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# UCSF Mission Bay: Can CHP Be Used as a Tool to Tackle Carbon-Neutrality Goals?

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# Agenda

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## **Challenges:**

- Carbon Neutrality: A View from the Left...Coast
- What is your “Real” Carbon Footprint?
- CHP in a Low-Carbon World

## **Solutions / Lessons Learned:**

- Options and Perspectives
- Case Studies - California
- Lessons Learned & Recommendations

# Carbon Neutrality - Leadership

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- **State of California**

- AB 32 - Requires Carbon Reduction to 80% of 1990 levels by 2050
- Title 24 Building Efficiency Standard – 30% better than ASHRAE 90.1

- **California Utility Providers**

- 33% renewable electricity by 2020
- 50% renewable electricity by 2030
- Generous incentives for PV, Wind, Emerging Technologies
- 12% spare generating capacity



- **University of California**

- 10 Campuses – All Carbon Neutral by 2025



- **California State University**

- 23 Campuses
- Each has own timeline for Carbon Neutrality (2030+)



- **Numerous Private Institutions w/ Aggressive Goals (Tech, Pharma...)**

# Carbon Reduction Strategies

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- **Renewable Power Generation**

- Solar
- Wind
- Hydro



- **Renewable Fuel Sources – Biogas**



- **Acquisition of Renewables**

- Contract OR Build Onsite

- **High-Efficiency Energy Generation**

- CHP with 70%-80% system efficiencies w/ waste heat utilization

- **Purchase Carbon Offsets or Renewable Energy Credits**

# Climate Progress

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- **CA Grid Carbon**
  - 33% reduction goal achieved in 2017 (3 years early)
  - NEW 40% reduction by 2020
- **Self-Generation Incentive Program**
  - 10% Biogas beginning 2017
- **Fossil Generation & Emissions**
  - CHP 2-2-2 ppm for NOx, CO, and VOC
  - Boilers 5ppm NOx
- **Transportation**
  - California Emissions Standards become “THE” Standard
- **UC Campuses**
  - Large Scale Renewables / Biogas Development

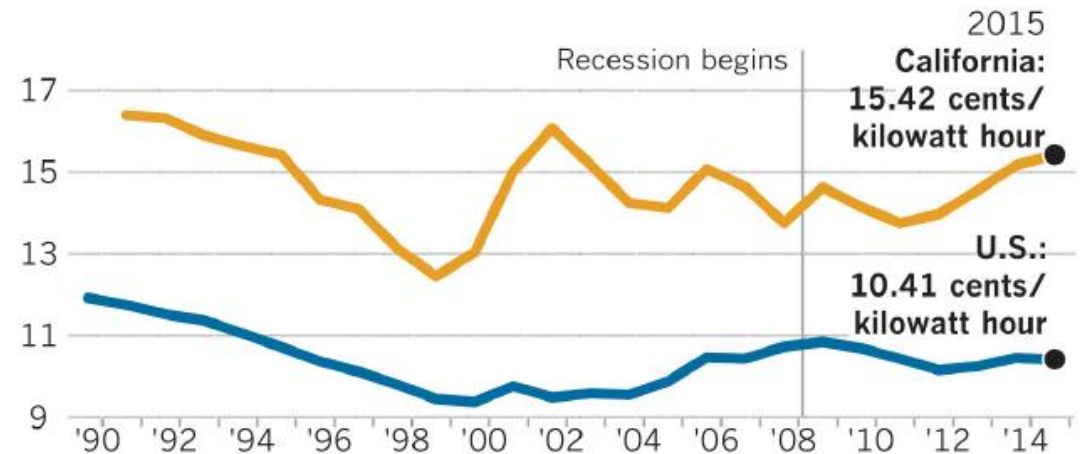




# Carbon Trends/Challenges

- **CA Grid Power Costs/Supply**

- Demand costs increasing
- Commodity costs decreasing
- 12% rate increase since 2008
- \$0.154 per kWh
- 21% excess capacity in 2020
  - Normal ~10% for resiliency



Note: cost of power figures are adjusted for inflation.

Source: Energy Information Administration

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- **Renewables**

- Federal ITCs expired in 2016
- Oversupply for next few years?
- Bargain contracting: 6-8 cent range

- **UC Campuses**

- Aggressive Goals – “How to Pay for it”?

# Carbon Accounting vs “Global Good”

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- **What is your True Carbon Footprint?**
  - National E-Grid Emission Rate = 1,150 lb-CO<sub>2</sub> / MWh
  - CA E-Grid Emission Rate = 620 lb-CO<sub>2</sub> / MWh
  - Where and how are your kWhs generated? More later...
- **Accounting**
  - Know Your Site Metrics (reporting)
  - Creative Solutions (Berkeley CHP)
  - Buy Carbon Offsets and/or RECs
- **Fuel Sourcing (Dynamic Markets Today)**
  - Biogas for CHP, Transportation, and Gas Pipeline Injection
  - Dedicated pipeline or virtual pipeline
- **Best Global Strategy**
  - Energy Efficiency (Generation, Distribution, and Consumption)
  - Diversity of energy sources and tools to use them



# A Tale of Two Rivals

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## Stanford University (Private)

- “Gold Standard” in [Climate Action](#)
- Decommission Existing Assets:
  - 30 year old CHP
  - Steam Distribution, Chillers and Boilers
  - 100,000 ton-hr Ice on Coil TES
- Build New Infrastructure:
  - Heat Recovery Chillers w/ Hot Water & Chilled Water TES
  - Microgrid + HW Distribution to 150 buildings
  - 68 MW Peak Capacity Solar Array
- \$500 million Investment in Utility Infrastructure
- 65%+ Carbon Neutral Campus Electricity by 2020





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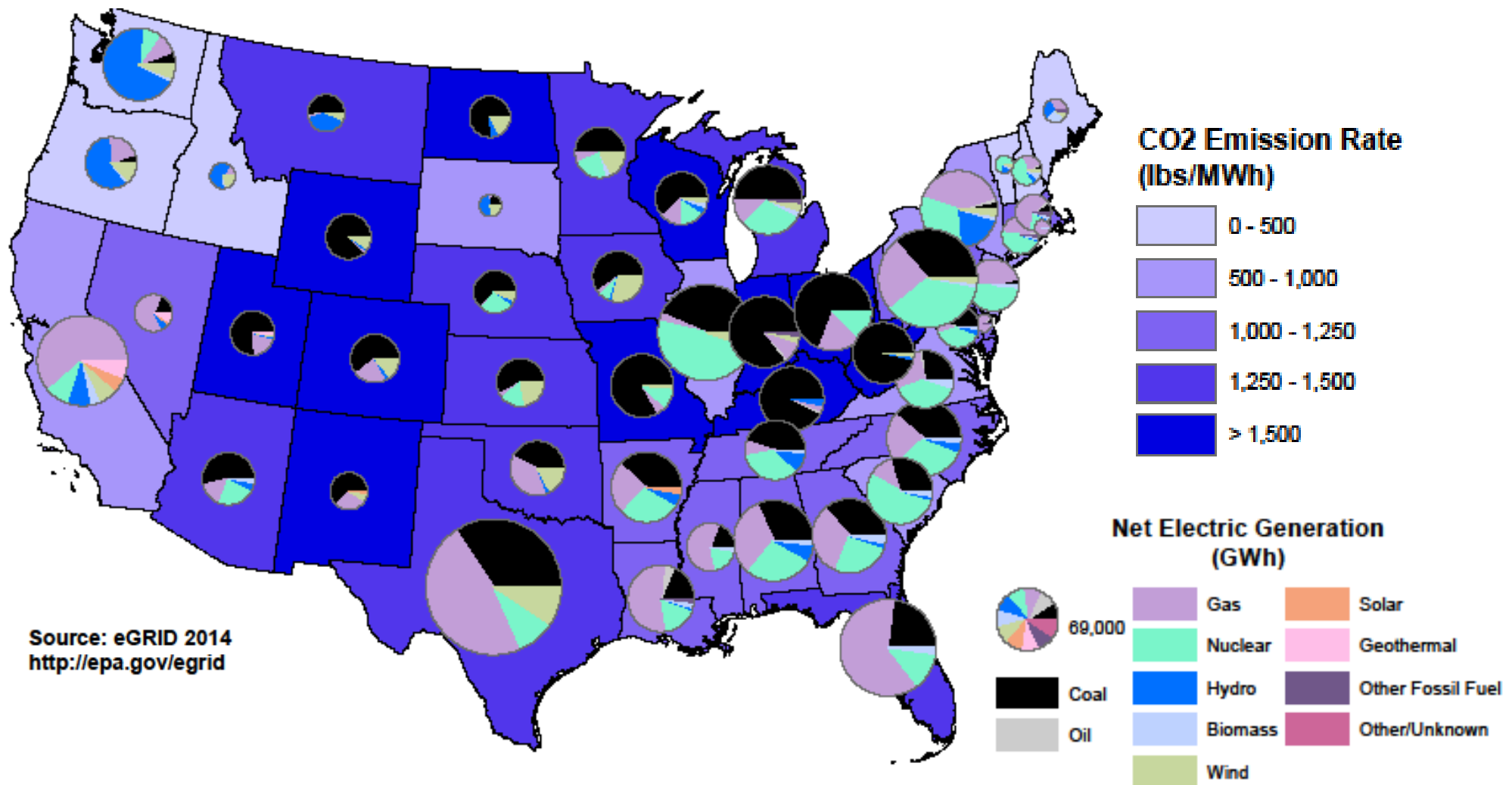
## University of California, Berkeley (Public)

- “Gold Standard” in [Climate Conscious](#)
- Aging Existing Infrastructure:
  - 30 year old CHP, 50 year old steam plant
  - 100 year old steam distribution system
  - CHP Owned & Operated by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Entity (on campus)
- Financial Challenges:
  - Inadequate PM budgets for repairs
  - Inadequate ECM budgets to reduce energy demand
  - Last Major Infrastructure Investment 1995
  - \$150+ million in Debt (reported by LA Times)
- What to do?



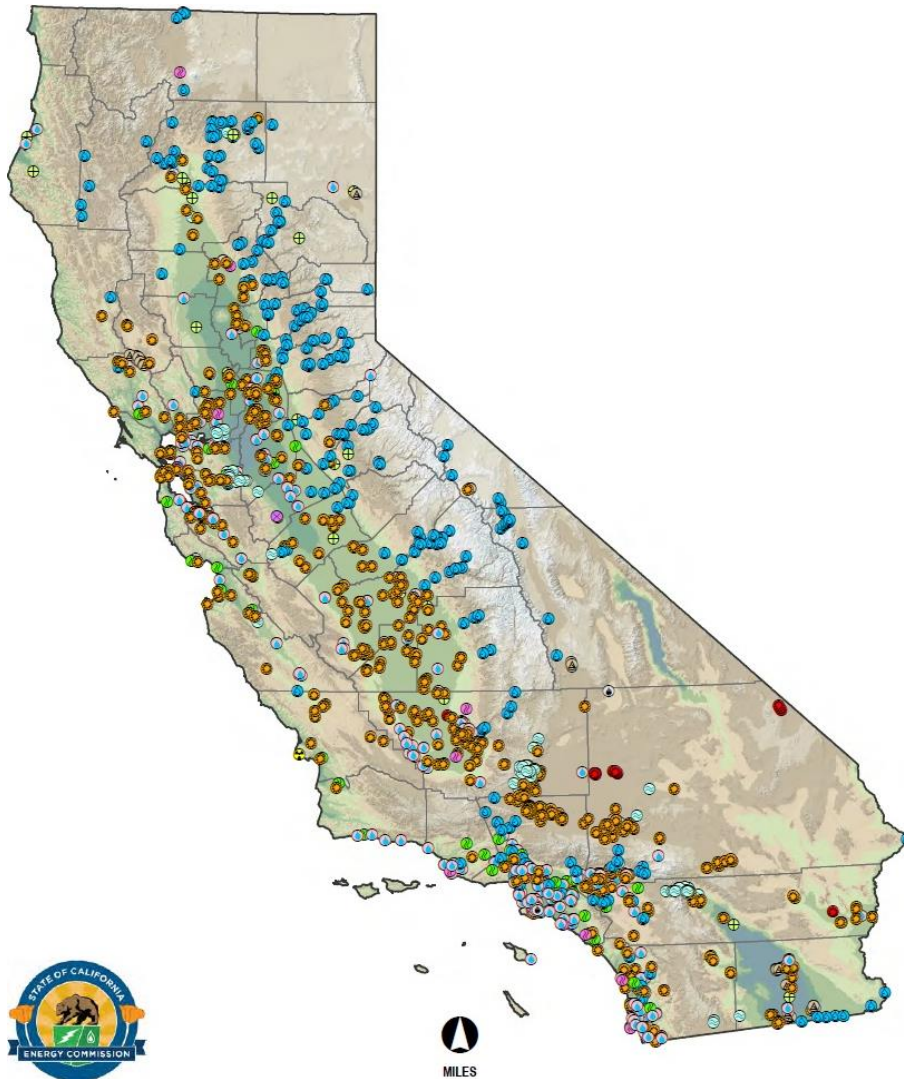
# Solutions

# U.S. Utility Power Generation



# California Utility Power Generation

## Operational Power Plants January - 2017



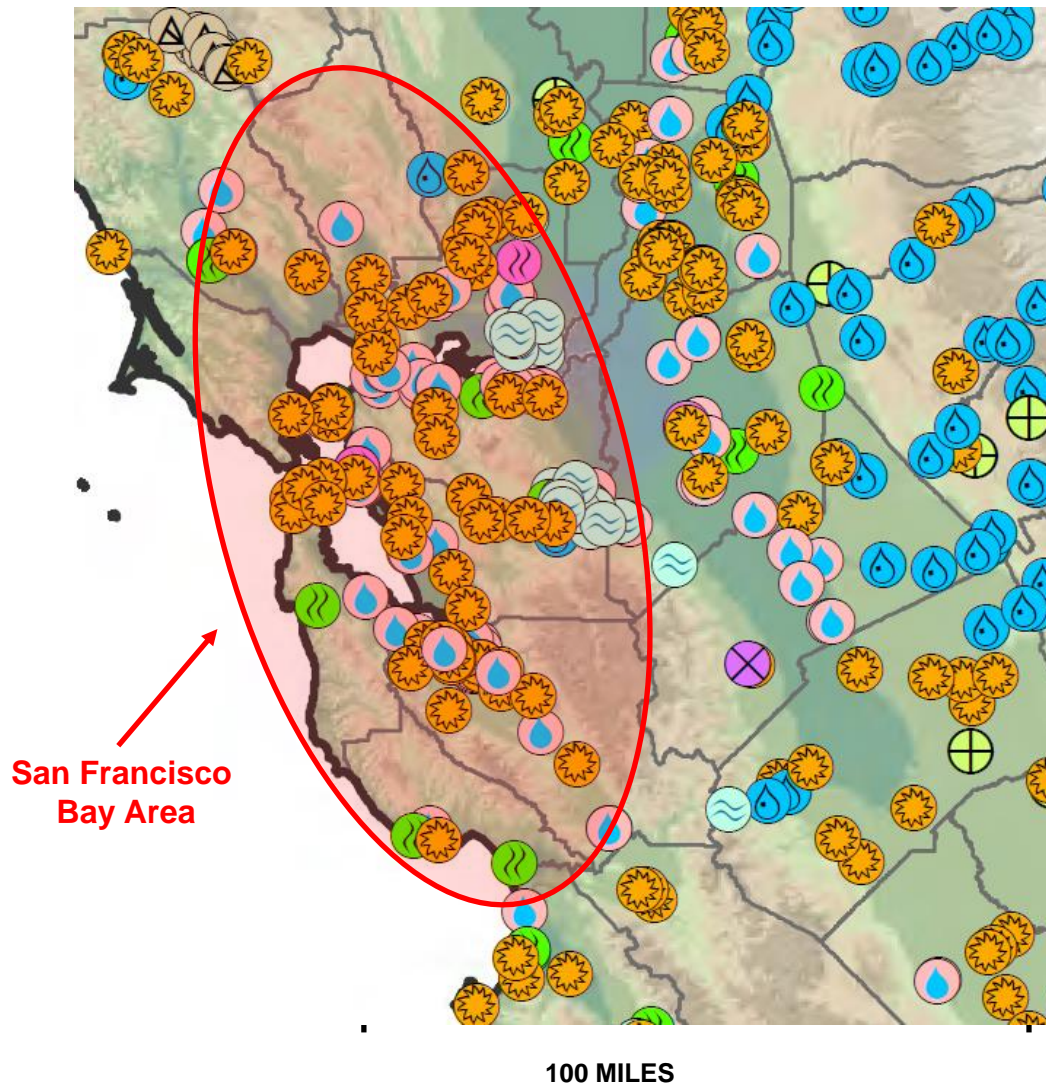
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|  | Biomass      |  | Landfill Gas  |
|  | Coal         |  | MSW           |
|  | Digester Gas |  | Nuclear       |
|  | Natural Gas  |  | Solar PV      |
|  | Geothermal   |  | Solar Thermal |
|  | Hydro        |  | Wind          |

Note: Power plants shown have a generation capacity greater than 1 MW  
Source: California Energy Commission Cartography Unit





# Northern California Power Generation



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# Case Study – UCSF Mission Bay

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## UC San Francisco, Mission Bay

- Utility Goals/Drivers:
  - Central Plant Replacement
  - Carbon Reduction (2025 Neutrality Goal)
  - Evaluate Various System Options
- Obstacles:
  - New Research bldg. needs expanded CW capacity
  - No funds available for utility upgrades
  - Existing assets in buildings, limited centralization/distribution
- Project Approach: BOOM Evaluation by 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Provider
  - Buy/Own/Operate/Maintain to relieve financial burden from UCSF



# UCSF Mission Bay – Evaluation Approach

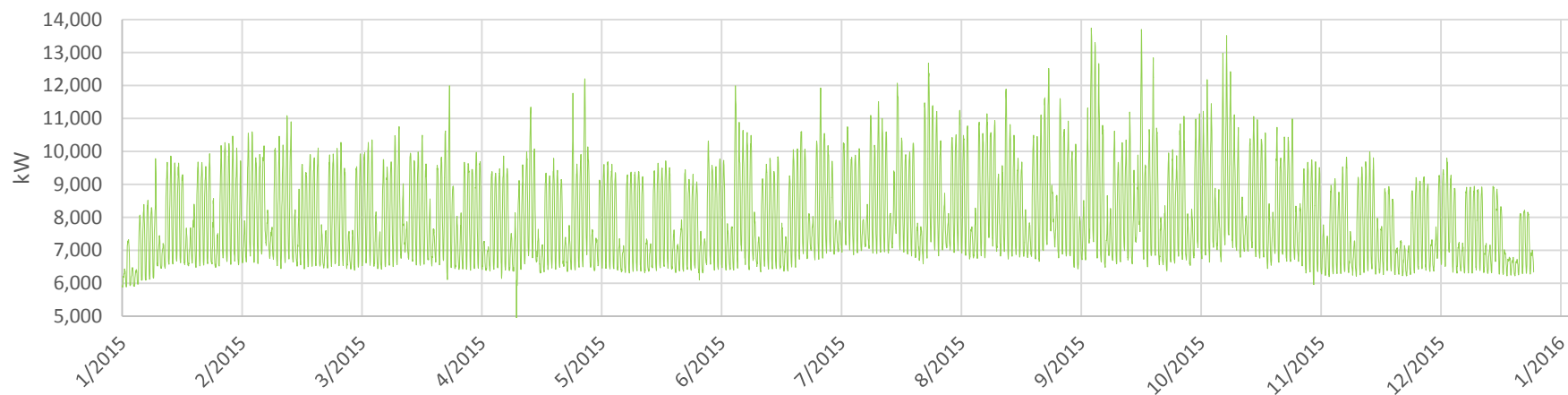
## Grid Power vs. On-site Generation (CHP)

- PG&E w/ UC carbon accounting (~450 lb-CO<sub>2</sub>/MWh lowest rate used)
- UCOP direct access program w/ 50% or 100% CO<sub>2</sub>-free rates
- SFPUC w/ 100% carbon-free (hydro)

Financial Build-up of “all-in” cost per kWh must include:

- Rate tariff structure + carbon impact/offset costs (carbon-neutrality)
- UCOP DA @ 50% carbon-free = \$0.126 / kWh ---- Others = \$0.132+ / kWh

2015 UCSF Mission Bay Electrical Loads



# UCSF Mission Bay – Solution

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## Energy Services Agreement (ESA) Basis

- Electricity, Hot Water, Chilled Water to UCSF
- High-efficiency Recip Engine = 49% elec. & ~75% CHP efficiency
- CUP replacement & distribution expansion w/ O&M
- CO<sub>2</sub> offsets to meet site Carbon Neutrality 2025 target

ESA rate MUST BEAT “all-in” grid cost of \$0.126 / kWh

## Optimization / Next Steps

- Battery Storage / Peak Shifting (GOOD) - \$
- Eco-District Exploration w/ neighbors (BETTER) - \$ + %
- Biogas Contracting Strategy (BEST) - %%%
  - Multi-year agreement for increasing carbon reduction

# Case Study – UCB Revisit

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## UC Berkeley – Preliminary Ideas

- Purchase of the Existing CHP
- No More “Grid Carbon Cleaning”
- Convert to “Behind the Meter” Power Production



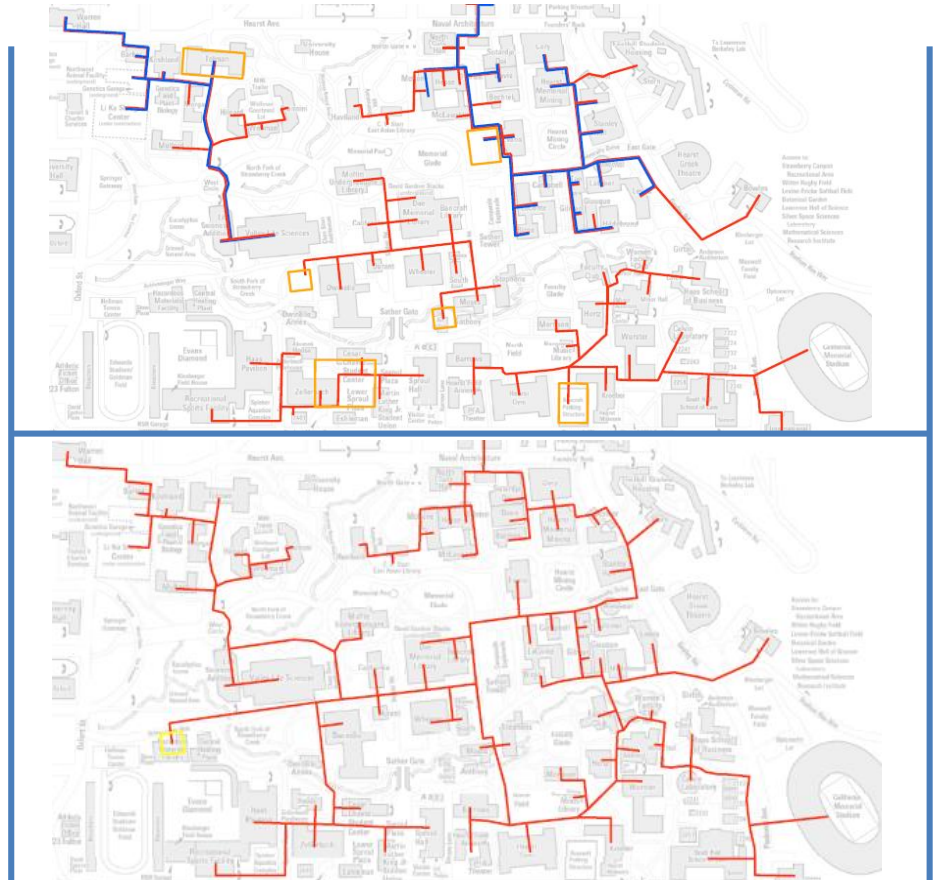
## Future Actions / Alternatives

- Contract for Renewable Electricity – GRID OPTION
- Contract for Biogas – CHP OPTION
- District Energy Infrastructure Replacement and Building ECM
  - Will need 3<sup>rd</sup>-Party ESA offering to accomplish

# Case Study – UCB Option Evaluation

|                        | BUSINESS AS USUAL<br>(BAU) | CENTRALIZED CASES |    |                       |                      | NODAL CASES                                     |  |                             |
|------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|----|-----------------------|----------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
|                        |                            | NEW COGENERATION  |    | NEW GAS FIRED BOILERS | NEW ELECTRIC BOILERS | HEAT RECOVERY CHILLERS<br>AND GAS FIRED BOILERS | ELECTRIC CHILLERS<br>AND GAS FIRED BOILERS | NEW COGENERATION<br>TURBINE |
| CASE No.               | 0                          | 2A                | 2B | 6                     | 8                    | 1   | 3  | 4                           |
| DISTRIBUTION<br>SYSTEM | STEAM<br>EXISTING          | HOT WATER<br>NEW  |    | HOT WATER<br>NEW      | HOT WATER<br>NEW     | HOT WATER<br>CHILLED WATER<br>NEW               | HOT WATER<br>CHILLED WATER<br>NEW          | HOT WATER<br>NEW            |

| Utility System Option |                                   | Purchased Electricity | Purchased Gas | System Efficiency | Total Carbon |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 0                     | Central CHP Retrofit (BAU)        | 3                     | 7             | 4                 | 7            |
| 2                     | New Central CHP                   | 1                     | 6             | 2                 | 6            |
| 6                     | Central Gas Boilers               | 5                     | 3             | 6                 | 2            |
| 8                     | Central Electric Boilers          | 7                     | 1             | 7                 | 4            |
| 1                     | Nodal HR Chillers and Gas Boilers | 6                     | 2             | 1                 | 1            |
| 3                     | Nodal Chillers and Gas Boilers    | 4                     | 4             | 5                 | 3            |
| 4                     | Nodal CHP                         | 2                     | 5             | 3                 | 5            |





# Case Study – NorCal Biotech

## SF Bay Area – Biotech Facility

- “True” Carbon Footprint in PG&E Utility Territory

| PG&E Published Carbon Rates |                          |                        |                       |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| Full Asset Mix (Lowest)     | Base-Loaded Marginal CHP | Must-Run Peaker Plants | CA E-Grid (reference) |
| 450 lbs / MWh               | 810 lbs / MWh            | 940 lbs / MWh          | 623 lbs / MWh         |

## Carbon Accounting Methodology

- Site assumes Marginal CHP rate for grid carbon rate
- On-site generation plays well.... *BUT*
- Pursuing Community Energy Programs for **GREEN** grid power
  - 50% carbon-free @ PG&E electrical rates
  - 100% carbon-free at a cost premium
  - Community programs in development, not executed yet

# Biotech Case Study – Utility Approach

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## Utility Master Planning Drivers

- Increased Efficiency
- Energy Cost Reductions
- Resiliency
- Portfolio Flexibility (not all eggs in one basket)

**All PROJECTS must meet min. financial requirements (TCO/NPV)**

## Multi-Use Campus

- Research Labs
- Production / Manufacturing
- Office Buildings

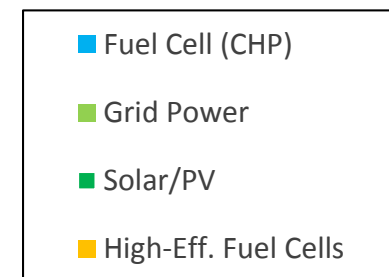
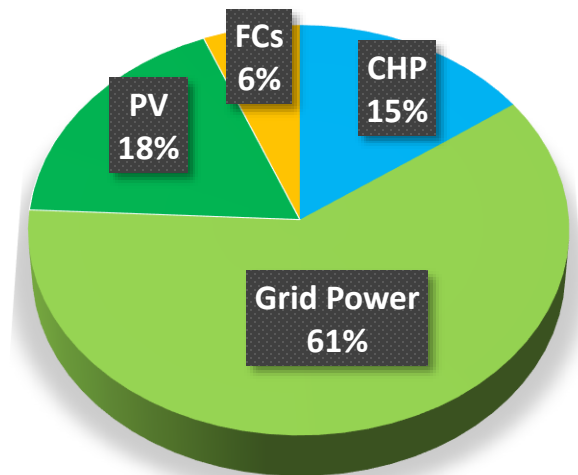
# Biotech Case Study – Solution

## Flexible Portfolio Approach

- **6 MW** Distributed PV – **Carbon-free**
  - Office building areas (no thermal)
- **5 MW CHP** via ESA – Natural Gas
  - Fuel Cell w/ 47% elec. & 71% CHP efficiency
  - Requires new 12 kV Microgrid & HW distribution
  - Manufacturing areas (large thermal loads)
- **2MW** Small Fuel Cells – Natural Gas
  - 55%-60% electrical efficiency
  - Office / Lab areas
- Balance of Electricity via **“Clean” Grid Power**

*Meet Carbon Goals + Utility Cost Assurance*

Campus Load  
(28 MW Peak)



# Lessons Learned & Recommendations

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## ✓ Understand Carbon Metrics

- Accounting Methodology vs Global Impact
- Push Efficiency 



## ✓ Understand Project Execution Options

- To Achieve Efficiency, Resiliency & Carbon Goals
- Private Energy Companies & ESA offerings can be tools for overcoming financial hurdles

## ***BE BOLD!***

- Don't be Afraid to Push the Technological and Financial Envelope

## ***BE CONNECTED!***



- Use the IDEA Network of Owners, Operators, Service Providers

Questions & Answers

Thank you