



Getting the Facts on Renewable Natural Gas

Making California's future **renewable**

2nd Annual AGA-EPA Natural Gas STAR/Methane Challenge

Renewable Natural Gas Workshop & Exhibit

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WHO WE ARE...

SoCalGas & SDG&E Territory



Both Utilities in service for over **135 years**

SoCalGas

- » **Largest natural gas distribution utility** in the US
- » Serve **12 counties** (over 500 communities) and more than **21 million** people
- » Over **5.8** million gas meters

SDG&E

- » Provides **electricity** and **natural gas** to **3.4 million** people from Orange County to the Mexican border.

Context

RNG Basics

**The Case
for RNG**

California leads the nation in setting climate goals and policy

Governing Law – SB100

By 2030, obtain

60%

of electricity from renewable sources

Governing Law – SB1383

By 2030, reduce methane emissions

40%

below 2013 levels

Executive Order B-55-18

By 2045, economy-wide, become

Carbon Neutral

We need scalable, affordable solutions to solve these issues

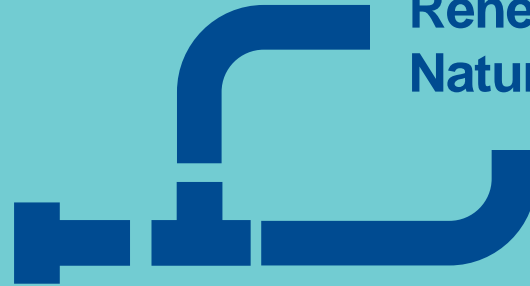
Solar, wind and
hydro alone are
not enough.



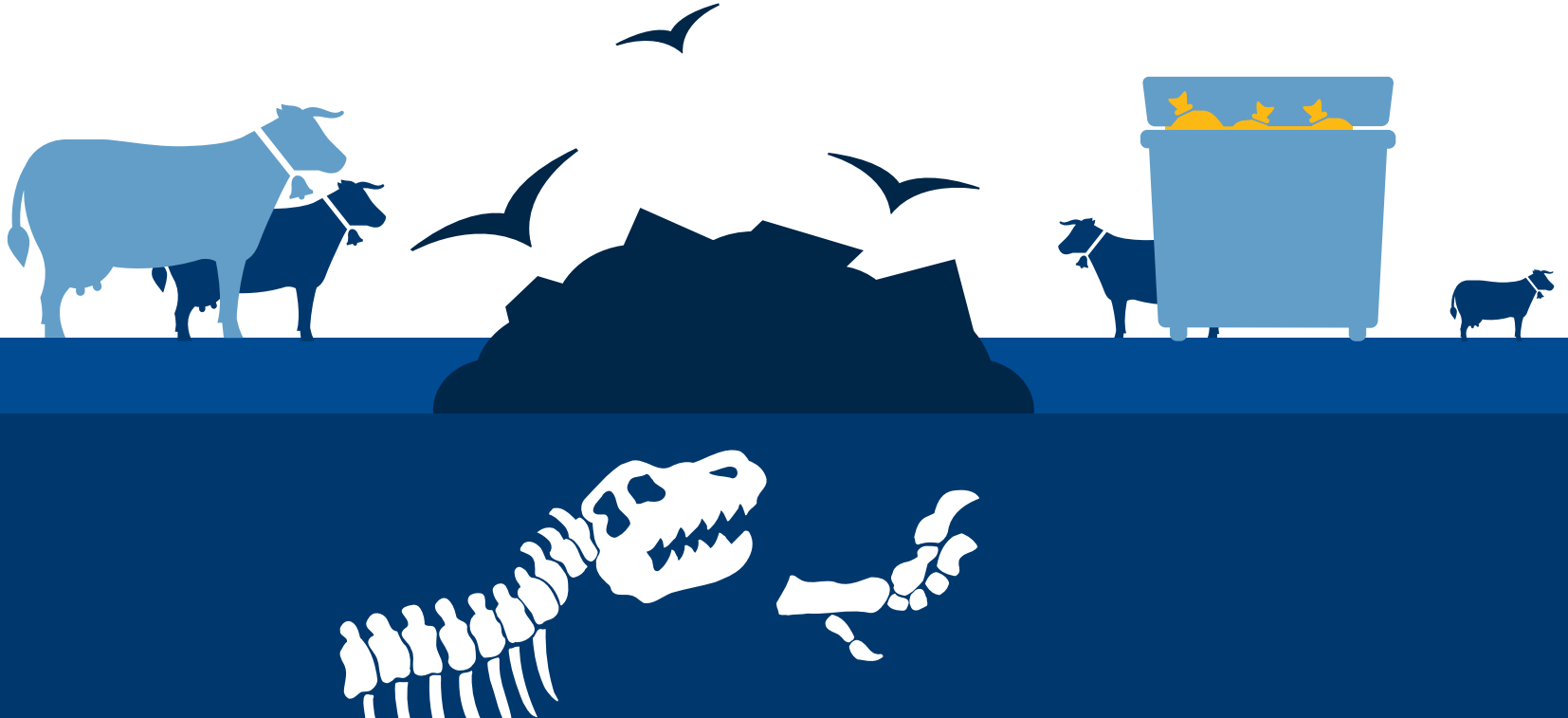
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We need to use
ALL the tools in our
toolbox – including
**Renewable
Natural Gas.**

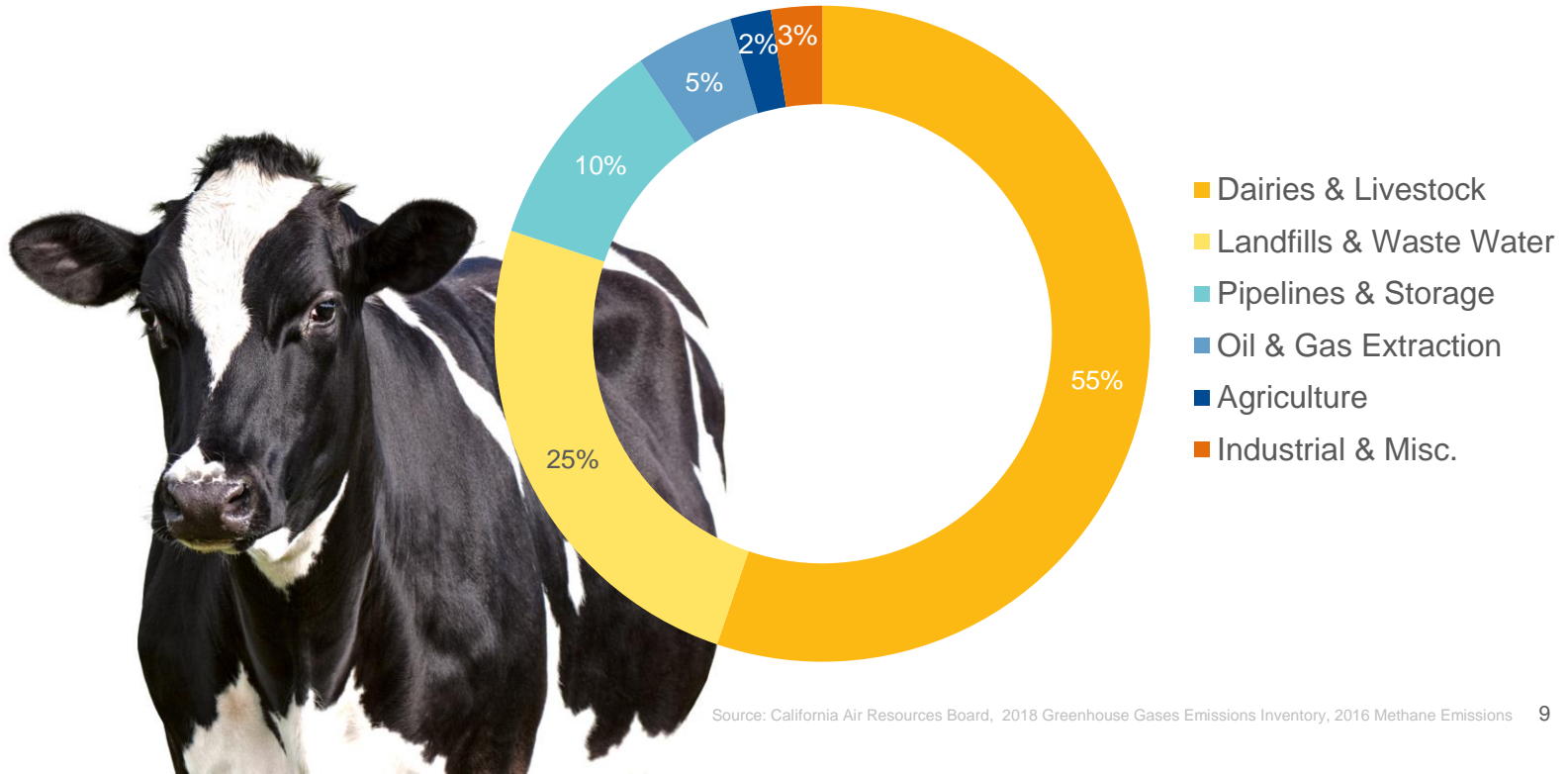


Like electricity, natural gas can come from renewable sources

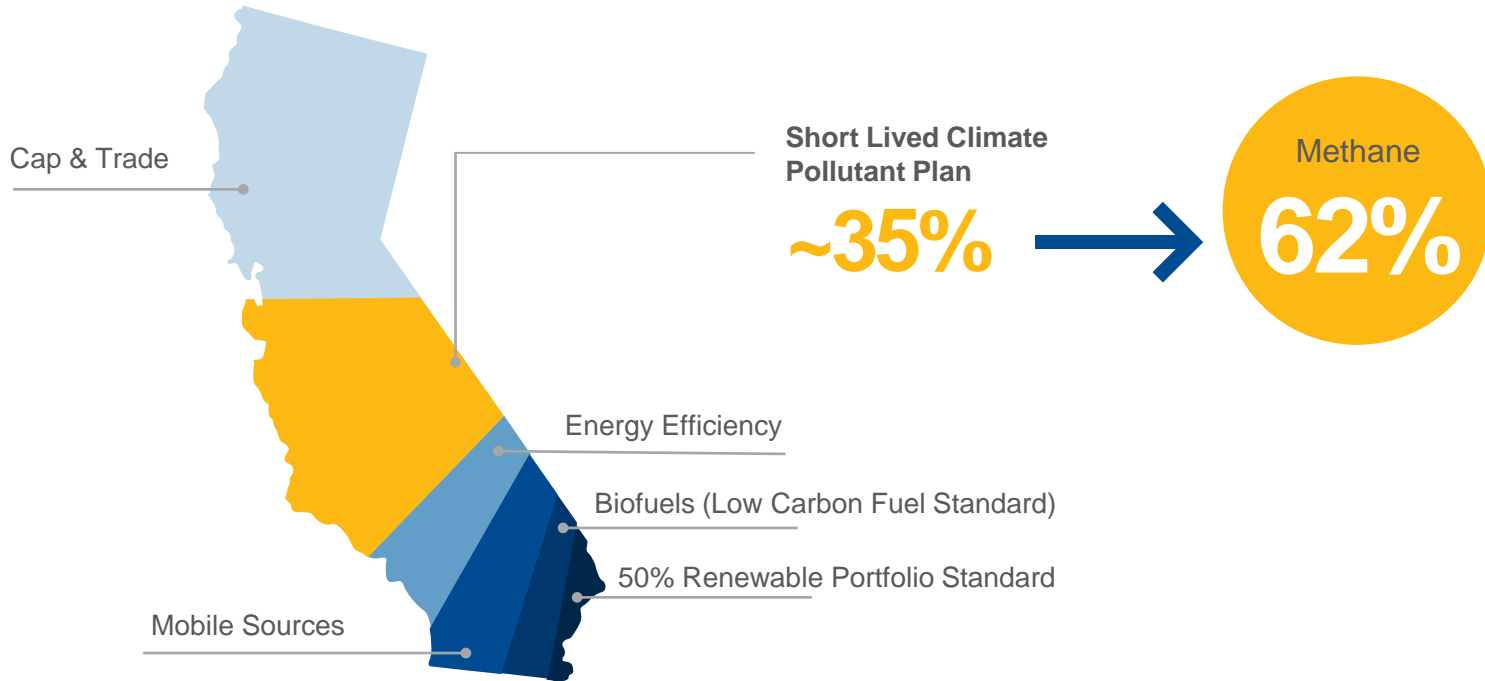


**Why is this
important?**

CA's biggest sources of methane come from our waste streams



RNG is critical to California's overarching GHG reduction plan



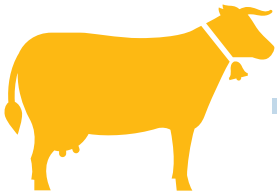
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**Let's take a
closer look.**

The basics of Renewable Natural Gas



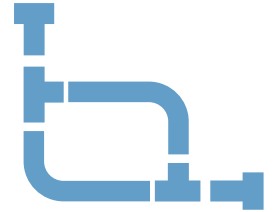
Capture waste from dairies, farms and landfills



Convert into biogas using anaerobic digestion



Process the biogas to make it pipeline-ready (biomethane)



Inject the biomethane into the pipeline for future use

Key terms

defined

Renewable Natural Gas

methane produced from renewable sources like digested organic waste and gasified biomass

Renewable Gas

can be renewable natural gas or hydrogen gas produced from Power-to-Gas.

Biogas

a biofuel that is naturally produced from the decomposition of organic waste during anaerobic digestion. Until biogas is processed to state pipeline standards, it is not considered renewable gas.

Biomethane

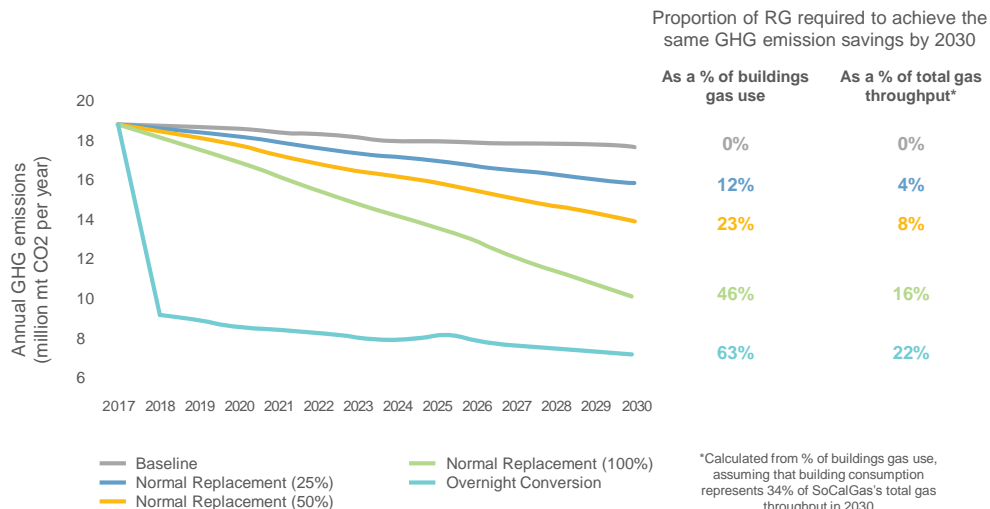
biogas that has been cleaned to state standards and converted to biomethane, which is renewable gas.

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RNG Basics

**The Case
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Renewable Natural Gas beats building electrification



➤ Achieve 30% emissions reductions in the building sector by switching to

~5% RNG

➤ Achieve the same GHG reductions as overhauling 100% of CA's buildings to all electricity with

~16% RNG

➤ When used as a transportation fuel, RNG from food and Green waste has a

negative carbon intensity



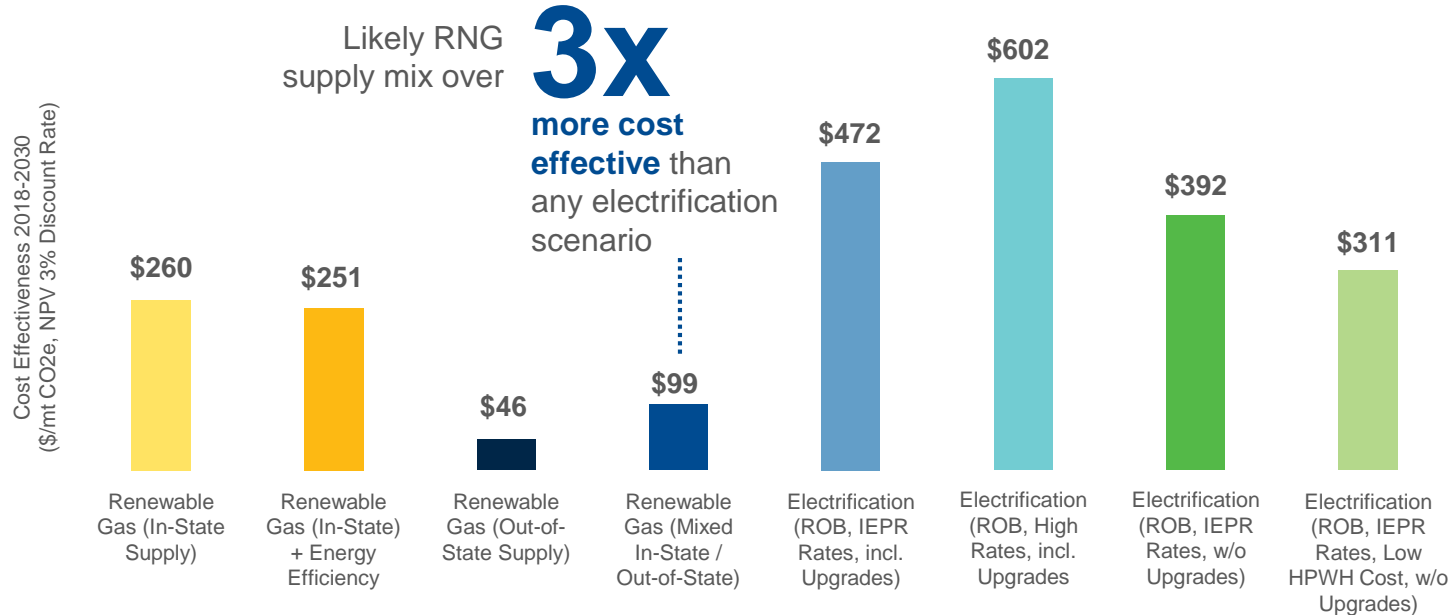
Increasing renewable energy
in any form will increase
costs, but it is a

worthwhile investment

We all agree on that.

**Now what
we need is a
practical plan.**

Renewable Natural Gas is also more cost effective



With RNG, we can achieve our goals with **less disruption**

In addition to unnecessary costs, electrification would put a heavy burden on consumers.

It would mean:

- Switching out appliances
- Upgrading electric panels
- Rewiring home electric systems





True or False?

There is enough RNG
available to meet CA's
2030 goals.



True

There is a growing supply
of RNG in California and
the broader U.S.

The RNG supply is available: in-state estimates



94 BCF

UC Davis/ARB Study:
based on current
federal and LCFS
incentives

100-200 BCF

ICF Assessment:
CA with current
regulation / incentives;
100 BCF conservative
estimate

300 BCF

UC Davis/CEC Study

The RNG supply is available: out-of -state resources

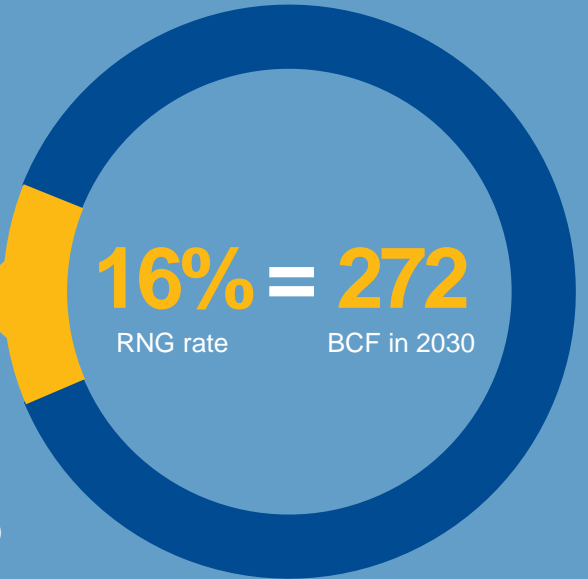


Available in the US today
(and growing)



Projected CA natural
gas throughput by 2030

1.7 TCF



**But is it
feasible?**

SoCalGas Biogas Upgrading Demonstration Project at the Hale Avenue Resource Recovery Facility (HARRF)

HARRF Information

Wastewater treatment facility located in Escondido, CA

Average Daily Flow ~ 15.6 MGD

Biogas was being flared prior to start of demonstration project

Biogas Production ~ 95 million cubic feet per year

Biogas contains enough energy to supply ~1,200 homes



Source of photo: www.escondido.org/water-treatment-plant.aspx

Biofuels Point Loma Renewable Natural Gas Project Overview

- Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant treats approximately 175 million gallons of wastewater per day generated by ~2.2 million area residents
- Prior to the project, the plant was flaring more than 1.3 million cubic feet per day of digester gas
- The plant partnered with BioFuels Energy, LLC, to condition/upgrade wastewater digester gas and feed it into the natural gas pipeline system
- Since 2012, the RNG is injected into the utility pipeline and used to power a 2.8 MW fuel cell at UC San Diego and a 1.4 MW fuel cell at South Bay Water Reclamation Plant in San Diego
- Total project cost of \$45 million, 75% was subsidized through incentives and tax credits

Data and Photo Sources

<https://www.socalgas.com/smart-energy/success-stories/point-loma>
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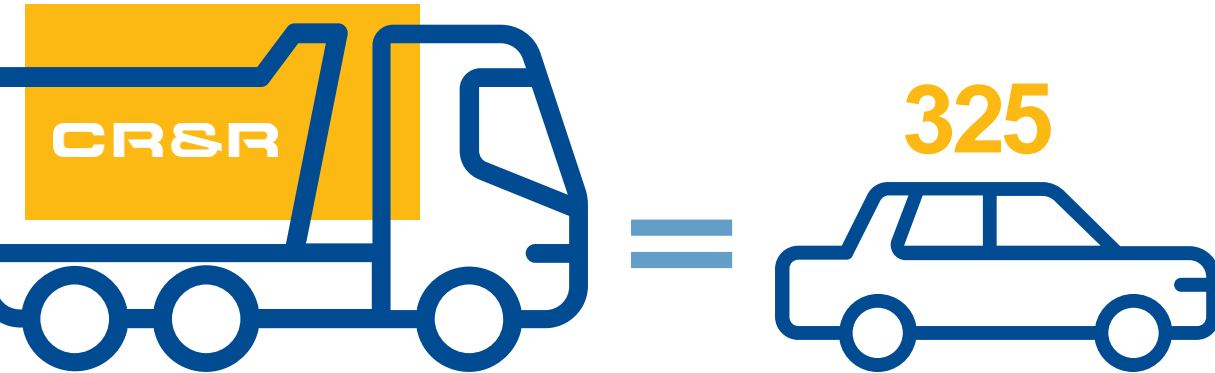


CR&R Renewable Gas Project Overview



* Source of picture - <http://www.jrma.com/projectsdetails/cr-r-environmental-center-ad-facility>

CR&R is turning GHG-laden organic waste into Carbon-neutral renewable natural gas



Near-zero natural gas engines reduce NOx emissions up to 90% and GHG emissions up to 80%.

CR&R's RNG is fueling 400 waste trucks. That's the equivalent of taking 130,000 cars off the road.

We're developing a renewable natural gas market to capture emissions and meet CA climate goals

Up to \$110 million in grants from the California Department of Food and Agriculture to support new dairy biogas projects.



Thinking globally, we can have a greater impact



In California, agriculture is responsible for **9%** of our GHG emissions.

However, agriculture accounts for **24%** of **global** GHG emissions.



There's a bigger opportunity globally.

**How we
innovate
matters.**

If RNG is so great what is standing in our way?



Underestimating supply.

California has the potential to replace all residential natural gas with RNG.



Short-term thinking.

Research and development is expensive, but the sooner we get going the sooner we see the returns.



Misunderstanding infrastructure.

Investments in the pipeline are necessary if we are serious about capturing methane emissions from waste streams.

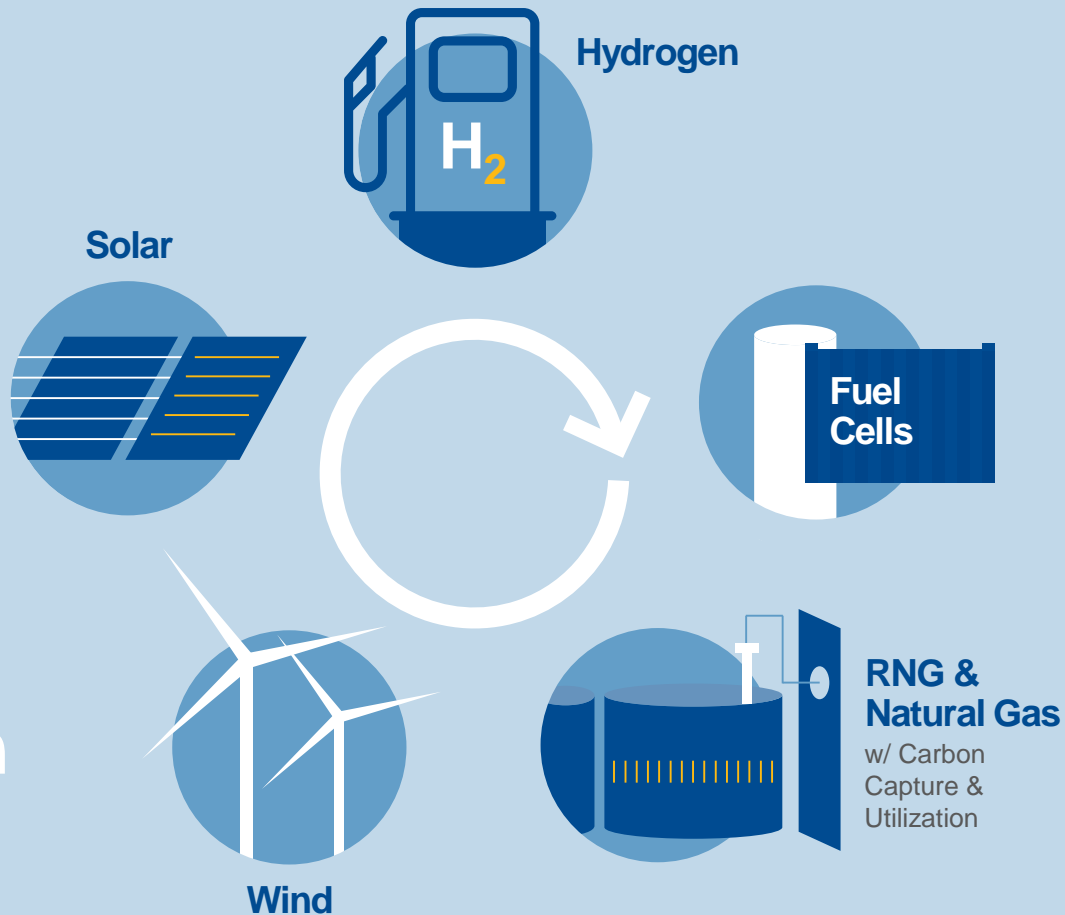


Lack of perspective.

A narrow focus on combustion leaves out the greater fact that RNG has a net-positive environmental impact.

With a integrated approach

we can achieve our
goals and preserve
choice, while
minimizing disruption
and cost



To reach our climate goals we need **renewable natural gas**



Support initiatives
for capturing
methane emissions
from waste
streams



Set procurement
standards to
increase the use
of RNG by public
utilities



Develop the market
for renewable
natural gas



**Thank
You**

Appendix

Interconnection Tools and Process Improvements

Interconnection Tools and Process Improvements

- 1. Modify the Existing Rule 30 Gas Quality Deviation Process**
 - Approval of Advice Letter 5128 effective on 5/28/17 allows interconnectors to request a gas quality deviation during the Capacity Study (previously only available starting with the Preliminary Engineering Study)
- 2. Gas Quality Outreach and Education**
 - Developed **Information Sheets** to educate the industry on gas quality standards and monitoring
 - **Example:** We frequently hear siloxanes are continuously monitored at our interconnection facilities. Fact is siloxanes are monitored and tested by taking periodic gas samples and sent to a laboratory for testing
- 3. Created a Renewable Gas (RG) Section on socalgas.com**
 - Provides information on a variety of RNG topics. *Additional Information and Resources* page provides links to useful reports and websites
- 4. Developed a downloadable **RNG Toolkit****
 - Available on socalgas.com and topics include: overview of biogas and RNG, interconnection procedure, gas quality standards, interconnection monetary incentive program, and tools/tips for biogas to pipeline projects
- 5. Streamline the Interconnection Process**
 - Reviewed the existing interconnection process to improve/enhance the experience for the interconnector and company personnel

RNG Toolkit

(Available at socialgas.com/rg)



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BIOGAS CONDITIONING/UPGRADING SERVICES/TARIFF

The Biogas Conditioning/Upgrading Services Tariff is a fully flexible, voluntary, non-anticipatory tariff service for customers that allow SoCalGas to design, construct, own and maintain biogas conditioning and upgrading equipment and/or associated equipment. The biogas will be developed by the gas quality specification as requested by the customer and approved by SoCalGas.

KEY ELEMENTS

- The Biogas Conditioning/Upgrading Services Tariff is a fully non-anticipatory service paid by participating customers. Monthly tariff services pricing will vary based on the site, scope and location of each project.
- The Biogas Conditioning/Upgrading Services Tariff will be applied through a long term Service Agreement typically 10 to 15 years. At the end of the contract term, customer may request to extend the term of the agreement or ask SoCalGas to remove the agreement.
- The tariff service is neither tied to any other tariff or non-tariff service the customer may receive from SoCalGas nor will it cover the charges for any such third services as ordered.
- Not every utility provider may offer services that are the same or similar to the Biogas Conditioning/Upgrading Services Tariff and customers are encouraged to explore these service options.
- To avoid confusion in understanding all of their service options, SoCalGas maintains and provides customers with a list of non-tariff service providers.



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RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS PART OF CALIFORNIA'S RENEWABLE ENERGY FUTURE

WHAT IS RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS?

Traditionally, pipeline natural gas comes from deep underground wells and is often associated with petroleum products. On the other hand, renewable natural gas (RNG) is natural gas derived from organic waste material found on the surface of the earth in California, and throughout the rest of the States. There are a variety of sources of this organic waste, which are used to create RNG. These include food waste, garden and lawn clippings, animal and slaughterhouse material as well as degradable crop residues such as sugar, cardboard and wood. The abundance of this material can allow for production of sources in multiple quantities.

The most common source of digest is the naturally-occurring biological breakdown of organic waste at facilities such as wastewater treatment plants, renewable natural gas (RNG) is natural gas derived from organic waste material found on the surface of the earth in California, and throughout the rest of the States. There are a variety of sources of this organic waste, which are used to create RNG. These include food waste, garden and lawn clippings, animal and slaughterhouse material as well as degradable crop residues such as sugar, cardboard and wood. The abundance of this material can allow for production of sources in multiple quantities.

HOW ORGANIC WASTE IS CONVERTED INTO RNG

1. The biodegradable breaks down the organic material to create biogas – a mixture of methane and other elements.
2. The biogas can then be processed and conditioned leaving behind digest, which can be used interchangeably with traditional natural gas.
3. This RNG can be used where it is produced through the generation electricity or having vehicles, or it can be injected into a utility pipeline for transportation to other customers.



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BIOGAS SUPPLIER LIST

NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES

Acron Technologies http://www.acron.com	7177 Exchange Street, Suite 5 Cleveland, OH 44242	314-669-2602
BIOGEN, LLC http://www.biogen.com	8403 Exeter Drive, Suite 160 Madison, WI 53711	630-401-7202
CH4 Biogas http://ch4-biogas.com/	30 Lakewood Circle N Greenwich, CT 06300	203-869-1446
Energy Field http://www.energyfield.com/company/about-us.html	4075 Westlark Court, Suite 800 Newport Beach, CA 92660	949-888-6212
Horvath, LLC http://www.horvathllc.com/	5070 N. 29th Street Milwaukee, WI 53209	441-395-0441
Energy Partners http://www.energypartners.com/	4940 Campus Drive, Suite C Newport Beach, CA 92660	949-888-6212
Isis Biogas http://www.columbiabiogas.com/	700 Box 4020, Suite 50888 Portland, OR 97208	503-730-9700
orp http://www.orp.com/	1215 Eads Street Arlington, VA 22202	855-886-0427
swan Corporation http://www.swan.com/	150 EastCustomer Drive Crystal Lake, IL 60094	815-558-5858

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RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS TOOL KIT

TOOLS AND TIPS FOR RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) PROJECTS CONNECTING TO THE SOCIALGAS PIPELINE

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Once RNG is conditioned and upgraded, it can be injected into the SoCalGas pipeline. But, location of the interconnection is critical. A nearby pipeline must have the capacity to accept the volume of RNG produced. Customer demand fluctuates daily and seasonally, and natural gas pipelines flow in one direction – from higher to lower pressure distribution systems. SoCalGas must conduct a study to find a feasible location.

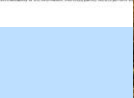
WHAT FACTORS DETERMINE VIABILITY OF PRODUCING RNG?

The necessary components and requirements for the production and upgrade raw biogas are the location and capacity of the gas pipelines at each location. Below is a certain quality level may not be economical to produce incentives. Typically, the larger the project, the more feasible that project will be. Project is the only design factor that may impact economics. Some other major components can play a significant, but often variable project costs are:

- Equipment to remove nitrogen (to facilitate interconnect and operating cost)
- Compression for processing and injection (gas and operating)
- Long distance high pressure pipeline (capital cost driver)

REMOVING NITROGEN AND/OR OTHER ELEMENTS FROM BIOMETHANE

Often water and other impurities are an air intrusion, meaning that nitrogen oxygen can be fractionated from biogas. Both nitrogen and oxygen



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RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS (RNG) GAS QUALITY STANDARDS

THE SOCIALGAS® GAS QUALITY STANDARDS

SoCalGas® Rule 30 describes the requirements for gas to be injected into the utility pipeline. These requirements reflect the first and foremost priority – safety – to protect its customers, employees, and the environment. The standards cover key aspects: gas constituent limits (composition), gas performance based quality standards, gas constituent limits restrict the injection of gas impurities to protect pipeline integrity and ensure safe and proper combustion gas equipment. The interchangability standards address end-user combustion

performance, ensuring safe and proper combustion for customers.

SoCalGas Rule 30, Section 1.5, provides interconnectors with the option to request specific deviations from meeting the defined gas quality specifications in Section 3.1, if SoCalGas determines such gas will not negatively impact system operations. SoCalGas is then required to file an Advice Letter for California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval. The table below shows so specific to each pipe!

Pipeline Company	Heating Value (Btu/therm)		Water Content (lbm/therm)	Variation (%)	
	Min	Max			
San Francisco	990	100	7	3%	0.03%
Los Angeles	967	100	7	3%	0.02%
LA/TP	990	–	7	3%	0.03%
Gas Transmission Co.	1000	110	7	1%	0.25%
San Bernardino Gas	969	129	7	3%	0.01%
Pipefitters Club	990	100	5	2%	0.03%
California Natural Gas	990	–	4	2%	0.40%

SOCIAL GAS CONSTITUENTS FOUND IN RNG

The CPUC issued a decision in the name Phase 1 Order Instituting Rulemaking in response to AB 900 (GAS, 2002). In the CPUC, in collaboration with other state agencies, adopted 17 constituents of concern that require to be found in biogas. Notably

acceptable levels of these human health and system and ordered to be included in Section 3.1.5. An drum protection levels for each monitoring, testing, report requirements are reviewed five years, or sooner, if not available.



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RENEWABLE NATURAL GAS INTERCONNECTION PROCESS



BIOGAS PROCESSING TECHNOLOGIES

There are several methods and technologies available to condition biogas. Technology selection can be based on many criteria, including biogas production gas quality and existing site conditions. Some examples of technologies used in biogas conditioning:

- High capacity membranes
- Pressure swing adsorption systems
- Water scrubbing systems
- Solid scrubbing systems
- Regenerative or non-regenerative adsorbent media
- Catalytic O₂ removal

OVERVIEW

Renewable Natural Gas (RNG), also known as “biomethane,” is biogas that has been processed and conditioned to meet pipeline specifications. RNG can be injected into the SoCalGas pipeline and used to power homes, businesses, and other applications. RNG is produced from organic waste material and is a clean, renewable energy source.

It is common to find a combination of these technologies working in conjunction to meet a set of specifications.

BIOMETHANE INJECTION PROCESS

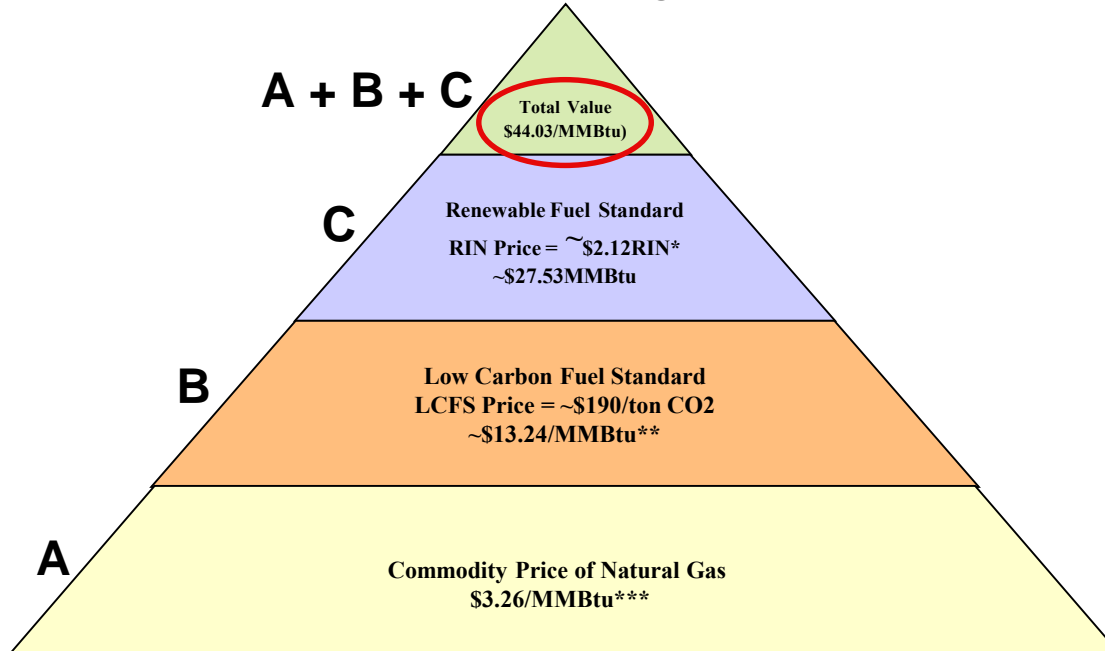
SoCalGas Rule No. 39, “Access to the SoCalGas Pipeline System,” provides detailed information regarding the requirements to interconnect and inject natural gas into SoCalGas. The section below describes the three basic steps of the interconnection process.



What are the Market Drivers to Produce RNG?

(Estimated Total Value of RNG When Used as a Transportation Fuel in CA)

For WWTP Biogas



Prices as of 10/05/18

* 2018 Vintage D3 RIN's

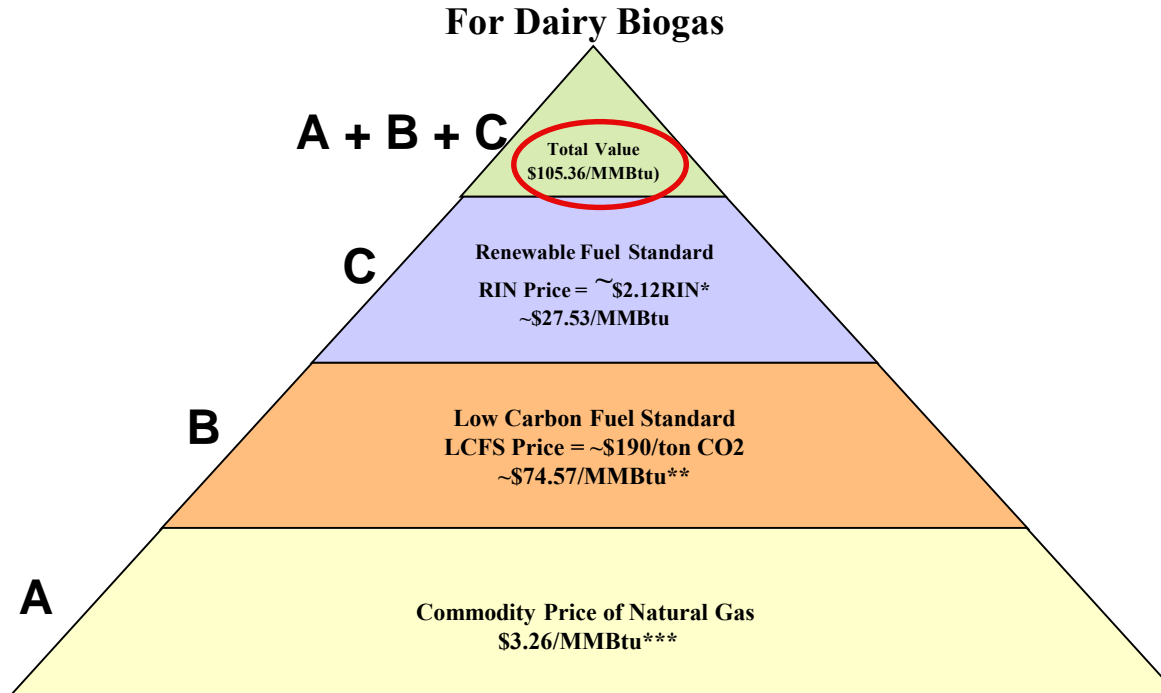
** Assumes carbon intensity for WWTP of 30 gCO₂/MJ₃

*** Approximate Henry Hub Natural Gas Future Price – Nov 2018

http://progressivefuelslimited.com/Auth_RIN/PFL_RIN_Recap.pdf

What are the Market Drivers to Produce RNG?

(Estimated Total Value of RNG When Used as a Transportation Fuel in CA)



Prices as of 08/03/18

* 2018 Vintage D3 RIN's

** Assumes carbon intensity for Dairy Biogas of -276 gCO₂/MJ₃

*** Approximate Henry Hub Natural Gas Future Price – Nov 2018

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What are the Market Drivers to Produce RNG?

2) Utilize for Electric Generation - RNG can be used as the fuel source to produce renewable energy (utility scale and distributed generation)

- **Renewables Portfolio Standard (RPS)** – RNG can be used to help achieve California RPS goals, 50% by 2030
- **Self Generation Incentive Program (SGIP)** - California Public Utilities Commission mandated program providing incentives to support existing, new and emerging distributed energy resources

SGIP Minimum Renewable Fuel Blending	
Application Year	% Renewable Fuel Required
2016	0%
2017	10%
2018	25%
2019	50%
2020	100%

Challenges to Produce RNG

1) Market Price of RNG

- **Entities not willing to enter into long term contracts** to purchase LCFS and Renewable Fuel Standard (RFS2) due to future uncertainty of these markets

2) Project Scale

- Minimum threshold is **approximately 1.0 to 1.5 million standard cubic feet per day for favorable economics** (including interconnection costs). Higher volumes generally needed for landfills
- Small to medium scale biogas production facilities have historically not been economical. But with biomethane interconnection incentive and high credit prices things are changing

3) Incentives/Subsidies - Need **incentive programs specific to RNG projects** to bring down the costs

Biomethane: Assigned Commissioner Amended Scoping Memo and Ruling (R.13-02-008)

Overview

- Scoping Memo issued on 7/5/18 by CPUC mostly focused on **gas quality specifications and pipeline injection standards for biomethane**
- In accordance with Section 399.24 and with Executive Order B-48-18 issued on January 26, 2018, it is the CPUC's future intention to consider issues within this, or a successor proceeding, that pertain to **the safe, cost-effective development of other renewable gases, such as renewable hydrogen**
- Scoping Memo states it is important to establish a standardized utility biomethane interconnection tariff and standardized interconnection pro forma forms for the use of biomethane projects across California
 - Directs the utilities to jointly file a proposed standard biomethane interconnection tariff and proposed standard pro forma interconnection form

SB 1440 (Hueso)

Overview

- On September 23, 2018, Governor Brown signed SB 1440 which requires the Public Utilities Commission, in consultation with the State Air Resources Board, to consider adopting specific biomethane procurement targets or goals for each California gas corporation.
- At this point in time, it is not clear the process/procedure/steps the CPUC will take to “consider adopting biomethane specific targets or goals”

RNG Regulatory Proceedings and Legislative Bills

SB 1383 (Lara) – Approved by Governor 9/19/16

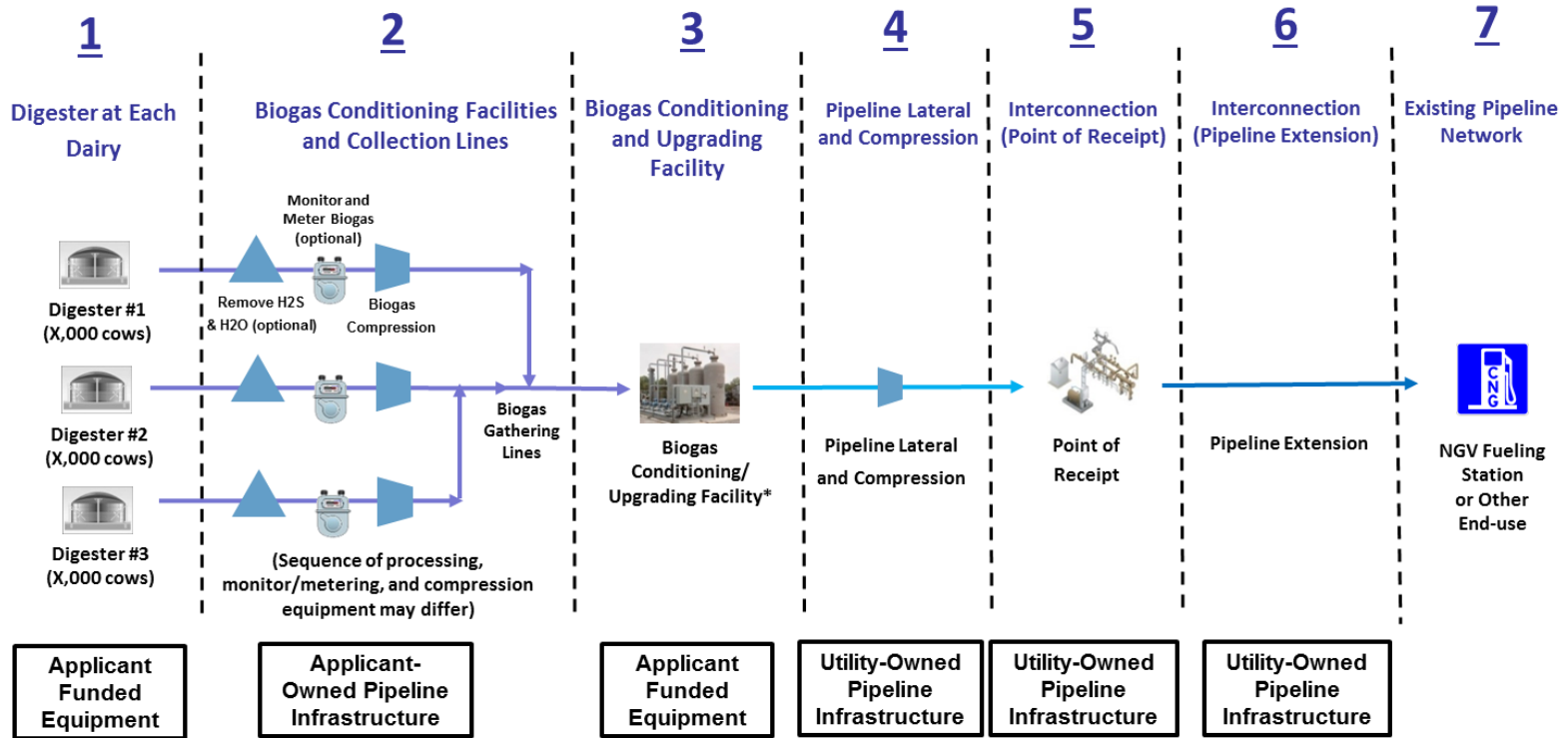
- Directs CARB to implement regulations to reduce emissions of Short Lived Climate Pollutants (SLCPs). By 2030, requires a reduction of the following compared to 2013 levels:
 - **40% reduction in methane**, 40% reduction hydrofluorocarbon (f-gases), 50% reduction in black carbon (such as diesel)

Some RNG Related Sub-Parts of SB 1383

- Methane emissions reduction goals shall include the following targets to **reduce the landfill disposal of organics**:
 - A 50-percent reduction in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2020
 - A **75-percent reduction** in the level of the statewide disposal of organic waste from the 2014 level by 2025
- Directs CARB to adopt regulations to reduce methane emissions from livestock manure management operations and dairy manure management operations by up to 40 percent below 2013 levels by 2030
 - Approximately 45% of all methane emissions in CA come from dairies, 25% from manure and 20% from enteric fermentation
 - **No later than January 1, 2018, CPUC to direct gas corporations to implement not less than 5 dairy RNG injection pilot projects.** Reasonable **pipeline infrastructure** costs are recoverable in rates
- The state board shall **develop a pilot financial mechanism (PFM)** to reduce the economic uncertainty associated with the value of environmental credits, including credits pursuant to the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard regulations
 - ARB has published a draft SB 1383 Pilot Financial Mechanism concept paper (May 2018)
 - <https://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/dairy/documents/05-23-18/pilot-financial-mechanism-white-paper.pdf>

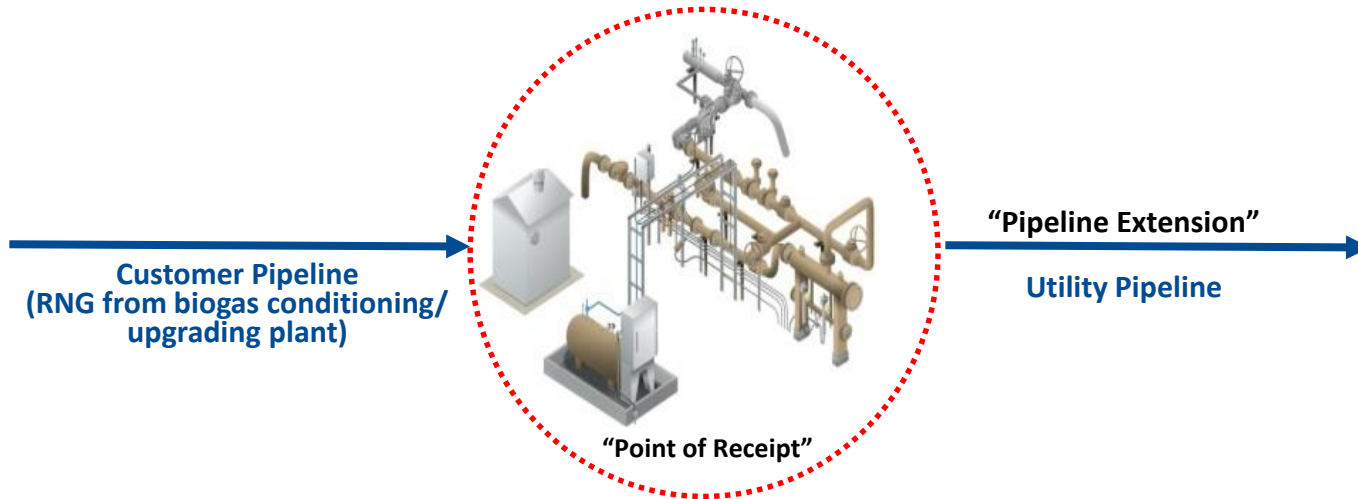
SB 1383 - Dairy RNG to Pipeline Pilot Project

Representative model



Interconnection: Overview of Components

Two Primary Components of the Term “Interconnection”



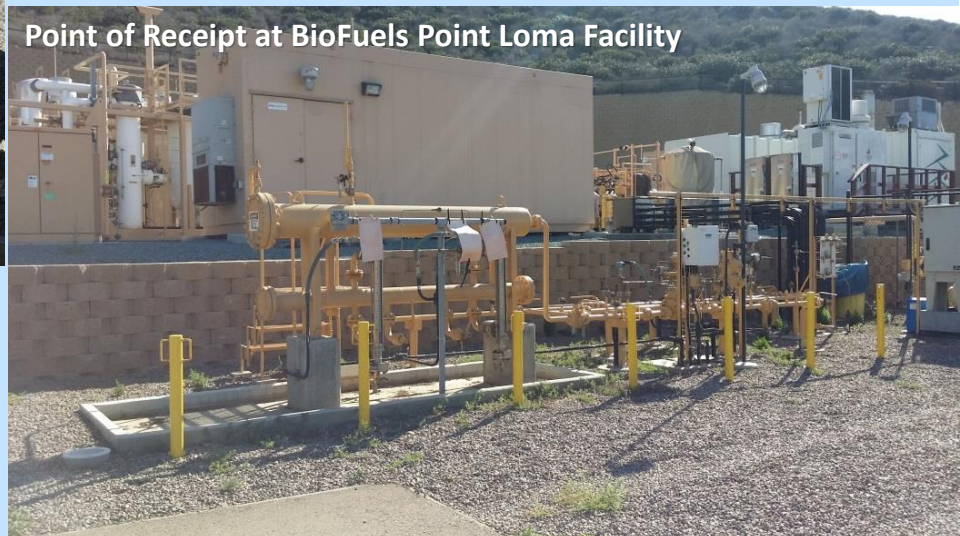
“Interconnection” = “Point of Receipt” + “Pipeline Extension”

“Point of Receipt” Component of the Interconnection



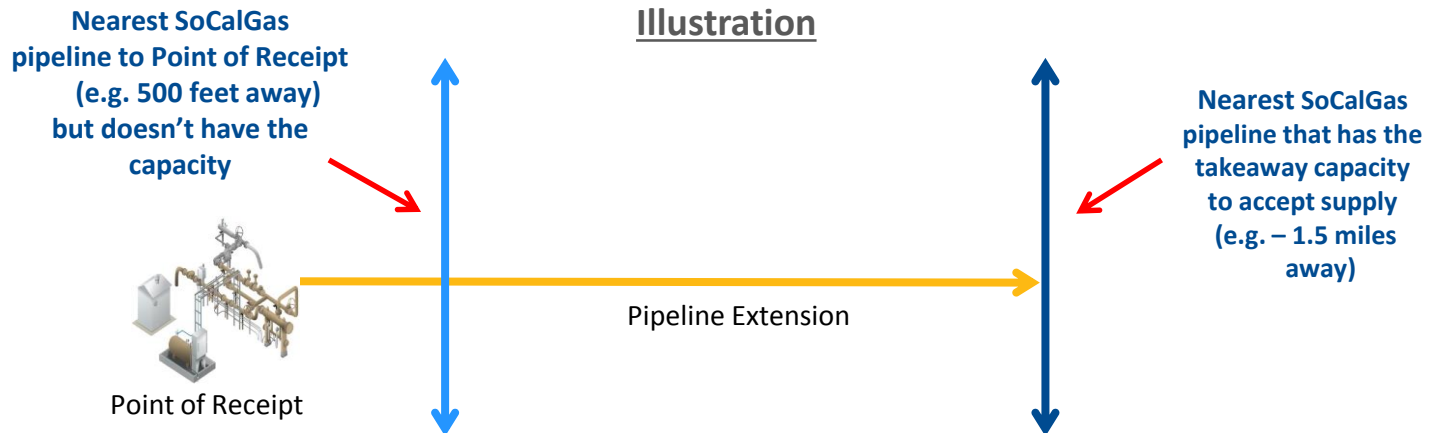
The Point of Receipt

1. **Monitors gas quality** to ensure it meets SoCalGas Rule 30 Gas Quality Specifications (e.g. CO₂, O₂, total inerts, heating value, H₂S)
2. **Prevents non-compliant gas** from entering the utility pipeline network should the monitored Rule 30 parameters not be met
3. **Meters and odorizes** the volume of RNG put into the utility pipeline network



“Pipeline Extension” Component of the Interconnection

- » **Pipeline extension** is the pipe installed from the outlet of the Point of Receipt to the nearest utility pipeline having the capacity to accept the interconnector volume of RNG
- » Majority of the pipelines in streets are **distribution lines with limited takeaway capability to accept interconnector gas** during summer months (particularly in the early a.m. hours)
 - May result in high pipeline extension costs because the nearest pipeline having the capacity is miles away



Pipeline Extension Cost Considerations



Illustration 1 (curb and gutter):

- Cost to install pipe is much more expensive when:
 - Asphalt/concrete is cut
 - Traffic control is required
 - Night work is required

Illustration 2 (no curb and gutter):

- Cost to install pipe is much less expensive when:
 - No need to cut asphalt/concrete
 - Minimal traffic control
 - No work hour restrictions



Biomethane Interconnection Incentive

Statewide Program Cap of \$40 million, Ending on 12/31/21

Interconnection project with 3 or more dairies in close proximity

Incentive of 50% of eligible costs with

\$5 Million Cap

Eligible costs include

Biogas collection lines

Compression equipment for product gas

Utility Point of Receipt

Utility Pipeline Extension

All other interconnection projects (e.g. landfill, wastewater, landfill diverted organics, 1-2 dairies)

Incentive of 50% of eligible costs with

\$3 Million Cap

Eligible costs include

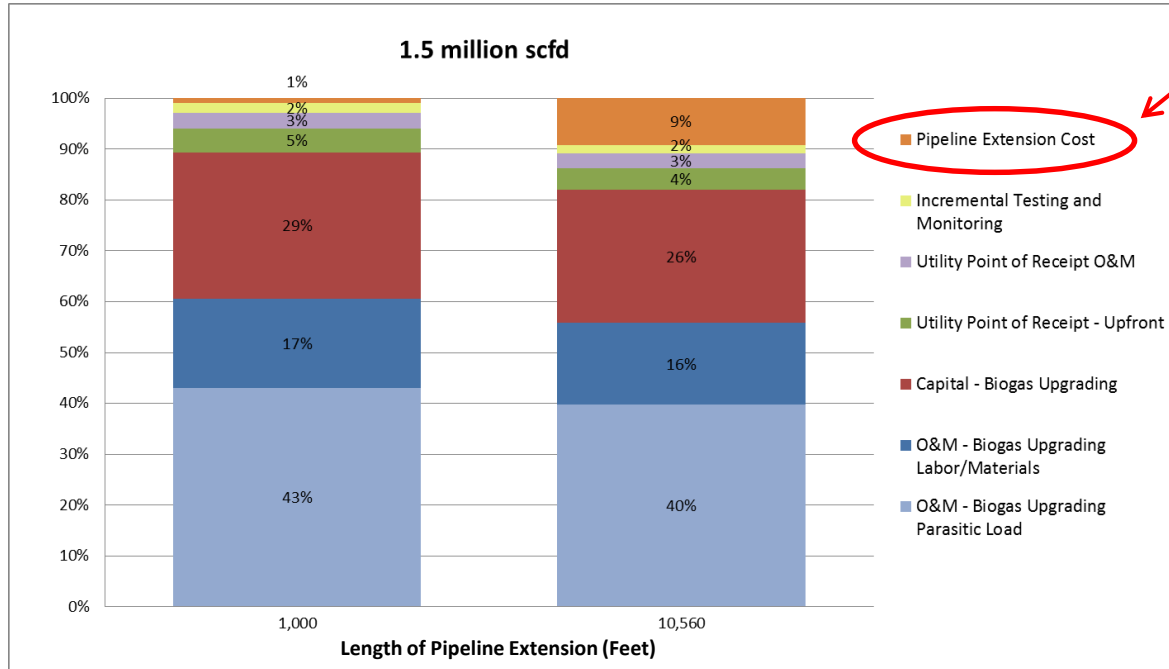
Compression equipment for product gas

Utility Point of Receipt

Utility Pipeline Extension

Estimated Breakdown of Major Cost Components for Producing and Injecting RNG into the Pipeline

Estimated Breakdown of Lifecycle Costs to Produce and Inject RNG into the Pipeline
 {based on 1.5 million scfd of biogas for 15 years}



- 1) Pipeline Extension costs are based on installing pipeline in roads with curb/gutters.
- 2) Estimated costs assume testing for all 17 biogas constituents and includes the cost of the tests and associated labor.

Biogas Conditioning and Upgrading Projects

Nitrogen and Oxygen Levels in Landfill Gas Can Significantly Impact Costs and Project Economics

The removal of nitrogen (N₂) and oxygen (O₂) from biogas to meet pipeline quality specifications is expensive

High levels of nitrogen and oxygen exist in landfill gas because there has been little need to minimize air intrusion for a landfill gas collection system, as engines/turbines can handle these high levels

Typical Biogas Compositions by Source	Methane (CH ₄)	Carbon Dioxide (CO ₂)	Nitrogen (N ₂)	Oxygen (O ₂)
Dairy, wastewater treatment, and landfill diverted food/green waste	~60 to 65%	~30 to 35%	<1 %	<0.2%
Landfill	~35 to 60%	~30 to 40%	~10 to 30%	~1 to 3%

- » In 2015, SoCalGas commissioned Black & Veatch to perform an evaluation of current biogas upgrading technologies. Included in the report is a high-level impact assessment for removing nitrogen and oxygen

Sensitivity	Scenario	Impact
Nitrogen and oxygen removal	Eliminate the need for nitrogen removal equipment	Lowers cost by 20 to 25% for large scale cases
Pipeline Interconnection Costs	Reduce (post Biomethane Interconnection Incentive) interconnection cost by 50%	3 to 10% reduction in biomethane costs. Greater impact on smaller cases