## Achieving Climate Neutrality through Energy Conservation and Renewable Energy

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## Energy Infrastructures: central grid and on-site generation



Sources: The Economist; ABB

# Trends in US Energy/Power Sectors Net Primary Resource Consumption ~97 Quads

Source: US Dept of Energy and Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory



Climate Change and Global Warming Civic-Markets and Public-Private Partnerships

Setting Goals for conservation and renewable energy generation



# Peak Oil and Gas: by 2020



# Is "Nuclear Power" Decisively Effective for Clean & Sustainable Energy?



# Renewable Energy Resources in USA

#### **SOLAR ENERGY**



WIND POWER



GEOTHERMAL



BIOMASS



# Solar / Photovoltaic Project

### Sample Portfolio Carport/Shade structure Projects

- Dual Benefit: Shade + Electricity
- Interest high with public agency customers who have concerns with rooftop systems
- Highly visible public statement
- Innovative designs possible
- Costlier than rooftop systems due to additional cost of steel support structures





# West Los Angeles College -Baseline



Total Elec. Consumption 7,216,762 kW

Total Gas Consumption

5,961 MMBtus

Total Water/Sewer 34,625 kgals

# LACCD Comprehensive Energy Strategic Plan

### A Paradigm Change:

- 1. Efficient Renewable Energy Central Plants
- 2. Demand Management Through Performance Contracts
- 3. One MW Solar/PV per campus
- 4. Sustainable Curriculum Program

# 1. Renewable Central Plant Objectives

- One Central High Efficiency Sustainable Source for Hot Water and Chilled Water
  - Heating and Cooling
- Meet current demand with expansion capbility for future facilities and needs
- Provide power for clusters of buildings
- Digital Control System

### BASELINE vs CENTRAL PLANT LIFE CYCLE COST COMPARISON



## **Central Plant Features**

- Solar Heat Tube
  - Hot Water near steam
- Absorption Chillers (Multiple Units)
  Chilled Water for Air Conditioning
- Thermal Storage Ice
- Co-Generation Electricity and Heat
- Hot Water Boiler / Heater

### Vacuum Tube Heat-pipe Collectors and Architectural Design Possibilities





# A solar televillage learning campus





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### East LA College Campus

### **Central Plant/PV Farm**

Location/Utility Routing



## **Central Plant Costs**

- Proposition 39 bond resources
- SS. 5956 Private sector financing
- AB 1492 State of California Financing through the Foundation for California Community Colleges
  - Lowest Cost Borrowing
  - Requires Intercept Mechanism

## 2. Performance Contracts

- Retrofit all energy consuming elements for maximum efficiency
- Install conservation features in all buildings
  - Insulation
  - Low-E Glass
  - White Roof
  - Green Roof
- State of the art and new technologies
- Metering and Monitoring Systems

# Performance Contract Financing

- Design Installation Financing By Private Sector
- SS. 4217 Contract 25 year payback maximum
- Uses Private Sector Funding
- Guaranteed Payback within <u>existing</u> utility charges
- Incentive Funds Available from California Public Utility Commission and municipal programs administered by the utilities

# Performance Contract Arithmetic

- Electric / Gas Bill Before Energy Measures- Annual
- Electric / Gas Bill After Energy Measures - Annual
- Difference (Amount Available for Payback) - Annual

• \$1,000,000

• \$ 800,000

\$ 200,000

## 3. Alternative Energy Concept

- Private Sector third party to install
- Parking Lots and Roofs
- Hybrid systems with storage
- Future technology innovations

## Solar Roof Photovoltaic



## Moscone Center:

### Jobs and training for solar installation (2004)



### Stirling Engine Solar Farm Barstow, California



### **Wind Power**

#### Coachella Valley



## Wind Mill Power

### Costs are competitive with natural gas



- Wind Power uses wind to create electricity
- Accounts for around 1% of California's electricity supply
- On-site wind power
- Case in point: farms and town in N. Europe
- The turbine technology and costs have changed.
- Hybrid Systems and Integrated
- On-site Generation
- Courtesy of California Energy Commission and Distributed Energy Systems 2006

# UK Wind and Ocean Turbines:

### The Case of Scotland (April 05)



•Satisfying the world's need for electric energy without pollution



Each layer of thousands of wings successively become larger in diameter which aims the system directly at the wind, and enhances the performance of each ring by providing laminar wind at the edges.



Thousands of light weight and extremely strong steel cables efficiently support thousands of wings while securing the outer ring at extreme wind speeds while the spokes transfer huge torque.

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# **Ground Source Geo-Thermal**



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## A Water Planet

- ¾ of the Earth is covered by water
- Water is made up of hydrogen and oxygen



# Alternate Energy 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Arithmetic

- Federal Energy Credit 30%
- Rapid Depreciation 25 %
- Utility Incentives 20 %
- Green Tag Sale 5% (?)
- Bulk Procurement 10 % (?)
- 10 Cents on the Dollar !!!

### Green Hydrogen Fueling Station:Torrance, CA



### **Distributed Energy Solutions**

- Renewable H<sub>2</sub> is based on water electrolysis is the only pathway to deliver a zero-emission energy cycle
- H<sub>2</sub> is the ideal medium for storing electricity for on-demand distributed power generation and fueling
- Scale-up of renewable power and HES solutions will address "clean and secure" energy requirements
- Wind power is becoming "lowcost" energy solution
- Advanced solar technology and volumes driving lower costs
  - Significant potential for home energy applications

# Renewable Hydrogen Pathway



## **Fuel Cell Basics**

A fuel cell is a device that generates electricity by a chemical reaction



# Internal Combustion VS Fuel Cell



### **Fuel Cell System - 3 major modules**

**Fuel Processor Module** (Reformer) - reforms natural gas (CH4) into hydrogen rich gas (reformate) for use by fuel cell.

**Power Generation Module** (Fuel Cell) - uses hydrogen in reformate to produce electricity (DC voltage)

**Power Conditioning Module** (Inverter) - converts DC Voltage produced by the Fuel Cell into AC Voltage (240VAC) for use by the grid.

## Integrated Fuel Cell System

- Direct energy conversion
- Low maintenance and capital costs
- More environmentally friendly Air

- Quiet operation
- Scalable
- No transmission and distribution losses



### **Power Generation**

Fuel & Air Delivery

Cooling

Waste Heat Capture

Integrated Controls Fuel Processor Stack/Balance of Plant Inverter/Grid





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# ICEL

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We make iCeL energy packs in a variety of sizes. For example, the 714 model specifications are:

- 12" x 3" x 6" (L x W x H)
- weighs 12 pounds
- stores 1 kilowatt hour of readily dispatchagle energy.

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- time frame
- energy consumption factors
- integration with conventional power
- integration with renewable power

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### **VRB Flow Battery Technology**

#### A liquid electrolyte that is <u>separate</u> from the electrode.



### Description

- Electrochemical energy storage system
- Reversible fuel cell reduction and oxidation of single element: Vanadium
- Instantaneous (<1ms) energy recovery</li>
- Standard 5kW and 50kW building blocks
- Remote control and monitoring, including real-time State of Charge (SOC) feedback



### VRB-ESS on King Island Islanded Wind Integration

- <u>Situation:</u> Islanded wind/diesel system
  - Four existing 1,500-kW diesel engine generators (6MW)
  - Three existing 250-kW wind turbines (750kW)
- <u>Problem</u>: Added two 850-kW wind turbines (1.7MW)
  - Excellent wind regime, but did not coincide with island's electrical load
  - Ratio of wind: diesel capacity increased from 12.5% to 40%
  - System imbalance cleaner, most cost effective resource was needed to stabilize the grid, reduce spinning reserve, capture spilled wind
- <u>Solution</u>: Installed 200 kW 4 hour (or 400kW for 10 sec; or 300kW for 5 min) VRB-ESS. VRB ESS captures spilled wind and discharges during the day in load-following

mode.



### King Island Project Benefits\*

- Reduces emissions
  - 4,000,000 kg/year CO<sub>2</sub>
  - 99,000 kg/year NO<sub>x</sub>
  - 75,000 kg/year unburned hydrocarbons
- Capture "spilled" wind \$51,200/y
- Reduce spinning reserve \$91,500/y
- Improve operating efficiency \$83,200/y
- Reduce maintenance \$23,000/y
- Net annual savings: \$248,900/y, 3.5 year payback

\*(projected, pending verification)

### Inside the Flow Battery Installation at King Island



### 6 MW VRB-ESS Tomamae Wind Farm, Japan Grid-Connected Wind Farm Output Smoothing



### Water - Pumped Storage



### 4. Sustainable Development Curriculum

- Green Buildings Learn technology from actual projects
- Offer certificates, licenses and advanced degrees
- Career opportunities and training for jobs, new companies and advanced degrees
- Sustainable Development Curriculum:
  - -solar, wind, geothermal, hybrid technologies
  - economics, business, life cycle accounting, investment
  - operations and maintenance
- Impact on Climate Change -- the solutions for global warming are available today for immediate implementation

## Off The Grid !!

- Using current and future Proposition 39 bond resources
- Buy Out
  - Central Plant Loans
  - Performance Contracts
  - Photovoltaic / Fuel Cell Installation
- No Future Energy Cost !



## Thank You

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