

Flattening the Duck

Facilitating Renewables for the 21st Century Grid

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This presentation will focus on integrating renewables with cost-effective intelligent grid solutions, including demand response, storage, and advanced inverters. The presentation will show how to address grid reliability challenges (steep ramps, overgeneration, voltage control, and minute-to-minute fluctuations) with preferred resources, staying aligned with California goals.

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There are Three Vital Grid Services

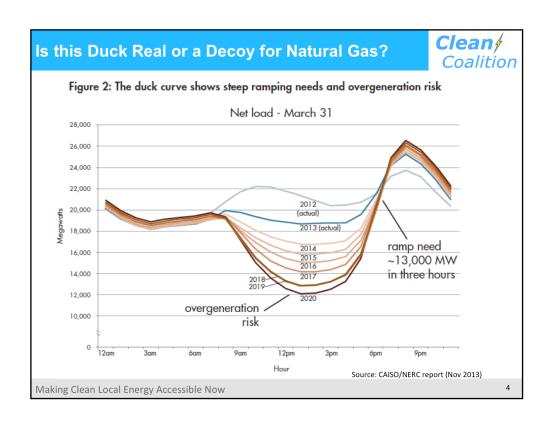


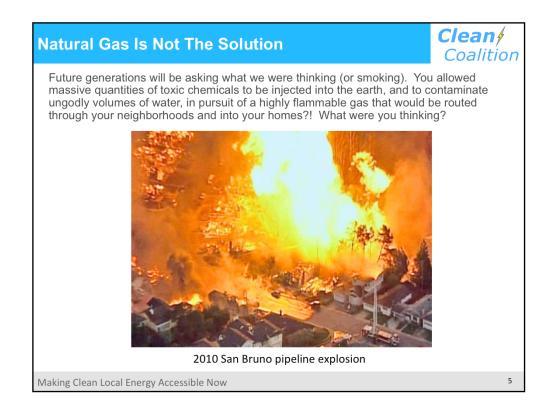
Service	Key to Delivering Service
Power Balancing	Capacity of real power (W)
Voltage Balancing	<u>Location</u> of reactive power (VAr)
Frequency Balancing	Speed of ramping real power (W)

The Duck Chart only addresses Power Balancing but Distributed Energy Resources deliver unparalleled location and speed characteristics

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Data from: (Investing in Grid Modernization, Perfect Power Institute, Feb 2013)

Natural Gas Is Not Reliable







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STAGE 1 EMERGENCY

Operating reserves forecast to fall to between 7% - 6%

STAGE 2 EMERGENCY

Operating reserves forecast to fall below 5%

STAGE 3 EMERGENCY

Operating reserves forecast to fall below 3%

TRANSMISSION EMERGENCIES

Declared when local voltage levels are at risk due to sudden power line outages or when fires threaten the grid.

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ISO issues statewide Flex Alert

Electricity conservation needed due to natural gas shortage curtailing fuel supplies to power plants

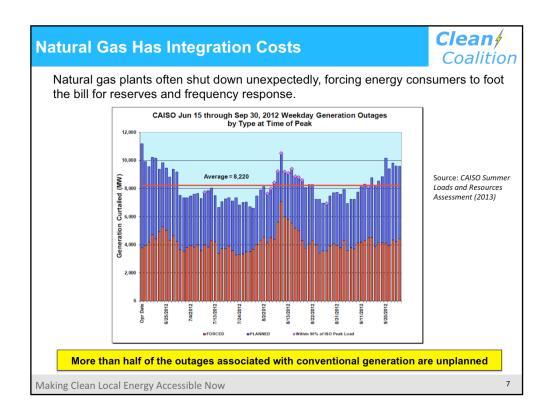
A shortage of natural gas triggered by extreme cold weather in much of the United States and Canada is impacting fuel supplies to Southern CA power plants and reducing electricity generation. The California Independent System Operator Corporation (ISO) is issuing a statewide *Flex Alert* for today, February 6, 2014.

While the natural gas shortage is only impacting Southern California power plants, statewide electricity and gas conservation will help free up both electricity and gas supplies for Southern Californians. Customers in both Southern and Northern California are asked to reduce their energy use between 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.

Today Thursday, February 6, is a Flex Alert Day!

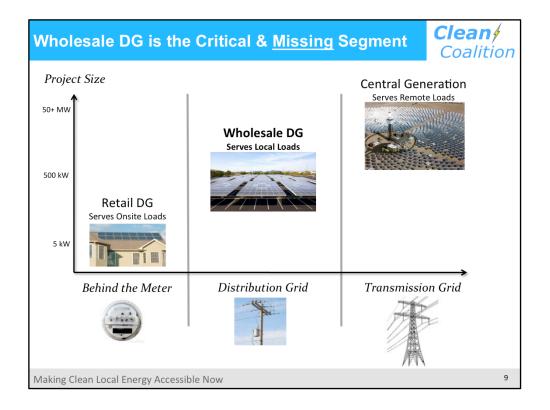
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NOTE: This chart does not include solar or wind generation. SONGS outages are shown as planned outages since "forced" outages are due to "unanticipated failure".

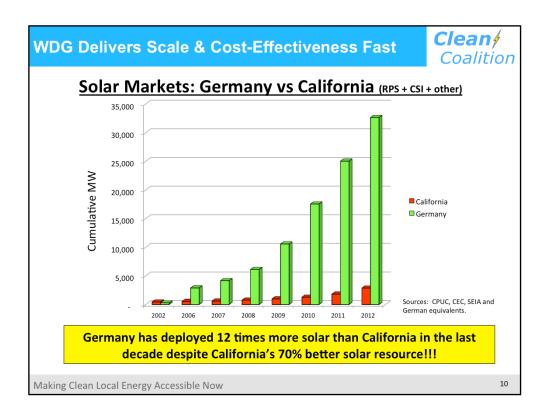
Integrating Renewables in a Forward Direction Coalition Use cost-effective, renewables and intelligent grid solutions to modernize the grid. Minimize natural gas, which would move backward from California's goals. Switches & Power Electronics Fower Electronics Communications Energy Storage Biopower Generation Electric Vehicles (EV) Distributed Generation Electric Vehicles (EV) Home Energy System Making Clean Local Energy Accessible Now



Wholesale Distributed Generation or WDG is the market segment that makes this transition possible. The retail DG – behind the meter – and central generation renewables – out in the desert, most of the time – are both part of the equation, but WDG has enough potential and uses economies to scale that will really change the game.

When we refer to DG, we mean a generating resource that is located on the distribution grid and the generated electricity does not feed back onto the transmission grid. WDG, therefore, is DG that sells all of its generation to the utility (or other purchaser). In future slides, I will refer to the distribution grid as the d-grid.

- *National policies focus on removing barriers for large-scale renewable power facilities and infrastructure.
- *State and local **net-metering policies** promote small-scale renewables:
- ---Net-metering is designed to reduce a utility customer's electric bills
- ---Net-metering is not designed for owners of commercial and multi-tenant properties (where tenants pay the utility bills)
- ---Annual on-site energy use generally caps net-metering project size
- ---Investors and lenders find a utility customer's energy savings from netmetering far less attractive than a revenue stream from a stable utility

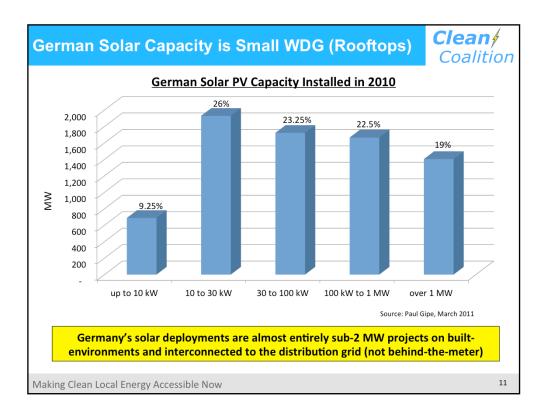


Germany is the best example we currently have to show the efficacy of CLEAN Programs and the WDG market. If there is any confusion, Germany is in green and California—known as the leading market it the U.S.—is in red. It is astonishing that Germany is adding 11 times more solar than California even though California has a 70% better resource.

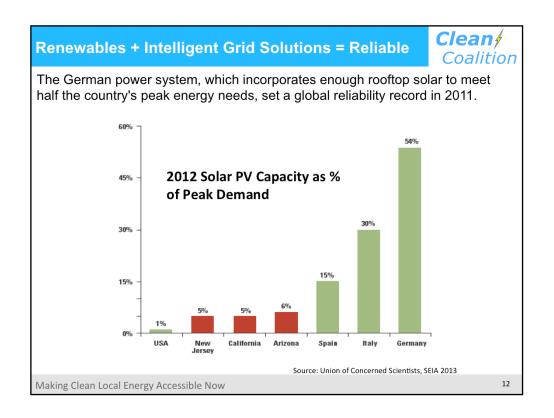
Rooftop solar in Germany <u>today</u> is priced at the California-equivalent of <u>7-10 cents/kWh</u>, which would be the most cost-effective resource deployed in California.

Ground-based solar projects typically generate about 25% more kWh/W than rooftop projects, because they use tracking, which allows the panels to follow the sun throughout the day. The net result is that ground-based projects are generally about 20% more cost-effective than rooftop projects. The difference between the 25% and the 20% is that the O&M costs for ground-based projects are a bit higher due to their moving parts.

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Although renewables are often said to cause reliability issues, global experience proves this untrue. The German power system, which incorporates enough rooftop solar to meet half the country's midday energy needs, set a global reliability record in 2011 with only 15.31 minutes of downtime. What's even more impressive is that Germany -- the world's fourth largest economy and home to a heavy industrial base -- demands enormous amounts of reliable power, and distributed renewables have delivered.

Align Renewables Integration with CA Goals



- AB 32 (Reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020)
- Loading Order (Procure cost-effective preferred resources first)
- Energy Storage Target (1.325 GW by 2020)
- Electric Vehicles Target (1.5 million EVs by 2025)
- Zero Net Energy (IOUs proposed "district" rather than building level ZNE)
 - All new residential construction ZNE by 2020
 - All new commercial construction and 50% existing commercial retrofit to ZNE by 2030



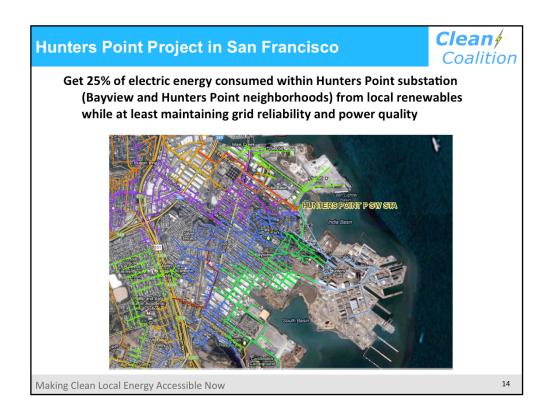
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Photo of ZNE building – Exploratorium, San Francisco

Source of ZNE Goals and photo: CPUC presentation 9/18/2013 available at http://annualmeeting.naseo.org/Data/Sites/2/presentations/Fogel-Getting-to-ZNE-CA-Experience.pdf

IOU comments to CEC IEPR ZNE workshop in July 2013: Significant economic and operational benefits from looking at "district" level solutions for both efficiency and renewables measures.



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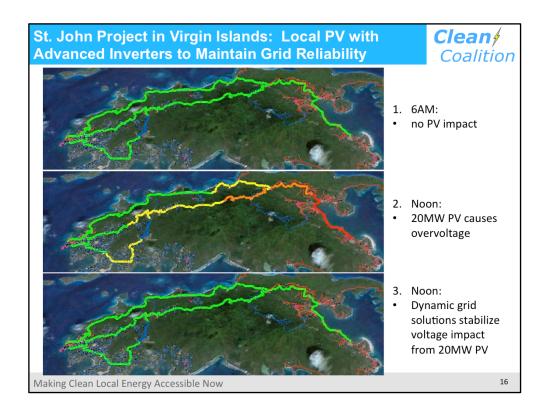
Private Investment + Operations & Maintenance:

\$200M investment over 20 years is comprised of near-term plus ongoing operations and maintenance as follows:

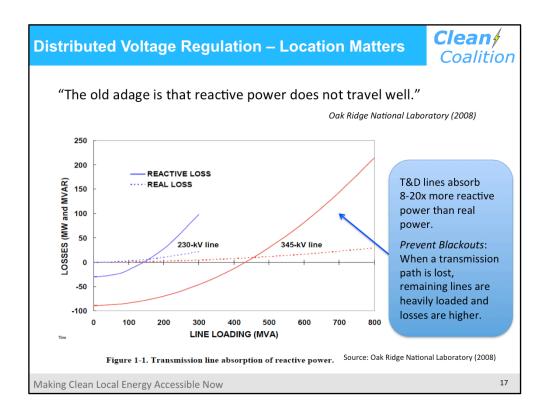
- 1. \$165M represents the private investment amount for a 50MW PV system over 20 Years, as follows:
- Installation & Construction: \$137M (\$27.5M per 10 MW)
- Dynamic Grid Solutions @ 20% = \$27,500
- Total = \$165K
- 2. O&M: \$35M represents the O&M costs for a 50MW PV system over 20 years, as follows:
- O&M adds \$1.48M annually, or \$29.7M over 20 years
- plus 20% or \$5.9M for Dynamic Grid Solutions
- Total = \$35.6M over 20 years.

Local Employment and Economic Impact:

Specific to MTA – Metropolitan Region.



Significant amounts of PV can cause the grid to de-stabilize due to overvoltage in the system. In this example, 20MW of PV causes overvoltage at noon. However, using DG +IG solutions, including storage and advanced inverters to help regulate voltage, the grid is stabilized even though the 20MW of PV is producing at a high capacity level.



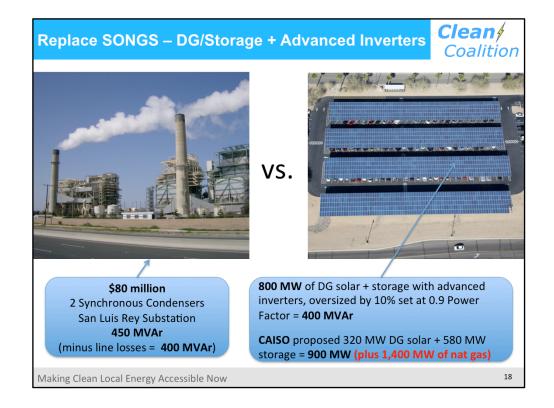
Reactive power does not travel well.

- This chart shows that reactive power has 8-20 times higher line losses than real power.
- Also shows much higher transmission line vs. distribution line losses.
- When a transmission path is lost, remaining lines are heavily loaded and losses are higher.

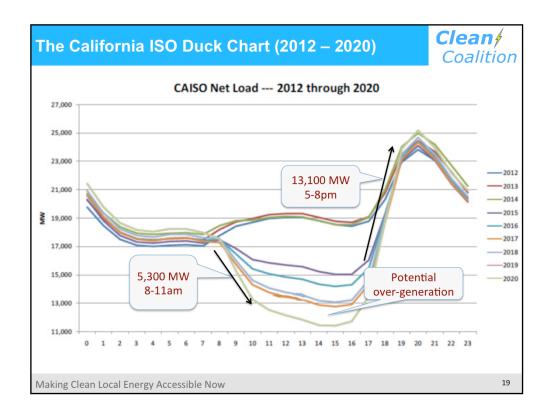
Expert audience notes:

- The zero crossing of the reactive losses lines are the Surge Impedance Loading (SIL) points at which there is a balance between producing and absorbing reactive power.
- When conducting power below its SIL, the line is primarily capacitive and supplies
 reactive power, tending to raise system voltages (same thing capacitor banks are
 used for). When the line carries more power than the SIL, it tends to absorb
 reactive power, lowering system voltages (same thing motor loads do).
- The reactive impedances in a transmission systems are typically 8-20 times larger than real impedances, hence reactive losses are much higher, especially when lines carry higher power above the SIL.

Source: "Local Dynamic Reactive Power for Correction of System Voltage Problems," Oak Ridge National Laboratory, September 2008



- SONGS provided a large amount of reactive power for voltage regulation in Southern California.
- Local solar PV paired with advanced inverters can cost-effectively both reduce load on transmission lines and provide large amounts of reactive power 247/365 <u>without</u> reducing the amount of real power it provides while the sun shines.
- For example, 570 MW capacity of PV with advanced inverters oversized by 10% at 0.9 power factor could provide the same amount of reactive power as the Huntington Beach synchronous condensers.



The California Independent System Operator (CAISO) created the "Duck Chart" to show how high levels of solar could result in system balancing issues starting in 2015 as California approaches the 33% RPS in 2020. CAISO has proposed procurement of "flexible capacity", especially natural gas, to address the steep ramps and overgeneration issues that may occur in the shoulder months as solar comes online in the mornings and tapers off in the evenings.

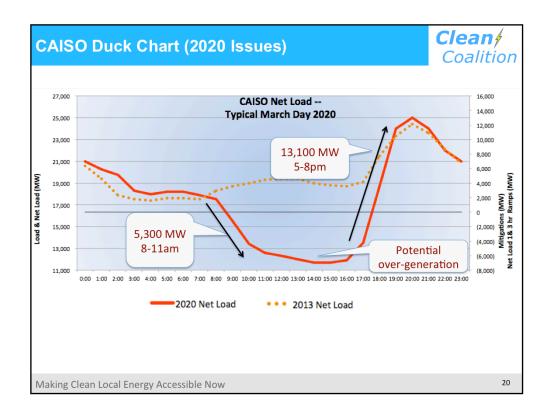
However, integrating renewables with natural gas is a step backwards from California's clean energy and GHG goals. Further, the Loading Order requires California to procure low carbon resources before fossil resources.

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The Duck Chart shows a typical March day, with each line representing a different year, from 2012 – 2020.

The bottom x-axis represents time of day, starting at midnight and ending at midnight. The left y-axis shows net load in MW, meaning load minus wind and solar generation. The chart shows that the shape of the net load curve begins to shift dramatically in 2015 due to increasing solar generation.

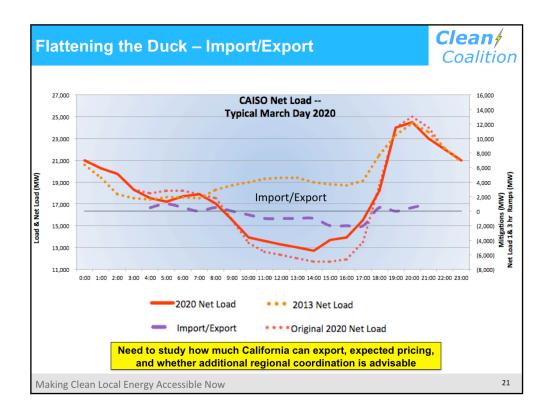
Potential over-generation shown starting in 2018 in the afternoon as net demand within CAISO territory would be lower than supply of inflexible, conventional base-load resources that are expensive to turn off – such as nuclear and less flexible natural gas. (March and April are more extreme cases because solar intensity is relatively high but



The Clean Coalition has developed a model to illustrate how California can integrate renewables in 2020 with dynamic grid solutions.

The red line shows the 2020 net load curve, while the orange dotted line shows the 2013 net load for comparison.

Please note that while the projections of net load on this chart are from the CAISO Duck Chart, the following slides show Clean Coalition's projections of potential solutions. The assumptions are available in the back-up slides.



First it's important to remember that the original CAISO chart only includes net load for CAISO territory. Once you remove this limitation, the picture looks much less extreme.

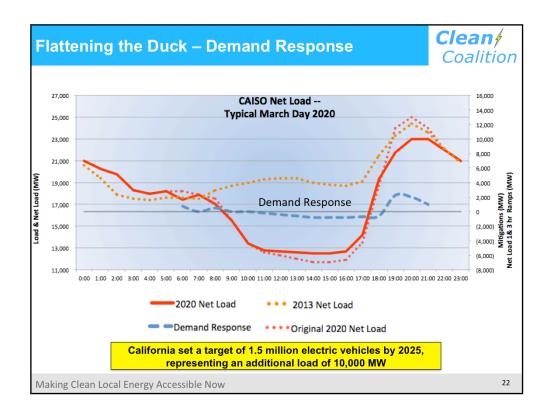
The new Energy Imbalance Market will help to facilitate exports, but we still need a study to determine how much California can rely on exports for resource planning purposes.

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From CAISO/NERC 2013 report: The potential to export excess generation to neighboring BAs during low system demand periods may be feasible but impractical, because other BAs may need to keep a portion of their dispatchable resources on-line to meet load changes and comply with mandatory control performance standards.

The purple dashed line shows imports/exports of renewables in MWs reflected on the scale to the right.

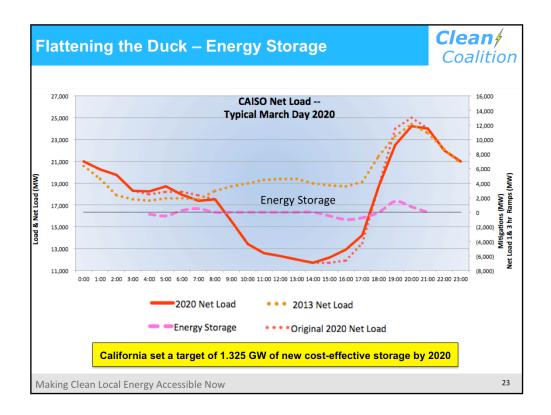
The dotted red line shows the old net load curve, while the new red line shows how Import/Export helps smooth the ramps in MWs reflected on the scale to the left.



Demand response programs can incentivize customers to shift power consumption away from high net demand periods (flattening the head of the duck) and towards low net demand periods (lifting the belly of the duck). The blue dashed line shows demand response in MWs reflected on the scale to the right. The dotted red line shows the old net load curve, while the new red line shows how DR helps smooth the net load profile.

We recommend that policymakers prioritize identifying DR resources available to address these needs and the necessary pricing to incentivize customer participation. This is necessary since it's not immediately obvious to policymakers or aggregators which commercial and industrial loads will be available to shift away from the early evenings and towards mid-day hours, and what price signals will be necessary.

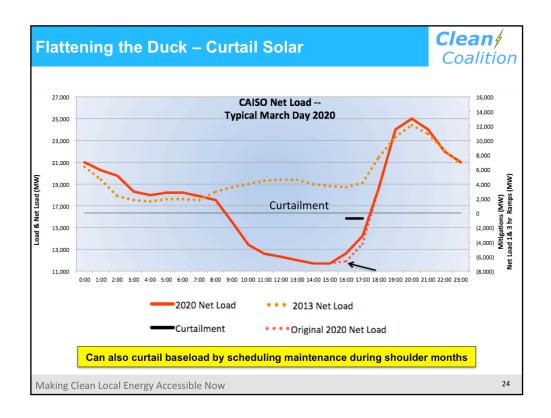
For example, electric vehicles can act as a combination of distributed storage and demand response, responding to pricing signals to charge during hours of low net demand and dispatching energy to address high net demand. Since Governor Brown issued an Executive Order that established a target of 1.5 million zero-emission vehicles on the road in California by 2025, the CPUC has found that sending the right price signals to EV owners will be critical. The next step is for California agencies to determine how much demand response with EVs and other loads can modify the net load profile and what programs and pricing will be necessary to accomplish this task.



Energy storage can similarly charge during hours of low net demand and dispatch energy to the grid when desirable to address high demand, as illustrated by the dashed pink line. It is also an ideal resource for addressing minute-by-minute balancing needs

The dotted red line shows the old net load curve, while the new red line shows how ES helps smooth the net load profile.

Slide assumes a 1,500 MW maximum charge (below line) & 1,000 MW max dispatch (above the line) from ES.

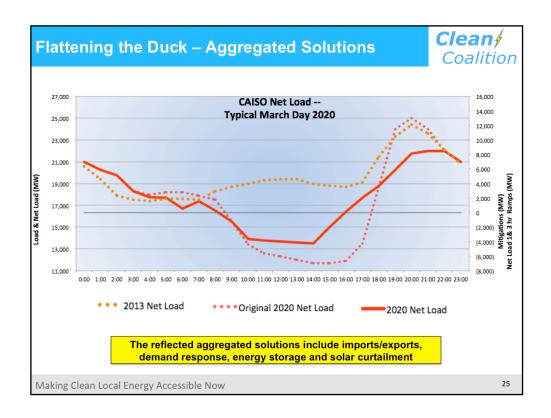


At times, it may be cost-effective to strategically curtail some solar generation to reduce the steep angle of the change in net demand.

First, curtail baseload, schedule maintenance during shoulder months.

Solar curtailment costs include increasing solar procurement to make up for curtailed energy to comply with an RPS.

Slide assumes a net reduction of 1,500MW solar generation. More details in back-up slides.



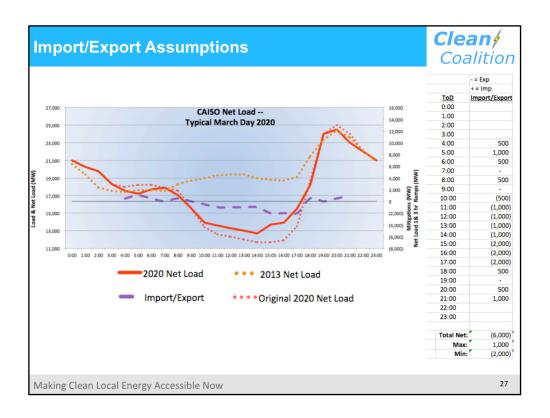
With all solutions in place, the changes in net demand are very manageable.

The dotted red line is the original net load curve, and the solid red line is the new curve once all solutions are delivered. The orange dashed line is the 2013 net load for comparison.



Back-up Slides

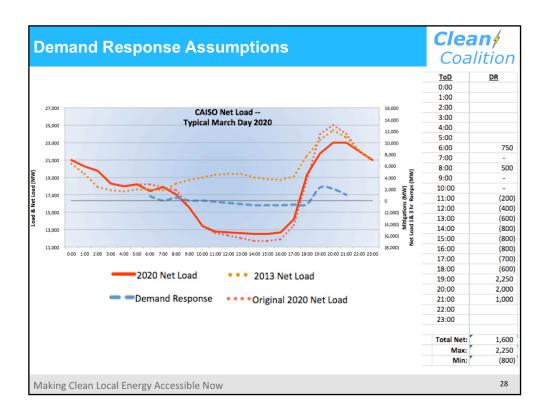
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The original CAISO chart only includes energy available in CAISO territory. Once you remove this artificial limitation and account for imports and exports of energy in and out of CAISO territory, the picture looks much less extreme.

The dotted red line shows the old net load curve, while the new red line shows how Import/Export helps smooth the ramps.

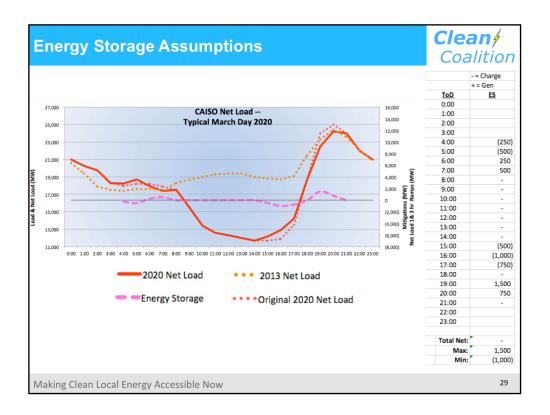
Slide assumes a net export of 5,750MW. More details in back-up slides



Demand response programs can incentivize customers to shift power consumption away from high net demand periods (head of the duck) and towards low net demand periods (belly of the duck), as shown by the blue dashed line shows demand response in MWs reflected on the scale to the right.

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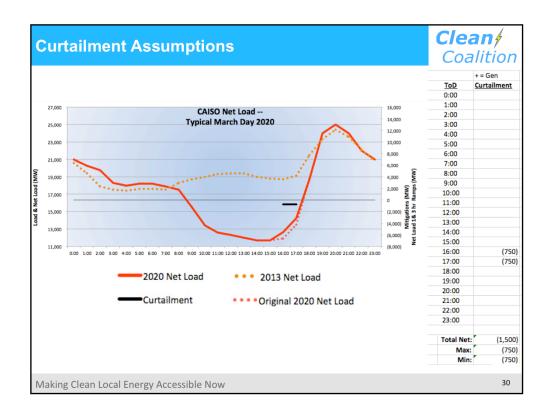
Slide assumes a net load reduction of 1,600 MW from DR.



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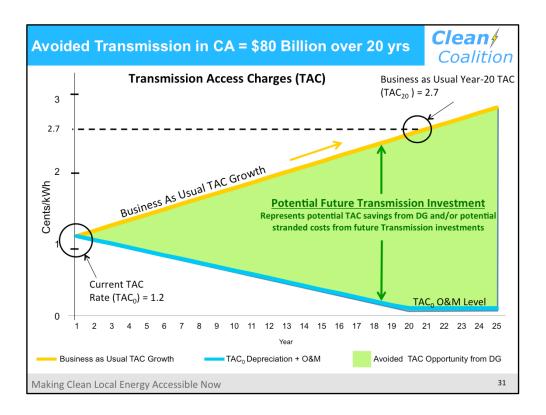
Slide assumes a 1,500 MW maximum charge (below line) & 1,000 MW max dispatch (above the line) from ES.



At times, it may be cost-effective to strategically curtail some solar generation to reduce the angle of the change in net demand.

(Note that this assumes that exports have been maximized and all cost-effective and available demand response and energy storage have been employed.)

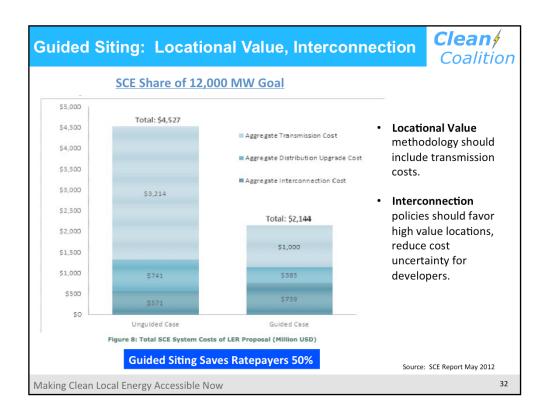
Slide assumes a net reduction of 1,500MW solar generation.



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This chart shows the potential to reduce Transmission Access Charges by increasing DG

- All energy that comes of the T-Grid requires payment of TACs.
- Right now, CA ratepayers pay 1.1 cents per kWh
- The yellow line shows the expected growth over the next 25 years BAU.
- In 20 years, TACs will cost 2.5 cents per kWh
- The blue line is alternative. If from this point forward, if we only added generation on the distribution grid, the blue line shows how TACs would decrease as existing investments depreciate over the next 20 years. Eventually, we'd only pay basic operating and maintenance costs. We'd also avoid stranded costs (anything we put into the t-grid becomes stranded costs as we transition to DG.)
- The green triangle represents the potential savings as the difference between business as usual and a DG future.



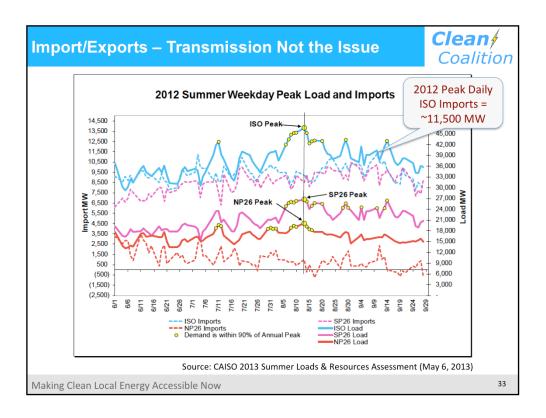
The CPUC has contracted a study 2 years ago on comparing locational value within the distribution system, but ignored comparing D-grid locations to transmission interconnection and the cost of delivering power to load. We commented on this a year ago at the last workshop (TACs and new transmission costs) but there has been zero public action since. ALL reliable peak shaving that occurs on the D-grid avoids the need for transmission capacity to meet that peak load, plain and simple. And EVERY DG kWh serving local load avoids TAC delivery charges for ratepayers. There's a reason TACs only apply to energy using the transmission system, as it's important to recognize that energy using transmission creates extra costs that are avoided by DG.

Interconnection Cost Averaging could be broadly applied. The weak IOU proposal only applied to low cost locations, but these are the more urban/close-to-load locations and it still gets the door open on the first US flat rate d-grid upgrade charges for WDG.

At least as important is our <u>separate but related Cost Certainty proposal</u> - where studies are required, offer a binding cap based on 125% of the estimated cost. This "not to exceed" study result would greatly reduce the risk and uncertainty around interconnection.

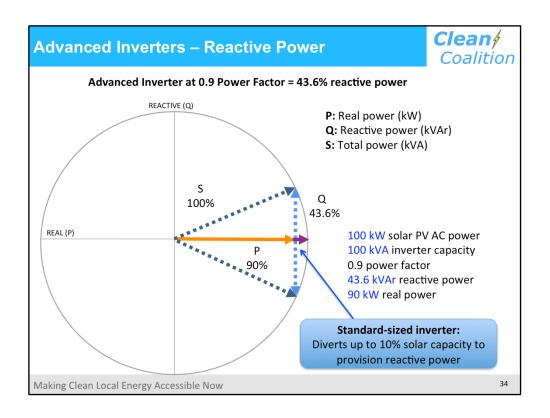
Notes on graphic:

A May 2012 study by Southern California Edison found that T&D upgrade costs for their share of the Governor's goal of 12,000 MW of distributed generation could be reduced by over 50% from the trajectory scenario. The lower costs were associated with the "guided case" where 70 percent of projects would be located in urban areas, and the higher costs were associated with



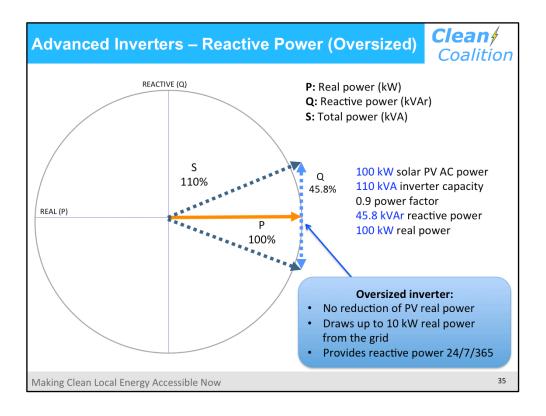
2012 summer weekday peak imports by CAISO (~8,000 to 11,500 MW) show that transmission capacity is not the issue for imports/exports.

However, CA has not traditionally exported significant levels of energy. CA needs to study the potential for other balancing authorities to accept our exports, taking into account the needs of other BAs, and existing and potential policies to facilitate greater levels of exports.

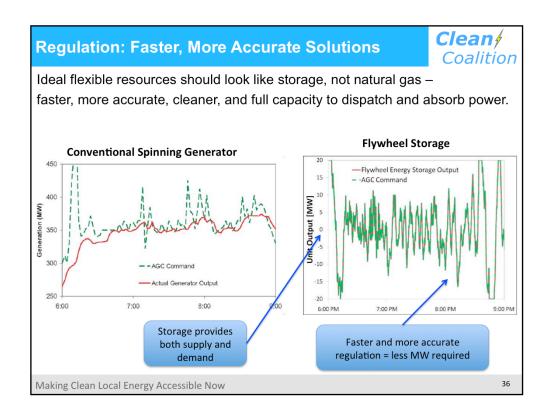


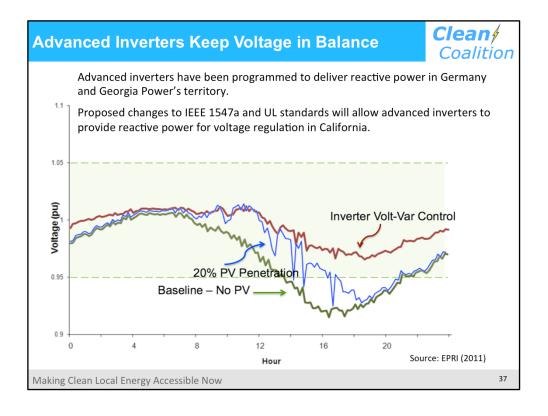
The unity power circle shows that an advanced inverter at 0.9 power factor (as set in Germany) can provision 44% of its nameplate capacity reactive power while diverting only up to 10% of solar real power capacity.

Percentages refer to percent of rated AC power



- When the inverter is oversized, it allows all of the DG power to be put into delivering real power back to the grid, maximizing the system owner's revenue.
- When reactive power is needed, real power can be drawn back from the grid and redirected into reactive power to assist in voltage regulation. This can be done at any time, even when there is no power coming from the DG, e.g. at night on PV systems.
- The unity power circle shows that an advanced inverter at 0.9 power factor (as set in Germany) can provision 46% of its nameplate capacity as reactive power while drawing up to 10% of its nameplate capacity of real power from the grid.
- Percentages refer to percent of rated AC power





- The chart above shows how solar paired with advanced inverters keeps voltage within appropriate boundaries.

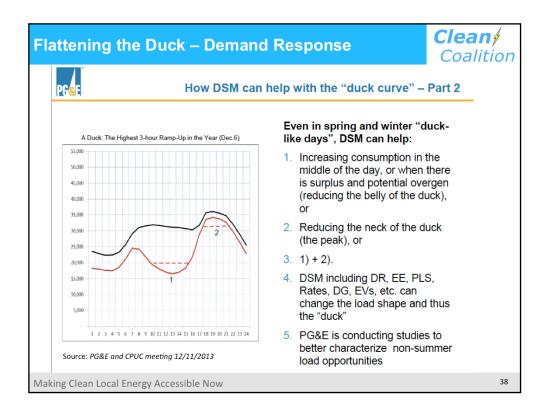
 Green line shows baseline local voltage dipping below the bounds in a particular location

 Blue line shows local voltage with 20% PV penetration (max solar output to peak). Voltage is still dipping below optimal bounds when less sunlight
- Red line shows local voltage with 20% FV penetration (max solar output to peak). Voltage is still dipping below optimal bounds when less still is available.

 Red line shows local voltage regulated by solar with advanced inverters. When there's less sun available to provide real power to keep voltage high enough, the advanced inverters draw real power from the grid and convert it to reactive power to keep voltage within the optimal range.

Advanced notes:

- Source of graphic: Advanced Voltage Control Strategies for High Penetration of Distributed Generation, EPRI 1020155, Figure 4-28 Secondary Voltages at a Customer on the Feeder Voltage levels fall later in the day during periods of peak demand. More demand → lower voltages.
- For high-pen of local generation, over-voltages are a bigger concern. Use storage or Al reactive power to lower voltages. Reactive power can both raise and lower voltage.



PG&E supports this approach as a very cost-effective way to address the Duck curve and is exploring non-summer load shifting opportunities.

Clean / **German Solar Pricing Translates to 5 cents/kWh** Coalition **California Effective** USD/kWh Euros/kWh **Project Size** Rate \$/kWh 0.145 0.1903 0.0762 Under 10 kW 10 kW to 40 kW 0.138 0.1805 0.0722 40.1 kW to 1 MW 0.123 0.161 0.0644 1.1 MW to 10 MW 0.101 0.1317 0.0527 Source: http://www.wind-works.org/cms/index.php?id=92, 10 September 2013 Conversion rate for Euros to Dollars is €1:\$1.309 California's effective rate is reduced 40% due to tax incentives and then an additional 33% due to the superior solar resource

Replicating German scale and efficiencies would yield rooftop solar at only between 5 and 7 cents/kWh to California ratepayers

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Critics of Germany's CLEAN Program tend to say that they are paying too much for renewable energy generation, but this chart shows that – using the appropriate conversion – they are paying less for solar than we pay for electricity almost anywhere in the U.S. This conversion uses the U.S. tax incentives and solar resource.

PV Potential of Top 25 Roofs in LA is Over 75 MW

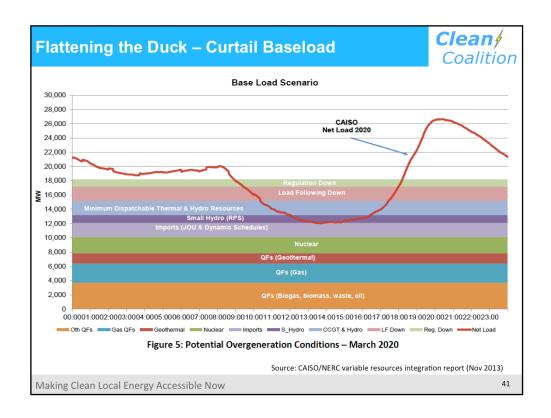


Rank	Potential Size (kW)	Address	Description
1	6,987	300 WESTMONT DR	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
2	6,296	3880 N MISSION RD	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
3	4,797	400 WESTMONT DR	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
4	4,524	20525 NORDHOFF ST	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Plnts
5	4,402	2501 S ALAMEDA ST	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
6	3,771	4544 COLORADO BLVD	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Plnts
7	3,629	1800 N MAIN ST	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
8	3,597	5500 CANOGA AVE	Heavy Manufacturing
9	3,596	20333 NORMANDIE AVE	Food Processing Plants
10	3,366	8500 BALBOA BLVD	Heavy Manufacturing
11	3,351	6600 TOPANGA CANYON BLVD	Shopping Centers (Regional)
12	3,313	401 WESTMONT DR	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
13	3,052	9301 TAMPA AVE	Shopping Centers (Regional)
14	2,806	11428 SHERMAN WAY	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
15	2,703	3820 UNION PACIFIC AVE	Heavy Manufacturing
16	2,693	1601 E OLYMPIC BLVD	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
17	2,673	9120 MASON AVE	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Pints
18	2,672	12745 ARROYO ST	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Pints
19	2,431	5525 W IMPERIAL HWY	Heavy Manufacturing
20	2,430	8201 WOODLEY AVE	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Pints
21	2,404	8900 DE SOTO AVE	Heavy Manufacturing
22	2,201	3410 N SAN FERNANDO RD	Lgt Manf.Sm. EQPT. Manuf Sm.Shps Instr.Manuf. Prnt Pints
23	2,171	12820 PIERCE ST	Warehousing, Distribution, Storage
24	2,149	4024 RADFORD AVE	Motion Picture, Radio & Television
25	2,126	3020 E WASHINGTON BLVD	Heavy Manufacturing

100+ GW of Built-Environment Solar Potential in California vs 60 GW of Peak Load

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Notes:

QFs gas = CHP

CAISO plans on exploring ways to incentivize Qualifying Capacity (QFs) to curtail production during low net load demand periods in order to minimize the magnitude of potential over-generation. (From 2013 CAISO/NERC report.)

Benefits of Modernizing the Grid





- Power Quality, Reliability & Resilience benefits
 - Increased customer satisfaction
 - Improved equipment longevity
 - Sustained vital services in otherwise complete blackout scenarios
 - Avoided transmission & central generation vulnerabilities

Economic benefits

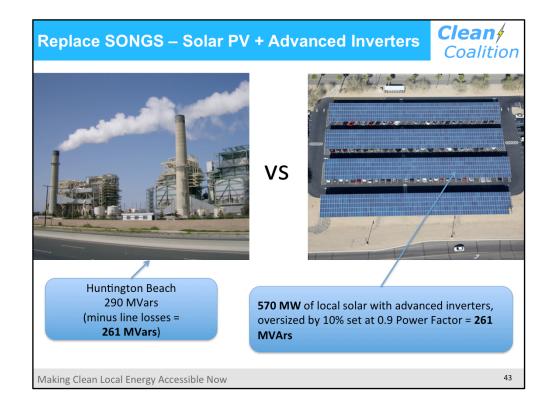
- Significant private-sector investment
- Substantial local job creation
- Fixed electricity prices for 20+ years
- Localized energy spending
- Avoided inefficiencies of central generation & transmission

Environmental benefits

- Avoiding dirty power generation, including nasty peaker plants that are often sited in underserved communities
- Utilizing built-environments and disturbed lands for generation projects
 Preserving pristine environments from transmission lines and other infrastructure

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- SONGS provided a large amount of reactive power for voltage regulation in Southern California.
- Local solar PV paired with advanced inverters can cost-effectively both reduce load on transmission lines and provide large amounts of reactive power 247/365 without reducing the amount of real power it provides while the sun shines.
- For example, 570 MW capacity of PV with advanced inverters oversized by 10% at 0.9 power factor could provide the same amount of reactive power as the Huntington Beach synchronous condensers.



(sw 2, 19 Jan 2012)