



# **HYDROGEN AND HYDROGEN BLENDING**

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# SHAPING THE FUTURE: SoCalGas Overview



In business for over 100 years and headquartered in Los Angeles, **SoCalGas®** is North America's **largest gas distribution utility**.

Serving 22 million consumers across **24,000 square miles** of Central and Southern California with affordable, reliable, and increasingly renewable gas service.



SoCalGas has committed to the goal of achieving **net zero greenhouse gas emissions** in its operations and delivery of energy by 2045 while keeping bills affordable for customers.



SoCalGas's recent **economy-wide technical analysis** shows how clean fuels like green hydrogen can help California achieve its net zero goals more affordably and with less risk than other energy pathways.



SoCalGas's mission is to build the **cleanest, safest and most innovative energy company in America**.

# Journey to Become the Cleanest, Safest, Most Innovative Energy Company in America



## Climate Goal

- Announced goal to be net zero by 2045
- Became the largest gas distribution utility in the nation to include scopes 1,2, and 3
- Aligned with California's statewide decarbonization goals and the global Paris Agreement climate emissions

## ESG Financing Framework

- Aligns our investments/activities with our sustainability goals to help drive our environmental, social and governance (ESG) commitments to support long-term, sustainable value for all shareholders and our other stakeholders

## Angeles Link

- Announced proposal to develop the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system to deliver clean, reliable energy to the Los Angeles basin
- Goal to drive deep decarbonization in hard-to-electrify sectors of the Southern California economy

MARCH 2021

OCT 2021

NOV 2021

JAN 2022

FEB 2022

## Clean Fuels White Paper

- Published a California economy-wide assessment of an integrated energy system
- Key study findings note the importance and requirement of a clean fuels network to achieve an affordable, resilient, and risk mitigating solution that supports electrification

## ASPIRE 2045 – Sustainability Strategy

- Holistic approach to integrating sustainability across entire business to create positive impact and strengthen business outcomes
- Five strategic areas to support our business in being the cleanest, safest, most innovative energy company in America as we advance our climate objectives

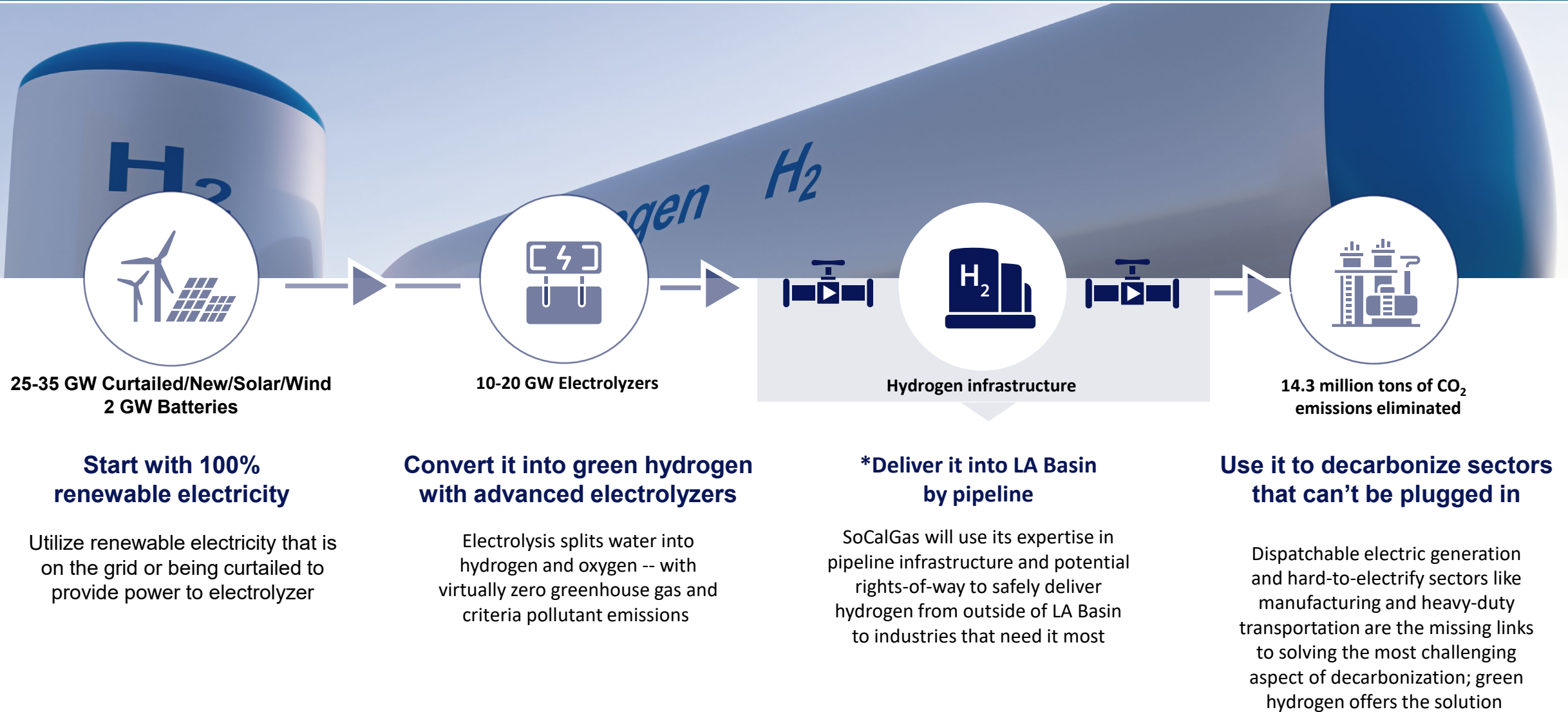
# Angeles Link: Green Hydrogen Pipeline Project



<https://www.socalgas.com/regulatory/angeleslink>

- Proposal to develop what would be the nation's largest green hydrogen energy infrastructure system to deliver clean, reliable energy to the Los Angeles region.
- When built, the Angeles Link green hydrogen system could reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improve local air quality, and help SoCalGas serve California's energy needs for generations to come.
- Angeles Link can drive deep decarbonization of heavy-duty transportation, dispatchable electric generation, industrial processes and other hard-to-electrify sectors of the Southern California economy.
- SoCalGas is directed by CPUC to join the State in its application for federal funding, and to study as part of Phase 1 the feasibility of a localized clean hydrogen hub solution in the Los Angeles Basin.

# Angeles Link: How Could It Work



# Project's Impact:

## Angeles Link Benefits of One Potential End-Use Scenario



Haynes



Scattergood



Harbor



Valley

Could provide **zero-carbon green hydrogen** to assist LADWP's conversion of its natural gas electric generation facilities



Displace **3 million gallons of diesel per day** reducing NOx (**24,721 tons per year**), PM<sub>2.5</sub> and other hazardous air pollutants associated with diesel emissions



Could significantly reduce regional natural gas demand to potentially remove **14.3 million metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>**



Equivalent to eliminating **57%** of LA County's large stationary source CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

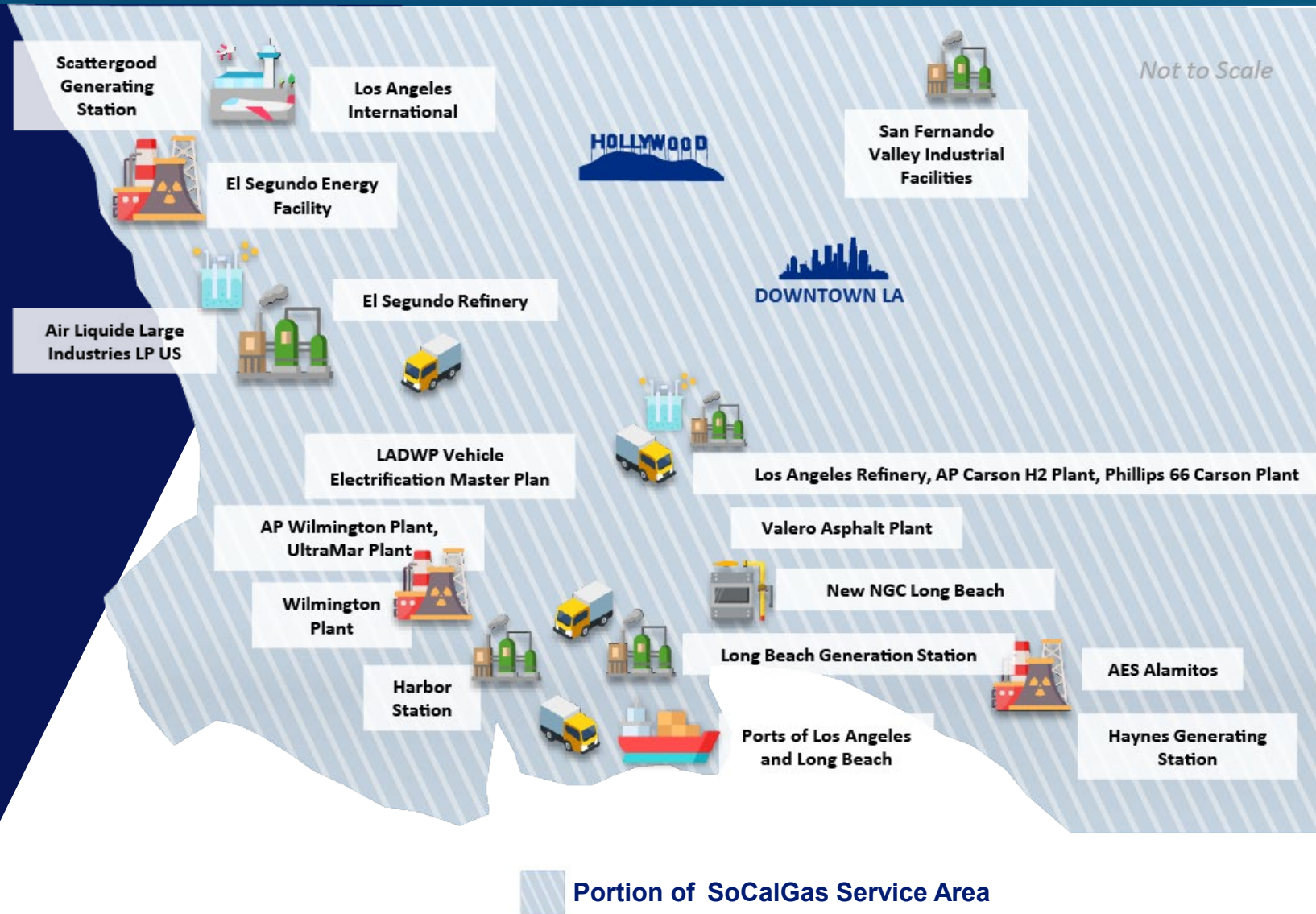
# Shaping the Future: Industrial Hub



## Green Hydrogen Could Enable Industrial & Hydrogen Hub in the L.A. Basin

Reliable and scalable  
delivery of green hydrogen  
as demand grows

Focuses on large emitters  
such as electric generation,  
aviation, cement, chemical  
manufacturing, shipping  
and trucking



# BLENDING INITIATIVES:

## Why Blend Hydrogen into Natural Gas Infrastructure



Supports **decarbonization** of gas grid



Establishing a **California Hydrogen Blending Standard** could accelerate decarbonization of broader energy system



Achieving **cost reductions** for hydrogen through delivery at-scale



Providing a **Just Transition** for workers

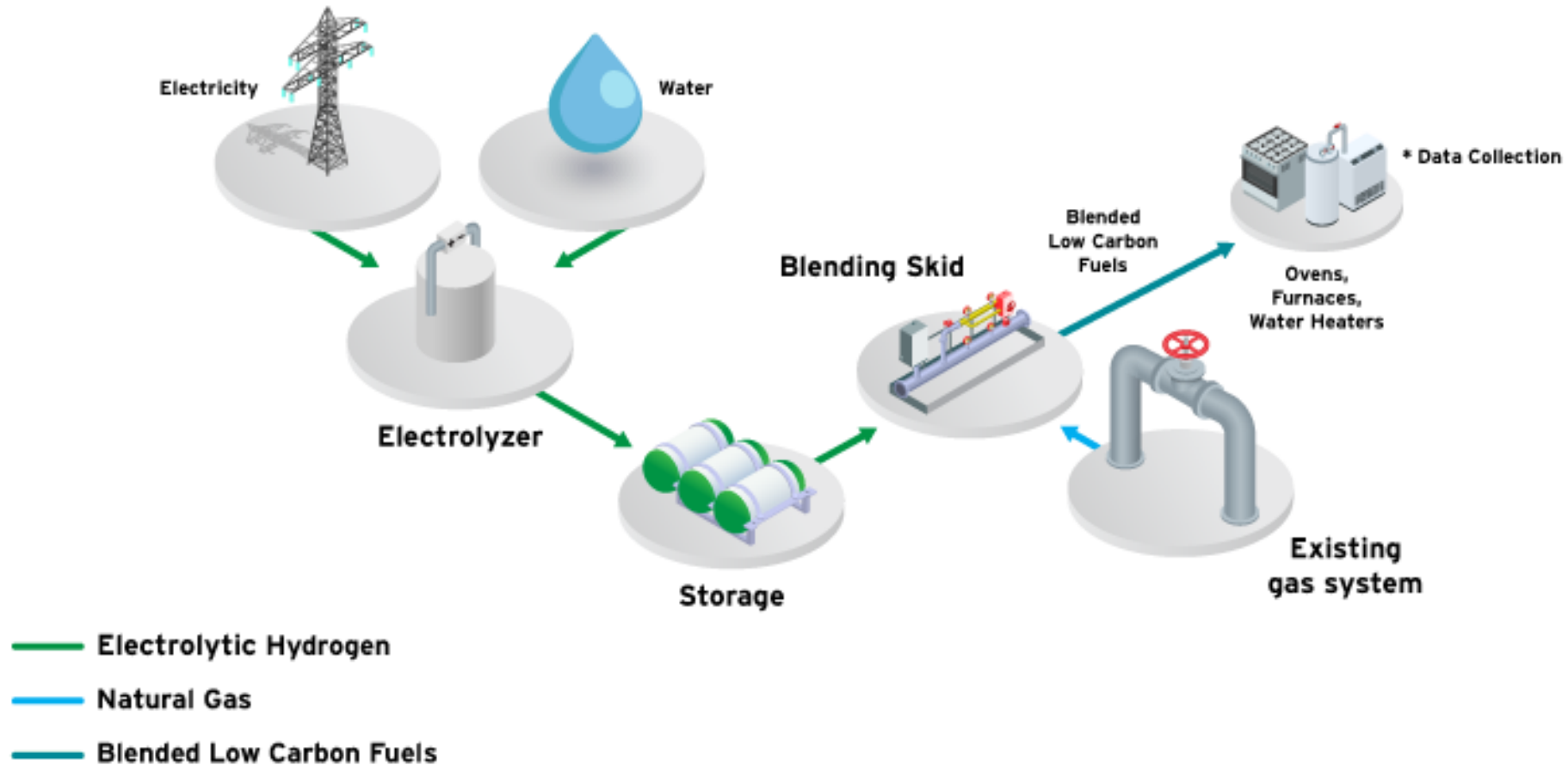


Enabling hydrogen compatibility for infrastructure and appliances





# BLENDING INITIATIVES: H2/NG Blending Process Overview



# BLENDING INITIATIVES:

## H2/NG Blending Areas of Focus



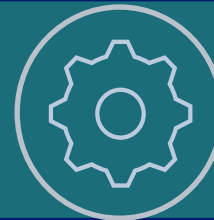
- Leakage rates
- Leak detection
- Odorant compatibility

Safety



- Plastic and steel compatibility
- AGS/UGS assessment
- End user considerations

System Integrity



- Operations and system impacts
- Pipeline Facilities
- Compressors, turbines & engines

System Reliability



# BLENDING INITIATIVES:

## H2/NG Blending Proposed Demonstration Projects



Utility	Pilot Location	Material	Summary
SoCalGas	UC Irvine	Mixed (steel and plastic)	Project will gather and analyze field-testing data using increasing concentrations of blended hydrogen in a <b>medium-pressure steel and plastic distribution pipeline system</b>
SDG&E	UC San Diego	Polyethylene plastic (PE)	SDG&E's project will collect the same data as SoCalGas' project but will specifically help determine hydrogen blending standards applicable to <b>PE plastic distribution systems</b>
Southwest Gas	Truckee, CA	Polyethylene plastic (PE)	Southwest Gas' project will blend increasing concentrations of hydrogen into a <b>PE plastic distribution system</b> and will assess performance and safety at high elevation in <b>extreme weather conditions</b> such as those experienced in Northern California

# [H2] PROQUAL AND LIVING LAB PROJECTS: Phase 1 & 2 H2 Blending Testing



- **Phase 1 [H2] PROQUAL:** Blending up to 20 vol% H2
- Pipeline material impacts
- Common residential meter set
- Gas monitoring and leak detection tools/equipment
- Testing common residential appliances; focus on “vintage” equipment
- **Phase 2 H2 Living Lab:** collaboration with NYSEARCH
- 2-year demonstration project to simulate hydrogen blending in a high pressure and medium pressure system; blend 25 to 35 vol% H2
- Investigation on pipeline and pipeline equipment material and performance impacts on polyethylene pipe, steel pipe, gaskets, elastomers, fittings, regulators, valves, compressor
- Periodic removal of pipe and components to examine material changes
- Test new leak survey/detection/quantification technologies as they become available
- Assess the need and extent for new safety training



# Demonstration Project:

## [H2] Hydrogen Innovation Experience

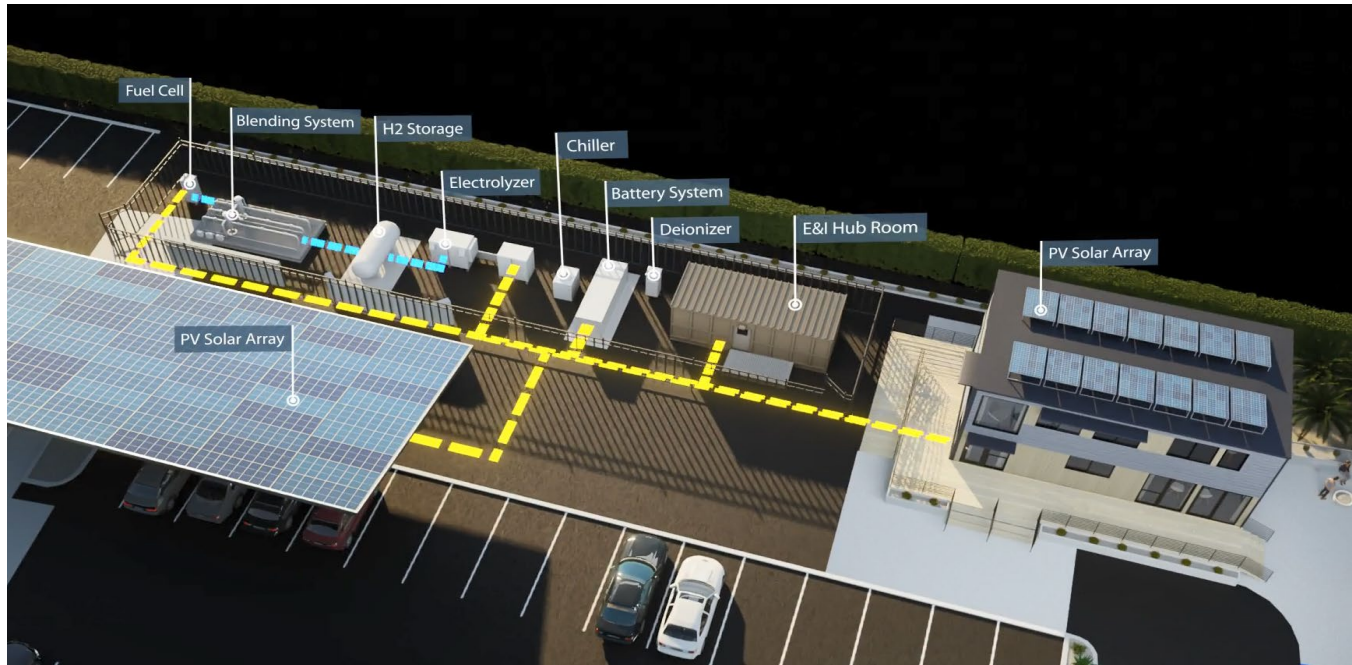


- State-of-the-art demonstration home designed to show the resiliency and reliability of a hydrogen microgrid
- Features solar panels, a battery, an electrolyzer to convert solar energy to hydrogen, and a fuel cell to supply electricity for the home
- Hydrogen is blended up to 20% with natural gas and used in the home's tank-less water heater, clothes dryer, gas stove, fireplace and BBQ grill



# [H2] INNOVATION EXPERIENCE

includes an ecosystem of hydrogen, natural gas and microgrid infrastructure



- » Solar carport and rooftop solar panels
- » Green hydrogen production using an electrolyzer
- » Hydrogen blending skid
- » Storage units: battery + hydrogen tank
- » Hydrogen fuel cell
- » Home appliances

# RD&D Project: [H2] PureComp



- Testing new technology that can simultaneously separate and compress hydrogen from a blend of hydrogen & natural gas
- Potentially allow hydrogen to be easily and affordably transported via the existing natural gas system
- Hydrogen may be extracted and compressed at fueling stations for fuel cell electric vehicles



# RD&D Project: H2 SilverSTARS



- Developing first-of-its-kind advanced hydrogen generation system at SunLine Transit Agency in Thousand Palms, CA
- System will produce hydrogen from renewable natural gas and help fuel SunLine's fleet of 17 hydrogen fuel cell electric buses
- At scale, project could provide clean hydrogen at any location adjacent to a natural gas pipeline





Thank You!