# California Manure Methane Emission Reduction Efforts An Overview



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# SB 1383 requirements

- Requires a 40% reduction in dairy manure methane by 2030
  - ✓ No regulation until 2024
  - Progress report in 2020
- Based on a voluntary and incentive based approach to achieving reductions
  - Critical given high leakage potential of industry
  - Zero ability to pass on costs
  - Key is developing projects that provide a return on investment

# **Dairy diversity**

- Fewer than 1,400 family-owned and operated dairies in California. These dairy operators vary greatly in size, manure handling practices and location
  - ✓ What works for dairies on the North Coast may be different from what works for dairies in the San Joaquin Valley
  - ✓ Roughly 1050 in San Joaquin Valley
- No silver bullet to reducing emissions due to diversity of dairy operations. As a result, dairy operations will need a suite of solutions
- CDFA's and ARB's analysis have both shown that we can't get there with just digesters and certainly can't get there by converting all dairies to pasture



# **Role of digesters**

While not the only solution, digesters will prove critical to achieving large scale reductions sought by state

- Digesters not only have the potential to reduce GHG/ methane, they can also create flexible and dispatchable renewable energy
- Transportation fuel projects also have potential to dramatically reduce NOx and diesel PM in addition to GHG/methane
   Digester development must be accelerated to achieve state's goals

✓ 100 to 200 digesters by 2030



### **Cluster opportunities**

 Tremendous opportunity with dairy cluster projects to demonstrate how we move from concept to pipeline injection and carbon negative transportation fuel
 CPUC development of 5 dairy biomethane projects critical



#### Dairy Manure Digester Development in California

1. ABEC-Bidart-Old River 2. ABEC-Bidart-Stockdale 3. Blakes Landing Farms/ Straus Family Creamery 4. Castelanelli Brothers Dairy 5. Cottonwood Dairy/ Joseph Gallo Farms 6. Denier Dairy\* 7. Fiscalini Farms 8. Giacomini Dairy 9. Hilarides Dairy 10. New Hope Dairy\* 11. Open Sky Ranch 12. Pacific Rim Dairy 13. Pixley Biogas\*\* 14. Van Steyn Dairy 15. Van Warmerdam Dairy 16. Verwey Dairy– Hanford 17. Verwey Dairy- Madera 18. GJ TeVelde Ranch Under Construction 19. Carlos Echeverria & Sons Dairy 20. Lakeview Dairy 21. West Star Dairy \*Temporarily Offline \*\*Undergoing Repairs

### Incentive Funding

**Dairy Methane Reduction Projects** 

- \$50 million in CDFA funding for dairy methane reduction projects including
  - ✓ Anaerobic digesters
  - Solids separation technologies



- Conversion to dry manure management
- Open solar drying and onsite composting
- \$29-\$36 million for digesters currently available (DDRDP)
- ✓ \$9-\$16 million for Alternative Manure Management Practices (AMMP) Program being developed

### Integration of incentives

- Numerous programs designed to incentivize dairy methane reductions generally and digesters specifically
  - One goal of this effort should be to provide better coordination and integration



# **Existing incentive programs**

Dairy Digester Research and Development Program

- ✓ Up to \$36 million available now
- More expected in 2017 and 2018 GGRF Expenditure Plans
- BioMat FiT up to 90 megawatts
  - Current price @ 17-18 cents kwh
- CPUC Biomethane Interconnection Incentive Program
  - \$40 million available across all projects
  - ✓ 50% match up to \$3 million
    - Up \$5 million for dairy cluster projects
- CEC Alternative and Renewable Fuels and Vehicle Technology Program (ARFVTP), AB 118, and EPIC Programs

Digesters

Fueling infrastructure

- ✓ NG Vehicle incentives
- ARB Dairy Digester GHG offset protocol
- ARB LCFS dairy biomethane transportation fuel pathway
  - Federal RIN credits also generated under RFS

#### **New State Incentive Programs**

Dairy biomethane pilot projects/CPUC/R.17-06-015 ✓ Expected implementation 1/1/2018 LCFS dairy pilot financial mechanism/ARB Program identification by early 2018 CEC 2017 IEPR requires CEC to develop recommendations for the development and use of renewable gas Proposed recommendations by 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2017 ARB also has broad authority under SB 1383 to "... establish energy infrastructure development and procurement policies needed to encourage dairy biomethane projects ... "

### Where we are headed

36 grant applications submitted to CDFA

 Totaling over \$75 million
 Available funding just \$27-\$36 million

 Breakdown of projects seeking funding

 Electricity - 9
 RNG and transportation fuel - 17
 Combo - 10

 New projects by county:

 Tulare - 16
 Kern - 4
 Kings - 6
 Madera - 4

- ✓ Fresno 4
- ✓ San Joaquin 1
- ✓ Merced 1

Several clusters being proposed

### Conclusion

Achieving state's ambitious 40 percent manure methane reduction target will take concerted effort and partnership between industry, state and stakeholders.