# Innovation for Cool Earth Forum

#### Inclusive Action towards a Net-zero Emissions Future



Robert B. Weisenmiller, Chair October 11, 2018 California Energy Commission



## California represents 1 Percent of Global GHG Emissions





# Change in Energy-related CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions (2017)



Source: IEA, Global Energy and CO2 Status Report, 2017



## California meets 2020 GHG Target 4 Years Early







Source: California Air Resources Board, *California's Greenhouse Gas Emission Inventory* 5



## **Renewable and Carbon-Free Electricity**



This doesn't include hydro or nuclear. If they were included then CA's electricity supply would be 60% GHG free

Just RPS-eligible renewables Carbon free electricity



# 5 Million ZEVs by 2030

#### **Executive Order:**

- 250,000 chargers
- 200 H2 stations

# Recent Laws:

Assess needs

- Reduce grid costs
- Reduce TNC GHG
- Offer incentives
- HOV access





# **2019 Residential Standards**

## **Mandatory Measures**

- Wall insulation
- Gas furnaces fans
- Fans for small duct high velocity systems
- Air Filtration
- Adopted ASHRAE 62.2-2016 with Amendments

### **Prescriptive Measures**

Photovoltaic systems requirements Envelope:

- Fenestration
- Door insulation
- Quality insulation a prescriptive requirement
- Roof deck insulation
- Wall assembly

#### Water Heating:

- Options for heat pump water heaters
- Options for storage gas water heaters.



"For many scientists, this is the year they started living climate change rather than just studying it."

Source: New York Times, August 9, 2018





# California Climate Change Impacts: Transportation Fuel Sector Flood Risk





Source: Radke, J.D, G.S. Biging, K. Roberts, M. Schmidt-Poolman, H. Foster, E. Roe, Y. Ju, S. Lindbergh, T. Beach, L. Maier, Y. He, M. Ashenfarb, P. Norton, M. Wray, A. Alruheili, S. Yi, R. Rau, J. Collins, D. Radke, M. Coufal, S. Marx, A. Gohar, D. Moanga, V. Ulyashin, A. Dalal. (University of California, Berkeley) 2018. Assessing Extreme Weather-Related Vulnerability and Identifying Resilience Options for California's Interdependent Transportation Fuel Sector. California's Fourth Climate Change Assessment, California Energy Commission. Publication Number: CCCA4-CEC-2018-012.

# California Climate Change Impacts: Greater Variability and Higher Extremes

Days per year when maximum temperature in Sacramento is projected to be above 103.8 °F under the RCP 8.5 scenario (emissions rise strongly through 2050 and plateau around 2100).



Source: Cal-Adapt. Data: LOCA Downscaled Climate Projections (Scripps Institution of Oceanography), Gridded Historical Observed Meteorological and Hydrological Data (University of Colorado, Boulder).



# Adaptation needs will be less if Global GHG Emissions are greatly reduced



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