# Pacific Gas & Electric Company Gas Research & Development

2024 Public Workshop





## **Safety Orientation**



#### **Earthquake**

Know the safest places to drop, cover, and hold, such as under sturdy desks and tables.



#### Fire

Know your exits, escape routes, and evacuation plan. If safe to do so, use your compliant fire extinguisher. Exit the house and call 911.



#### **Active Shooter**

Get out, hide out, take out, and call 911.



#### **Medical Emergency**

Know who can perform first aid and CPR. Call 911 if you're alone or share your location with the call leader to send help. If you have an AED, ensure you and others in your household know where it's located and how to use it.



#### Psychological Safety

- ✓ We care for each other.
- ✓ Look out for one another.
- ✓ Create a safe space for all.
- Welcome new ideas from everyone.
- ✓ Practice self-care.



#### **Ergonomics**

- ✓ Practice 30/30 (every 30 minutes, move & stretch for 30 seconds).
- ✓ Ensure proper ergonomics.



## **Emergency Planning**

 Create/update a personal emergency preparedness plan.



#### COVID-19

- ✓ Wash hands frequently.
- ✓ No mask is required outside.
- ✓ Follow current CAL-OSHA regulations and local county health orders.
- ✓ Visit COVID-19 employee site for latest updates and tips.

# **Workshop Logistics**

- Each major topical session will end with time for questions and comments. We will also dedicate 10 minutes at the end of the day for additional questions and comments.
- A recording of today's workshop as well as other related materials will be available for download at pge.com/innovation.
- To pose a question, please use the Q&A function in the Zoom controls.
- We encourage you to provide written comments following the workshop.
   Please submit them to innovation@pge.com by Friday, May 10, 2024.

# Agenda

Start Time	Duration	Topic	
9:00	10 minutes	Introduction	
9:10	10 minutes	PG&E Gas R&D	
9:20	30 minutes	2023 in Review	
9:50	10 minutes	Project Selection Process	
10:00	10 minutes	Q&A	
10:10	5 minutes	BREAK	
10:15	15 minutes	Proposed 2025 Plan	
10:30	30 minutes	Operations and Maintenance (includes 10 minutes Q&A)	
11:00	30 minutes	Reducing Methane Emissions (includes 10 minutes Q&A)	
11:30	30 minutes	Decarbonizing the Gas Pipeline (includes 10 minutes Q&A)	
12:00	10 minutes	General Q&A	
12:10	N/A	Close	

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#### Our True North Strategy

PG&E's True North Strategy is a 10-year enterprise plan focused on:

- Rebuilding trust
- Delivering excellent service
- Architecting a decarbonized, safe, and reliable energy system.

In alignment with California environmental policy, PG&E has committed to achieve a net-zero energy system by 2040—five years ahead of California's current carbon neutrality goal.



95% greenhouse gas-free energy in 2022

**NEARLY** 

renewable energy in 2022

On track to meet California's goal:

60% renewable energy by 2030



Providing safe, reliable, clean, and affordable natural gas and electricity.

- 50,000 miles of combined transmission and distribution pipeline.
- Approximately 4.5 million customer accounts.
- 25,000 employees who live and work in the communities we serve.
- Total 2022 procurement spend of \$4.79B in goods and services with diverse-certified firms.

# Greening the gas supply

A critical piece of our True North Strategy and achieving a net-zero energy system is greening the gas supply and shifting away from fossil-based methane to cleaner fuels:

- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG)
- Synthesis gas
- "Green" hydrogen

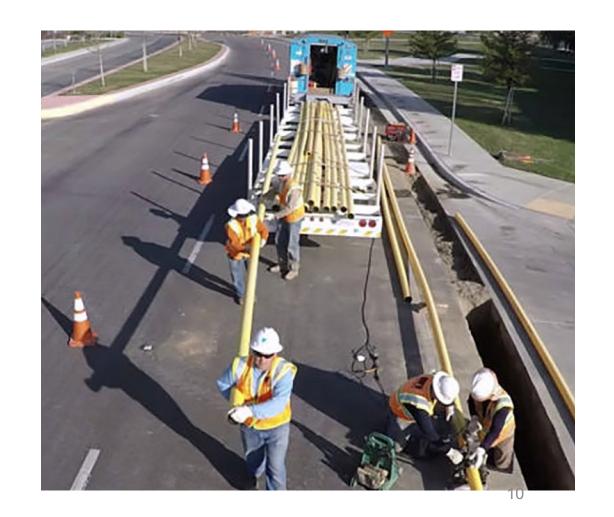


## Significant progress

In April 2023, we announced that we have already achieved our 2025 target of reducing pipeline emissions by 20%—two years ahead of schedule.

#### Other successes:

- Between 2021 and 2023, we began accepting RNG from 36 dairies across our service territory.
- By the end of 2024, we anticipate growing that number to **48 dairies**.
- Plan to procure RNG to serve 15% of its residential and commercial demand by 2030.





#### PG&E Gas R&D

#### Bridging the gap

To bridge the gap between where we are today and the ambitious future that we envision requires R&D.

Since 2013, PG&E's Gas R&D team has focused on breakthrough technologies and processes to improve:

- Gas system performance
- Customer satisfaction
- Cost effectiveness
- Environmental impact
- Regulatory compliance
- Communication



#### PG&E Gas R&D

#### PG&E's Gas R&D Team



Operations & Maintenance (O&M):
 Supports R&D aimed at maintaining and increasing the safety and reliability of the gas system while reducing O&M costs.



 Reducing Methane Emissions: Supports R&D that, if deployed widely, would reduce methane emissions from PG&E's gas system.



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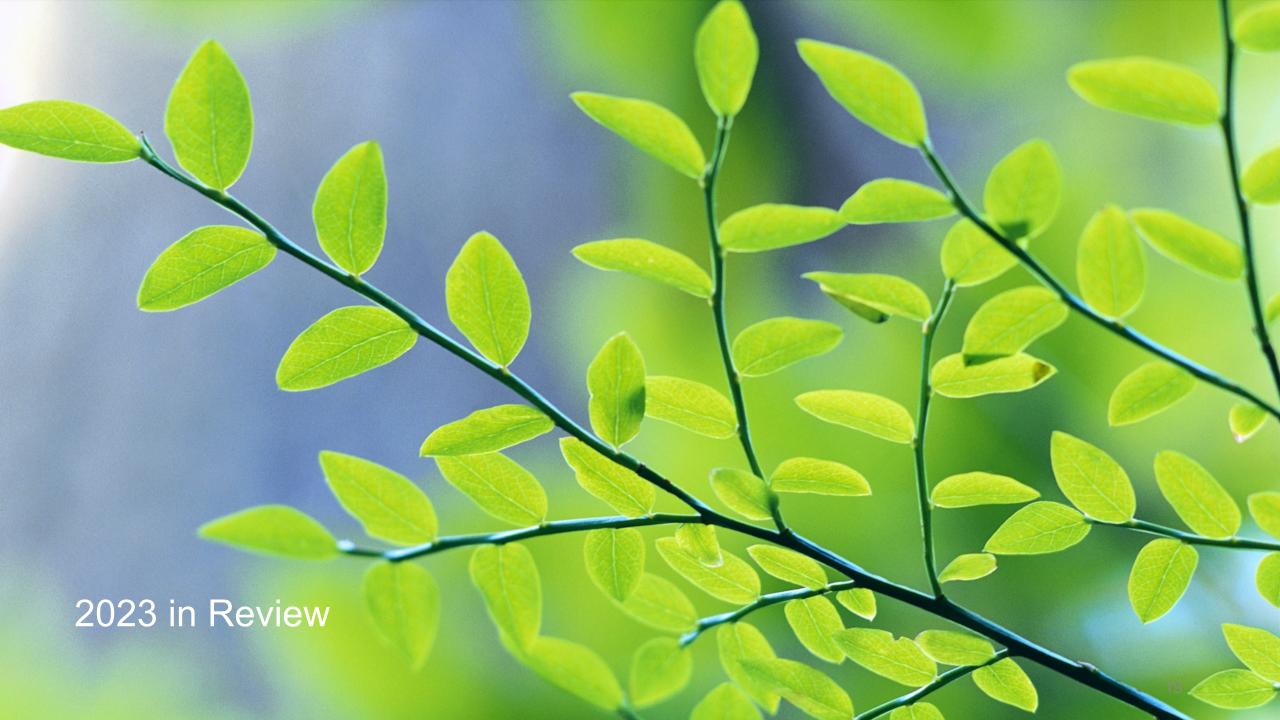


#### General



Which of the following best describes your professional role?

- Academia
- Community-Based Organization
- Consulting
- General Public
- Government Agency
- National Lab
- Tribal Nation
- Utility
- Other



# Results of the 2023 R&D Program

## Summary of Active and Completed Projects

Portfolio Category	Active during 2023	Completed in 2023
Operations & Maintenance	65	29
Reducing Methane Emissions	25	10
Decarbonization	81	22
TOTAL	171	61

#### 2023 Funds Expended

FUNDING CATEGORY	2023 SPENDING	CUMULATIVE SPENDING
Operations & Maintenance	\$173,955	\$3,371,499
Reducing Methane Emissions	\$789,405	\$1,178,336
Decarbonizing the Gas System	\$196,315	\$2,363,405
TOTAL	\$1,159,675	\$6,913,240

R&D projects funded in 2023 across the three research areas:

O&M, reducing methane emissions, and decarbonizing the gas system.

\$1,159,675 Invested in projects

that improve gas system performance, environmental impact, customer satisfaction, and communication.

#### 2023 Leveraged Funding

	2023 CY Spend	PG&E Cumulative Spend	Co-Funding	Total Value of Projects	Leverage Ratio
O&M	\$173,955	\$3,371,499	\$45,625,238	\$48,996,737	14.5
Reducing CH4 Emissions	\$789,405	\$1,178,336	\$5,848,730	\$7,027,066	6.0
Decarbonizing the Gas System	\$196,315	\$2,363,405	\$90,274,169	\$92,637,574	39.2
TOTAL	\$1,159,675	\$6,913,240	\$141,748,137	\$148,661,377	21.5





















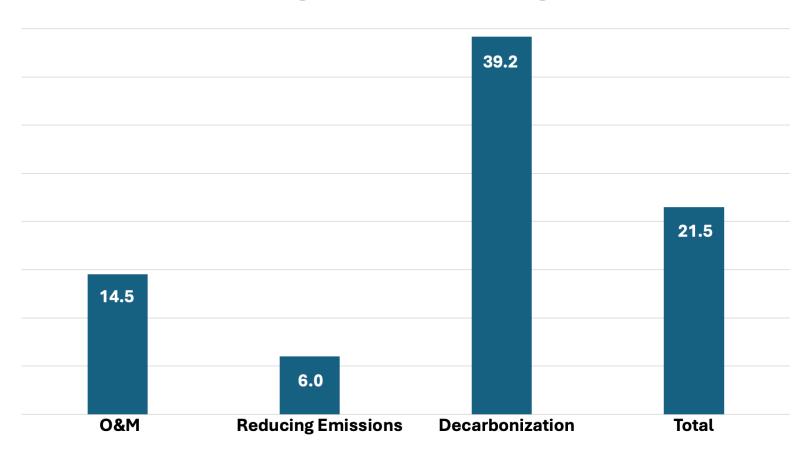
**\$148,661,377** Total value of projects

supported with time, resources, and PG&E funding.

**\$141,748,137** Leveraged funds

provided by public agencies, national labs, research consortia, and private industry.

## 2023 Leveraged Funding



#### 2023 Research Consortia

RESEARCH CONSORTIUM	<b>2023 DUES</b>
Colorado State University Methane Emissions Technology Center	\$10,000
NYSEARCH/NGA	\$72,250
OTD	\$750,000
PRCI (general membership)	\$159,569
PRCI (Emerging Fuels Institute membership)	\$100,000
UTD	\$350,000
TOTAL	\$1,441,819













## 2023 Leveraged Funding

Projects Won Awards from the CEC

5
Projects Won
Awards from
PHMSA

Projects Won
Awards from
the DOE

**\$115,494,926** Awarded to projects

from public agencies, including the CEC, DOE, NSF, and PHMSA.

\$39,550,822 Awarded to projects

from the California Energy Commission.

**\$70,603,733** Awarded to projects

from the DOE through the National Renewable Energy Lab, ARPA-E, and National Energy Technology Laboratory.

**\$3,840,371** Awarded to projects

from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration.

## 2023 Funding Recipients











































# **Equity**

# Diversity. Equity. Inclusion. Belonging.

We are focused on representing the broad diversity of the communities we serve by living up to our DEIB Stands:

- Diversity Matters: PG&E has a workforce that reflects the hometowns we serve.
- Equity Delivers: PG&E removes barriers to level the playing field for all coworkers.
- Inclusion Bonds: All coworkers and their ideas matter at PG&E.
- Belonging Sustains: Coworkers are known, valued, respected, supported and connected.

These DEIB Stands reinforce PG&E's Purpose of delivering for our hometowns and leading with love as well as our Stands that everyone and everything is always safe and it's enjoyable to work with and for PG&E.

AT PG&E

Employee Resource Groups
have been at the forefront of D&I



#### Employee Resource Groups (ERGs) and Engineering Network Groups (ENGs):

- Foster employee belonging
- Support an environment of inclusion that values and respects diversity in our workforce
- Promote positive relationships with the communities and customers we serve

# Equity

#### Supporting projects that matter

The energy transition can have short-term, negative impacts on ESJ communities and people underrepresented in STEM. That's why we evaluate every project we consider for its potential to benefit these groups.



Site projects in ESJs



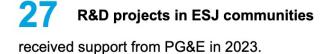
Hire scientists from diverse backgrounds



Work with Minority Serving Institutions



Support tech that benefits ESJs



\$130,013

Committed to projects

located in Environmental and Social Justice Communities.



# **Equity**

# Diversity. Equity. Inclusion. Belonging.



- Cost savings
- Reduced emissions and improved air quality
- Increased reliability
- Job opportunities
- Community engagement



#### Reducing Methane Emissions

- Improved air quality
- Climate change mitigation
- Health benefits
- Job creation
- Environmental justice



# Decarbonizing the Gas System

- Reduced GHG emissions
- Health improvements
- Economic opportunities
- Diversified energy mix
- Customer benefit programs

#### General



PG&E is very interested in environmental and social justice (ESJ) as it relates to our research. Can you recommend any community-based organizations (CBOs) or Tribal nations we should be engaging to help us in this effort?



# **Project Selection Process**

#### Identifying critical technology gaps

As part of our work on the PG&E R&D Strategy Report, we conducted a gap analysis and identified 32 technology gaps related specifically to gas R&D. Based on these findings, Gas R&D organized its efforts into three main research categories.



Operations & Maintenance



Reducing Methane Emissions



Decarbonizing the Gas System

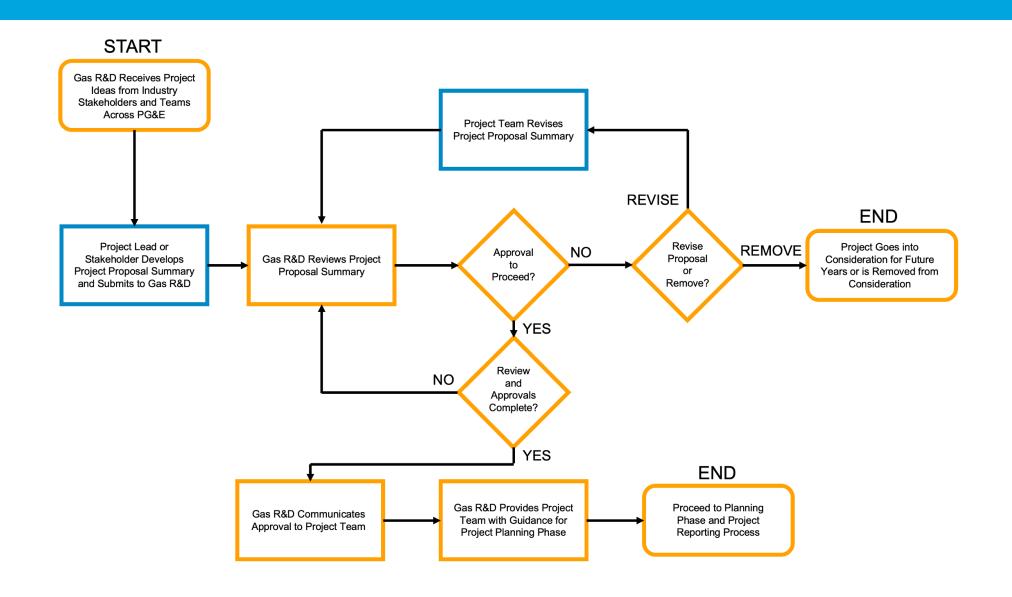


# **Project Selection Process**

#### 32 critical technology gaps

O&M	Reducing Methane Emissions	Decarbonizing the Gas System	
		Costly and Unstandardized Interconnection Skids	
Crack Assessment and Monitoring for Small Pipes		Uncertainty about Risks and Impacts from Trace RNG Chemicals	
Material Properties Verification for Existing		Hydrogen Embrittlement	
Pipe	Revised Emission Calculation Methodologies	Safety Risks of Hydrogen Blend Leaks	
Toughness Assessments for Existing Pipe	Transmission Pipeline Blowdown Methane	Metering Accuracy with Hydrogen Mixtures	
Crack Assessment Technologies	Emissions	Optimal Decarbonization Pathway	
Well Inspection and Monitoring	Meter Set Leak Repairs	Compatibility of Customer Applications with Mixed	
Corrosion Inspections	T&D Leak Detection	Gas	
Manual Customer Shutoffs	Reducing False Positive on Leak Detection	Uncertainty of Storage Facility Performance for	
Accuracy of Well-Life Estimation	Surveys	Hydrogen Blends	
Geohazard Risk Assessment	Above Ground Leak Detection and Monitoring	Limited RNG Capacity from Traditional Sources	
Accuracy of Pipeline Locating Technologies		Woody Biomass as an Energy Source	
Meter Set Corrosion Inspections		Gas Appliance Combustion Emissions	
Distribution Saddle Leak Repairs		Lack of Operational Data for Hydrogen Effects on Gas System	
Plastic Insert Detection		Need to Develop Cost-Effective and Safe Deblending Technologies	

# **Project Selection Process**



## General





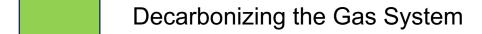


# Estimated 2025 Plan Spending

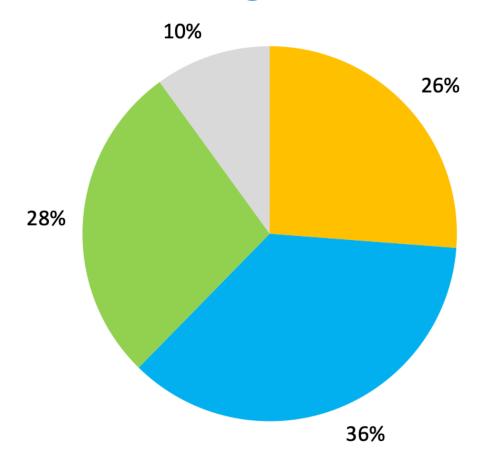
## 2025 Planned Spend at \$8.0 Million Budget











# Stakeholder Input













































# Operations & Maintenance



### Key stakeholder input (as of April 29, 2024)

- Fund a consortium to conduct a **field study of hydrogen injection** into the natural gas pipeline and to perform a technoeconomic analysis.
- Study the use of **hydrogen for long-duration energy storage**.
- Explore monitoring underground storage using fiber optic technology.
- Continue to look at 3<sup>rd</sup>-party damage prevention, particularly through use of artificial intelligence (AI) and proactive monitoring.
- Seek to better understand the impacts of integrating hydrogen blending and 100% hydrogen on new and existing infrastructure.
- Research utility-scale underground storage of hydrogen.
- Emphasize energy efficiency, especially in the short term.
- The role of AI in gas system O&M.
- Importance of collaboration in R&D ecosystem.
- Explore how to tap into and utilize the vast amounts of data.



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# A changing gas system



Gas throughput expected to decline with increased electrification



Ongoing investments in safety and reliability may create rate pressures for fewer remaining customers



Increased O&M efficiencies can enable PG&E to reduce rate pressure over time



# Safety, Reliability, Reduced O&M Costs

#### **Compliance with New Regulations**

- Crack detection, assessment, and mitigation
- Toughness verification

#### **Geohazard Risk Management**

- Monitoring, assessment, and mitigation
- Pipeline strain

#### **Storage Wells**

- Integrity monitoring
- Advanced data processing using AI/ML

#### **POLICY DRIVERS**



Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration's (PHMSA) Mega Rule: Safety of Gas Transmission Pipelines: Repair Criteria, Integrity Management Improvements, Cathodic Protection, Management of Change, and Other Related Amendments (federal)

49 CFR Part 192 Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards (federal)

General Order No. 112-F Rules Governing Design, Construction, Testing, Operation, and Maintenance of Gas Gathering, Transmission, and Distribution Piping Systems (state)

R.20-01-007 Order Instituting Rulemaking to Establish Policies, Processes, and Rules to Ensure Safe and Reliable Gas Systems in California and perform Long-Term Gas System Planning (CPUC)

PG&E's Gas Operations Asset Management Plans



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Active Projects in 2023

Projects
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Completed
Projects in
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\$173,955



### 2023 in Review—Case Study



Distributed Fiber Optic Sensor Monitoring of Pipeline Strain and Integrity for Cost-Effective Safe Operation under Geohazard Conditions

- First pilot of full-profile strain direct monitoring under geohazard conditions in the industry.
- First winner of PRCI Photo Contest in 2024.
- Field installation on a backbone transmission pipeline at a Calaveras fault-crossing and landslide mitigation project.
- On-demand monitoring from August 2023
- Funded by DOT/PHMSA University grant and SBIR funds











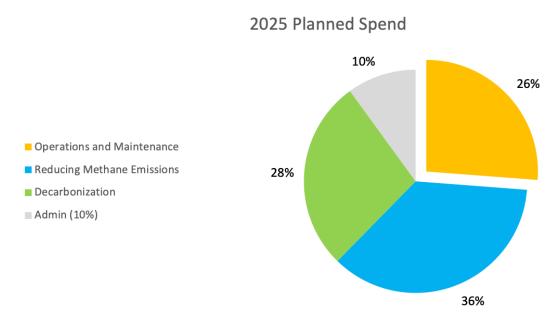








### Planned 2025 Spending: ~\$2.1M



#### Compliance with Regulations: 65%

- Hard spot detection and assessment
- Stress corrosion crack and selective seam weld corrosion detection/characterization
- · Inline and/or in-ditch material grade verification and toughness measurement
- Field pilot of thermal compression repair of crack-like seam defects
- Pilot run of detecting/locating mechanical impacts/3<sup>rd</sup>-party damages through real-time CP Current Monitoring
- Non-intrusive/above-ground anomaly screening

#### Storage Wells: 5%

- AI/ML data analytics of underground storage well integrity
- Monitoring using fiber optic sensor systems

#### Geohazard Risk Management: 30%

- Non-intrusive/above-ground pipeline strain assessment using manual cart and/or drone platform
- Inline and above-ground measurement of transmission pipeline depth of cover
- On-demand monitoring of the pipelines with fiber optic sensor systems at two fault-crossing sites



What types of benefits should we be seeking in the O&M projects we support?





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# A changing gas system

PG&E has set **ambitious goals** for decreasing emissions over the next 25 years as part of our broader climate strategy.

We have committed to reducing Scope 1 and 2 emissions from natural gas operations by 45% by 2030.

In April 2023—two years ahead of schedule—we announced that we had achieved our 2025 target of reducing pipeline emissions by 20%.

#### **Definition**

#### **SCOPE 1 EMISSIONS**

**Direct** emissions from PG&E's operations

#### **SCOPE 2 EMISSIONS**

**Indirect** emissions from facility electricity and electric line losses

#### **SCOPE 3 EMISSIONS**

Emissions resulting from value chain activities now owned or controlled by PG&E but that can be indirectly impacted through PG&E actions

#### **SCOPE 4 EMISSIONS**

An emerging term for categorizing emissions reductions enabled by a company. PG&E can make significant contribution by enabling these emission reductions in our service area

#### PG&E 2030 Goal/Initiative

Reduce Scope 1 & 2 emissions from natural gas operations **by 45%** 

- Reduce Scope 3 emissions from natural gas supply by 20%
- Reduce cumulative carbon emissions by 2.5MMT by converting commercial and industrial (C&I) customers unable to electrify from dirtier fuels to natural gas
- Deliver 15% RNG in PG&E's core throughput
- Operationalize hydrogen pilot by 2024 to inform safe levels of blending into the system by 2030
- Pledge \$25M towards sustainable uses for woody biomass with other partners



### Safety, Reliability, Reduced O&M Costs

#### **Revised Emissions Calculations**

- Direct measurements
- Continuous monitoring

#### **Efficient Leak Repairs**

- Compression-style adhesives
- Clamp
- Sealant

#### **Advanced Leak Detection**

- Satellite
- Helicopter
- Drones
- Advanced Mobile Leak Detection

#### **POLICY DRIVERS**



SB 1371 (Leak Abatement OIR)

PG&E's Compliance Plan, Ch. 15

GHG Emissions Standards for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities (DOGGR, CARB Oil and Gas Rule)

PG&E's Climate Strategy Report



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Completed Projects in 2023





#### **OTD 7.24.c Near Field Fixed Monitoring**

The purpose of this project is to test the technical specifications and leak detection capabilities of various methane sensors for continuous monitoring of wellheads at underground storage facilities.

- Continuous monitoring can improve both customer and coworker safety.
- Incorporating fixed methane monitors can reduce operating risks though early detection of high-risk methane leaks, potentially preventing loss of containment.
- Continuous monitoring can be used in lieu of daily wellhead leak surveys to reduce O&M costs.











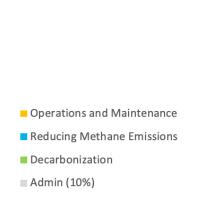


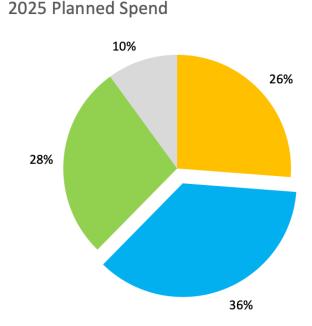






# CH4 Planned 2025 Spending: ~\$2.9M





#### Revised Emissions Calculations: 35%

 Evaluate emissions from transmission M&R stations through direct measurements and piloting continuous monitoring technologies.

#### Efficient Leak Repair: 15%

 Evaluate the use of innovative leak repair methods such as mechanical clamps, epoxy sealants, and compression-style adhesives to reduce methane emissions, decrease O&M costs, and improve safety by repairing leaks quickly and more efficiently.

#### Advanced Leak Detection: 50%

- Refine existing, advanced leak detection methods within PG&E operations for efficiency, safety, and lower operating costs.
- Evaluate the use advanced mobile leak detection systems and aerial leak detection platforms, including satellite technology, helicopter, and drone-based sensors.



What new trends or technologies in reducing gas system methane emissions are you aware of that you would recommend we explore further?





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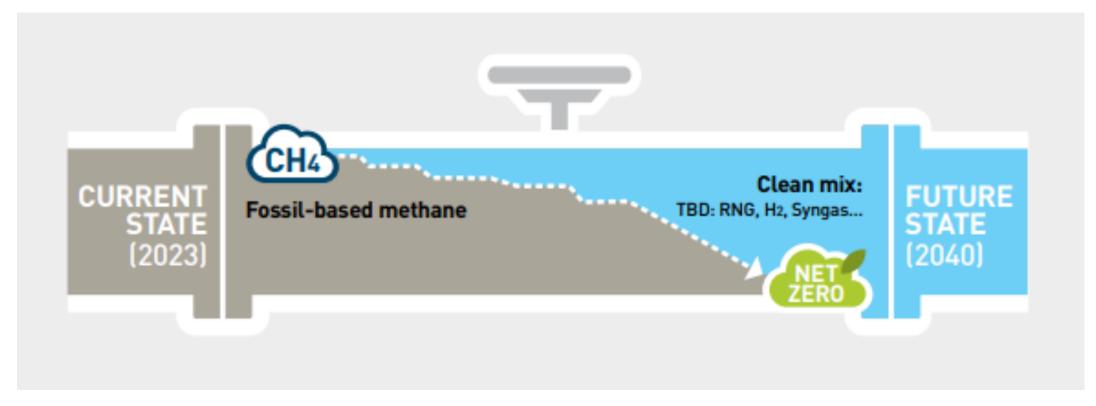
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2030 2040 **Reduce Carbon Emissions** 

Net Zero **Energy System**  2045 2050

California Reaches Carbon Neutrality

**Helping Customers Reduce Their Carbon Footprint** 

Climate- & Nature-**Positive** 

**Energy System** 

#### 2030 Climate Goals



Scope 1 & 2

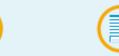
**↑70**% Renewable electricity



Scope 3



Electric vehicles fueled



Homes' annual emissions worth of energy efficiency



**↑50**% Workforce education & training classes on electrification



Zonal electrification pilots (targeting disadvantaged communities)





#### **Integrate Cleaner Fuels**

- Traditional RNG
- Non-traditional RNG
- Syngas

#### Impact of Hydrogen

- Material testing
- Measurement
- Hydrogen leak detection
- Hydrogen production
- Storage
- Industrial end uses (hard-to-electrify or –decarbonize sectors)

#### **POLICY DRIVERS**



- California Climate Commitment
- EO B-55-18: 2045 Carbon-neutral California economy
- Assembly Bill (AB) 32: Reduce CO2 emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030.
- Clean Air Act: Air quality standards for NOx and PM
- SB 1383: CH4 emissions from organic waste
- LCFS: Reduce carbon intensity of fuels
- SB 1440: Authorizes a state procurement program for biomethane
- Injection of renewable hydrogen into gas pipelines (OIR) R.13- 02-008
- Joint H2 Blending Demonstration Projects (A.22-09-006)





**Traditional RNG** 

RNG created from traditional organic sources: livestock, landfills and wastewater treatment



Non-Traditional RNG

RNG created from non-traditional organic sources: woody biomass, food waste, etc.



**Synthetic Methane** 

RNG created from other sources: power-to-methane, etc.

# The impact of hydrogen



# Effects on existing system components and operations

- 1. Pipeline integrity
- 2. Storage well integrity
- 3. Safety characteristics
- 4. Metering accuracy



# Effects on existing customer end uses and appliances

- Compatibility with various customer end uses and appliances
- 2. Deblending at customer sites





#### Hydrogen to Infinity

A comprehensive, full-scale, real-world study to establish parameters for safe and low-cost production, transmission, storage, and use of hydrogen as a fuel to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

#### Research, development and demonstration

Full-Scale Pipeline Loop

Built and operated as real-world gas transmission pipelines

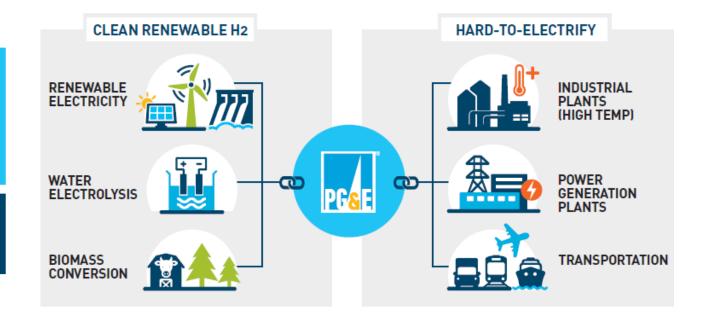
#### Alignment with California climate goals

- Accelerates transition to clean energy, supports California leadership
- Synergy with California Energy Commission hydrogen solicitations, HvBlend and PHMSA R&D

#### **QUICK FACTS**

5-20% H2 by volume 720 psi (ANSI 300) Vintage infrastructure Industry test bed 130-acre City of Lodi, CA 10 yr+ operations (>2027)

Contact us at hydrogen@pge.com or visit our website at pge.com/hydrogen





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22 Completed Projects in 2023







### Decarbonizing Large Commercial and Industrial Equipment with Hydrogen

This project will result in a study that will identify the impact of hydrogen-natural gas blends on existing and new appliances and the maximum concentration of hydrogen that can be handled by these appliances with and without modification.

The result will inform policymakers and the private sector of the technical and economic feasibility of this strategy and identify additional research and infrastructure necessary to enable large-scale deployment.











Reliability

Improved Affordability





Reduced GHG Fmissions

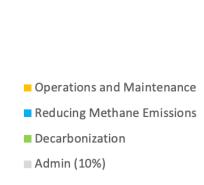


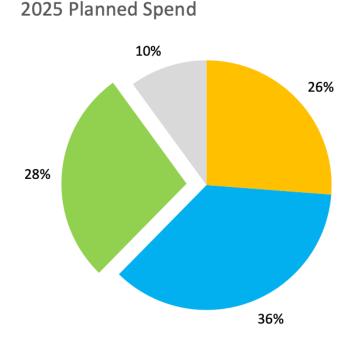






### Planned 2025 Spending: ~\$2.2M





#### Integrating Clean Fuels: 25%

- Renewable Natural Gas (RNG) trace constituents
- RNG impact to the existing gas system
- Woody biomass to RNG
- Power-to-methane

#### Impact of Hydrogen: 75%

- Hydrogen Blending (HyBlend, targeted blending in existing gas network)
- Hydrogen to Infinity (H2 Infinity) R&D Support
- Hydrogen Leak Detection
- Hydrogen Storage
- Hydrogen impact and changes to Integrity Management Programs
- Safe operation and maintenance of hydrogen blended systems
- Hydrogen measurement
- Hydrogen and gas quality, including NOx emissions



What new technology developments related to decarbonization excite you?





### General



Now that you know more about the types of projects we support, how do you see these positively impacting ESJ? How could we measure success in this area?

### General



### Thank You



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# Submitting follow-up questions

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