

# **Consideration of the State Alternative Fuels Plan**

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# Assembly Bill 1007 (Pavley – 2005)

- AB 1007 required CEC to develop and adopt a Plan to increase the use of alternative transportation fuels
- Since 2005, CEC and ARB working in partnership to develop the Plan
- CEC approved Plan on October 31, 2007

# Specific Plan Requirements

- Establish alternative fuel use goals for 2012, 2017, and 2022
- Evaluate the environmental impacts of alternative fuels on a full fuel cycle basis
- Recommend policies and strategies to achieve the goals

# Alternative Fuels Evaluated

- Ethanol (E10, E85)
- Biodiesel and Renewable Diesel
- Natural Gas
- Propane
- Hydrogen
- Electricity
- Others (DME, biomass to liquids, etc.)

# Approach to Develop the Plan

- Assessed each alternative fuel
- Developed plausible scenarios to represent possible alternative fuel use
- Identified actions needed to support each fuel
- Set overall goals based on scenario evaluations
- Considered other State goals
- Extended analysis to 2030 and 2050

# Plan Considers Multiple Policy Goals

- Petroleum reduction
- Air quality
- Greenhouse gas reduction
- In-state biofuels production and use

# Plan Also Considers Low Carbon Fuel Standard

- Since passage of AB 1007, Governor signed Executive Order establishing the LCFS
- LCFS to achieve a 10% reduction in the carbon intensity of transportation fuels by 2020
- Specific reference to Alternative Fuels Plan
  - CEC to incorporate draft compliance schedule into Plan
  - After submission of the Plan, ARB to initiate LCFS rulemaking

# CEC Accelerated Full Fuel Cycle Analysis to Support UC

- During 2007, UCD and UCB jointly developed two reports examining LCFS for California
- CEC accelerated full fuel cycle analysis to support UC Study
- Analysis formed critical basis for UC study
- Full fuel cycle analysis also key basis for Alternative Fuels Plan



# Major Findings of the State Alternative Fuels Plan

- The following ambitious, but plausible goals for displacing traditional gasoline and diesel fuel are achievable:
  - 9% in 2012
  - 11% in 2017
  - 26% in 2022
- Goals achieved through combination of alternative fuels and vehicle technologies
- Technology innovation critical
- Mandates, federal and state incentives, and private investment needed to achieve goals

# Major Findings - Continued

- A multi-part strategy needed to achieve policy goals that:
  - Maximize use of alternative fuels
  - Advance vehicle technologies
  - Improve vehicle fuel efficiency
  - Reduce vehicle miles travelled
- LCFS provides durable framework for transition to low-carbon alternative fuels and stimulates technology innovation

# Achieving 2050 Goal Requires Significant Changes

- Analysis shows challenging but plausible route to 2050 GHG goal
- Substantial changes required; for example:
  - 20% reduction in per capita VMT
  - 70 MPG real world fuel economy
  - 60% reduction in the carbon content of fuels
- Plan and LCFS create the early steps in process

# Report Recommendations

- Support \$100 – \$200 million annual incentive funding to advance transportation technology
- CEC/ARB must leverage AB 118 to achieve Plan goals
- Aggressively pursue use of California's biomass to produce energy and fuels
- Encourage substantial private investment
- Implement the plan in consideration of all State policy goals

# Energy Commission Action

- Established alternative transportation fuel use goals
- Directed CEC staff to:
  - Update the report every two years
  - Work with ARB and others to update full fuel cycle analysis methodology and develop sustainability standards
  - Continue to refine methodologies
  - Move quickly to implement AB 118

# Energy Commission Action - Continued

- Request ARB to:
  - Develop the LCFS in a manner consistent with the Plan's goals
  - Consider the draft compliance schedules identified by the UC in developing the LCFS
  - Consider establishing specific GHG reduction goals for the transportation sector

# ARB Staff Proposed Modifications

- ARB and CEC staff concur that several ARB staff recommendations provided during Plan development were inadvertently not included in the final document considered by the CEC
- Modifications cover two areas:
  - An enhanced air quality focus
  - A more meaningful characterization of hydrogen and hydrogen fuel cells
- Upon Board request, CEC would consider only these changes at a future hearing



# Staff Recommendations

- Approve the Plan and request CEC to make the proposed modifications
- Direct staff to develop specific GHG goals for the transportation sector
- Direct staff to continue working with the CEC on:
  - Updating and refining the Plan
  - Establishing the LCFS, including the appropriate compliance schedule, and
  - Ensuring AB 118 funds provide the maximum possible air quality benefits