

Community Microgrids

Optimizing economics, environment & resilience



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To accelerate the transition to renewable energy and a modern grid through technical, policy, and project development expertise

Community Microgrids = the Grid of the Future



A Community Microgrid is a new approach for designing and operating the electric grid, stacked with local renewables and staged for resilience.

Key features:

- A targeted and coordinated local grid area served by one or more distribution substations
- High penetrations of local renewables and other Distributed Energy Resources (DER) such as energy storage and demand response
- <u>Staged capability</u> for ongoing renewables-driven power backup for critical and prioritized loads across the grid area
- A solution that can be readily extended throughout a utility service territory – and replicated into any utility service territory around the world



Community Microgrid key stakeholders







The GLP is the perfect opportunity for a comprehensive Community Microgrid



The GLP stretches from northwest of Gaviota to southeast of Carpinteria

UCSB Community Microgrid – Area Map

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UCSB Community Microgrid – Phase 1 + 2

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Solar Siting Survey (SSS) for Montecito



Montecito Upper Village critical facilities

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Water District (161 kW Total)

Montecito Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and School (270 kW Total)

Fire District (49 kW Total)

Montecito Union School District (309 kW Total)

Montecito YMCA (225 kW Total)

Laguna Blanca (43 kW Total)

Crane Country Day School (391 kW Total)

Upper Village Community Microgrid block diagram







Site	Annual Proposed Solar PV Historic Use Capacity (DC)		Solar PV Annual Production		
Fire District	103,623 kWh	70 kW	102,533 kWh		
Pump House	21,415 kWh	14.5 kW	21,379 kWh		
WD Office	28,716 kWh	19.5 kW	28,765 kWh		
WD Mech Yard	14,933 kWh	10.2 kW	15,141 kWh		
Sand Lot	NA	75.9 kW	112,069 kWh		
Phase 1 Total	Phase 1 Total 168,687 kWh		279,887 kWh		

Note that the 75.9 kW Solar PV system proposed for the Sand Lot would be used to offset electricity from other municipal electric accounts, such as the Water District accounts not located in this site, via the Renewable Energy Self-Generation Bill Credit Transfer (RES-BCT) program.



Redwood City Community Microgrid site map

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Covers Redwood City's disadvantaged community







	Meters or		NEM Solar	FIT Solar	Total Solar [kW	, 	Battery	EVCI
Site Name	Buildings	Critical Loads	[KW AC]	[KW AC]	AC	Battery [kW]	[kWh]	(Level 2)
Stanford Redwood City Phase 1	P1, B1-B4	Campus emergency response	886	0	886	251	2,100	52
Hoover Cluster	Hoover School	Shelter & food service	73	203	276	29	150	20
	Boys & Girls Club	Shelter & food service	11	90	101	0	0	10
	Hoover Park	Equipment staging	0	0	0	0	0	0
Redwood City Corporate Yard	Redwood City Corporate Yard	Road and public facility maintenance and repair	136	352	488	58	360	*4
San Mateo County Corporate Yard (SMC Yard)	SMC Yard Meter 1	Road and public facility maintenance and repair	65	0	65	58	240	0
	SMC Yard Meter 2		33	121	154	0	0	*4
	SMC Yard Meter 3		0	79	79	0	0	0
Sobrato Broadway Plaza	Sobrato Broadway Plaza (multiple meters)	Low income housing	0	1,197	1,197	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Sobrato CVS	Pharmacy & grocery	Û	83	83	TBD	TBD	TBD
New Deployments TOTAL		1,204	2,125	3,329	396	2,850	82	

With net metering, only 1.2 MW can be deployed.

With a new FIT program, an **additional 2.1 MW** of local, renewable generation could be deployed in a disadvantaged community.

Peek at the Community Microgrid future





Ecoplexus project at the Valencia Gardens Apartments in SF. ~800 kW meeting ~80% of the total annual load.