
- 10 the transportation side than on the electricity side.
- 11 That's all the negative part. There are a lot
- 12 of positives. We are thrilled that the Energy
- 13 Commission has another ten years of funding under the
- 14 acronym that none of us can remember, so I will continue
- 15 to call it the AB 118 program.
- 16 It's \$100 million a year. That's not enough,
- 17 but it's a good start, and especially if it really does
- 18 prioritize the lowest carbon fuels, which start with
- 19 organic waste to fuels.
- 20 AB 1900 was supposed to help the development of
- 21 biogas. We'll see what the second phase of the
- 22 proceeding does.
- 23 Cap and Trade revenues are a very important
- 24 opportunity to promote waste to fuels.
- 25 In addition to the money at CalRecycle, the

- 1 Department of Food and Agriculture has \$20 million for
- 2 dairy digester and other development in the food and ag
- 3 sector that could go to produce transportation fuels.
- 4 And then the California Department of Forest and
- 5 Fire has \$50 million, some of which could go to produce
- 6 fuels from forest biomass that's collected to reduce
- 7 wildfire risks.
- 8 I mentioned the legislation to require recycling
- 9 of commercial organics recycling, and then I'm going to
- 10 come to the last one in a moment.
- 11 So, on AB 118, Commissioner Scott, you have \$100
- 12 million to play with, but only \$6 million is going to
- 13 the lowest carbon fuel, organic waste to biofuels.
- 14 We think that that's not the right proportion
- 15 giving that ARF -- the lowest carbon and cleanest fuels
- 16 available.
- So, we're hoping in future years, future
- 18 solicitations that that will be a larger proportion of
- 19 the funding. That's out of the \$20 million for the
- 20 larger biofuels category.
- 21 There are other categories of funding that can
- 22 help to promote organic waste to fuels, but that's the
- 23 one that is the most obvious.
- 24 I've mentioned the pipeline bio standard. So,
- 25 last, but not least, we are sponsoring legislation this

- 1 year that addresses some of the problem that I think
- 2 both Nathan and I'm sorry, I've already forgotten the
- 3 second gentleman, your first name?
- 4 MR. SIMPSON: Harry.
- 5 MS. LEVIN: Harry, sorry. That Nathan and Harry
- 6 both mentioned the volatility in the low-carbon fuel
- 7 standard market and the RIN market. This is really
- 8 critical to fix and to provide more long-term certainty
- 9 for the industry to develop these fuels.
- 10 Speaking just for organic waste to fuels, these
- 11 require long-term investments, or investments with long-
- 12 term paybacks to build the infrastructure to convert
- 13 wastewater treatment biogas, or biosolids, or dairy
- 14 waste to transportation fuels.
- 15 Investors are not going to make those
- 16 investments unless they feel that there's long-term
- 17 certainty about the value of the investment and the
- 18 return on the investment.
- 19 So, we're sponsoring legislation that would
- 20 establish what we're calling a green credit reserve that
- 21 would allow the State, or whoever runs the reserve to
- 22 buy -- or to contract to buy low carbon fuel credits
- 23 when a project is in development that would give the
- 24 project developer certainty that there will be a market,
- 25 and what the price will be.

- 1 The State will actually be on the hook to pay
- 2 for the credits until they're generated. So, unlike a
- 3 loan guarantee program, or even a grant program, if the
- 4 project goes under during the development phase, which
- 5 is the most likely period for it to go under, the
- 6 State's not on the hook for anything. The State doesn't
- 7 have to pay a penny until the fuel is flowing and the
- 8 credits are generated.
- 9 But it does provide some certainty and some
- 10 stability to the market, and something that developers
- 11 can bank on.
- 12 And so, we made it out of our first committee
- 13 earlier this week. We're looking for more support for
- 14 this legislation. We think it's going to make a big
- 15 difference in the market and help to move all of these
- 16 low carbon fuels forward.
- 17 And I think I'm done. I tried to go quickly.
- 18 Hopefully, I stayed on my time limit. I'm happy to take
- 19 any questions.
- 20 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: That was another excellent
- 21 presentation and a terrific close. So, we're happy to
- 22 have you there.
- 23 And I just -- I don't have any specific
- 24 questions, but I did also want to say thank you, to you,
- 25 for inviting me down earlier this week to do a

- 1 presentation at the Biocycle Conference. I really
- 2 enjoyed the opportunity to meet all of the folks who are
- 3 working on the projects in this space, and to be able to
- 4 highlight some of the things that the Energy Commission
- 5 has also helped to fund.
- 6 So, thank you for that, I enjoyed that and your
- 7 terrific presentation here today.
- 8 MS. LEVIN: People loved hearing from you.
- 9 MR. MC KINNEY: Yeah, also thank you very much,
- 10 Julia. We really appreciate you closing out today's
- 11 panel sessions with a very informative presentation, so
- 12 thank you.
- 13 And with that, again, I just want to thank each
- 14 of the four panels today. You all just had really, very
- 15 informative presentations, so thank you so much for
- 16 taking the time to come up here and present with us
- 17 today, so thank you.
- (Applause)
- 19 MR. MC KINNEY: So, should I turn this over to
- 20 you, Heather?
- 21 MS. RAITT: Sure. So, now we move on to public
- 22 comments and we'll start with folks in the room before
- 23 going to WebEx.
- 24 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Terrific. And if you have
- 25 a blue card, please be sure to give it to Heather or

- 1 Lynette so they can get it to me.
- 2 Our first public comment will be from Kim, I
- 3 don't know how quite to say her last name, Heroy-
- 4 Rogalski, who is at the California Air Resources Board.
- 5 MS. RAITT: If you can go to the podium, and if
- 6 you have a business card you can give it to our court
- 7 reporter.
- 8 MS. HEROY-ROGALSKI: Can you guys hear me? You
- 9 did a heroic job with my very long last name, by the
- 10 way.
- 11 And I wonder -- I talked to Jim ahead of time, I
- 12 think I can do this in four minutes. Three might be a
- 13 little quick. Oh, I'll try, knowing that everyone's
- 14 been sitting here a long time.
- 15 MR. MC KINNEY: Just so the Commissioner and
- 16 Heather know, since we work so closely with the Air
- 17 Board and this is an important area, so I offered her
- 18 more than the three-minute kind of standard time.
- 19 MS. HEROY-ROGALSKI: But I'll try to talk fast.
- Okay, I'm Kim Heroy-Rogalski. I'm in one of the
- 21 groups at ARB's Mobile Source Control Division, so
- 22 thanks for making time to hear from us today.
- 23 As you heard and as Jim introduced earlier, and
- 24 as you well know, the State is facing huge challenges in
- 25 reducing both criteria pollutants, like oxides of

- 1 nitrogen and greenhouse gases at the same time. And
- 2 this is something that ARB is really grappling with.
- I mean, traditionally, we've been looking at
- 4 reducing NOx and hydrocarbons to get ozone down and to
- 5 get ambient particulate matter down.
- 6 And lately, we've been trying to think, well,
- 7 how do you do that and at the same time meet the State's
- 8 really aggressive goals to get greenhouse gases down to
- 9 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050.
- 10 And it's a tricky challenge. And a lot of folks
- 11 today were talking about trying to get lower NOx
- 12 vehicles out there and that's something that ARB is
- 13 really interested in, and something that's going to have
- 14 to happen if we're going to get NOx down by more than 80
- 15 percent beyond the gains we've already made.
- 16 What's been achieved so far in reducing NOx is
- 17 really impressive, but we do need to go a lot further if
- 18 we're going to achieve air quality standards in South
- 19 Coast and San Joaquin.
- 20 So, that's one that the ARB's really looking at
- 21 and we're trying to look at how you address both of
- 22 those simultaneous.
- 23 And so, two of the ways that we're trying to
- 24 wrestle with simultaneous challenges are, one, in
- 25 developing the next round of State implementation plans

- 1 for ozone standards for the South Coast and San Joaquin.
- 2 And one in developing something new called our
- 3 Sustainable Freight Strategy, in trying to look at how
- 4 you reduce emissions from every source associated with
- 5 moving freight in California.
- 6 Okay, and so to support those two main planning
- 7 efforts, ARB's recently started a sort of mobile source
- 8 technology assessments. And it's really those that are
- 9 the reason that I'm here to talk to you guys today
- 10 because they overlap a lot with a lot of the topics that
- 11 you guys are addressing as part IEPR.
- 12 So, the technology assessments are focused on
- 13 the following mobile source sectors; heavy-duty trucks,
- 14 locomotives, ocean-going vessels, commercial harbor
- 15 craft, harbor handling equipment, airport related
- 16 sources and transportation fuels.
- 17 And our goal in doing these assessments is to
- 18 look at a comprehensive evaluation of the current state
- 19 and projected development for the next five to ten years
- 20 of mobile source control technologies for those sectors.
- We're looking at how vehicles and equipment are
- 22 used in each sector, how fleets currently purchase and
- 23 manage their vehicles, what technologies are available
- 24 and what infrastructure needs they each have.
- We're looking at what demonstration and pilot

- 1 projects have been conducted and what ones need to be
- 2 done.
- 3 We're looking at costs and we're looking at
- 4 well-to-wheel emission rates.
- 5 And so, the reason that we're doing all this is
- 6 to try to put together all the information that we have
- 7 internally and so we can take advantage of outside
- 8 expertise and reports that have been published to try to
- 9 come up with how we can best encourage commercialization
- 10 of key technologies.
- 11 Then we're hoping that will inform our freight
- 12 plan, our SIPs, what regulations we plan to do over the
- 13 next decade, and as well help us inform how we spend our
- 14 pots of incentive monies.
- So, we're working on this and we're just
- 16 starting to work on this as you guys are talking about
- 17 this, and I wanted to make sure that you knew we were
- 18 working on it.
- 19 We're doing the technical work now, and we hope
- 20 to have a series of workshops this summer. We're going
- 21 to couple that with the public process that's going on
- 22 as part of our Sustainable Freight Strategy.
- So, we anticipate workshops this summer and
- 24 we'll be wrapping up the technical assessments in
- 25 October of this year.

- 1 We've been working -- we've set up teams at ARB
- 2 to work on this and we've reached out to the local air
- 3 districts, including the South Coast, San Joaquin and
- 4 the Bay Area, and they're contributing staff to help us
- 5 work on these, as well.
- 6 We are just getting started, but we'd like to
- 7 reach out to you guys, as well, and take advantage of
- 8 the expertise you have at CEC.
- 9 So, we're hopeful that that can be set up
- 10 because the work that we're doing really complements the
- 11 work that you guys are doing. The kinds of decisions
- 12 we're facing are the same ones that you are.
- So, our hope is that we can coordinate with you
- 14 guys so the IEPR and the ARB Planning and Assessment
- 15 efforts are consistent and aligned.
- 16 Anyway, we really appreciate you reaching out to
- 17 us, Jim, and we've worked together closely in the past
- 18 and hope to continue to do that.
- 19 And if you have any questions about the
- 20 technology assessments, either now or later, feel free
- 21 to talk to me.
- 22 And we will also put this into a nice letter
- 23 form and submit it to your docket.
- Okay, thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you very much for

- 1 that.
- 2 Our next comment is from Mike Waugh, also from
- 3 Air Resources Board.
- 4 MR. WAUGH: Thank you, Commissioner Scott. This
- 5 was, in fact, a very informative workshop. Thank you
- 6 for that.
- 7 I am the Chief of the Transportation Fuels
- 8 Branch at ARB, the owner and operator of the Low Carbon
- 9 Fuel Standard.
- 10 So, all of these fuels here today, these low
- 11 carbon fuels are really necessary for the success of the
- 12 program.
- So, whether it's hydrogen, electricity, natural
- 14 gas, biomethane, liquid biofuels, they're all needed for
- 15 the success of the LCFS.
- 16 I wanted to address one item and it was brought
- 17 up, I guess, a couple of times with this panel. There's
- 18 a misunderstanding with regard to what has happened to
- 19 cause the LCFS credit prices to drop.
- 20 A lot of people think it's the ARB has frozen
- 21 the standard in place and that's not true. The 5th
- 22 District Court of Appeal did that. Last year they made
- 23 a ruling that they had some issues with the CEQA with
- 24 regard to the way the LCFS was adopted.
- 25 Actually, it's more than just the LCFS, it's the

- 1 way ARB was adopting their regulations. So, we've
- 2 completely changed how we do that.
- 3 They could have set the LCFS aside, and the good
- 4 news is they didn't. The bad news is that they said
- 5 until we address the issues that the court had, through
- 6 a complete rulemaking and re-adoption of the LCFS, that
- 7 the 2013 standards be frozen in place.
- 8 So, the pause button that we're all experiencing
- 9 right now with the LCFS at one percent carbon intensity
- 10 reduction, that pause button was pushed by the 5th
- 11 District Court of Appeal.
- Now, to have a full public process and to also
- 13 recommend to our Board, I think very important revisions
- 14 to the LCFS, it takes time.
- We've already had four workshops. We've got two
- 16 more workshops next week. So, we're moving at a pretty
- 17 fast pace to get something done this fall.
- The complete rulemaking, of course, as you know,
- 19 doesn't end when we take it to the Board. We end up
- 20 having to go back to the Board a second time and do our
- 21 final statement of reasons.
- 22 And so, it's pretty clear that the rulemaking
- 23 process won't be completed until sometime in 2015.
- And so, it appears that the one percent pause
- 25 will occur for 2014 and 2015. And I think, because of

- 1 that reason I think there has been a falling off of LCSF
- 2 credit prices.
- Now, as my staff looks forward to looking at
- 4 what the proposed 2015 curve looks like, and we do the
- 5 analysis that includes these fuels, that these are very
- 6 important, we need to look at 2016 through 2020, and
- 7 post-2020, maybe to 2030.
- 8 So, I would just like to just, you know, address
- 9 some misperceptions with regards to why we're in the
- 10 situation we are and we're looking to have a strong
- 11 signal coming out of 2015. Thank you.
- 12 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.
- Do I have any other blue cards for comments in
- 14 the room?
- Okay, do we have comments on the WebEx, on the
- 16 phone?
- MS. RAITT: Yeah, there's one person on WebEx,
- 18 and so we'll go ahead and open up the line.
- 19 Go ahead.
- 20 MS. NIGUERIEA: Hi, my name is Anna Nigueriea
- 21 (phonetic). I'm from Earth Jaxis (phonetic).
- 22 And I had a question about -- one about the
- 23 natural gas presentation that SoCal Gas gave. And was
- 24 wondering that since you're envisioning natural gas
- 25 competing with renewables how that competition

- 1 reconciles with, you know, the air pollution reduction
- 2 needs that were described in other presentations, and in
- 3 South Coast, and in Southern California in general?
- 4 And then I had one other question about the I-
- 5 710 presentation that CALSTART gave. And I was
- 6 wondering if that zero emission zone would be enforced
- 7 through any kind of regulation or just an incentive-
- 8 based program, kind of how you see that playing out?
- 9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: So, thank you for that.
- 10 I'm looking around the room and I'm not sure that we
- 11 have either our SoCal Gas presenter, and I don't see
- 12 John from CALSTART here, either, to help answer those
- 13 questions for you. So, I'm sorry about that.
- Oh, go ahead, Jim.
- 15 MR. MC KINNEY: I think this may be one point of
- 16 clarification, if I'm understanding your question
- 17 properly, at least the first part of the question.
- 18 You know, to use natural gas as a vehicle fuel,
- 19 it has to meet all of the regulatory standards that
- 20 other fuels meet, so that's both, you know, the 2010
- 21 standard and then future standards that are coming up
- 22 that we've talked about today.
- 23 And I think part of Dr. Reed's presentation that
- 24 was important, and some other speakers spoke to this as
- 25 well, is that we are jointly funding technology

- 1 development to reduce the NOx emissions from natural gas
- 2 engines from .2 gram per brake horsepower down to .02
- 3 grams per brake horsepower, which is a substantial
- 4 reduction.
- 5 So, there is no relaxation of air quality
- 6 standards and regulations for any of the alternative
- 7 fuels that we've discussed today.
- 8 MS. NIGUERIEA: Okay, thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Other questions from the
- 10 phone?
- MS. RAITT: That's it, so then we will open up
- 12 the phone lines. Oh, we don't have anyone on the phone
- 13 lines so I think we're done with comments.
- 14 COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Okay. I had just a few
- 15 closing remarks and then I'll turn it back to my
- 16 intrepid IEPR team.
- One, first, I really just wanted to say thank
- 18 you again to all of our presenters who came today and we
- 19 had a really rich set of information.
- We did it on a pretty compressed time frame. I
- 21 mean, I feel like each one of the panels that we had
- 22 could have been a whole full-day workshop, or more to
- 23 really dig in and think through, and talk about this.
- 24 So, I appreciate the breadth and depth of
- 25 information that you brought to us today.

	1	I	also	wanted	to	say	thank	you	to	Jim	McKinne
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- 2 for putting together such a terrific day. It's
- 3 informative, interesting, getting all of the terrific
- 4 high-level speakers to come and talk to us and make
- 5 their great presentations.
- 6 And as always, to our terrific IEPR team.
- 7 So, here's a couple of things that I heard as
- 8 themes throughout the day. I probably didn't catch them
- 9 all as we were going through.
- But one of the things that I heard is how
- 11 important it's going to be to leverage our existing
- 12 project partners and leverage the infrastructure that we
- 13 have already.
- 14 That we need to accelerate the work that we are
- 15 doing in terms of both getting -- three different
- 16 things, getting the vehicles on the road, advancing the
- 17 technologies and building out the infrastructure.
- I heard a lot about the importance of getting
- 19 the word out and education on all of the different
- 20 technologies and fuels that we talked about today, the
- 21 importance of societal acceptance.
- 22 And we didn't talk about it a lot today, but one
- 23 theme that I also hear in terms of getting the word out
- 24 is the equity issue.
- 25 And we heard from the Legislators and a large

- 1 set of folks on the first workshop on how important it
- 2 is to make sure that the benefits of this program get to
- 3 everyone in the State.
- 4 And so I think when we're looking at -- so, it's
- 5 much broader than what we're doing on passenger cars.
- 6 It's making sure that we have good infrastructure and
- 7 it's in places where everyone can use it.
- 8 It's making sure that we have great freight
- 9 options, good public transit options and everything is
- 10 sort of moving in a direction that helps people feel, in
- one way or another, the benefits of the program.
- We talked about how we definitely need all the
- 13 parts of the portfolio and they're all going to have to
- 14 work together.
- 15 And that, again, went back to our theme of
- 16 accelerating the work that we're doing and we need all
- 17 of these areas to work together.
- 18 We talked -- two things that I heard. One was
- 19 on both the technology for waste to energy and on the
- 20 technology for hydrogen high-pressure systems.
- 21 And both of those things have been demonstrated
- 22 and are successful. And what we're trying to do right
- 23 now is move them from the areas where they were into a
- 24 new set of areas. And so, that was just something that
- 25 I was struck by with both Daniel and Julia's

- 1 presentations.
- 2 We talked about the utilization rates of the EV
- 3 charging stations, but also the rest of the
- 4 infrastructure.
- 5 We talked about how the components of the
- 6 different technologies are really important. And we
- 7 looked at that in decreasing the cost of the hydrogen
- 8 fueling stations and the components there.
- 9 And developing the vehicle platforms, we heard
- 10 in our first panel right after lunch. And so, how do
- 11 you -- where can we find economies of scale?
- 12 And we also talked about the importance of
- 13 volume, and scaling and commercialization of all of
- 14 these technologies of fuels and, again, the importance
- 15 of that and accelerating it.
- And then three other, little things is, again,
- 17 keep working together in partnership. We heard a lot
- 18 about making sure that we keep it simple. And the
- 19 importance of that at the end of the day is to make sure
- 20 we have happy drivers or happy riders and clean, low and
- 21 zero emission vehicles.
- 22 So, thank you again to everyone for coming. I
- 23 appreciate all of the great thoughts and your expertise.
- 24 And I'll turn it back to Heather for any final
- 25 remarks.

1	MS. RAITT: Yeah, I would just like to encourage
2	folks to submit written comments and request them due by
3	April 24th. And there's information here and on the
4	notice about how to do that. That's all.
5	COMMISSIONER SCOTT: Thank you.
6	(Thereupon, the Workshop was adjourned.)
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