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## ***California Hydrogen Car Owners Association (CHCOA)*** ***Proton Monthly – August 2024 - Supplement***

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The last night of the legislative session was chaotic. However, in the commotion of all the last minute leverage plays between legislative chambers and the Governor's office, we successfully moved four bills that will help build the hydrogen economy. As CHCOA's members will read in the descriptions below, CHC's focus was to accelerate construction of hydrogen refueling and production facilities. Both are critically necessary for achieving a statewide network of stations, lowering fuel costs, and making it easier to drive a fuel cell electric vehicle. The Governor has until September 30th to sign or veto these bills. Instruction on how to submit letters to the Governor's office are below.

SB 347 (Newman) - Streamlines the deployment of ZEV infrastructure by exempting EV charging and hydrogen refueling infrastructure from the Subdivision Map Act, in line with previous exemptions granted to other clean energy projects such as wind, solar, and energy storage. Such an exemption would maximize public investment and send a strong market signal to ZEV infrastructure developers that California remains fully committed to meeting its transportation decarbonization goals.

SB 983 (Wahab) – Facilitates and accelerates alternative fueling infrastructure throughout the state. SB 983 is a collaborative approach to discuss the infrastructure challenges the state faces as we work to have a lower-carbon economy. This bill will establish a task force to identify barriers on permitting and siting for stations to ensure the ability to add electric vehicle charging and hydrogen infrastructure at

station sites is vital. The task force established by SB 983 consists of the necessary stakeholders to provide recommendations to the legislature on how the state can overcome some of the infrastructure challenges as Californians are driving an ever-diverse range of vehicles, including fuel cells.

SB 1418 (Archuleta) – Brings parity to the electric vehicle permitting process by streamlining the administrative approval process for hydrogen fueling stations in the same way we do for battery electric charging stations. Specifically, SB 1418 mandates that cities and counties must adopt an ordinance and checklist that creates an expedited, streamlined permitting process for hydrogen-fueling stations. This expedited procedure will ensure that citizens have access to clean energy options without unnecessary administrative hurdles.

SB 1420 (Caballero) – ensures that renewable and clean hydrogen production facilities are eligible for the permit streamlining programs critical for the deployment of technologies that support our clean energy and transportation future. SB 1420 adds renewable hydrogen production facilities, that do not derive hydrogen from fossil fuel, and receive funding from specified sources to the recently reauthorized Environmental Leadership Development Program (SB 149, 2023) and the newly created, CEC-led consolidated permitting process (AB 205, 2022). This bill is critical for scaling renewable hydrogen production in California, specifically for meeting the U.S. Department of Energy’s timelines for achieve the full funding award of \$1.2 billion to build out California’s ARCHES hydrogen hub.

Letter guidelines for the Governor's Office:

- 1) Please get your support letters to our office within 3 days of the final floor vote.  
**(We asked Mik about this. This is not an absolute requirement, but please try to get your letter to the Governor by this Friday, 9/6/24 - GC)**
- 2) Please do not attach additional documents to your letter when your bill is in enrollment; please only send us requests for signature or veto.
- 3) ~~Please note: Due to health and safety reasons, we require an electronic (PDF) copy of the letter, emailed to our Legislative Unit Inbox – Log.Unit@gov.ca.gov~~
- 4) Make sure it is addressed to the Governor (“Dear Governor Newsom”) with a subject line requesting a signature or veto of a single bill.
- 5) Century Gothic font is preferred but not required.
- 6) Please be detailed in your letter, and make sure to include:
  - What problem the bill is addressing
  - Whether or not a change is needed at the state level
  - Whether the change proposed can actually be implemented
    - It is helpful to include a real-world example of the problem that is being solved and to explain why a state solution is necessary.

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