



## FAQ

### ASPIRE 2045 Sustainability Strategy

#### **What is Sustainability at SoCalGas?**

Sustainability at SoCalGas means innovating our business to create lasting benefits for stakeholders by doing the right thing, championing people, and shaping the future. ASPIRE 2045 is our strategy to further integrate sustainability across our business. It is designed to make a positive impact on the communities we serve and achieve greater business strength.

#### **What is SoCalGas Doing to Advance Sustainability?**

SoCalGas incorporates sustainable business practices into many facets of our business operations. Our sustainability strategy prioritizes the following five areas:

- Accelerating the transition to clean energy;
- Protecting the climate and improving air quality;
- Advancing a diverse, equitable, and inclusive culture;
- Increasing clean energy access and affordability; and,
- Achieving world-class safety.

#### **How will SoCalGas Communicate Progress on its Sustainability Efforts?**

A key component of our sustainability strategy is to be transparent and accountable with our sustainable business goals.

We have established a governance framework that aligns all business units with our sustainability strategy, sets clear lines of responsibility, and transparently tracks progress on our goals. Many of the elements of our sustainability strategy are reported on our website through Sempra's annual Corporate Sustainability Report, SoCalGas' Annual Corporate Sustainability Report, compliance reports and other outlets.

#### **What are the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Why are They Relevant?**

The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs) are a call for action adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015, highlighting 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all." SoCalGas supports the UN SDGs, and our sustainability goals align with many UN SDGs.

#### **What Role Does SoCalGas Have in California's Energy Transition?**

SoCalGas plays a fundamental role in the reliable delivery of energy today and gas infrastructure will continue to play a critical role in the energy transition. Our October 2021 Clean Fuels Study



highlighted that electrification combined with clean fuels, like hydrogen and renewable natural gas, is the most affordable, resilient, and technologically proven path to carbon neutrality. And, to meet customer needs, a clean fuels network that leverages gas infrastructure is an essential part of California meeting its climate goals. Our July 2023 Reliability Analysis further revealed how clean fuels are poised to offer a solution to keep the electric grid reliable as California scales up intermittent resources and electric demand. For more information, please visit [socalgas.com/cleanfuels](https://socalgas.com/cleanfuels).

### **How is SoCalGas Accelerating the Energy Transition to Reach Net Zero Greenhouse Gas Emissions by 2045?**

We will focus on accelerating the energy transition towards a decarbonized future by increasing the delivery of cleaner energy, adapting our gas system for hydrogen, and supporting customer decarbonization. SoCalGas currently delivers 5% renewable natural gas to customers, conducts RD&D projects, such as our Hydrogen Innovation Experience, which demonstrates how clean, renewable hydrogen microgrids can power entire neighborhoods, and has proposed developing the nation's largest clean, renewable hydrogen energy infrastructure system, the Angeles Link, to decarbonize hard-to-abate sectors in the LA Basin.

### **What are Scopes 1, 2, and 3 Greenhouse Gas Emission for SoCalGas?**

For SoCalGas, Scopes 1 and 2 are direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by the Company, including emissions generated by gas usage at our facilities, use of transmission and distribution systems, and our vehicle fleet; and indirect emissions associated with the electricity purchased and consumed by the company, including facility electricity usage. Scope 3 emissions are indirect CHG emissions that result from our customers' energy use.

SoCalGas is the largest gas distribution utility in the nation to include Scopes 1, 2, and 3 emissions in our net zero goal. Success will require strong partnership and collaboration with business partners, customers, and regulatory and policy stakeholders, and continued dedication of our more than 8,500 SoCalGas employees.

### **Why are Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Safety Included in Sustainability?**

For SoCalGas, sustainability is our path to a brighter future for our business and all those we serve – our employees, our customers, and our communities.

Sustainability broadly encompasses our pursuit of environmental health, social equity and wellbeing, and economic vitality affecting all our stakeholders. We believe a diverse workforce and inclusive culture can drive better outcomes and create more resilient communities. We believe access to reliable and affordable clean energy is vital for an equitable transition to sustainable energy. And we know the safety of our communities, employees, and contractors is foundational to the sustainability of our business. SoCalGas recognizes that the issues that define sustainability are interconnected and require continuous examination and open engagement to achieve our societal ambitions.

### **What is SoCalGas Doing to Support a Responsible and Diverse Supply Chain?**

Our Supplier Diversity Program began taking shape more than 45 years ago, guided by insightful leaders who recognized that buying products and services from diverse supplies was good for us, our customers and our communities. In 2022 SoCalGas' Supplier Diversity Program spent \$1 billion with more than 575 businesses owned by minorities, service-disabled veterans, members of the LGBTQ community and women, with nearly 90% of suppliers located within California. In addition, we also offer a variety of Technical Assistance Programs designed to help diverse businesses meet contract requirements to work with SoCalGas. We are proud to share that SoCalGas has exceeded the California Public Utilities Commission's goal for supplier diversity programs for 30 consecutive years.

### **Where Can I Find More Information About SoCalGas' Sustainability Efforts?**

More information about SoCalGas' efforts can be found in the sustainability plan, ASPIRE2045 and in our most recent Corporate Sustainability Report.

#### **More Information**

For more information about SoCalGas' sustainability efforts and to view these documents, visit:

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sustainability/aspire2045\*\*](https://socalgas.com/sustainability/aspire2045)

