Enhancing equity while eliminating emissions in California's supply of transportation fuels

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## California's transportation fossil fuel supply sector



\*apply to point sources only

### **OIL EXTRACTION**

- 4% GHG emissions; ~30% CA demand
- 91% extraction in 5 counties
- 7th largest state; declining since mid-80s

#### REFINING

- 7% GHG emissions; ~100% CA demand
- All refineries located in 5 counties

### STUDY OBJECTIVE

Inform the State's efforts to manage an equitable decline of in-state transportation fuel supply - in parallel with a decreased demand - through 2045

### **RESEARCH QUESTIONS**

What are the outcomes (emissions, health and labor impacts) of statewide policies aimed at reducing GHGs in the transportation fossil fuel supply sector?

Can decarbonization policies reduce existing inequities?

## **Our** approach



## Six detailed scenarios



(a) Business-As-Usual,

(b) 80% reduction via annual production quota (or equivalent excise tax),

(c) Annual production quota + 2,500-foot setbacks on new and existing wells

# **REFINING** SCENARIOS

(a) Business-As-Usual fuel demand from Study 1,

(b) Low-carbon scenario fuel demand from Study 1 + historic refined product exports

(c) Low-carbon scenario fuel demand + refined product exports to 0 by 2045



## Projected statewide extraction greenhouse gas emissions



## Projected statewide refining greenhouse gas emissions



\*Refining emissions persist because of jet and renewable liquid fuels demand

#### Health: Low carbon scenarios reduce pollution-related deaths and morbidity

Cumulative projected premature deaths from primary and secondary PM2.5 from 2019 to 2045\*



\*Similar % decreases in morbidity

Labor: Low carbon scenarios result in greater losses in direct and indirect employment

EXTRACTION



Largest impacts in Kern followed by Los Angeles counties

#### REFINING



Largest impacts in Los Angeles followed by Contra Costa counties

### **Oil extraction policy considerations**

- Continued trend in crude extraction projects **44% decline in GHG emissions** in 2019-2045 **without additional policy**
- Proposed setback distances **not sufficient alone** for 80-90% GHG decline by 2045
  - $\circ \quad 2,500 \text{ ft setback} \rightarrow 49\% \text{ GHG}$  reduction
  - 1 mile setback  $\rightarrow$  58% GHG reduction
- Production quotas/severance tax generates equity co-benefits: as total air pollution exposure falls, a greater share of that benefit flows to disadvantaged communities



## Thank you

https://emlab-climate.msi.ucsb.edu/projects/ca-carbon-neutrality