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# Hydrogen Station Cash Flows

Understanding the impact of location on the bottom line



## **Quick Project Background**

- EIN Developed the Model that was used to estimate funding needs for CaFCP Roadmap Plan.
  - Collaborated with multiple parties
  - Analysis focused on stations built in 2014-15

Report available here:

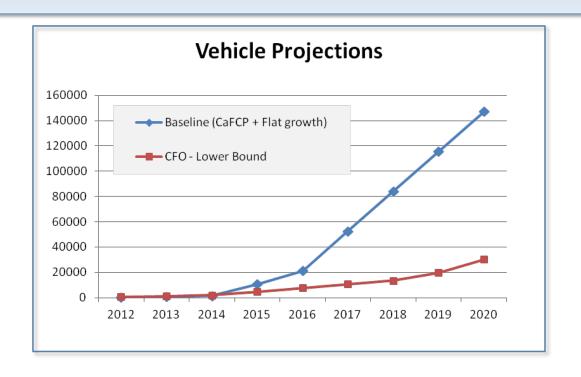
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Today's Focus: Individual Station Economics based on location.

Cluster & Connector Stations face different circumstance



## How many FCEVs will be on the Road?



## **Baseline Growth Assumption**

52,000 FCEVs by 2017, then Flat Growth (31,500 FCEVs added/year).

### **Lower Bound**

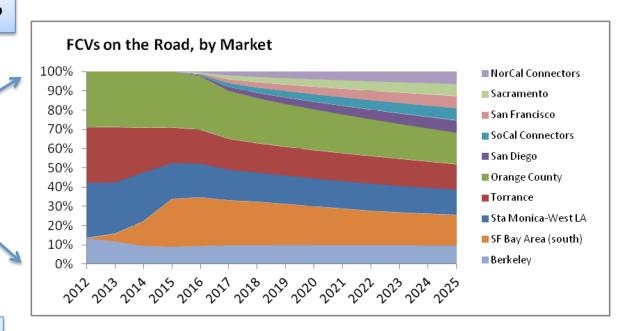
CFO Regulation Scenarios, Lower Bound. Reaches 52,000 in early 2020's.



## Where will FCEVs fuel?

#### Where will FCEVs be sold?

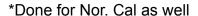
CaFCP Roadmap Early Cluster Communities



### Where will FCEVs Fuel?\*:

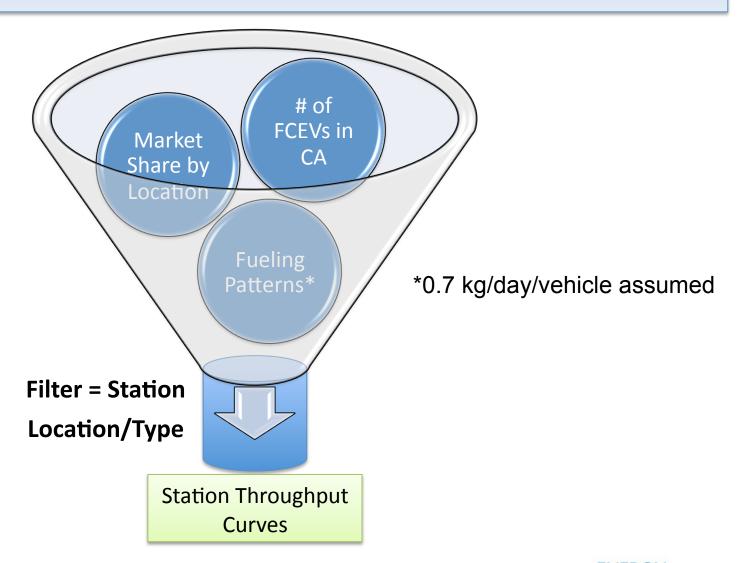
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| Buys its fuel from:  | Santa Monica-<br>West LA | Torrance | Orange County | San Diego | So-Cal Connectors |
|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|
| Santa Monica-West LA | 80%                      | 6%       | 6%            | 2%        | 10%               |
| Torrance             | 6%                       | 80%      | 6%            | 3%        | 10%               |
| Orange County        | 6%                       | 6%       | 80%           | 4%        | 10%               |
| San Diego            | 2%                       | 2%       | 2%            | 90%       | 5%                |
| So-Cal Connectors    | 6%                       | 6%       | 6%            | 6%        | 65%               |



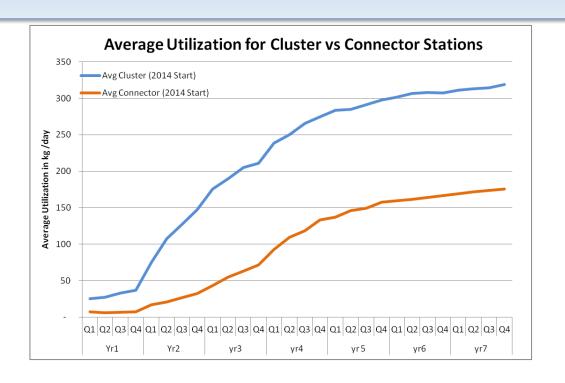


## How does this affect my station?





## **Average Station Demand Curves**



### **Average Cluster Station:**

- •500 kg/day capacity example
- Baseline Growth Scenario
- •Construct in 2013, Open in 2014
- •150kg/d by end of year 2

### **Average Connector Station:**

- 250 kg/day capacity example
- Baseline Growth Scenario
- •Construct in 2013, Open in 2014
- •150 kg/day by end of year 5

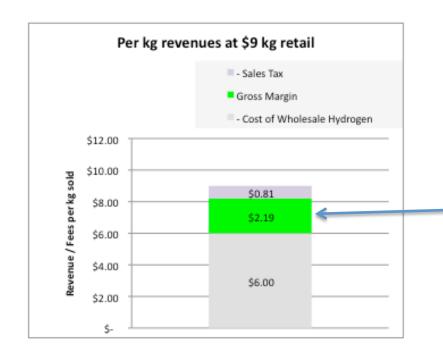


## What are the Financial Implications of this Demand?

| Station Timing and Size  | Capital Cost           | Annual Operating &<br>Business Expenses |          |
|--------------------------|------------------------|---|----------|
| Station Built in 2014    |                        | No Load                                 | Max load |
| 100-170 kg/day           | <b>\$</b> 0.9 <b>M</b> | \$57k                                   | \$82k    |
| 250 kg/day               | \$1.4M                 | \$62k                                   | \$99k    |
| Stations Built 2015-2017 |                        |   |          |
| 250 kg/day               | <b>\$</b> 0.9 <b>M</b> | \$57k                                   | \$94k    |
| 400-500 kg/day           | \$1.5M-\$2.0M          | \$68k                                   | \$149k   |

#### Includes:

- \$12K/yr baseline maintenance, plus
- 6% increase in maintenance for every 25 kg/day increase in daily load
- Electricity: \$1,200/year + \$0.30/kg
- Property tax: 1% of capital cost
- Rent: \$1,000/month
- Permit fees: \$3,680

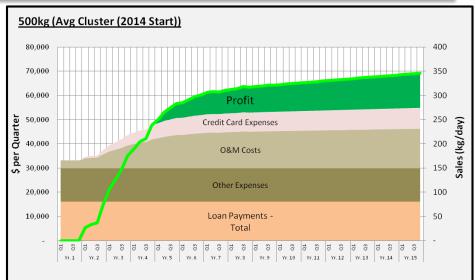


Gross margin must cover O&M, other business expenses, credit card fees and and financing costs



## A Cluster Station Has Early Potential

### Baseline FCEV Growth (CaFCP + Flat Growth)

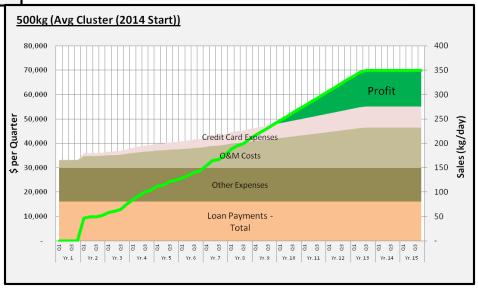


### Both assume:

- -\$2m Capex
- 70% capital cost share
- -15yr, 5.5% loan for remainder
- -Capped at 70% capacity utilization

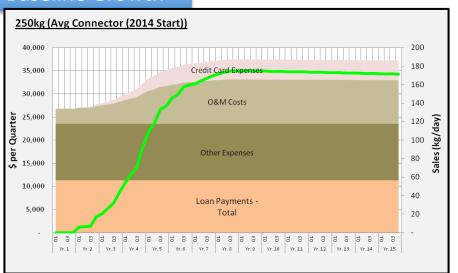
### **CFO Lower Bound Growth**

If cars come slower, profits delayed, but still achievable.



## A Connector Station has bigger challenge

### **Baseline Growth**

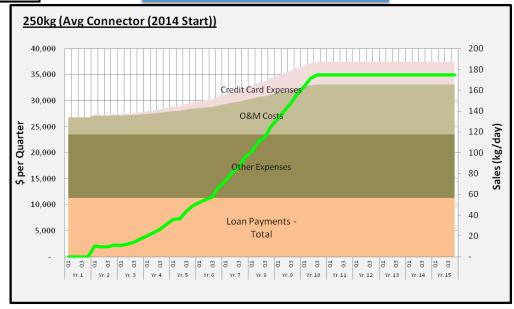


### Both assume:

- -\$1.4m Capex
- 70% capital cost share
- -15yr, 5.5% loan for remainder
- -Capped at 70% capacity utilization

### **CFO Lower Growth**

Given the cost of the station, at \$9/kg it is difficult to make money under either deployment scenario.



## Take Aways

 Connector and Cluster stations face very different scenarios. We need to plan accordingly.

- A different incentive structure may be required to motivate investors in connector locations
  - EIN is analyzing potential strategies
  - We want to work with CEC on this issue.



## Discussion/Questions

Thank You.

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