Opportunities and Challenges for reducing methane from manure management at California Dairies

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Overview

Voluntary win-win programs

- Projects that recover useful resources
- Projects that avoid costly control measures

Methane avoidance

- With flush: solids separation
- Reduced flush: Scape/vacuum, dry storage
 - Composting to add value
- Enteric

Methane capture/utilization (digesters)

Implementation Approach

- Goals will only be achieved if ARB and industry work together
 - Public/private partnership
- Family owned and operated businesses



- @1,400 dairies in California
 o Lost 53 by end of May
- Sustainable projects that can achieve goals without need for regulation

Initial Steps

- Orderly, deliberate and strategic
- Create Stakeholder Working Group (ARB)
 - Identify challenges and barriers to methane reduction
- Conduct research on dairy methane emissions (ARB w/ industry)
 - Scrape
 - Solids separation
 - Livestock sector methane emissions
- Development of additional emission reduction protocols (ARB)
 - Scrape
 - Solids separation
- Get initial \$50 million in funding out early

Current Best Option for Capture

- Multiple uses for captured biogas:
 - Generate electricity
 - Pipeline injection
 - Transportation fuel



Dairy Manure Digesters Operating in California

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- 1. ABEC-Bidart-Old River
- 2. ABEC-Bidart-Stockdale
- 3. Blakes Landing Farms/Straus Family Creamery
- 4. Castelanelli Brothers Dairy
- 5. Cottonwood Dairy/Joseph Gallo Farms
- 6. Denier Dairy
- 7. Fiscalini Farms
- 8. Giacomini Dairy
- 9. Hilarides Dairy
- **10.New Hope Dairy**
- 11.Open Sky Ranch
- **12.**Pacific Rim Dairy
- **13. Pixley Biogas**
- 14.Van Steyn Dairy
- **15.Van Warmerdam Dairy**
- **16.Verway Dairy**

Digesters Must Be Accelerated to Meet State's Goals

- 100 to 200 digesters by 2030
- Significant renewable energy generation
 - 70-100 million DGE of transportation fuel/year
- Significant environmental benefits
 - Reduction of NOx and diesel particulate
 - Water quality
 - Benefits to DACs
- Digester on 5,000 cow dairy can reduce NOx by as much as 32,000 lbs. per year

Critical Need to Address Barriers

Dairymen acceptability/perception Utility interconnection issues Project financing Energy infrastructure development BioMAT FiT Project funding Market development issues Compost Renewable gas procurement LCFS credit mechanism

Carbon credit invalidation

Market Development Issues

- Establish policies to develop needed infrastructure
- Develop pilot financial mechanism to reduce economic uncertainty of credits
- Implementation of 5 dairy biomethane pilot projects
 - Maximize value by targeting clusters
- Incentivize heavy duty truck fleet conversions

Project Financing 101

- 3 primary sources of revenue
 - Grants
 - Energy sales
 - Credit sales
- Typical electricity project is
 - 75% energy sales
 - 25% credit sales
- Typical transportation fuel project is
 - 25% fuel sales
 - 75% credit sales

* Establishing a mechanism to provide long-term certainty for credits is key to fuel projects



Questions?

Discussion

Thank you

