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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 9:15 a.m.

3 MR. WARD: Good morning everyone. I am
4 Peter Ward, Program Manager for the AB 118
5 program, otherwise known as the Alternative and
6 Renewable Fuel and Vehicle Technology Program. We
7 are here for a public workshop on our Investment
8 Plan as we turn the page to the program that we
9 will be administering over the next seven years.

10 I want to first off thank our hosts here
11 at IBM for having us here. Moiden was helpful in
12 facilitating our being here. I really want to, I
13 really do appreciate it. This is a lovely place.
14 And from what I understand this is one of the
15 first public events you have had here in about the
16 20 year history. I think this is terrific and we
17 are really happy to be the first ones. Also I
18 would like to introduce Winfried Wilcke who will
19 be -- he is also our host at IBM and Winfried
20 would like to share a few words with you folks
21 before we get started.

22 DR. WILCKE: Thank you, Peter. We are
23 very excited to have you all. And as Peter
24 pointed out, it is the very first time that we are
25 doing this, i.e., allowing a public event like

1 this here. And we recognize and thoroughly
2 believe that, like most of you, energy is going to
3 be the dominant subject for this planet for the
4 next 30 or 40 years when we hopefully have settled
5 and solved it.

6 We are an IT company but we are also a
7 technology company. And we are starting to get
8 really serious about becoming an ET, energy
9 technology, company. So very specifically here in
10 Almaden, which is one of the IBM research sites,
11 the second largest, the largest one is in New
12 York, we are having several projects in energy.
13 We have one in nanoparticle-based solar cells. We
14 are going toward something very cheap and
15 eventually high-efficiency.

16 Yorktown Heights in particular, which is
17 the East Coast site, is driving a Smart Grid
18 effort. It is very startling, what I am reading.
19 If one can improve the efficiency of the grid, the
20 electric grid by just one percent it corresponds
21 to a reduction of greenhouse gases, of taking ten
22 million cars off the road. So there's a big
23 potential there.

24 A third project which is starting now
25 here in Almaden is to see how far one can push

1 battery technology for vehicles. And from the
2 fundamental physics point of view, we think that
3 given enough emphasis on that and a long-range
4 focus, say five to seven years, it should be
5 possible to create batteries that will be usable
6 energy then for the entire drive power train,
7 which is comparable or maybe even better than that
8 of gasoline. Three hundred to 500 mile range cars
9 later should be possible.

10 There's a lot of science to be done in
11 energy to make that happen but there is nothing in
12 physics which prevents that. We are going to have
13 an event here called the Almaden Institute, which
14 is a essentially a two-day conference on that very
15 subject, on August 26 and 27 of this year.

16 Okay, enough about IBM. But I need to
17 say a few housekeeping words. Since this is not a
18 public facility there are some restrictions.
19 Please do not wander off into the wilds of the lab
20 without somebody from IBM. I don't know whether
21 the agenda has a break for food. There is a
22 cafeteria at the very end of the building, at the
23 end of this hallway, but as I said, please go in
24 with an IBMer there. Restrooms are across the
25 hallway.

1 There is a Proterra high-tech bus out
2 there in the parking lot. But I understand it is
3 there only until ten a.m. this morning.

4 MR. HILL: Yes, 10:00 or 10:15.

5 DR. WILCKE: Ten to 10:15, very good.

6 MR. HILL: It's battery electric.

7 DR. WILCKE: Pardon?

8 MR. HILL: It's battery electric.

9 DR. WILCKE: Battery electric,
10 outstanding. And finally I really want to thank
11 everybody involved in organizing. We already said
12 Moiden the original contact, he's an associate lab
13 director, Wendy Fedde, Alex Deluca. And with
14 that, let's get started. This mic here is for the
15 auditorium and will be over there.

16 MR. WARD: I would like to briefly go
17 over the agenda we are going to have for today.
18 Also first I would like to recognize the CEC staff
19 that are in attendance today. We have Jonah
20 Margolis and we have Joanne Vinton up there who is
21 our greeter up there.

22 Tim Olson, my colleague in the program.
23 We are taking this tour around the state. We were
24 in Fresno yesterday. Next week we will be in
25 Diamond Bar and San Pedro. And these are the four

1 series of public workshops. We are trying to
2 elicit suggestions on our, on our Investment Plan
3 and suggestions for projects, ideas that you folks
4 have as we move from the Investment Plan process
5 to our program and actual solicitations that we
6 hope to release in the spring.

7 We are going to have several additional
8 presentations, not just on this Investment Plan
9 and our program. And so the folks you see up
10 here, Jim Robbins from the Environmental Business
11 Cluster. And we have Lewis Harrison from the San
12 Francisco Public Utilities Commission. We have
13 Alison Kirk from the Bay Area Air Quality
14 Management District and we have Bob Garzee from
15 Synergy EV, and he is also representing the
16 Silicon Valley Clean Cities Coalition.

17 And with that I think we can get
18 started. I do want to mention though I was able
19 to ride in that battery-dominant electric bus this
20 morning just before we started. It's fantastic.
21 I think that is a great development and you are to
22 be commended, Dale. I think you worked long and
23 hard in getting this thing pulled together.

24 And looking forward to the future I
25 understand it is fairly rosy because he has

1 already talked to a good friend of ours, George
2 Karbowski at Foothill Transit. He is interested
3 in purchasing some of those when you go to more
4 production, just not the one-up.

5 I don't know, we have kind of a full
6 agenda. But if you folks would like to go out and
7 just take a look before you have to leave at
8 10:15, I understand. It is certainly a novel
9 looking bus, it rides very quietly. I'm thrilled
10 that you were able to bring it for us today, thank
11 you.

12 The program that we will be
13 administering soon will be a very ambitious
14 program, the likes of which we really haven't seen
15 at the Energy Commission for transportation I dare
16 say. Not in our state or in the nation.

17 The purpose is to develop and deploy
18 innovative technologies and fuels that transform
19 California's fuel and vehicle types to help attain
20 the state's climate change goals. To provide
21 immediate GHG reduction benefits and to help
22 create the impetus for a long-term transition from
23 petroleum to lower carbon -- to lower criteria
24 emission vehicles and fuels.

25 The funding is up to, we are authorized

1 for up to \$120 million a year through the year
2 2015. So this sends a good, strong market signal,
3 the likes of which, as I say, we have never seen
4 before. This year, this fiscal year that we are
5 in right now, we have been appropriated \$75
6 million. Next year it is, we are not sure of the
7 final number but the number that has been
8 forwarded in \$101 million. So we will soon be
9 about the business of developing solicitations for
10 that, for that funding.

11 Part of our program and an important
12 part of our program is that we build a framework
13 for sustainability as we go forward. So we are
14 decreasing the pollution on a life-cycle basis
15 well-to-wheels, and we fund projects that will not
16 adversely impact natural resources.

17 As you may note, in the last six months
18 the economy as such is needing severe help. So
19 the emphasis of our program has pretty much re-
20 energized the economic development aspect of our
21 program and the capability that this funding can
22 provide for economic development and growth in
23 California is highlighted.

24 We would like to attract and retain
25 clean technology businesses, fund financial

1 incentives and private investment, encourage
2 market creation and informed consumer choice and
3 leverage the innovation that California is long
4 known for. I think right where we are today is
5 another evidence of the innovation that we have
6 seen in a long history.

7 I think the panel we have assembled
8 today also underscores that innovation. This is
9 why I wanted to put this type of panel together in
10 this location because we have some folks here that
11 are very forward thinking and we will be hearing
12 from them in a bit.

13 The Investment Plan is required by the
14 statute. And it was put in the statute so that we
15 would develop our priorities and opportunities for
16 this program. It will describe how funding will
17 complement existing public and private investments
18 as well.

19 I think the leveraging aspect of this in
20 identifying how funding will complement existing
21 programs is key. Especially now as we hear that
22 the economic stimulus package coming from
23 Washington will bring a large sum of money to
24 California and other states as well. We want to
25 leverage our money with that money as well.

1 The initial Investment Plan will guide
2 funding decisions during the first two years of
3 the program, after that each Investment Plan will
4 govern one year. But this is a relatively short
5 time here, if you will. We don't have access to
6 the funding yet so this Investment Plan covers
7 this fiscal year and next fiscal year as well.

8 We have convened an Advisory Committee
9 that helped us to guide the development of that
10 Investment Plan. We had our fifth meeting with
11 them on January 8 and we have taken quite a bit of
12 their input.

13 The staff Draft Investment Plan is now
14 available for review. The Advisory Committee
15 meeting, as I mentioned, was on the 8th of
16 January. The workshops are Fresno yesterday,
17 today San Jose, next Tuesday in Diamond Bar and
18 next Wednesday in Los Angeles. I think it's
19 actually in San Pedro with the emphasis on the Los
20 Angeles Port.

21 The Transportation Committee at the
22 Energy Commission is comprised of Commissioners
23 Boyd and Douglas. Commissioner Boyd is the Vice
24 Chair and Commissioner Douglas is the new Chair of
25 the Energy Commission. Interestingly enough last

1 Thursday she gave birth to a daughter. That was
2 in the morning and in the afternoon she was named
3 the Chairman of the Energy Commission. So that
4 was a very full day for Karen, the likes of which
5 she probably hopes she doesn't see again all
6 focused on one day.

7 The consideration of the Plan will be by
8 the five member Energy Commission, the two
9 Commissioners I've mentioned and three others.
10 And we are targeting that adoption for March.

11 There are several different types of
12 projects that are eligible for this. Alternative
13 and renewable low-carbon fuels development and
14 improvement.

15 Projects that optimize alternative and
16 renewable fuels for engine technologies.

17 Alternative and renewable low-carbon
18 fuel production in California.

19 Projects that decrease the fuel's life-
20 cycle carbon footprint and increase
21 sustainability.

22 There is that word sustainability again.
23 This will be a focus of the program. We really
24 don't want to go forward in lowering GHG and
25 improving technologies and using renewable fuels

1 in a way that does harm to our natural resources
2 in California. We want to make sure that the
3 paths that we go forward on are much more
4 sustainable than those we have been on.

5 The alternative and renewable fuel
6 infrastructure, fueling stations and equipment are
7 all eligible.

8 We will be improving light-, medium- and
9 heavy-duty vehicle technologies for better fuel
10 efficiency. We will be hearing from Joe Dalum a
11 little later, from DUECO, on that.

12 Additionally we will have buydown
13 programs, advanced technology warranty or
14 replacement insurance, development of market
15 niches and supply chain development.

16 Retrofits for medium- and heavy-duty
17 vehicles, alternative and renewable fuel
18 infrastructure development, workforce training,
19 education and program promotion and develop
20 technology centers and analyses to assist in
21 preparing the Investment Plan and informing the
22 program as we go forward through the seven years
23 of this program.

24 We have been given a slate of funding
25 mechanisms that are at our disposal. And I will

1 be mentioning there are grants, contracts, loan
2 guarantees, revolving loans, consumer rebates,
3 direct fuel subsidies. And this all-important
4 phrase that was in the statute, other mechanisms
5 to be defined, which really expands the latitude
6 from which we can fund different projects.

7 We want to hear, and this is part of the
8 reason we are here today. Is to get public and
9 public stakeholder input on our plan as we go
10 forward for the solicitations.

11 We want to hear about the projects but
12 we would also like to hear about the funding
13 mechanisms that would be most appropriate for
14 those projects in your estimation. We understand
15 there are gaps in funding that are being taken up
16 and some that still remain. And we want to know
17 those that remain and how we would best fill those
18 with the appropriate mechanisms.

19 We will be co-funding and seeking
20 strategic partners. Maybe some of those are in
21 the room with us today, that would leverage our
22 funds. I think we are all in this together and we
23 would like to team up wherever it makes sense.

24 The funding preferences that we have
25 been given shall provide preference to projects

1 that reduce life cycle environmental impacts,
2 including air and water pollution, decrease life
3 cycle greenhouse gas emissions by at least ten
4 percent, do not adversely impact the
5 sustainability of natural resources, use
6 alternative fuel blends of at least 20 percent and
7 use existing or proposed fueling infrastructure,
8 provide non-state matching funds, provide economic
9 benefit for California, and drive new technology
10 advancement.

11 In summary, the Investment Plan was
12 developed in two steps. We were asked to develop
13 a framework so that we would be able to provide
14 the best trajectory to meet the goals, both in
15 2020 under AB 32, the Global Climate Solutions Act
16 signed by the Governor in September of 2006. That
17 goal for that is actually in law. It is that we
18 have to achieve 1990 GHG levels by the year 2020.
19 We are far exceeding those now so that is an
20 ambitious goal and a mandate.

21 Beyond that we want to set the
22 trajectory to 2050. We would like to comply with
23 the Governor, Governor Schwarzenegger's Executive
24 Order that we achieve an 80 percent reduction from
25 1990 levels by the year 2050. I think that is

1 going to be very ambitious. We certainly can't
2 get there until we achieve the 2020 goals. But
3 that will be ambitious and that is basically the
4 framework we have established for this program.
5 To understand the necessary trajectory for fuels
6 and vehicle technologies that could bring us those
7 reductions in the year 2050.

8 We established these goals along the
9 way. We were working backwards from the State
10 Alternative Fuels Plan that was jointly adopted by
11 the Energy Commission and the Air Resources Board
12 in December of 2007. In that plan was the 2050
13 Vision, which was a plausible scenario to achieve
14 the 2050 reductions. We have used that guide the
15 framework that we have established using and
16 populating those assumptions in that Vision with
17 our CALCARS, consumer choice, light-duty model.
18 And evaluate the vehicle and fuel efficiencies
19 expected in the year 2050.

20 I think that there is a lot of work that
21 can still be done on the 2050 Vision to more flesh
22 out the assumptions for technologies, fuels and
23 the costs of those. And to find out what would be
24 the best trajectory to take us from now to 2020
25 and from 2020 on to 2050 for the ambitious goal of

1 an 80 percent reduction from 1990 levels.

2 We are categorizing the fuels and
3 technologies in the Investment Plan under the
4 following categories: super-ultra-low-carbon,
5 ultra-low-carbon, low-carbon and additional fuel
6 economy improvements. These are basically the
7 categories of funding that the fuels and vehicle
8 strategies fall in. Initially the low-carbon is
9 about a 20 percent reduction at this point. Which
10 could, and all of these could actually jump
11 categories as they are improved and renewable
12 resources are applied to their production.

13 The Step 1 results of our, of our
14 analysis show that in the out years you can see
15 electric drive and hydrogen are the scenarios
16 under the 2050 Vision that give us the most
17 reductions. But then there is an awful lot of
18 development work that needs to be done on those
19 technologies as they are zero or near zero
20 emitting technologies.

21 Fuel economy improvements in the blue is
22 a sizable chunk of the reductions that we need.
23 These are, these are basically the GHG reductions
24 that we would need to meet 2050. The advanced
25 biofuels at the top in green are a considerable

1 chunk as well.

2 You can see along the bottom in the red
3 are the natural gas, propane and renewable diesel
4 as they exist today because they are low-carbon
5 but not the lowest potential carbon. These
6 technologies can advance and I expect that they
7 will with the renewability of natural gas from
8 biomethane. It also could be a source of hydrogen
9 in the future as well so there's a lot of
10 development that can take place. And actually
11 there's an awful lot of interest in those
12 particular technologies to improve those
13 fuel/vehicle combinations.

14 The second part of the, the second step
15 of our Investment Plan shows a Gap Analysis that
16 was performed for us by TIAX and Mike Jackson is
17 in the audience with us today. We were basically
18 looking at where our opportunities are. In other
19 words, where are the gaps in funding of public and
20 private funds going into these development areas.
21 And we would like to determine from that where are
22 the gaps and where can our partners and
23 stakeholders fill some of those gaps. And leaving
24 what gaps remain that could be available and could
25 be targeted for funding investments from this

1 program.

2 We reviewed the public and private
3 investments and funding for alternative and
4 renewable fuels, we determined the gaps and where
5 additional funding is not needed, therefore
6 leaving where our funding can be useful.

7 At this point I would like to call on my
8 colleague, Tim Olson, who can take us through the
9 funding recommendations for each of these four
10 categories. I'll join you later, thank you.

11 MR. OLSON: Okay. Thanks, Peter, for
12 going through that quickly. And I am going to try
13 to do the same thing here so we give other
14 speakers some time to give their insights.

15 So what I am going to do is kind of walk
16 through some of the rationale and maybe give you
17 some magnitude of how we are proposing to allocate
18 funding. And we are using this kind of
19 convention, this structure of the super-ultra-low,
20 ultra-low, low-carbon to show a little bit of the
21 categories.

22 And then also keep in mind that where a
23 fuel or technology falls in one of these
24 categories it actually may be in more than one
25 depending on things like the efficiency of

1 vehicles and the origin of the fuels. So what we
2 are describing here is kind of the ideal world in
3 2050, hoping to do this earlier than 2050.

4 So super-ultra-low-carbon needs.
5 Basically this will be a preference area from the
6 standpoint of our Commissioners. That we want to
7 see more greenhouse gas emissions. As Peter
8 pointed out, that is our really key goal in this.

9 There are other co-benefits that go with
10 that. Some in-state, a preference for in-state
11 development of biofuels, preferences for some
12 petroleum reduction that may go hand in hand with
13 the greenhouse gas emission reductions. And we
14 are not, as Peter pointed out we are not, we don't
15 want to backslide on criteria pollutants. So all
16 of these things kind of meld together and help us
17 in our objectives.

18 In our interactions in our program you
19 are going to see some references to collaboration
20 with the California Air Resources Board. They are
21 also a part of this program. They have their own
22 source of money out of AB 118 and they have some
23 preferences that they have already stated some
24 preferences in how they want to spend their money.
25 For the most part we want to have one program for

1 the state of California even if both agencies have
2 common interests and common preferences.

3 So we are working behind the scenes to
4 kind of decide who does what. But for the most
5 part just to sum of from what we know about the
6 Air Board's preferences, they want to emphasize
7 electric drive and hydrogen. And some of that is
8 they have some restrictions in law that they can't
9 spend money on infrastructure and fuel production.
10 It's really the vehicle technologies what they are
11 focusing on.

12 As we go through this you will see that
13 we have some common interests. Our program, AB
14 118, is more flexible in allowing us to basically
15 cover the entire development stream when you look
16 at it from the point of fuel production, any kind
17 of processing of the fuel, storage terminal
18 blending, fueling infrastructure, the vehicle
19 itself, the actual consumer use of the vehicles.

20 So we have a lot of ground to cover and
21 spending a lot of time to figure out -- Not only
22 do we have a lot of flexibility but we have a lot
23 of challenges to figure out how to allocate all
24 the funding and not miss good opportunities. We
25 are trying to take a very balanced approach on

1 this but there are some guiding lights on this and
2 that's this kind of convention of getting the most
3 greenhouse gas emission reductions.

4 In that category, as Peter pointed out,
5 the super-ultra-low-hydrogen and electric drive.
6 And I am going to go right to the next slide and
7 first talk about what we are proposing to do with
8 the electric drive. And remember, what we are
9 talking about today is a staff proposal to our
10 Commissioners and our Advisory Committee. It is
11 still open for changes by the Commissioners. They
12 may not agree with us. We think they will in many
13 of these cases but in essence there is still time
14 to influence this proposal.

15 What we are planning to do with electric
16 drive is to support several different things here.
17 One is we want to see new products in the
18 marketplace that could be battery electric
19 vehicles, could be plug-in electric vehicles. We
20 are not proposing to fund gasoline hybrids and we
21 are not -- we are debating whether we should fund
22 retrofits or refurbishments of vehicles. There
23 are a lot of reasons there and I can go into some
24 of those as we walk through this.

25 So technology, the vehicle technology

1 that are ready to go into the marketplace and kind
2 of the early commercial market, we are suggesting
3 a method, a mechanism as a rebate covering the
4 differential, part of the differential cost
5 between that, compared with the electric vehicle
6 to a gasoline or diesel counterpart.

7 So we are spending a lot of time trying
8 to estimate the differential costs. And we are
9 factoring, the approach we take is to factor out
10 the federal tax credits that might be available
11 for those kinds of vehicles and then looking at
12 the remaining differential as our, as our share to
13 try to cover -- basically make this even with a
14 gasoline or diesel vehicle and make it easier for
15 buyers/consumers to buy the vehicles.

16 So that is one approach. And that tends
17 to be mainly on light-duty vehicles but it also
18 goes into the medium-duty, heavy-duty area in
19 which we are looking at diesel hydraulic hybrid,
20 diesel hybrid technology that we think is poised
21 to go into the mass market here in the next couple
22 of years.

23 In essence when we talk about these
24 differential costs we are also defining a
25 rationale for the government incentive. That

1 these new technologies are more expensive and we
2 are trying to buy down or offset that differential
3 cost. That is the idea we are trying to get to.
4 So you are going to see some of those proposals
5 from both the Energy Commission and the Air
6 Resources Board and we are probably going to have
7 a shared program for those kind of rebate efforts.

8 In addition to that we are -- the Energy
9 Commission is proposing to provide some money as a
10 cost-share on prototype development. And that
11 means, as opposed to thousands, you know, a couple
12 thousand, 15 thousand in any single year. It's
13 going to be ones and twos of technology that is
14 not yet in the marketplace in any kind of
15 significant way.

16 This will be for the electric drive
17 looking at things like, instead of a diesel
18 electric hybrid maybe a natural gas. A different
19 kind of fuel in electric hybrid or hydraulic
20 technology. And then exploring some of the other,
21 other types of kind of advanced technology. The
22 series hybrids, the plug-in electric hybrids, the
23 battery electric in the medium-duty and heavy-duty
24 applications. So these are not yet in the
25 marketplace in a big way and it takes in some

1 cases a proof of concept or a market
2 demonstration. And we are looking for people,
3 consumers to be the hosts of those projects.

4 Why are we interested in this? And
5 again, these are more expensive than the diesel
6 truck that is in the marketplace. Why are we
7 interested? There are about 12 manufacturers,
8 engine manufacturers, truck manufacturers that are
9 very interested, poised, ready to make these
10 projects, these technologies.

11 Accompanying the electric drive vehicle
12 technology is our interest in co-funding some of
13 the charge stations. And this would be commercial
14 and municipal, public access charge stations. Not
15 necessarily home recharging, even though we may be
16 open to that. In essence these would probably be
17 attached to or configured around purchases by
18 fleets, whether it's a county or a private firm or
19 some other type of local government.

20 And it is in this likely to be a cost-
21 share. I am going to spend a little bit of time
22 on the electric drive to explain a little bit.
23 You are going to see the same kind of repeat kind
24 of ideas throughout the rest of these technologies
25 and I won't spend as much time on each one of

1 them.

2 But the idea is we would provide some
3 kind of cost-share grant for some of those
4 infrastructure problems of electric drive. How
5 many? We were looking in the range of 100 to 200
6 in this round of effort. The rebate projects, we
7 want to really reflect what is happening in the
8 marketplace, whether it's a retrofit,
9 refurbishment or a new OEM product. And we are
10 willing to spend money on those rebates. And
11 again this is coordinated with the Air Board.

12 The other fuel technology in the super-
13 ultra-low category is hydrogen. We are not
14 proposing to provide rebates for hydrogen vehicles
15 in this early stage of funding. But we are
16 proposing to provide funding for the same kind of
17 thing like electric drive, the building of the
18 network for the fueling stations.

19 And we would like to tie that to two
20 different kinds of options. One, dedicated
21 automaker rollout of vehicles over the next few
22 years. And we also like to look at whether there
23 are some multiple uses that maximize the hydrogen
24 through-put that could involve automaker vehicles,
25 transit buses, maybe distribution centers.

1 Are any of these projects co-located
2 where the buyers or consumers are going to be? In
3 essence we are interested in that. And this
4 reflects what is happening in the marketplace,
5 that these early, early stage projects are in
6 these areas. Automaker OEM product, transit buses
7 and things like forklifts that are used in
8 distribution centers.

9 So that's kind of the approach we are
10 proposing to take with hydrogen. We are expecting
11 to spend in the range of, I think we were
12 estimating about nine, ten million dollars for
13 this kind of project. We have heard from
14 stakeholders that they would like to see that
15 increased and we are mulling that over and asking
16 for more detail to support that idea.

17 What are the other categories? Ultra-
18 low-carbon refers to primarily ethanol biodiesel,
19 basically the biofuels. And it involves in some
20 cases very limited vehicle incentives, mostly
21 infrastructure and then there's some fuel
22 production. And I am going to go through some of
23 those in a little more detail here.

24 So with the biofuels we have several
25 different things we are looking at. One, if you

1 are not aware there are about 400,000 FFVs,
2 flexible fuel vehicles, on the road that can use
3 pretty much various ranges of ethanol fuel. And
4 right now we are using ethanol as an additive, E-
5 5.7 in gasoline. That's expected to go to E-10 by
6 2012.

7 We want to look at what can you do to
8 get more ethanol, to E-85. The higher fuel type
9 of options. And when you go to that point you
10 have got to have more, you have to have
11 infrastructure to -- new pumps, new fueling
12 infrastructure to use that, that E-85.

13 So when you look at, how does this
14 happen over time. We are estimating that around
15 2,000 fueling stations are going to be needed to
16 create the foundation network for the E-85 use.
17 In mostly urban areas. It doesn't have to, it
18 doesn't have to be 10,000 fueling stations like
19 you have with gasoline but this is really the
20 foundation building. And right now today there's
21 maybe 20 or 30 total in the state. We are
22 proposing that, we are looking at in the range of
23 100 to 200 projects per year for E-85 stations.

24 And there are some different business
25 models out there on how to do that. In essence we

1 are looking at this is a good, we think this is a
2 good option to initiate that, that ethanol E-85
3 fuel as a, as a significant greenhouse gas
4 emission reduction option.

5 And for biodiesel because -- biodiesel/
6 renewable diesel because you can use the existing
7 infrastructure we are not proposing anything
8 significant in fuel infrastructure. But we are
9 proposing that we provide cost-share money for
10 some of the terminal storage and blending.

11 And why are we doing that? Well, it's
12 not happening in the marketplace. And there are a
13 lot of independent companies that are in this area
14 and the financing just is not there to do this.
15 As a result we have got this Northern California/
16 Southern California logistic problem of getting
17 biodiesel/renewable diesel on the market. There
18 are some other factors in biodiesel/renewable
19 diesel but in essence that is a key thing.

20 I am also -- We also have this category
21 of low-carbon fuels. For the most part this is
22 natural gas and propane. Natural gas has a pretty
23 significant, for alternative fuels a significant
24 success in getting early-adopter demonstrations of
25 transit fleets. Lots of heavy-duty, medium-duty

1 vehicles are being used using the natural gas.
2 There is some more modest success with propane.

3 But these two options do give, do create
4 opportunities for greenhouse gas emission
5 reductions. Maybe not in the range of 70 to 80
6 percent like some of the other fuels but enough to
7 qualify for the Low-Carbon Fuel Standard. We
8 think there's a, there's a role for these low-
9 carbon fuels and there's a role as transition into
10 the ultra-low and super-ultra-low.

11 And just to give you kind of a range of
12 ideas. We are willing to provide, again, rebate
13 funding for the vehicles, light-duty, medium-duty,
14 heavy-duty, covering the differential costs
15 compared to either gasoline in the light-duty
16 sector or diesel for medium-duty, heavy-duty.

17 And again, we want to look at what are
18 the tax credits at the federal level. We don't
19 want to duplicate that based on the factor that we
20 see these options, particularly natural gas, as a
21 transition to things like hydrogen, through
22 hythane, HCNG.

23 We see options in the fuel production.
24 Biomethane as a renewable source of natural gas.
25 And in essence we think that in the case of

1 natural gas, blending hydrogen into a natural gas
2 operation gets you some advance -- accelerates we
3 think the hydrogen option and not having to wait
4 several years before it is more cost-effective.

5 Our sense is with fueling infrastructure
6 and natural gas we have got to look at a couple of
7 things. We have got a lot of stations, close to
8 200 stations in California right now. Not all of
9 them are at full capacity use so in essence we are
10 not, we want to do a kind of more strategic kind
11 of approach of, if we are going to fund new
12 fueling stations we've got to get better capacity
13 usage at the existing ones.

14 And we suspect that some of these
15 projects may be more suited for loans or loan
16 guarantees. In essence the idea of, is it a cash
17 grant, is it a rebate, is it a loan. The closer
18 you are to commercial availability we are going to
19 be looking at loan options. And anything that is
20 a very sizable investment, particularly for things
21 like fuel production plants or these fuel blending
22 terminals in essence we may have a limit on a
23 project. We haven't set that but there may be a
24 practical limit just based on the number, the kind
25 of project ideas we get.

1 And I don't know what that is. But say
2 we provide \$3 million or \$4 million for a project
3 and it's cash and you have a \$10 million or a \$20
4 million project total capital cost. Will our
5 money as a cash grant help you or can you take the
6 same \$3 million and leverage a \$30 million loan
7 debt pool. So those are some of the things we are
8 asking people. What's the mechanism that works?

9 We also have this category of improved
10 vehicle efficiency. I had mentioned a little bit
11 about the hydraulic hybrid idea. This is an area
12 that the Air Resources Board has a similar
13 interest. This could be component part
14 efficiency, it could be the whole system
15 efficiency, it could be battery efficiency
16 improvements.

17 We are looking at a whole range -- for
18 the most part I think a lot of these are going to
19 be demonstration. From what we have heard, ideas
20 so far, mostly demonstrations and not a lot of
21 commercially-available products at this point.
22 But we are very interested in this area and we are
23 looking forward to getting ideas.

24 There's a reference in the statute on
25 lots of different component parts and things that

1 are eligible. Take a look at that closely. There
2 are a lot of things that could be eligible.

3 And I think I covered some of that
4 already.

5 We have this other category called non-
6 GHG reduction categories. And that's things like
7 the workforce training. We are having discussions
8 now with different state programs, community
9 colleges, local programs, different kinds of
10 curriculum development. Things that might include
11 operation maintenance.

12 In essence as we get new technologies in
13 the marketplace we are going to need some new
14 training. And we are going to need new people,
15 new mechanics and new people in the field. And we
16 are willing to provide funding. In fact there is
17 a substantial, close to I think 16 or 17 million
18 dollars, maybe a little more, set aside for this
19 total category.

20 In addition we -- as Peter pointed out,
21 sustainability is a big factor in this program.
22 And I guess one way to sum this up is the
23 environmental footprint is going to be a pretty
24 significant screen in how we select projects. And
25 sustainability tends to be focused right now on

1 biofuels because of all the issues of what the
2 feedstock origin is, whether there are indirect
3 impacts, what the direct impacts -- Plus you have
4 got lots of different feedstock sources and
5 configurations that need to be looked at closely.

6 So this goes into the area of how do
7 you, how do you design a verification process that
8 helps you track the greenhouse gas emission
9 pathway, the footprint. And I personally think
10 that we are going to have to track the origin of
11 almost every fuel at some point as we develop this
12 program. So that means we are going to need so
13 performance tests, we are going to need some
14 protocol development, we are going to need some
15 kind of tracking system. And we are willing to
16 spend money in this area to help develop that.

17 We also have several examples where
18 there are challenges, barriers that restrict or
19 impede the development of certain fuels. Two that
20 come to mind are a need for standard ASTM standard
21 development for hydrogen fuel and for biodiesel/
22 renewable diesel above the E-5 level. A lot of
23 uncertainty in the marketplace if these things are
24 not defined well. And we are willing to spend
25 money in conjunction with some of our sister

1 agencies and other entities to clarify and provide
2 some kind of guideline for these new fuels.

3 And we also have some -- We'll set aside
4 money to do different kinds of analysis. We will
5 have contract work to help us on troubleshooting
6 project problems. I think another area is
7 probably helping facilitate financing. We kind of
8 look at it this way, over the seven and a half
9 years of our program both the Air Board and the
10 Energy Commission will be spending maybe a billion
11 and a half dollars. And we estimate by 2020 we
12 are going to need to see a \$100 billion market
13 investment. So that means we are not only
14 spending our money but we are facilitators to help
15 find other sources of money. And just as a
16 matching requirement, but in essence these
17 projects don't go forward until you have other,
18 other investments.

19 And I think that -- One other category
20 is this manufacturing and production incentives.
21 So again this shows the flexibility of our part of
22 the legislation. We are willing to provide
23 incentives that help either retain, expand or
24 recruit companies to build their manufacturing
25 plants here. That could be a system plant, it

1 could be a component. So think in the terms of a
2 battery manufacturing plant or a component part or
3 a vehicle. This is kind of different from fuel
4 production plants, it is really the technology.

5 And what types of things are we thinking
6 of and how would we match this up? There is an
7 existing Governor's Initiative to basically waive
8 sales tax, exempt sales tax on equipment purchased
9 to operate and build a manufacturing plant for
10 what the Governor calls zero emission vehicles.

11 There's interest to expand that to all
12 of these alternative fuel technologies. So our
13 incentives combined with that, combined with maybe
14 enterprise zone type of opportunities. We are
15 very open to ideas of how to do this and why jobs
16 and tax revenues produced from those facilities in
17 the state.

18 And this is a summary of those
19 categories. And I guess one of the comments here
20 is this is our best guess reflecting what we think
21 is practical in the marketplace. What kind of
22 proposals we are going to get.

23 It reflects if we want to provide
24 incentives for electric drive vehicles, are we
25 going to have automakers delivering the vehicles

1 into our marketplace in the time frame of this two
2 year cycle or are we going to have to wait for the
3 third year.

4 The same thing with demand. Is there a
5 demand to buy or purchase these different -- So we
6 are trying to reflect what we hear and what we
7 observe in the marketplace and balance that with
8 our objectives to get more greenhouse gas
9 emissions -- emission reductions. So I think,
10 Peter, that goes back to you.

11 MR. WARD: At this point I think we
12 would like to move on to our other presentations.
13 But shortly before we do that I want to finish up
14 with some program information about what we are
15 doing. We have gotten Advisory Committee comments
16 from the last Advisory Committee meeting and these
17 are displayed here:

18 They want a better understanding of how
19 sustainability criteria will be applied, more
20 support needed for high-risk technologies, need to
21 develop a more compelling argument for the
22 program, we are going to cycle the returns from
23 investments back into the program to stimulate
24 additional funding and growth. Which is a bit
25 problematic sometimes because it is a seven year

1 program and many times you don't get those results
2 within that time frame. Need a stronger link
3 between K through 12 education and workforce
4 development.

5 They also suggested that we emphasize
6 the 2050 goals. Some on the Advisory Committee
7 suggested 2050 -- some suggested 2050 so we are
8 sorting that out.

9 More dollars should be directed to the
10 super-ultra-low-carbon category.

11 We have gotten mixed on that as well,
12 mixed feedback as well on the benefit of funding
13 retrofit and conversion projects.

14 Stronger support for EV fueling
15 infrastructure and distribution-level
16 infrastructure.

17 And more focus on the economic
18 development potential of the program, which I
19 guess you have probably have understood that we
20 have gotten that message very clearly. The
21 economic development will be key.

22 The schedule for implementation of the
23 program is as follows: We are holding these public
24 workshops this month. Next month we will be
25 finalizing the revised Investment Plan for

1 Committee adoption in March.

2 And then in the spring we hope to
3 release solicitations. Those are underway now
4 being prepared. We are hoping to -- I said
5 spring, I know that's a season not a month but I
6 think that's -- please work with us on this
7 because we are doing that on a parallel path.

8 I don't know if we really went into the
9 regulations that were required here for this
10 program in the statute to clarify the statute for
11 us. And that is the critical element before our
12 funding can be released. Those should, we hope if
13 everything goes according to plan, would be
14 enacted by the Secretary of State in late May.

15 But that doesn't mean we are holding
16 back. We are hoping to prepare solicitations,
17 release them, get the proposals back, evaluate
18 those, set them for a Business Meeting, so that
19 they can all be in queue for the day after these
20 regulations become enacted by the Secretary of
21 State. Then we can go ahead and release funds for
22 these various projects.

23 That basically is our presentation for
24 the day. I noticed that Dale Hill just left. I
25 think he is about to leave with his bus. If

1 anybody wanted to go see it before he did I
2 wouldn't blame you if you took a three minute
3 hiatus from our program here. That having been
4 said, I certainly don't want to undercut the
5 presentations that we have scheduled from our
6 guests here as well today.

7 Also I don't think I mentioned from the
8 beginning. If you would like to make a comment
9 during our public comment period, which will be
10 after the presentations here, if you could fill
11 out a blue card and get them to us. We would like
12 to limit those to no more than five minutes as a
13 public comment.

14 MS. VINTON: I have a stack.

15 MR. WARD: Yes. Joanne over there has a
16 stack of the cards if you would like to fill one
17 out and make a public comment.

18 There are ways to comment in our public
19 comment here. We have a docket that is available
20 on our website that I encourage you to give us
21 your suggestions. That is after all why we are
22 here today is to tell you about our Investment
23 Plan, the potential for our program. We would
24 like to get your comments on particular projects
25 or aspects of the program as we have explained it

1 to you today.

2 But importantly I would also like to
3 mention on our website you can sign up for what we
4 call our list serve. And that means that you sign
5 up and we will notify you for every action that we
6 take. You will be getting an e-mail alert of that
7 so you won't have to keep checking back with our
8 program. We'll let you know, for example, when
9 these workshops are being held. We sent out e-
10 mails to all those people on the list serve.

11 The same way for solicitations, adoption
12 of the Investment Plan, all the significant events
13 that will be happening in this program. Once you
14 are on you will be barraged -- Be specific in your
15 request on your list serve, that's one advice I do
16 have. Make it specific to this program. So be
17 it. Energy is a very wide topic so you want to be
18 as specific in your request, otherwise you will be
19 barraged with all sorts of different activities
20 that are going on at the Energy Commission.

21 Our first presenter for our program
22 today, which I hoped we would design for a local
23 interest here. And the local interest basically
24 is the innovation and the technology development
25 that is taking place in the Bay Area.

1 Our first presenter is Lewis Harrison
2 with the San Francisco Public Utilities
3 Commission. Just coming off the notoriety that
4 they enjoyed at the biodiesel conference last week
5 that was held in San Francisco. I would like you
6 to welcome Lewis. He is going to speak to us
7 about their biodiesel activities. Thank you.

8 MR. HARRISON: Thanks a lot. I am
9 really excited actually to talk about this
10 project. In a nutshell we are talking about
11 recycling waste grease into a renewable fuel, into
12 biodiesel. I have worked for 30 years for the
13 City and County of San Francisco in the water
14 pollution control, water pollution prevention
15 field and right now I am the division manager of
16 San Francisco's sewer system.

17 And within this division of 88 employees
18 we have the responsibility of maintaining San
19 Francisco's thousand miles of sewer and
20 maintenance and cleaning the sewer, as well as my
21 group has the source control group, the
22 regulators, that control the industrial discharge
23 of pollutants to our system in order to enable the
24 treatment plants to do a better job of protecting
25 the bay and the ocean.

1 So this is a pollution control program
2 at its heart. This is where it all began. And
3 traditionally you think of pollutants of concern
4 as being something like cyanide or mercury,
5 copper, lead, nickel. We have over the years had
6 programs targeted specifically at these type of
7 pollutants. But now we have a big problem with
8 FOG in San Francisco and FOG stands for fats, oils
9 and grease. And let's see if I can advance the
10 slide here. It doesn't want to advance. The
11 clicker.

12 In a nutshell the problem is that grease
13 clogs our sewer system. And this isn't just San
14 Francisco-specific, this is a nationwide problem.
15 My friend on the podium here, Bob Garzee, has
16 coined this idea of a municipal cholesterol
17 problem and that really is true. The grease clogs
18 our sewer pipes, constricts the hydraulic
19 capacity, convey less flow, and as a result we
20 wind up getting these overflows.

21 And this whole program of controlling
22 FOG started in 2000 with EPA pushing nationwide
23 this issue of reducing sanitary sewer overflows.
24 And it turns out the EPA is estimating that more
25 than 75 percent of the sanitary sewer overflows in

1 this country are related to grease blockages. So
2 we were focusing our program first on just
3 reducing those overflows.

4 But we were looking, because we are
5 pollution prevention oriented, you don't want your
6 pollutant that you have diverted from your problem
7 to become a pollutant or a problem for somebody
8 else. So we don't want that cross-media transfer
9 of our problem to someone else. So what could we
10 do with this pollutant? And conveniently, and
11 unlike any other pollution that we have ever dealt
12 with, we have this grease that can be used in an
13 alternative way and it's a waste product that can
14 be used as an alternative fuel.

15 And this stuff is hard, by the way, in
16 the sewers. It is not mushy like Crisco, it's
17 hard as a rock. It has to be jackhammered out.
18 It's a huge maintenance problem. And we spend
19 probably \$3.5 million dollars a year dealing with
20 this issue just in San Francisco dealing with
21 grease-related blockages.

22 Most of the sources are from restaurants
23 but the grease once it gets in the sewer also
24 becomes an odor problem. It becomes a rat
25 problem. The rats love to eat it. And even at

1 the residential level people think it's okay to
2 pour that last little bit of grease down the drain
3 when they are washing their pots and pans. And
4 cumulatively this all adds up to a gradual coating
5 of our pipes throughout the country and becoming
6 this big issue with grease blockages throughout
7 our system.

8 So this is just a GIS plot of the last
9 year's worth of grease-related complaints. My
10 unit, my division responds to 6,000 annual
11 complaints for sewer service, of which almost half
12 of them are grease-related. This is just in San
13 Francisco. And the data, if you research it,
14 nationwide it is a problem. That is why we think
15 our solution to this could be something that could
16 be replicated in cities around the country.

17 I would like to introduce our biofuel
18 coordinator, Karri Ving, to talk about the project
19 from this point.

20 I do want to say that one of the main
21 points about the program is that -- and that makes
22 it very unusual and almost a grassroots project is
23 that the public down at the household level can
24 participate in this program and they can see that
25 their protecting of the sewer system and reducing

1 the overflows, kind of protecting water by not
2 putting that grease down the drain, can actually
3 create this fuel that powers their kids' school
4 buses and improves air quality and improves our
5 impact on the climate. So that's the sustainable
6 idea behind this whole thing.

7 And I would like to introduce Karri Ving
8 to talk about it from this point.

9 MS. VING: Thank you, Lewis. Good
10 morning, guys. So as Lewis was pointing out,
11 every single municipality across the state is
12 dealing with their urban waste as disposal options
13 become more and more difficult to utilize.
14 Landfills are filling up. And also it is no
15 longer acceptable for municipalities and towns to
16 take a passive role towards waste. It is now you
17 are responsible.

18 Cities are also grappling with working
19 to achieve some level of fuel independence.
20 Importing less fuel into their towns while still
21 providing the necessary public services to run the
22 fire trucks and street sweepers, muni buses. Now
23 I have to learn this program. Here we go.

24 So what San Francisco is doing on a
25 number of levels is trying to tackle fats, oils

1 and grease and work towards a level of fuel
2 independence that is tangible and replicable. We
3 are passing a sewer ordinance where we are going
4 to be working with our 2300 restaurants and hotels
5 to get them the latest recovery devices so that we
6 can capture that FOG before it enters our sewers.

7 And then we have through a PIER grant
8 with the California Energy Commission a fats, oils
9 and grease biodiesel demonstration project. That
10 is going to be converting brown grease, restaurant
11 trap grease, into biodiesel.

12 The important aspect there is not that
13 we are proving a technology. It is that we are
14 dealing with proven technologies and working to
15 bring those technologies to market. So on a
16 private side you have some very exciting
17 technologies for producing sustainable biofuels
18 that need to identify a commercialization pathway
19 to bring their costs in line to that of
20 traditional number two diesel and other
21 traditional fuels such as bunker fuel, heating
22 fuel.

23 So the benefits of co-locating a
24 biodiesel processor within the sewage treatment
25 plant are numerous. I am not going to go into

1 them all but I essentially want to give you the
2 understanding of the fact that every single town
3 and city has a sewage treatment and what we are
4 showing is that you can leverage that existing
5 infrastructure. The latent heat, hot water loops,
6 transportation corridors, the permitting. And be
7 able to co-locate a biodiesel processor within
8 those walls and bring the costs of production in
9 line.

10 I actually don't know if I have enough
11 time to show the video but I am going to go into
12 this. So the purpose of the next three years'
13 demonstration is to achieve an overall goal of
14 reducing discharge into our sewers, recovering
15 energy value of fats, oils and grease, there's
16 organic BTUs, and reducing San Francisco's
17 reliance on fossil fuels, including their
18 greenhouse gas profile.

19 The technical goals are essentially to
20 produce an ASTM certified biodiesel made from
21 brown grease and to utilize the marginal off-spec
22 fuels that may not be roadworthy but are suitable
23 for fuel extenders and bunker fuel. And then the
24 overall economic goals are really to bring these
25 costs in line. Because there is no point in a

1 demonstration that produces fuel at \$17 a gallon,
2 it is just going to stay in the laboratory.

3 Can I get a time check? I just want to
4 make sure that we have enough. Peter, how are we
5 doing?

6 MR. WARD: How long is your video?

7 MS. VING: What?

8 MR. WARD: How long is your video?

9 MS. VING: It's a minute.

10 MR. WARD: We have a minute.

11 MS. VING: All right. So the point of
12 this video is just to kind of give you an
13 understanding that the brown grease to biodiesel
14 technology is that first rung that we are reaching
15 for. And we actually want to just change the role
16 of the traditional sewage treatment plant. Green
17 government by identifying all sorts of resources
18 that are traditional wastes, clarifier scums,
19 slime, food waste into compressed biogas. And
20 really, really redefine wastewater treatment as
21 more of an energy recovery facility. And this is
22 just going to give you kind of a vision of where
23 San Francisco wants to head in the next few years.

24 (Whereupon, a video clip was
25 started.)

1 MS. VING: And this would be located on
2 our port property, exercising our municipal and
3 maritime components since we are a port.

4 And so we are starting with traditional
5 biodiesel, moving into also a compressed biogas
6 and reducing the City's energy reliance as well as
7 its fuel reliance.

8 So I am going to just probably spend
9 about 20 seconds talking about each component.
10 But essentially the -- I'll let it finish up.
11 Great. And to get back to the slide.

12 So it would be a bioenergy park working
13 to develop a number of public/private partnerships
14 to really find and identify commercialization
15 pathways for a lot of the emerging technologies
16 that may not sit well in the venture capital
17 community because they may need a little bit more
18 time to mature. Government can play that role.
19 They can be a bit more patient and allow their
20 return on investment to lag on further than the
21 private sector might allow.

22 But just to go over the specific brown
23 grease to biodiesel program. We have got a
24 recovery facility that would accept brown grease,
25 which is about 12 million gallons of waste, true

1 waste that is exported out of the city currently
2 into surrounding communities. We would keep that
3 in San Francisco. It would be brought to our
4 recovery facility.

5 Three percent, three to five percent of
6 that is the material that will be turned into
7 biodiesel. And that biodiesel, again, to
8 accomplish a zero waste program, the all-spec
9 material or material identified that would not
10 necessarily be suitable for converting into ASTM
11 biodiesel could be utilized for biobunker fuel
12 extenders, fuel additives, boiler fuel and co-
13 digestion to actually help run the treatment plant
14 and the facility.

15 But that 97 percent is also equally
16 important, it's water. Because the brown grease
17 that I am talking about is what is rinsed down the
18 sink, the spaghetti sauces and all when the
19 kitchen staff are cleaning the pots and pans. And
20 that 97 percent water in the private sector would
21 normally just be considered a byproduct or a
22 liability of doing business.

23 Instead, for a sewage treatment plant it
24 is more considered fortified water that only a
25 treatment plant could love. And we can utilize

1 that white water to increase our anaerobic
2 digestion producing more methane and giving us the
3 opportunity and the option to produce compressed
4 biogas to run our existing compressed natural gas
5 fleet on compressed biogas.

6 And then just the -- It is just such an
7 interesting tie-in in how the natural byproducts
8 of the production process of biodiesel are also
9 really well-suited for a treatment plant. The
10 glycerine can be used as a grease discharger to
11 help us clean out our sewer laterals. We can
12 recover 100 percent of the methanol in the water.
13 And even liquify methane gas to produce methanol
14 so we are not even using traditional fossil fuel
15 methanol in the production of our biodiesel.

16 And so just to bring it back to the
17 closed loop that we are working towards. This
18 material, this biogas, biodiesel, bunker fuel,
19 boiler fuels, they would all be operating diesel
20 vehicles in San Francisco, utilizing our existing
21 diesel fleet, about 1500 vehicles, but keeping,
22 keeping the source of that biodiesel a renewable
23 source that came essentially homegrown in San
24 Francisco.

25 So to deploy this technology, which is

1 what the California Energy Commission is going to
2 allow us to do, is to bring the costs in line,
3 develop a business case, and then outsource all of
4 that model to surrounding communities in
5 California so that every single town and city is
6 importing less fuel, exporting less waste. Thank
7 you very much.

8 (Applause.)

9 MR. WARD: We are pleased to have with
10 us today Bob Garzee who is the CEO for Synergy EV
11 in the Silicon Valley. Bob, who I have known for
12 many years in the Clean Cities Coalition here in
13 the Bay Area. He is representing the Clean Cities
14 Coalition here today. He probably is going to
15 speak a little bit about electric too, I wouldn't
16 be surprised. Bob.

17 MR. GARZEE: Thank you. Today I am fuel
18 neutral representing the Clean Cities
19 organization, which is an extension of the
20 Department of Energy. We are 86 locations across
21 the United States with Clean Cities organizations
22 and we are the Silicon Valley organization. We
23 believe in teaming, in synergy and we have brought
24 together Breathe California, which is a 100 year
25 old health organization focusing on helping the

1 lung issues. Because we think clean vehicles not
2 only address fuel prices but also a dependency on
3 foreign oil but also health reasons.

4 Let me read what DOE/Clean Cities stands
5 for:

6 "We strive to advance the
7 nation's economic, environmental
8 and energy security by supporting
9 local decisions to adopt practices
10 that contribute to the reduction of
11 petroleum consumption."

12 And I read that because I want to be sure you
13 understand what our charter is.

14 Breathe California, as I said, is 100
15 years old. It has 60 years in school outreach, 30
16 years in service training, 10 years in delivery of
17 air quality programs. So they are certainly
18 qualified to be our partner.

19 Today I am going to address three
20 projects that we recommend from the Silicon Valley
21 Clean Cities. One is a CNG project, one is a
22 battery and one is a solar fueling of electric
23 vehicles.

24 We have the talent on our team. We have
25 developed what we call a center of excellence,

1 which again is teaming of public and private
2 entities. And we have fleets in Silicon Valley
3 and throughout California that can use the
4 solutions that we develop.

5 First of all our philosophy of teaming.
6 We think those of you in the first section can
7 read that, it might be a little bit hard in the
8 back.

9 But we are focused on the synergy, the
10 teaming, the center of excellence by bringing
11 public and private organizations together. These
12 are environmental groups like our Electronic
13 Transportation Development Center that Jim Robbins
14 is going to speak about. Also our relationships
15 with Bay Area Air Quality Management, EPA, Silicon
16 Valley Joint Venture. We will always bring in at
17 least one of 11 Silicon Valley cities to be part
18 of the project.

19 We have 27 technology companies,
20 including the IBM company, that's involved in the
21 projects that we are involved in here. We have
22 brought in order financing of \$200 million to help
23 support these projects in addition to what
24 California Energy provides. And we are always
25 teaming with the nation's number one incubator,

1 which is called the Environmental Business Cluster
2 of San Jose.

3 The first one, number one, is the CNG
4 project. We believe CNG is a solution, it's a
5 low-carbon solution. In this valley we have what
6 we consider the major example of doing it right
7 with over 500 vehicles being fueled every day with
8 a station already in and paid for that has the
9 capacity to include others. To show people how
10 and fleets how to use CNG effectively. And a CNG
11 education center that would apply for people that
12 wanted to come as fleet managers to learn how to
13 do it. And it's important that we teach the
14 fleets how to effectively use CNG because it is
15 today a now solution.

16 As I say, the fueling station is in
17 place. Buses, taxis, pickups, cutaways fuel there
18 every day. We have 17 locations in the valley.
19 That makes it easy for fleets to use the fuel.

20 Our experts on the Center of Excellence
21 team include the \$200 million financing for
22 projects in CNG, and including what we consider
23 our world expert in CNG, which is Tom Stoflet.
24 Tom is in the back of the room. If you would hold
25 your hand up, Tom.

1 The second project as you saw out front
2 is a battery-dominant school bus outreach. It is
3 zero emission. It was basically developed with
4 the partners of the Electronic Transportation
5 Development Center, which are 19 Silicon Valley
6 technologies, and using that bus as our base to
7 add technologies to.

8 Friday we introduced this bus as you see
9 in the picture. And we brought in school children
10 because that is what this is about, is to give
11 them clean air to breathe on their buses. And
12 this company, Proterra, is considering moving to
13 San Jose and building buses that are battery-
14 dominant for California.

15 We are going to brief 3,000 Silicon
16 Valley children and decision-makers on battery
17 buses and why they are important.

18 We are going to do everything we can to
19 motivate this company to move from Golden,
20 Colorado to Silicon Valley to bring in those 19
21 Silicon Valley technologies, including IBM, and to
22 produce jobs here in Silicon Valley.

23 The health benefit will be the focus but
24 we also will train on affordability, ease of
25 operation, early payback and available funding.

1 We will do 500 school district
2 administrators, board members and transportation
3 managers and 2500 students.

4 And we will bring the expertise of
5 Breathe California to bear with their 215
6 volunteers.

7 The third project is taking solar, which
8 is zero emission, and charging and fueling
9 electric vehicles, which are zero emission. This
10 Valley is really one of the centers of solar
11 development and we want to take that technology
12 and those partners and bring them together to show
13 that.

14 The picture on the left is the bus you
15 saw out front, which is a school bus version.
16 Panels that are 42 feet wide and 20 feet high can
17 basically provide the energy to run that bus for a
18 typical duty cycle in a school. And then of
19 course there's many other types of electric
20 vehicles that can be charged the same way.

21 The team at the bottom, Clean Cities,
22 Breathe California, a local city, the EBC and the
23 AAraya Group will be the ones putting that program
24 together.

25 To provide an example for other fleets

1 in California to use solar to generate the energy
2 to fuel electric vehicles is our objective.

3 We expect strong support from DOE Clean
4 Cities across the United States and especially the
5 ones in California.

6 We believe that's zero emissions, zero
7 fuel costs, zero imported oil, and it is
8 economically available today.

9 We believe that our \$200 million in
10 order financing will allow cities, fleets,
11 municipalities of all kinds to put in the solar
12 panels as well as the vehicles. No matter what
13 kind of electric vehicle they are and spread those
14 investments over 12 years.

15 That summarizes our three program and
16 our philosophy of teaming called the Center of
17 Excellence. If you would like to contact me that
18 is how to do that. We are very active, as Jim
19 Robbins will explain, in our approach to working
20 together with the Environmental Business Cluster.
21 Thank you very much.

22 (Applause.)

23 MR. WARD: Our next presenter is Jim
24 Robbins. Jim is the founder of the previously
25 mentioned Environmental Business Cluster here in

1 San Jose. He has been a PIER contractor.
2 Basically I got to know Jim a couple of years ago.
3 I have been excited about what he is doing.

4 He is actually trying to shepherd
5 companies from applied research to pre-
6 commercialization to commercialization and helping
7 them through what is commonly known as the valley
8 of death. So here is the pathfinder through the
9 valley of death, Jim Robbins.

10 MR. ROBBINS: Thanks, Peter. I am here
11 today not to advocate any particular project but
12 to talk about what I think some of you, as well as
13 myself, are interested in, which is that money
14 that Peter was talking about and how it might be
15 applied to projects and to tell you a little bit
16 just about two programs that might be partnership
17 opportunities for you.

18 So when you think about how are we going
19 to move ahead when these solicitations come out,
20 to let you know that there are some organizations
21 in Silicon Valley that are already organized and
22 trying to position themselves to take a part in
23 this. And our interest is partnering with others
24 to put together proposals and programs.

25 So there's two organizations that I

1 would just like to talk about briefly. One is the
2 Environmental Business Cluster. So this is a
3 nonprofit organization located in San Jose. It is
4 an environmental incubator. It is a place where
5 people are starting up clean technology companies.

6 As such, as Peter mentioned, we are
7 under contract, have been for four years to the
8 California Energy Commission to commercialize
9 technology. So we are working with PIER and other
10 research funded technologists and helping them
11 take their technology to the market. And how that
12 AB 118 is coming along we want to be well-
13 positioned, and I think we are, to try and help
14 people like some of you that are early stage
15 companies work to try and move your technology to
16 the market and maybe take advantage of some of
17 this funding and do it in partnership with the
18 Environmental Cluster.

19 We work with about 25 or 30 companies at
20 any given time and we have both resident and non-
21 resident programs. So we are working with
22 companies throughout California, not just in
23 Silicon Valley, although we have a kind of Silicon
24 Valley focus. And we have formal partnerships
25 with the National Renewable Energy Lab and with

1 the City of San Jose.

2 The goal of the cluster is to -- It's a
3 nonprofit. It's goal is to increase the success
4 of startups and accelerate their growth and help
5 reduce barriers to commercialization. So the EBC
6 is just there to help people who are trying to
7 develop successful clean tech companies or license
8 technologies and bring those to the marketplace.
9 So I think we are a resource and can help some
10 people like some of you in this room look at these
11 issues.

12 We work with companies that are
13 receiving research grants and we help move that
14 technology to the marketplace. As some of you may
15 know the track record is not very good for
16 research, kind of grant-funded applied technology
17 and we are trying to work on that problem with the
18 CEC and kind of improve the commercialization
19 rate.

20 And we have had some success. There was
21 a study about 18 months ago of 110 clean tech
22 centers around the world that were commercializing
23 clean technology. And all they looked at is how
24 many technologies did each of these centers
25 actually get into the marketplace and the

1 Environmental Cluster came out number one. So we
2 are working hard on this problem. We are pleased
3 to be partnering with the California Energy
4 Commission as we do this. And so we are a
5 resource as people are looking at kind of more
6 transportation, clean transportation solutions.

7 A little more specifically to today. We
8 also have a project within the Environmental
9 Business Cluster called the Electronic
10 Transportation Development Center. And I help
11 manage that project for the EBC and Bob Garzee is
12 the ETDC applications manager and the originator
13 of the idea of this center. So between us we are
14 working.

15 And this center is not just focused on
16 early-stage companies. It is focused on bringing
17 all-stage companies together to work on clean
18 transportation solutions by focusing primarily on
19 Silicon Valley technologies and helping to
20 diminish our reliance on fossil fuels. So to
21 address the very kinds of issues that Peter and
22 Tim talked about.

23 It is a place where we have got
24 established and early-stage companies working
25 together and we are trying to do a series of

1 prototype and demonstration technology
2 development. So create vehicles where people like
3 some of you can bring your technology and partner
4 with other people.

5 So the Proterra bus that was out here.
6 Proterra is a company that participates both in
7 the EBC and the ETDC. And I am going to describe
8 our first project. That Proterra bus is the base
9 for that project but we have got a dozen other or
10 15 other Silicon Valley technologies that are
11 going to layer on top of that bus for our first
12 project.

13 So people bring in their technology,
14 they protect their intellectual property, but they
15 are able to collaborate with others and work
16 together to try and get demonstration projects out
17 so people can actually get on the vehicles and
18 drive them and see them and see how all the
19 technology works. And so groups of people can
20 jointly solve problems that we couldn't solve
21 individually.

22 And we are -- Efforts are underway to
23 create a facility where we will have labs and the
24 ability to do prototype manufacturing. So this is
25 a regional effort. Our hope is that as a region

1 we can capture a healthy share of this AB 118
2 money over the years and show how this region can
3 be a leader in this field.

4 Well, what you are supposed to see here
5 is a photo of the Proterra bus that was sitting
6 out there. It worked on my computer. Anyway,
7 I'll show you more of what is inside it in just a
8 second.

9 So the first project we are doing, just
10 to give you an example of the kinds of things that
11 we are putting together and we hope to do -- an
12 example of something that could be, something that
13 receives AB 118 funding, is we are taking this
14 battery-dominant bus that was parked out here if
15 you happened to see it, and we are layering on a
16 set of technologies to create an electric school
17 bus.

18 So since we don't seem to have the photo
19 I don't know if you can see all this. But just --
20 It is conceptually not so important all the
21 details but conceptually, if you think about that
22 bus that was parked out there, then inside there's
23 technology that is added. Flat screen training,
24 air conditioning technology, gensets, advanced
25 batteries, lighting, LED technology. So it is

1 layered on to kind of create the first all-
2 electric, new generation school bus in the
3 country.

4 And the goal there is to bring the
5 partners together and this is an example. This
6 project is underway. We have about 80 technology
7 companies that are participating in ETDC already.
8 The technology is kind of logged in a database and
9 then available for multiple projects as they move
10 forward so we are able to track your technology if
11 you join the program. There are no costs to join.
12 And the way to think about this is that when you
13 go to look at this AB 118 funding, partnerships
14 are always important to show the strengths of the
15 organizations applying.

16 So what do we have? We have the
17 Environmental Cluster, we have the Electronic
18 Transportation Development Center. Another
19 partner is San Jose State University, the City of
20 San Jose, the tenth largest city in the United
21 States, are partners. And then we have already
22 got 80 technology companies signed up with their
23 technologies. So the goal is to create a place
24 where all this can happen. And then we can
25 individually partner, come together and go forward

1 putting together applications that are stronger
2 because we are all working together.

3 If you couldn't see the diagram from
4 where you were sitting, this kind of shows you
5 what kinds of technologies. Battery alternatives,
6 solar monitoring and fueling technologies. All
7 these are going into this first project, which is
8 just an example of what can be done. Genset range
9 extension, energy reduction technologies.

10 We have also, because it is a school bus
11 there's child safety and training issues that are
12 addressed. Data storage and global positioning.
13 All these technologies layered onto that bus that
14 was just out here as an example of just a kind of
15 project that could go forward.

16 And then the school district order
17 financing that Bob mentioned. So when you think
18 about implementation of this project, the school
19 districts can actually get loans. And if they
20 wish, pay the majority of the loans back through
21 the fuel savings so that these things can actually
22 penetrate the market once they get started.

23 And we feel that these are just the
24 kinds of ways that we need to look at how to put
25 projects together under AB 118 to get funding so

1 we can have a maximum impact, not only for the
2 state but for our region to participate.

3 So that is just a very brief overview.

4 If you are interested in participating, partnering
5 or just discussing the possibilities of partnering
6 on future projects this tells you how to get a
7 hold of me. And as I said, Bob is involved in
8 this as well and we have got some staff people
9 here from the EBC so we are glad to talk to you
10 about it. And we are really excited about what
11 you have proposed in terms of moving this project
12 ahead.

13 The only thing I would mention from what
14 I heard today is I was a little concerned and I
15 would like to go on the record as saying that if
16 you are having a debate about whether or not to do
17 retrofits, that really concerns me. It's kind of
18 like saying, we are going to do energy efficiency
19 for commercial buildings but we are going to
20 exclude all the buildings that already exist and
21 only work on the ones that, you know, don't exist.

22 I would just recommend to you that you
23 don't assume what the technology solutions can be
24 for retrofits. If you have concerns, which I am
25 sure people do, about what the environmental

1 implications are of retrofits, then address those
2 and tell people what standards they need to meet
3 if they are going to do retrofits. But don't
4 assume that the retrofits can't meet the necessary
5 standards.

6 I think it is really important for us in
7 transportation to try and address the problems
8 that already exist on the highway. Not everybody
9 can afford a new car and we need technology
10 solutions for existing vehicles. Thank you.

11 (Appause.)

12 MR. WARD: The next speaker is Alison
13 Kirk from the Bay Area Air Quality Management
14 District. I would like to mention that in each
15 one of our workshops we are including our
16 potential partners of the Air Quality Management
17 Districts, as we have in the past worked very
18 cooperatively with the Air Quality Management
19 Districts. We have a similar vision and similar
20 missions and so I think it's a very compatible
21 thing. She is going to tell us about what
22 potential we have for partnership with the Bay
23 Area Air Quality Management District. Alison.

24 MS. KIRK: Thank you. I am going to
25 talk very briefly about the Bay Area Air Quality

1 Management District; the current structure of our
2 grant programs. And we are headed in a new
3 direction that really works nicely with CEC
4 funding and other opportunities out there
5 available through AB 118.

6 The Bay Area Air Quality Management
7 District is obviously the Bay Area's air district.
8 We comprise all of seven counties. That's Santa
9 Clara, San Mateo, San Francisco, Marin, Contra
10 Costa, Alameda, and then the southern portions of
11 Solano and Sonoma Counties.

12 And we are interested in funding
13 projects that reduce emissions within that area.
14 We are also interested in multi-district projects
15 and projects that would help more than just our
16 Bay Area. But that is really the core.

17 So I am going to talk a little bit about
18 the Strategic Incentives Division and to give you
19 a little history. This I think will help you
20 understand where we are coming from. And when you
21 work with us, and we hope to reach out to a lot of
22 partners, you will find that briefly a background
23 of where we have been will help understand some of
24 our frameworks. We are also trying to move
25 forward and really expand what we are doing. And

1 that's where I see AB 118 funding working and
2 really helping with that expansion.

3 So we have been the grants program
4 section and we have part of another division
5 within the Air Quality Management District for a
6 long time. Beginning in 2008 we have become our
7 own division and we are in the process of working
8 through all the new directions we are going to go.

9 This sort of symbolizes the fact that
10 the Air District really is beginning to see their
11 incentive programs as central to their mission and
12 that we are incorporating a lot of new things into
13 those programs.

14 For example, our board of directors has
15 directed us to integrate climate protection into
16 everything we do. We are working on greenhouse
17 gas emissions inventory and we are filtering that
18 perspective through all our programs, including
19 our grants programs.

20 So in fiscal year '08-09 we are giving
21 away \$88 million. And a lot of these programs
22 represent the more traditional approach that we
23 have taken. We have both local dollars and state
24 dollars. Our local dollars are through DMV fees
25 and also through our regulatory fees that we

1 collect.

2 We have used this money, the local
3 dollars to do things like offer incentives for gas
4 inserts for individuals who have fireplaces. We
5 have used these dollars for vehicle buy back
6 programs for light-duty vehicles. And we have
7 also used this money for what I would call
8 broadleaf transportation projects such as shuttle
9 services, ride share programs, also bicycle
10 facilities.

11 Some of that money has also gone towards
12 retrofitting diesel engines. Repowering those
13 engines with cleaner engines or alternative fuel
14 vehicles. But also we have -- Those funds can
15 also be used for purchasing cleaner-than-required
16 vehicles. So those were our local dollars.

17 Our other dollars, some of them also
18 from DMV, we work with the state quite a bit. We
19 have something called the Carl Moyer Program. And
20 that is for vehicle-based -- sorry, excuse me,
21 engine-based projects. And that has funded over
22 the years a lot of different project types.

23 Everything from on-road projects, off-road, marine
24 vessels, agricultural equipment. And again, the
25 focus from these funds had always been to take out

1 existing diesel engines and put in cleaner
2 engines, either diesel or alternative fuel
3 vehicles. Sorry, alternative fuel engines.

4 But what is significant here is that
5 these traditionally have always been about
6 certified and verified technology. And that has
7 meant that we have had limited funds to do
8 demonstration projects. Although we have had that
9 money we haven't had as much as we really would
10 like. And so we are really, with the Strategic
11 Incentives Division we are really pushing the
12 boundaries.

13 And what we are going to see in the next
14 year is that we are going to have, we are
15 estimating about 144 million and we are going to
16 divide our division into two arms. And I really
17 see AB 118 money and the money from the CEC
18 portion of that funding both aspects of that. And
19 this is where I think we are looking for partners.
20 A lot of you are here today and I have heard some
21 people speak. We are really looking for partners
22 who are interested in the more innovative things.

23 We will have our Mobile Source/Advance
24 Technologies Program. And some of those local
25 dollars that we have spent more on certified and

1 verified technology we would like to move more
2 into demonstration projects. So there will be
3 money through our local dollars for that.

4 Also we are going to have money for more
5 alternative fuel. We have funded alternative fuel
6 projects in the past. We have worked with a lot
7 of local jurisdictions to develop alternative fuel
8 fleets. And we would really like to -- our vision
9 is to continue doing that and also work on
10 infrastructure. So that is one area where the CEC
11 program fits really nicely.

12 And again, also workforce training. We
13 are interested in that aspect as well. And what
14 we are hoping to do is to work with partners with
15 AB 118 funds and also reach out, we have hopes of
16 receiving federal stimulus dollars as well and
17 really using our local dollars, our state dollars
18 and federal dollars to really co-fund projects and
19 leverage the funds we have to create more projects
20 than we would otherwise.

21 In addition the second arm of our
22 strategic incentives division will be the
23 Strategic Endowment for Energy Development, what
24 we are going to call SEED. And this is another
25 area where we are reaching out in new directions.

1 We have not in the past funded wind, solar or
2 tidal power. We really see a lot of opportunities
3 here. And again, some of the things that we will
4 be funding under this arm will work nicely with
5 the CEC program.

6 And also rolling in what is going on in
7 the state in terms of AB 32 and also the companion
8 legislation, SB 375. SB 375 really takes 32,
9 which is the global, I think it is called the
10 global solutions -- I forget the exact title but
11 it has to do with greenhouse gases. So 375 really
12 ties in land use and smart development and smart
13 growth to limiting greenhouse gases.

14 And we are hoping to roll that into our
15 programs as well. When we evaluate projects we
16 will be really interested in what aspects of land
17 use planning are there, if that's in fact the type
18 of program it is. And where we see our Mobile
19 Source/Advanced Technology Program focused on not
20 only criteria pollutants but toxic air
21 contaminants and also greenhouse gases. The SEED
22 side will be much more focused on greenhouse
23 gases.

24 So that is kind of an overview of the
25 framework. We are still working on this and open

1 to suggestions. And here's a list of contacts.
2 Our manager is Damian Breen and here is his
3 contact information. I am the contact for the CEC
4 portion of AB 118. Geraldina Grunbaum is working
5 on the ARB portion which is called the Air Quality
6 Improvement Program. And then we are also working
7 on the BAR part, which is the fleet -- let's see.
8 Enhanced Fleet Modernization Program and Michael
9 is the contact for that.

10 So we are interested in partnerships. I
11 am just going to keep saying it, partnerships.
12 And working with people to leverage the local and
13 state and hopefully federal funds we have in order
14 to really advance the projects that we can do in
15 the Bay Area.

16 And it has been said and it seems kind
17 of redundant but I am just going to say it again.
18 We are such a center of innovation and technology
19 that it makes such good sense to us that we would
20 also, we would roll that into innovation in terms
21 of energy as well. And we see a lot of potential
22 for workforce development and I think that we are
23 really in a good position to take advantage of
24 different sources of funds and really work
25 together to make things happen. Thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. WARD: Thank you, Alison. I think
3 we are all singing the same song it seems to me.

4 At this point we are going to be going
5 to our public comment section of the workshop.
6 First off if we could have Richard Lowenthal
7 present. I would like to keep these presentations
8 to about five minutes if we possibly can because
9 we are also going to be getting comments.

10 For those of you that are on the phone
11 we have not forgotten about you and there will be
12 an opportunity for you to post a comment as well.

13 If we can keep the presentations to five
14 minutes that would be great. And to queue up,
15 Joe, can you be ready next? Thanks.

16 MR. LOWENTHAL: Thanks very much. My
17 name is Richard Lowenthal; I am the CEO of Coulomb
18 Technologies. We make network charging stations
19 for electric vehicles. We, of course, would like
20 to get a little bit of help from AB 118.

21 The issue that we would like some
22 support on is to break what we call the chicken
23 and egg problem for electric vehicles. This
24 problem is caused by the fact that we want
25 everybody to buy one of these electric vehicles

1 and they're clean, but in the US there's 247
2 million cars and only 54 million garages. So a
3 lot of cars are not parked in a garage at night so
4 have no place to charge. As an example, in the
5 city of San Francisco 51 percent of the cars park
6 curbside at night and yet there's no curbside
7 charging opportunities. So we want to solve that
8 problem.

9 So there's the problem. That's the
10 problem that we would like to help solve. We have
11 developed products and a network to do that. We
12 have deployed our network and products in the City
13 of San Jose and would like to do more in
14 California.

15 So the reason it's a chicken and egg
16 problem is once people buy cars it will become
17 evident that we need charging stations. Then
18 communities will buy them and apartment buildings
19 will buy them and condominiums will buy them. But
20 in the short-term everybody says, well where's the
21 cars, why do we need charging stations.

22 So we have a little dilemma because when
23 you are making your car buying decision and you
24 live in San Francisco you won't buy an EV if you
25 can't fuel it. So this is a short-term problem.

1 We think it is gone by 2011. But AB 118 money
2 could make it go in time so we can accelerate the
3 acceptance of electric vehicles.

4 So we have a couple of specific
5 suggestions of how money could be spent. There
6 are about 700 stations left in the public from a
7 trial that was done ten years ago that was really
8 instigated by CARB. It was a trial to promote
9 zero emission vehicles with certain goals by
10 certain dates. And the automakers came out with
11 cars and charging stations and they were deployed
12 essentially as a result of mandates from CARB at
13 the cost of others.

14 We would like to upgrade those stations
15 because as the automakers will do, every one of
16 the new cars will not plug into the old stations.
17 So we would like to see those stations be
18 appropriate for the new cars.

19 There are two standards being adopted
20 for charging cars for the interconnect. One is
21 good, old fashioned 110 volts. My plug-in Prius
22 uses that. And electric motorcycles and small,
23 neighborhood vehicles all use 110.

24 But the major automaker cars will use a
25 standard called SAE J1772, which is used primarily

1 to charge the car at 220 volts. So we need to
2 upgrade the stations that are out there to J1772.
3 That will cost us about \$3 million to go to the
4 700 stations that are out there and either augment
5 them or replace them with new stations.

6 Second we would -- The best way we have
7 seen of moving ahead with electric vehicles is for
8 cities to indicate sort of a welcoming message to
9 electric vehicles by installing a small number of
10 stations saying that this city will be friendly to
11 electric vehicles and in this city you will be
12 able to fuel your electric vehicles.

13 And we would like to spread that more
14 broadly. We are doing it one city at a time on
15 our own. But with \$11 million in grants we could,
16 we could ensure that every city has at least five
17 charging stations. So they have indicated to the
18 car-buying public that when they make their
19 decision to buy a car they can buy an electric car
20 and be able to fuel it.

21 So we would like to have every city
22 participate in this. AB 118 could help by simply
23 funding the cities. We don't want the money
24 directly, we want our customers to get it. And of
25 course, if you do it that way you are not prone to

1 get one particular supplier. So we like the ring
2 of that.

3 This could also be done with a loan
4 program. With these electric vehicle charging
5 systems they all should have a payment system so
6 that the driver who is getting value from putting
7 the fuel in the car will pay for that value. And
8 that gives you a way to pay back this cost. So if
9 it was done with a loan program that's okay too.
10 As the cars come on-line and start paying for
11 fueling their cars we could send that money back
12 to Sacramento to refill the AB 118 bucket again.
13 So it could be done with a loan program.

14 Unfortunately the stimulus bill, both
15 the Bush stimulus bill and the Obama stimulus
16 bills both had tax credits in there for electric
17 vehicle infrastructure. But they are only tax
18 credits. And 50 percent of our market are cities
19 and cities can't very easily take advantage of tax
20 credits. So that's sort of the preferred
21 mechanism out there is using tax credits to
22 incentivize people to build infrastructure but it
23 doesn't work for municipalities, which is where
24 the action is. So some help from AB 118 would be
25 particularly good.

1 Finally we think that there are some
2 requirements on a charging station. If you get
3 people to just put electrical outlets out there I
4 think we are not accomplishing the goal so I would
5 ask that the AB 118 money come with some
6 restrictions and requirements and these are the
7 ones that we list:

8 If you want to plug in virtually every
9 car you need to support SAE J1772 and 110 volt
10 household electricity. That will cover 99 percent
11 of all vehicles so we think that those should be
12 required.

13 We think in acknowledgement that in
14 California we have had our share of issues with
15 the grid with blackouts and brownouts that the
16 charging stations must be integrated with the
17 utilities. And so that if the utilities need to
18 moderate charging they can do that. So we think
19 that should be a requirement. Otherwise we are
20 going to get some backlash as we plug in cars and
21 the grid has problems. So we think this money
22 should require that.

23 We think that there should be a revenue
24 structure associated with the charging stations so
25 it's a sustainable investment. Because we don't

1 want to come back to you folks again and ask for
2 money again every year to build more charging
3 stations. We want to see the drivers through
4 paying for their fuel fund this over time. So we
5 think that whatever charging infrastructure goes
6 out there must have a revenue stream to pay for
7 the electricity, pay for maintenance and
8 ultimately pay for capital when there are enough
9 cars. So we think that should be a requirement.

10 Similarly, if it is a loan we need to
11 have a loan payback model. We think that should
12 be the driver who gets the benefit of getting fuel
13 from the electric stations. And that's my
14 presentation, thank you very much.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. WARD: Thank you, Richard. I did
17 note, working for the government, that you asked
18 for more restrictions. We'll note that and see
19 what we can do about that.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MR. WARD: I would like to call up Joe
22 Dalum with DUECO. DUECO, as we have come to note
23 very recently, is involved in the heavy-duty
24 hybrid area for new vehicles and I believe
25 retrofits too.

1 MR. DALUM: Correct.

2 MR. WARD: Retrofit hydraulic hybrids.

3 So Joe.

4 MR. DALUM: Thank you, Peter. I just
5 have comments and then if you have any questions
6 you can just go ahead and ask me.

7 So good morning and thank you for
8 offering DUECO the opportunity to share its views
9 on the California Energy Commission's Investment
10 Plan. My name is Joe Dalum and I am vice
11 president of DUECO.

12 DUECO, headquartered in Wisconsin, is
13 one of the largest, final stage manufacturers of
14 utility trucks in the country. We have been in
15 business for over 50 years and have produced
16 thousands of vehicles over the past ten years.
17 Our aerial devices, digger derricks, cranes and
18 other trucks are sold to electric utilities and
19 gas utilities. DUECO also provides equipment and
20 services for the telecommunications market, other
21 industries and the government. Our affiliate,
22 UELC, with locations in California, rents and
23 leases trucks to the same markets nationwide.

24 In 2006 DUECO began to assess
25 alternative hybrid technologies and in the fall of

1 2007 we introduced the utility industry's first,
2 commercial, plug-in hybrid medium-duty truck.

3 While my written statement will be
4 submitted later this morning I will focus on our
5 development of plug-in hybrid medium- and heavy-
6 duty trucks. Those are trucks that are way over
7 14,000 pounds. And opportunities to accelerate
8 deployment of these vehicles in the near future.

9 The truck in the photo is unique in that
10 a very large battery system of approximately 35
11 kilowatt hours, more than 15 times larger than one
12 used in a conventional hybrid. It provides power
13 to help propel the vehicle along with the diesel
14 engine, and provides power for equipment on and
15 off the truck, including the on-board electrical
16 air conditioning system.

17 When the truck returns to the garage,
18 domestically generated electricity recharges the
19 battery system, offsetting the need for petroleum.
20 The size of the battery system and the ability to
21 recharge using grid power differentiates the plug-
22 in hybrid system from a conventional hybrid.

23 Using energy from the large battery
24 system reduces fuel consumption and emissions
25 during driving and provides for an all-electric

1 stationary mode. The system completely eliminates
2 fuel consumption and emissions at the job site for
3 a typical day, while also significantly reducing
4 noise.

5 Medium- and heavy-duty trucks consume a
6 disproportionately large amount of fuel. Fuel
7 savings and corresponding reduction in greenhouse
8 gas emissions are dependant upon the application
9 and duty cycle of the plug-in hybrid truck.

10 A typical utility application is
11 estimated to reduce fuel consumption by
12 approximately 1400 gallons of fuel per vehicle per
13 year, resulting in an estimated reduction of
14 approximately 15 tons of CO2 per vehicle per year.

15 Medium- and heavy-duty trucks are
16 typically manufactured and marketed to customers
17 much differently than cars and light trucks. Most
18 medium- and heavy-duty trucks are typically built
19 in multiple stages and are designed to accommodate
20 a high degree of customization.

21 Due to these manufacturing -- Due to
22 these differences, hybrid drive systems can both
23 be installed during the manufacturing process or
24 can be installed as a retrofit, depending upon
25 available payload and other factors.

1 Since the first vehicle in 2007 DUECO
2 has continued to develop and deploy plug-in hybrid
3 trucks. We have produced 17 vehicles for testing
4 and for use by several utilities around the
5 country such as PG&E.

6 Our recent acquisition of assets from
7 ODYNE corporation and our plans to expand
8 production further demonstrate our commitment to
9 plug-in hybrid technology.

10 DUECO commends the CEC staff for
11 developing a sound, comprehensive investment
12 strategy. There are several challenges that
13 affect wide-scale deployment of plug-in hybrid
14 trucks. We strongly encourage the CEC to aid in
15 the demonstration and deployment of commercial
16 plug-in hybrid electric medium-duty and heavy-duty
17 trucks by assisting hybrid drive manufacturers,
18 chassis providers and final stage manufacturers
19 such as DUECO.

20 It is recommended that the CEC consider
21 providing financial assistance to cover the
22 differential cost of plug-in hybrid electric
23 medium- and heavy-duty vehicles, fund market
24 demonstrations, including a possible demonstration
25 program in partnership with final stage vehicle

1 manufacturers, charge station providers, utilities
2 and electrical contractors. Fund development and
3 demonstration retrofit kits for medium- and heavy-
4 duty plug-in hybrid trucks. Defray costs of
5 chargers and their installation for both private
6 fleets and public access.

7 DUECO also encourages R&D support to
8 improve both the first generation plug-in hybrid
9 electric medium- and heavy-duty trucks, as well as
10 longer-term advancements such as combined electric
11 and hydraulic hybrid systems and other hybrid
12 technologies.

13 The plug-in hybrid technology developed
14 by DUECO will enable California to more
15 effectively achieve its 2020 and 2050 goals. In
16 addition, the development of this technology would
17 provide opportunities for job creation, reduce
18 greenhouse gas emissions and emissions of other
19 pollutants, reduce dependency on foreign oil,
20 reduce noise within our cities, and potentially
21 improve productivity for certain applications such
22 as electric crews that could perform work at night
23 in residential areas.

24 This is potentially an historic
25 opportunity to develop and deploy the technology

1 needed for the electrification of medium- and
2 heavy-duty trucks. That's the end of the
3 presentation. If you have any questions just let
4 me know. This is also a little background on how
5 the system works.

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. WARD: Next we have Robert Baertsch
8 from Unimodal Systems for a five minute
9 presentation.

10 MR. BAERTSCH: Hi, my name is Robert
11 Baertsch. I really started this project while
12 working with NASA. We are partnering with a
13 company that has shown, that is developing a
14 technology that has a high -- we think is the
15 highest potential for reducing greenhouse gas
16 emissions. The ARB looked at this technology and
17 in the ETAC report they identified this technology
18 as one of the highest potential for reducing
19 greenhouse gas emissions and they recommended
20 demonstrator projects. Now ARB doesn't have,
21 didn't have much funding for demonstrators so we
22 would like to fund a demo project at NASA Ames and
23 use the technology that they have at NASA to show
24 this -- show the technology and also do safety
25 analyses.

1 So who are our partners? We are working
2 at NASA Ames in Mountain View. Our first vehicle
3 will be delivered the end of this month. So we
4 are going to have a delegation of cities that are
5 interested in seeing this technology and also we
6 would like to invite the CEC to come down to NASA
7 and see the vehicle and the guideway.

8 Our grant is funded by the US DOT and we
9 are also working with the University of California
10 on the power electronics. This is -- And a
11 company called One Cycle Control, which has
12 developed this technology for the military. We're
13 sort of spinning it off to transportation.

14 So one of the problems with electric
15 vehicles is that even if we have a zero emission
16 vehicle we still have to confront the problem of
17 congestion. Our technology, called Personal Rapid
18 Transit, is a way to solve the congestion problem.
19 Which a lot of mayors call us about this problem.

20 The problem with trains is that they
21 might have a high top speed but their average
22 speed is actually quite slow. Light rail systems
23 average about 11 miles an hour. I think the BART
24 averages 33 miles an hour. And people don't like
25 trains because they stop at every single station

1 along the way and that has limited their
2 penetration into the market.

3 Plug-in hybrids are a great technology.
4 We still have not, there still are not any on the
5 market. And the problem is that current gasoline
6 vehicles cost around \$15,000 and the plug-in
7 hybrids are probably going to cost more than
8 \$30,000. So there is a significant challenge to
9 get these into the market.

10 And I think we need to think about how
11 to, how to also -- the problem of funding our
12 highway system. Because as we use less and less
13 gasoline the gas tax is going to take away highway
14 funding dollars to repair the highways. And also
15 a lot of these car sales are not buying cars that
16 are made in California.

17 So what is SkyTran? It is basically a
18 high-speed system. When you get to your
19 destination you are going nonstop. You don't have
20 to stop at every station along the way. It uses
21 off-line stations. So when people get off the
22 system they are not holding up everyone behind
23 them. Basically the architecture of this is
24 similar to the highway system, off-line freeways.
25 This mimics the freeway system in its

1 architecture.

2 This is sort of the main slide, which
3 shows the pluses and minuses of the ULC, which is
4 the plug-in hybrid technology. Transit, which has
5 very high capital costs.

6 And SkyTran, which actually -- People
7 think it is a lot of infrastructure to install.
8 But actually if you look at the total cost it is
9 actually less than replacing our entire auto
10 fleet. Over the next -- These numbers I put up
11 are to achieve the 2020 goals identified in the,
12 in the report. It is going to cost around \$100
13 billion in new cars. To do that equivalent
14 greenhouse gas emissions would take \$450 billion
15 to do it with BART or light rail. And with this
16 system it would only cost \$45 billion.

17 Also operating costs are the highest
18 with transit. Cars are about 50 cents a mile.
19 And we are targeting 25 cents a mile for users of
20 SkyTran.

21 One of the things with tax subsidies.
22 One of the goals actually of AB 118 is to reduce
23 vehicle miles traveled. The problem with reducing
24 vehicle miles traveled is it forces people onto
25 transit. And transit does not pay for itself so

1 that means cities are going to have to pony up
2 more money in tax revenues to pay for more people
3 using transit. And cities are already strapped
4 trying to fund their transit budgets. And this
5 technology, since it is profitable, will actually
6 reduce tax subsidy, tax burdens on cities.

7 The goal of this technology is to make
8 it through public/private partnerships where
9 investment banks will fund the system just like
10 toll roads are funded. And our goal is to reduce
11 tax burdens on cities.

12 So we have got quite a few -- Marin is
13 very excited about this technology. San Jose is
14 looking at it and a number of other states. And
15 I'll try to finish up here.

16 The second line is the CO2 emissions per
17 mile.

18 And finally the most compelling reason
19 is the user experience. The reason people don't
20 like transit is because they are crowded in cars
21 with other people. Women don't like to be in
22 crowded buses. This is a private vehicle, you
23 have your own space and you are not locked behind
24 a steering wheel. You can surf the Web. And
25 because the system is fully automated I think it

1 is going to revolutionize transportation.

2 And finally, we want to really build
3 factories in California to build the system.

4 A little bit on the through-put: 14,000
5 passengers per hour on a single guideway, which is
6 equivalent to three lanes of freeway.

7 And just a little bit on the visual
8 impact. These are very small guideways that can
9 disappear into the cityscape and lower the visual
10 footprint of this transportation system.

11 So I really challenge the CEC to look at
12 this technology and fund a small demonstration at
13 NASA so that we can show the world that California
14 really is a leader in transportation. Thank you.

15 (Applause.)

16 MR. WARD: At this point we have three
17 blue cards. And you need not stand up if we can
18 get a microphone to you. Okay, they can go there.
19 Jaimie. You have a presentation. Is it loaded
20 already?

21 MR. LEVIN: It should be.

22 MR. WARD: Okay, I didn't know that.

23 Jaimie Levin who is the father of the hydrogen bus
24 in California and an old friend of the Energy
25 Commission as well.

1 MR. LEVIN: Right. Who has financially
2 supported us. Thanks very much, Peter.

3 I direct the alternative fuels policy
4 program for AC Transit and oversee our hydrogen
5 development program.

6 First I would like to commend the Energy
7 Commission staff for recognizing the value of
8 hydrogen and fuel cell technology and the
9 importance of looking at demonstrations to advance
10 any of these new alternative energy programs.

11 I will quickly review the status of a
12 program that we have been developing now for ten
13 years showing the success of that demonstration
14 and the importance of AB 118 to maintain a
15 continuity and continuation of what we have
16 accomplished.

17 So just a little bit of background. AC
18 Transit is the East Bay's service, public transit
19 service, that serves from Richmond to Fremont and
20 then with bus service across transbay bridges to
21 San Francisco and the Peninsula.

22 We have been working with hydrogen since
23 1999. I'll go back here. We have been members of
24 the Fuel Cell Partnership and these different
25 organizations. But I think most importantly we

1 are members, we were the first transit members of
2 the California Climate Action Registry. We file
3 an annual report with them and soon with the
4 Climate Registry. So we are -- Our goal as a
5 transit agency is to reduce our carbon footprint.

6 Our First Phase program, which we are in
7 place with now, was a \$21 million program with 26
8 different public/private partners, including the
9 Energy Commission.

10 And the performance to date has been, I
11 think, phenomenal. We have carried over 360,000
12 passengers over a distance of 142,000 miles. And
13 that third bullet is really important. We have
14 achieved on average around 72 percent better fuel
15 economy than a diesel bus. In some cases over
16 double the fuel economy of a diesel bus.

17 And that is in spite of the fact that
18 these test buses are 8,000 pounds heavier than the
19 control diesel fleet that we are testing against.
20 Our new generation vehicles which are under
21 production now will be several thousand pounds
22 lighter. And significantly, we think
23 significantly better in terms of efficiency.

24 And then with respect to well-to-wheel
25 emission reductions. While the fuel cell buses

1 are absolutely zero emission, taking into account
2 the source of fuel which is reforming natural gas,
3 we are still reducing. With these three buses we
4 have reduced our CO2 emissions by over 174 tons.
5 And then of course significant reductions in the
6 use of petroleum fuel as well. And this is all
7 the while we are reducing significantly our local
8 criteria pollutants, NOx and particulates.

9 The public loves us. You can see by
10 this recent survey that we completed with NREL,
11 the National Renewable Energy Lab. Eighty-four
12 percent of our public loves what we are doing, 81
13 percent supports expanded activities related to
14 this.

15 Our first station, which was built in
16 Richmond in partnership with the California Fuel
17 Cell Partnership, we produced over 7,000 kilograms
18 of fuel. The station that we now have in
19 operation has now produced over 31,000 kilograms
20 of fuel. No safety incidents, no loss of fuel.
21 It has been a very constructive program of supply
22 and demand between the demand of the vehicles and
23 the production of the fuel.

24 The next phase of our program is a \$45
25 million project. It involves not only ourselves

1 but four other transit operators, Golden Gate, San
2 Francisco Muni, SamTrans and VTA. With a fleet
3 of, a combined fleet of over 2500 vehicles we will
4 be testing these 12 next generation buses with
5 great expectation that we will achieve much better
6 efficiencies.

7 I don't expect you to read the details
8 here. But what I do expect you to recognize, that
9 in order to come up with the \$45 million we have
10 tapped into 15 different grant sources. So those
11 columns across the top are different grant funders
12 from the federal, state and regional levels to
13 keep this program going. And we have been very
14 successful. That's probably one of the biggest
15 challenges we have is getting, getting the funds.
16 It all doesn't come from one source.

17 Our next station, which we just received
18 local community approval that is being funded in
19 part by the Air Resources Board will be a combined
20 light-duty and heavy-duty fueling station in
21 Emeryville across the street from the Pixar
22 Studios. The light-duty portion of this station
23 will be completely renewable hydrogen made from
24 solar installations on the rooftops of AC Transit
25 buildings. So we will be generating over one and

1 a half megawatts of power to support that portion
2 of the station.

3 So our advance demo has some remaining
4 aspects to it that we have to pursue to implement
5 it as well as where do we go from there. I
6 mentioned the 12 net generation buses in service
7 by June of 2010.

8 Additional grant funds are needed to
9 support hydrogen facility development and
10 specifically the Oakland station. We want to
11 integrate that fully within the diesel bus
12 operation. Presently it is apart from the diesel
13 operation. So our plan is to enhance that
14 station, make it larger and integrate it within
15 the same production or operation line of all of
16 our diesel vehicles.

17 Those next generation buses are going to
18 be tested in terms of how they perform with the
19 other four operators in addition to ourselves.
20 Additional or enhanced fuel economy. Reliability
21 is a major factor. I'm a big advocate of plug-ins
22 and electric, battery electric technology. But
23 our biggest challenge is not the fuel cell, it's
24 the batteries. We run hybrid vehicles and
25 ensuring reliability with batteries is a

1 challenge. And then of course testing hydrogen
2 production.

3 We are a Center of Excellence. And the
4 need to fund our center and other Centers of
5 Excellence with next-stage vehicle development, as
6 many as 50 operating out of one location, we think
7 is extremely important. Testing again
8 reliability, durability of components, and again
9 hydrogen production. Funding that Center of
10 Excellence or additional Centers of Excellence,
11 that's where programs like AB 118 and federal
12 support are going to be critical. Thank you very
13 much, appreciate your time.

14 (Applause.)

15 MR. LEVIN: Oh, one last slide here,
16 just so it's understood on an international basis.
17 Recently the European Commission funded, committed
18 to over a billion Euros funding hydrogen and fuel
19 cell technology. So we want to maintain in
20 California the lead that we have already
21 established worldwide, it is recognized
22 internationally. We want to maintain that
23 reputation with continued funding from programs
24 like AB 118. Thank you.

25 MR. WARD: Thank you, Jaimie. I guess

1 you can probably tell Jaimie could talk about this
2 for quite awhile and I really appreciate you being
3 so succinct this morning.

4 MR. LEVIN: Thanks, Peter, I'll remember
5 that.

6 (Laughter.)

7 MR. WARD: Our next commentor will be
8 Stephen Plocher. If you could use that microphone
9 there, Stephen, five minutes.

10 MR. PLOCHER: Yes.

11 MR. WARD: Appreciate it. Stephen is
12 with Yokayo Biofuels.

13 MR. PLOCHER: Yokayo Biofuels. I don't
14 have a presentation. I strictly want to share
15 some comments from our company to the Commission.
16 My name is Steve Plocher; I am the CFO for Yokayo
17 Biofuels. And I'll read our two page blurb here.

18 Yokayo Biofuels is a biodiesel company
19 located in Ukiah, California. For those of you
20 who don't know that's a couple of hours north of
21 the City. And has been in business for seven
22 years. We collect waste vegetable oil from over
23 800 restaurants, process it into biodiesel and
24 sell it to retail and wholesale customers in the
25 North Bay area.

1 Presently we produce and sell about
2 350,000 gallons of fuels per year. We would like
3 to grow that production capacity to over a million
4 gallons per year and that's why we are here. We
5 would like to benefit from some of this program
6 funding. We are one of the original developers of
7 the biodiesel market in Northern California and
8 our CEO, Kumar Plocher, has long been a champion
9 of sustainable fuels.

10 Our comments will only address the
11 production of biodiesel. We feel strongly that
12 the Commission should support in-state companies
13 to implement this program. This would extend to
14 the ownership of applicants as well plant
15 locations. Funding and incentives meant to
16 promote and improve California resources should
17 not be drained off to corporations whose
18 centralized operations are in other states.

19 Next. Your primary funding allocations
20 should first be for existing plants and operations
21 as compared to planned locations, equipment or
22 programs. An operating plant is more ready to
23 increase biofuel capacity by growing and improving
24 operations than a new or concept plant, which
25 still has many obstacles to overcome before

1 production, quality and volumes are confirmed.

2 Risk should be minimized by first
3 focusing on existing businesses and programs to
4 help reach your goal of maximizing the effect of
5 the program in the next two years. But a bigger
6 reason for funding existing plants might be this.
7 With only three to five million to spend on
8 biofuel production plants you can't substantially
9 help any new plants get started as it takes that
10 much just to build one plant.

11 We also feel that local biofuel
12 feedstock is a critical element of any program to
13 encourage increased biofuel production. While
14 large quantities of biofuels must presently be
15 imported from other states or countries to meet
16 demand, California has outstanding resources to
17 develop the appropriate plants for biofuels,
18 including world-class agricultural research
19 programs, venture capital centers, fertile lands,
20 sunshine and a moderate climate.

21 With funded and focused research and
22 development California will ultimately meet the
23 future domestic demands of biofuels. A demand
24 that will over time be decreasing as we achieve
25 greater miles per gallon vehicles, greater battery

1 power in electric vehicles, more mass
2 transportation and higher efficiency in our trucks
3 and trains.

4 Significant feedstock crops will take
5 some time, but acreage will be developed as the
6 fuel and feedstock markets become a more
7 attractive goal for farmers and investors. To get
8 there we need programs like yours.

9 Lastly, look for shared commitment to
10 your goals from the applicants you consider.
11 Sustainability is not always sexy and certainly
12 does not have a quick return in these difficult
13 times. You should work with people and firms who
14 have shown enthusiasm and determination in their
15 fields with a true understanding of
16 sustainability, carbon footprint, lifecycle
17 impact, et cetera. Check the results so far,
18 check their track records.

19 We are very pleased that California is
20 taking these steps to combat global warming and to
21 provide secure and sustainable energy for our
22 citizens. We laud your work and hope you will
23 make the right productive choices as you fulfill
24 these duties. Thank you.

25 MR. WARD: Okay, thank you, Stephen.

1 (Applause.)

2 MR. WARD: The next commentor is Jon
3 Erlandson.

4 MR. ERLANDSON: Yes. Hi there. I'm Jon
5 Erlandson, I'm with ZEV Power. I had a question
6 for Tim on the super-ultra-low-carbon solutions.

7 You have managed to, you have offered to
8 fund electric drive vehicles for, you know,
9 prototype development but you haven't considered
10 hydrogen internal combustion engines for the same
11 type of prototype development. I am at a loss to
12 understand why, with all the interest in the
13 Hydrogen Highway and all the hydrogen as a
14 solution, that that hasn't been addressed.

15 MR. OLSON: I guess the way we look at
16 the kind of prototype development is that if
17 someone steps forward and proposes a project we
18 are interested. We haven't heard this yet in the
19 last six months, seven months, from any
20 manufacturer or any vendor so that is why it was
21 not highlighted.

22 MR. ERLANDSON: Okay.

23 MR. OLSON: But, you know, look across
24 the board, not just hydrogen, not just electric
25 drive. We are open to advancing, funding advances

1 in technology that have some improved efficiency,
2 lower greenhouse gas emissions. We are willing to
3 co-fund some of the prototype development. So it
4 really comes down to who is out there that has a
5 product or wants to pursue this.

6 MR. ERLANDSON: Well you are about to
7 hear about it.

8 MR. OLSON: Okay good, good.

9 MR. ERLANDSON: We have developed a
10 hydrogen engine that is a step above the -- Honda
11 has come out with the Clarity and BMW has internal
12 combustion hydrogen engines. We have got a step
13 above that. It actually has double the horsepower
14 of their vehicles. It has certain advantages.

15 We have solved the problem -- There's
16 certain problems that they have, we have solved
17 those. I won't go into the details now. But one
18 of the benefits to this vehicle is that it can
19 idle, it just stops, it doesn't keep running. So
20 if you are talking about the port --

21 And one of the applications that we are
22 very interested in is all those trucks lining up
23 at the Port of Oakland that are in line with their
24 vehicles idling. We can, we can put a stop to
25 that. And so we could look at a retrofit program

1 as well as -- But what we need is the funding for
2 some more development. It also works on off-road,
3 on-road vehicles, planes, trains, automobiles. So
4 I just wanted to let you know that we are here and
5 we will be submitting a proposal.

6 MR. OLSON: Okay, very good. Just to
7 kind of, Peter, to kind clarify. We are still at
8 this workshop and our interactions with many of
9 the companies, we are still in a very informal
10 stage here of hearing ideas. And there are a
11 couple of ways you can do this. You can talk to
12 us in person, you can do a summary of your project
13 and give it to us just to show us that there is
14 some kind of defined project. Or you can also
15 take that same kind of written description and put
16 it into our record, into our docket. In essence,
17 if we don't hear from you then the perception is
18 it is not out there.

19 MR. ERLANDSON: That's right.

20 MR. OLSON: So we look forward to
21 hearing from you.

22 MR. ERLANDSON: Thank you very much.

23 MR. WARD: I would like to follow-up
24 with Tim's comment there. I think it would be
25 useful for the internal combustion hydrogen engine

1 to actually submit that to the docket. We have
2 not heard. But that's the formal way to do that.

3 But I also would encourage you to
4 discuss this with the Air Resources Board who has
5 the Air Quality Improvement Program and, of
6 course, they are the administrators of the
7 Hydrogen Highway too. So you know you are going
8 to have an interest in that discussion. They have
9 funding for this too. It is for -- Vehicle
10 technologies primarily is what their focus is
11 going to be so I would encourage you to contact
12 them as well.

13 MR. ERLANDSON: Thanks very much. Thank
14 you.

15 MR. WARD: Next we have Dave Head, who
16 is the fleet manager from the County of Sonoma.
17 Welcome, Dave.

18 MR. HEAD: Good morning. My name is
19 Dave Head, I am the fleet manager for the County
20 of Sonoma. The County of Sonoma operates a fleet
21 of about 1500 vehicles and pieces of equipment
22 that ranges everything from compact cars up to
23 heavy construction equipment.

24 We have a number of initiatives we are
25 working on at the County. One major difference is

1 that we are the consumer in this, not the
2 manufacturer or a service provider. So we are
3 looking at a number of different projects and we
4 have talked to Tim on some of those.

5 A couple of things that we are looking
6 at specifically is expanding our plug-in electric
7 vehicles and EVs. We are looking at having EVs in
8 the fleet by the end of 2010. We are working with
9 a partnership of city/county agencies within the
10 county and are looking to expand that
11 substantially.

12 Which brought up another concern of
13 ours, EV infrastructure. You were talking about
14 maybe funding 200 charging stations in the first
15 round. Sonoma County is looking at 200 charging
16 stations in the first round in the county of
17 Sonoma. And we hope to have between public and
18 private entities working together over 1,000 EVs
19 operating in the county by the end of 2011. So
20 200 statewide isn't really doing us a lot of good
21 there so considerations there would be very
22 helpful.

23 Also on the retrofits of plug-in
24 electric vehicles. We have one in our fleet now.
25 Our Sonoma County Water Agency has five. I am

1 working on getting another five in the fleet and
2 then more beyond that. But funding for those
3 plug-in conversions, that's important to us,
4 assistance in that. The County has tight budgets
5 just like everyone else. I could fund the cost of
6 a hybrid, the plug-in part of the technology is a
7 little different.

8 There is technology out there that is
9 approved by CARB and I think that that's a
10 standard that should be put in place if there's a
11 question about having people that aren't meeting
12 state standards. If CARB certifies that this
13 vehicle meets that technology or that the
14 conversion meets their emission standards then I
15 think that that should be an approved conversion
16 for this project.

17 And then the last thing I want to talk
18 about is tax credits. As Mr. Robbins mentioned
19 earlier, tax credits do me no good. As a county
20 agency I don't get tax credits.

21 So any program, and I have been saying
22 this for years, state, federal, air district,
23 whatever, if it is a tax credit it doesn't do the
24 municipality or the county any good unless that
25 credit can be brought back through maybe the

1 supplier of the product and we get the credit
2 there or another way to get the credit.

3 So our view is if the supplier of
4 whatever we are buying doesn't get credit for it
5 and pass that on to us then the credit shouldn't
6 be considered as part of the reimbursement and we
7 should get the incremental cost, the actual cost
8 of what we paid and what the upgrade was. So
9 those are my comments, thank you.

10 MR. WARD: Thank you, Dave. I just want
11 to mention also when we mentioned there's the bit
12 of discussion about the retrofits, those were
13 comments from some on our Advisory Committee and
14 it is a mixed reaction. Some support, some don't.
15 In all cases though they would be CARB-certified
16 retrofits or up-fits. We wouldn't violate any
17 other -- any of that, we would definitely go
18 forward with that.

19 I was also -- To your point about the
20 tax credits. I don't know if Richard Lowenthal is
21 still here from Coulomb.

22 MR. LOWENTHAL: (Inaudible, responded
23 from the audience.)

24 MR. WARD: Your associate, yes, his
25 associate is here. I'm just wondering, is there a

1 possibility for a tax credit to be parked with
2 your company and the benefit go to people that you
3 would assist with infrastructure?

4 MR. LOWENTHAL: There might be.

5 MR. WARD: You would have to have a
6 whopping tax liability to take full advantage of
7 everything though.

8 MR. LOWENTHAL: Yeah. I think the tax
9 liability has to be with whoever ends up owning
10 the charging station.

11 MR. WARD: I see.

12 MR. LOWENTHAL: You may need to come up
13 with a scheme where you resell it.

14 MR. WARD: I see, okay.

15 MR. LOWENTHAL: Or you retain ownership.

16 MR. WARD: Okay.

17 MR. LOWENTHAL: Maybe the county or city
18 doesn't actually own it but allows it to be there
19 and somebody else actually owns it.

20 MR. WARD: I think it's a --

21 MR. LOWENTHAL: Like a lease.

22 MR. WARD: It's maybe something we can
23 discuss and hopefully work out. Because I think
24 it is going to be a critical issue if most of the
25 federal incentives are in the form of tax credits.

1 And we from California have long awaited federal
2 support for many of the things that we are doing
3 and we certainly want to take advantage of the
4 federal money first.

5 Before we apply our funds to any of
6 these projects we want to make sure we can squeeze
7 out as much of the federal money as possible.
8 After all, we are paying into that federal, into
9 that federal money and into that federal debt that
10 our grandchildren will be paying off.

11 Our next commentor is Matthew Frome from
12 Solazyme. I hope I pronounced that right,
13 Matthew. Welcome.

14 MR. FROME: You are not the first person
15 to pronounce it that way but it's Matthew Frome.

16 MR. WARD: Frome.

17 MR. FROME: But you got the company
18 right, Solazyme. That's really what matters.

19 MR. WARD: Okay.

20 MR. FROME: So Solazyme is a Bay Area
21 biotechnology company focused on developing next
22 generation biofuels, particularly ultra-low-carbon
23 fuels in California from very-low-carbon
24 feedstocks. So usually people think about
25 cellulosic ethanol as the cellulosic technology

1 but the reality is that you can break down
2 cellulose and turn those into oils. And we have
3 demonstrated that process of turning that into
4 renewable diesel, biodiesel and a number of other
5 fuels.

6 And so really I am just here to comment
7 and say that we are very supportive of the program
8 and really thing that staff did a fantastic job on
9 the Draft Investment Plan.

10 But also very much want to support the
11 Advisory Committee's comments. Rather than
12 through them I will just say that we are
13 supportive all the way down of everything that the
14 Advisory Committee says in terms of focusing on
15 ultra-low fuels and sustainability issues, things
16 like that.

17 The one question that I did want to
18 have, that I did have is I didn't quite understand
19 the process for breaking down the Draft Investment
20 Plan. It just seemed to me that since the focus
21 is on reducing greenhouse gases that the fact that
22 -- and this is just the one that popped out at me.
23 That, you know, low-carbon fuels get 62 million
24 yet ultra-low-carbon fuels, which should provide a
25 better greenhouse gas reduction, only gets 22

1 million. And so I didn't quite understand the
2 analytical process that you went through in terms
3 of trying to break out the funds in the Investment
4 Plan. And so hopefully I'll be able to, you know,
5 get additional information on how that breakdown
6 actually occurs.

7 MR. WARD: Briefly, if I can -- I can
8 address that right now. I think when we went
9 through the analytical framework for the various
10 categories and what would be needed in 2050, that
11 was the step one. The step two is the gap
12 analysis found out what is being funded, what gaps
13 remain and what opportunities are out there.

14 And then we take both of those results
15 and come up with a funding amount. So it isn't
16 just a true trajectory for ultra-low everything
17 would be funded under that. It has to be also
18 married up with opportunities for that funding
19 exist now as well.

20 Obviously the low-carbon fuels have a
21 commercial space beyond what say hydrogen fuel
22 cell vehicles, plug-in hybrids or battery electric
23 vehicles have now. They have vehicles that are
24 available, there are fueling facilities available.
25 There are technologies that will be developing

1 those fuels to jump into higher reduction
2 categories for GHG. So it's the two-step process
3 that I mentioned, just to kind of briefly address
4 your question.

5 MR. FROME: Okay. But overall we are
6 very, very excited about the program and really
7 thank you for the efforts that you guys are doing.

8 MR. WARD: Great, thanks for your
9 comment. Next we have Gene Walker with Golden
10 Gate Transit. This is the last of the blue cards
11 we have. So if anybody in the audience would
12 still like to make a comment, and those who have
13 been patiently waiting on the phone, if they would
14 like to make a comment after Gene. Welcome.

15 MR. WALKER: Good morning. Thank you
16 for the opportunity to speak here today. I am
17 Gene Walker. I am the director of maintenance for
18 the Golden Gate Transit, I work for the Golden
19 Gate Bridge District. I also work with the
20 American Public Transit Association. I am the
21 chairman of the Bus Technical and Maintenance
22 Committee and also serve on the Clean Propulsion
23 Committee. I run around with the father of the
24 hydrogen fuel cell but I am a lot less-spoken so
25 I'll make this quick.

1 You know, public transit everywhere in
2 the United States, not just California, have
3 always been, for lack of a better term, guinea
4 pigs for technology. We have a great track record
5 of our internal recordkeeping. Certainly of
6 adhering to regulations. That must, must be a
7 constant factor today because we are bombarded
8 certainly with every kind of widget and gadget
9 that you can put on a bus to test.

10 One of the important things that
11 happened with the ZEBA Project, that is a Zero
12 Emission Bay Area that has a partnership with AC
13 Transit, SamTrans, Muni and Golden Gate and VTA is
14 certainly the localization of that funding.
15 Originally some funding before we were able to sit
16 down and certainly lobby with the California Air
17 Resources Board and others, there was more of a
18 shotgun approach to bring that technology to many
19 places in California.

20 Well there's a large cost in
21 infrastructure associated with running a hydrogen
22 fuel cell bus. We have the infrastructure here,
23 we have the technology here and we are willing to
24 partner here. So we certainly appreciate the help
25 with funding of these projects, certainly for the

1 ZEBBA project and to prove this technology and keep
2 the Bay Area as certainly the forefather of the
3 hydrogen fuel cell in the United States and
4 certainly number one in California.

5 But that approach will certainly get us
6 the most bang for any dollars we do get and allow
7 us to continue testing this new technology and
8 hopefully bring it into the commercial market.
9 Thank you.

10 MR. WARD: Thank you, Gene. If there
11 are any other comments in the room? And any of
12 those that are on the phone, if you can
13 figuratively raise your hand on the phone. Don
14 Magdanz. Don, are you there?

15 MR. MAGDANZ: Yes I am. Can you hear
16 me?

17 MR. WARD: Yes, loud and clear.

18 MR. MAGDANZ: Thank you. My name is Don
19 Magdanz. I live in San Rafael, that's part of
20 Marin County. I am on the BPAC, which is the
21 Bicycle Pedestrian Advisory Committee for San
22 Rafael and the County and also I am associated
23 with the Marin County Bicycle Coalition, the San
24 Rafael Green Ribbon Committee and we have a group
25 up here called PRT, Personal Rapid Transit for

1 Marin and we are promoting the SkyTran system for
2 a pilot project here in San Rafael and Marin
3 County. I am speaking for myself today.

4 PRT and specifically the SkyTran system
5 is as convenient as using an automobile. It is
6 24/7, it is on demand and it is point to point,
7 which is different than any other public transit
8 system. If this is installed we could reduce
9 vehicle miles significantly, less congestion and
10 much less greenhouse gas emissions.

11 This is the only transit option that I
12 have ever seen that has the possibility of
13 competing with autos for trips. This is a way to
14 get people out of their cars.

15 I use a bicycle all the time for
16 errands. I work out of my home so I don't
17 commute. I take my car out about twice a week.
18 The PRT system will be very effective for me
19 because it has the capability of carrying a
20 bicycle. So people can actually bike to the PRT
21 terminals in the neighborhood, put their bike in
22 the vehicle and then bike at the other end. I
23 know people who are commuting all the way from
24 Marin County over into the East Bay, into San
25 Francisco, that could make very effective use of

1 this system as it grows.

2 The other thing that I think is
3 extremely important about PRT is that it has the
4 capability of dealing with freight in the future.
5 I have extensive experience in working in
6 warehouses throughout the United States. I have
7 seen automation in a warehouse and I know how it
8 works. What PRT could actually be is an extension
9 of that automation from the warehouse to the
10 distribution to stores, to trucks for delivery
11 like for example for FedEx or UPS packages. The
12 freight in this thing is phenomenal. What you can
13 do to increase the ability of moving goods around
14 and eliminating a lot of delivery trucks and those
15 kinds of things.

16 Also the other thing that is very
17 interesting about this SkyTran system is they are
18 looking at private financing as opposed to
19 government financing in the future for this
20 system. This would be -- Virtually all transit
21 today is financed by the government and it loses
22 money in the operating to a substantial degree.
23 And this system has the potential of being of a
24 profitable nature, a profitable function for
25 private enterprise.

1 Marin is asking for a grant for the
2 demonstration project that we would like to run in
3 this county. This would -- This PRT or actually
4 PRT in general has not been implemented in the
5 United States since the Morgantown system about 30
6 years ago, which is very old technology. The
7 technology you are talking about in this system is
8 already developed. It is a matter of engineering
9 it to making it work for a public transit system.

10 I urge you to consider AB 118 funds for
11 this demonstration project. Thank you very much.

12 MR. WARD: Thank you, thank you, Don.
13 Next will be Roger Hooson with the San Francisco
14 Airport, I believe. Roger, how are you?

15 MR. HOOSON: Yes, good. Can you hear
16 me?

17 MR. WARD: Yes indeed.

18 (Whereupon, a recorded message was
19 heard over the telephone line.)

20 MR. HOOSON: I am hearing a commercial
21 message.

22 (Laughter.)

23 MR. WARD: That's what I am hearing too.
24 Congratulations are in order. Go right ahead.

25 MR. HOOSON: It's over. Okay. Are we

1 good?

2 MR. WARD: I think we're good.

3 MR. HOOSON: Okay. I am the clean
4 vehicle coordinator at SFO and I have been in that
5 role for about a decade now. In that time we have
6 implemented a clean vehicle policy that has
7 resulted in about 1,000 CNG vehicles operated by
8 several dozen at least commercial fleets.

9 In addition there are quite a few
10 electric vehicles on the airfield operated mainly
11 by airlines and the airline contractors. So we
12 have quite a bit of experience with technologies
13 that are practical for commercial operators.

14 And we are, of course, very interested
15 in the AB 118 funding going forward. In
16 particular the staff recommendation that near-term
17 practical technologies that are reliable receive a
18 focus in the funding package.

19 Now having said that, we are also
20 interested in breaking technologies such as
21 hydrogen and hythane and we are pursuing a joint
22 hythane/hydrogen station at the south end of the
23 airport. So we do want to be part of new
24 opportunities in the future. Plug-in electric
25 vehicles as well.

1 But we think that the practical near-
2 term focus is critical to make an impact at our
3 airport and other similar facilities. Our
4 commercial operators use a lot of fuel, unlike the
5 municipal vehicles here at the airport. So our
6 commercial focus has the potential to reduce
7 emissions and greenhouse gases very significantly
8 and that's why we kind of place the emphasis
9 there.

10 So just to say that, for example,
11 rebates covering the full incremental cost of
12 vehicles is particularly important for our
13 operators. One example of why it is needed would
14 be the Ford E-350 van that is now available as a
15 conversion that is very expensive as a conversion.
16 And even with the federal tax credit and the air
17 district funding there's a gap.

18 So we do plan to have virtually our
19 entire door-to-door van fleet here operate on CNG
20 or equivalent emission vehicles within several
21 years now that they are available once more but we
22 do need to make the operators whole for the
23 additional cost of those vehicles.

24 That's a summary of where we are at and
25 we support the, we certainly support the Energy

1 Commission staff recommendation for a balanced
2 approach with the AB 118 program.

3 MR. WARD: Great. Thanks very much,
4 Roger, appreciate your comments.

5 MR. HOOSON: Sure.

6 MR. WARD: Are there any other comments
7 from anyone in the room? Anyone on the phone?

8 Seeing none. Again I want to thank our
9 hosts, IBM, for having us, Winfried and Moiden and
10 all the good folks here at IBM.

11 I appreciate all you folks coming here
12 to this beautiful spot in the Bay Area, I am
13 really impressed.

14 And I want to thank all the folks that
15 were on the phone for these three hours. I'm
16 sorry we went one minute over time. I apologize
17 and we'll do better next time hopefully.

18 Thank you again. Our next road show
19 will be from the South Coast Air Quality
20 Management District in Diamond Bar next Tuesday.
21 Again, thank you all for your interest and we are
22 signing off.

23 (Whereupon, at 12:01 p.m., the Staff
24 Workshop was adjourned.)

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