



# Tools for Energy Resilience

Flexible supply and demand solutions for California

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# Ongoing Climate-Related Policy Drivers

- Double energy efficiency savings by 2030
- Clean electricity: 60% by 2030; 100% by 2045
- Equitable low-carbon solutions for low-income residents & disadvantaged communities
- Electrify transportation
- Decarbonize buildings & industry

**Carbon-neutral economy by 2045**



# A Decade of Microgrid Research

Early Stage Microgrid  
Development

**2009 – 2015**

- Supported controllers development
- Developed approaches to integrating multiple resources

Overcoming Integration  
Challenges

**2015 – 2019**

- Demonstrated resiliency value of microgrids for critical facilities
- Integrated large number of resources and refined controller designs

Developing Commercialization  
Pathways

**2018 – 2023**

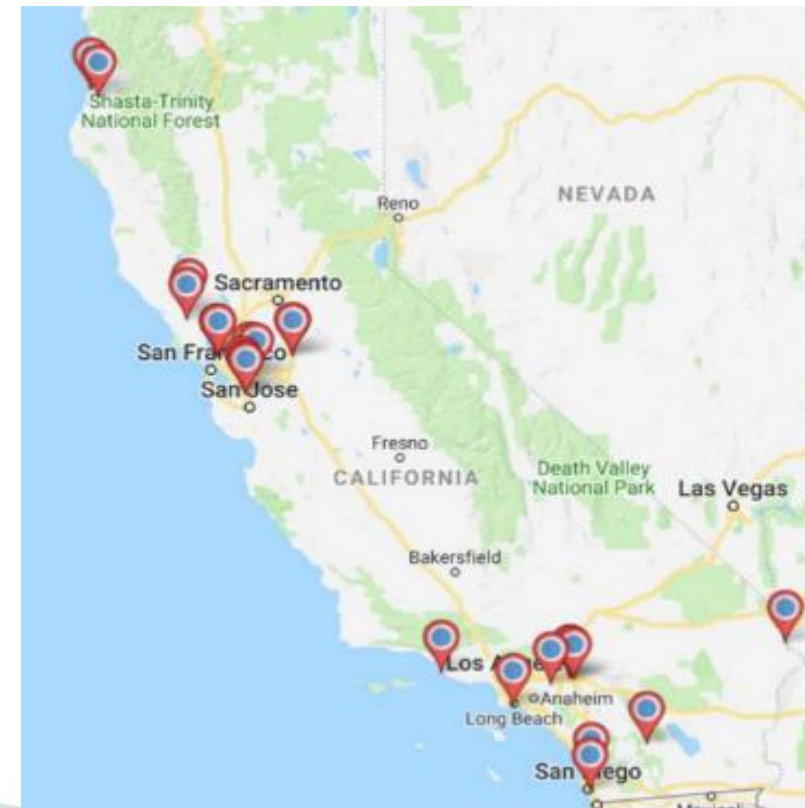
- Creating business plans and commercialization pathways for microgrids in California

# Deploying the Largest Number of Installed Microgrids

- 39 microgrids
- \$90M invested
- \$71M match funding

- Increasing resiliency
- Maturing microgrid control technologies
- Learning best approaches to integrating multiple resources
- Sharing lessons learned and best practices

## Locations of EPIC funded Microgrid Projects



# Increasing Energy Reliability, Resiliency, and Security

## Blue Lake Rancheria Microgrid

- Integration of solar electric power with battery energy storage and conventional generators
- Seamlessly “islanded” during the Oct. 9, 2019 wildfire-caused power outage and maintained critical operations and services during wildfires
- Reduced power costs **\$160k+** per year – a **25%+** reduction – and **158** metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year



Source: Siemens USA

First commercial project to test Siemen’s  
Advanced Microgrid Software

**CEC Awarded: \$5M**

# Equipping Firefighters with Reliable Energy

## Fremont Fire Station Microgrid

- Microgrids achieved **4 – 12 hours** of islanding for three fire stations
- 1<sup>st</sup> solar microgrid with battery back-up for fire stations
- **\$250,000** savings over the 10-year PPA term
- Decreases GHGs by 142,000 lb annually

**CEC Awarded: \$1.45 M**



# Powering Fuel Stations in Wildfire Areas

## Humboldt State University

- Optimization and demonstration of integrated solar, storage, load controls, and microgrid isolation hardware
- Extending microgrid technology to smaller sites
- Provides reliability for critical services in remote communities when grid is disabled
- Annual savings of **\$12k** and **25** metric tons CO<sub>2</sub>

**CEC Awarded: \$1.5 M**



# Example Microgrid Demonstrations

## Critical Facilities



Shelter



Medical Center



Fire Stations



City Hall, Police HQ, and Community Centers



Waste Water Treatment Plant



Airport

## Ports



## Military



## Communities



## Industrial



Digester

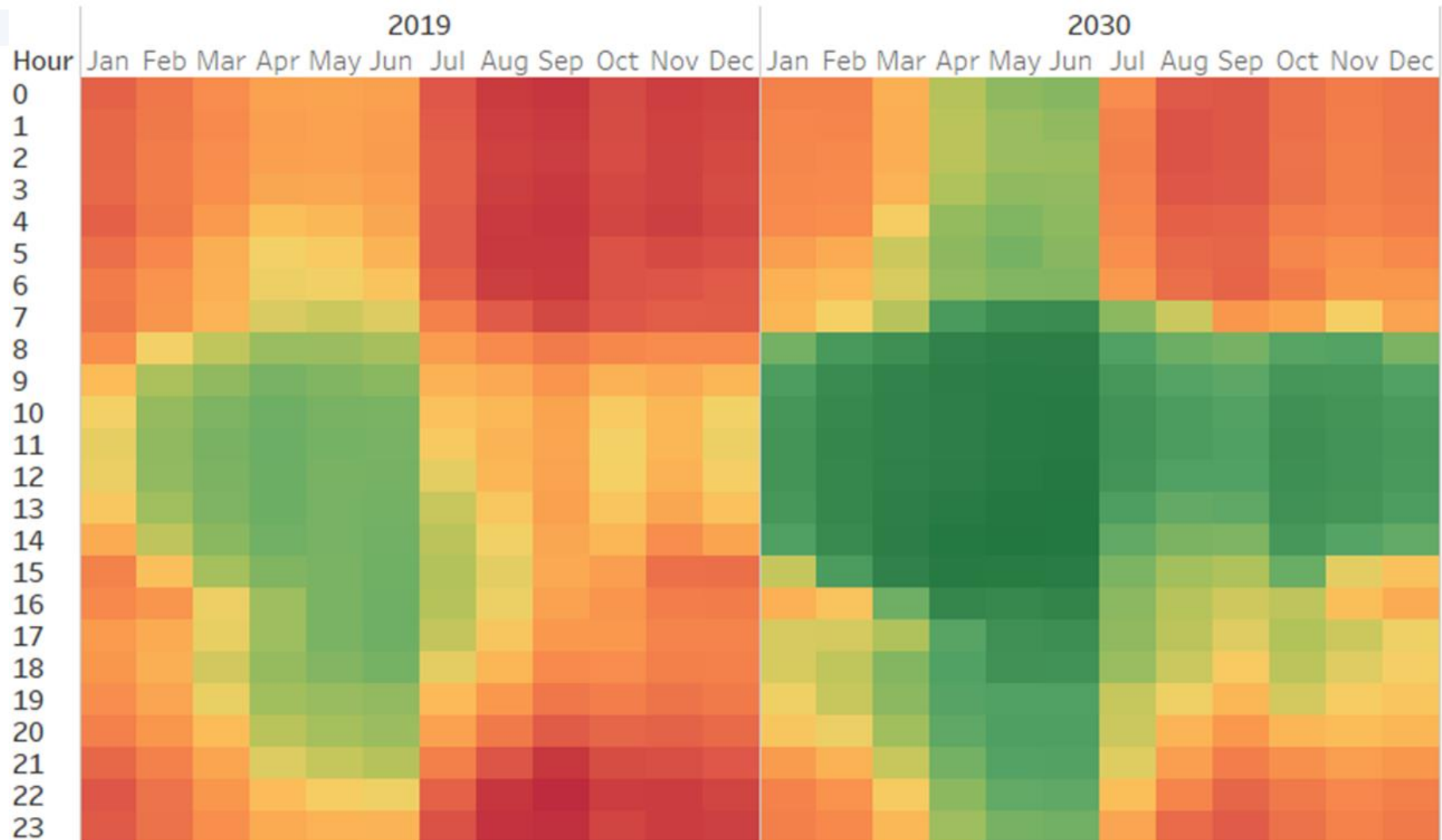


Distribution Center





# Electricity CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Intensities



Tonne per MWh



# Buildings: 2019 T24 Energy Code



- High performance envelopes
- On-site PV requirements to offset expected annual electricity (of a dual-fuel home)
- All-electric performance baseline (optional) for low-rise residential & performance credits for high performance HPWHs
- Performance credit for behind-the-meter batteries





# Load Management Standards

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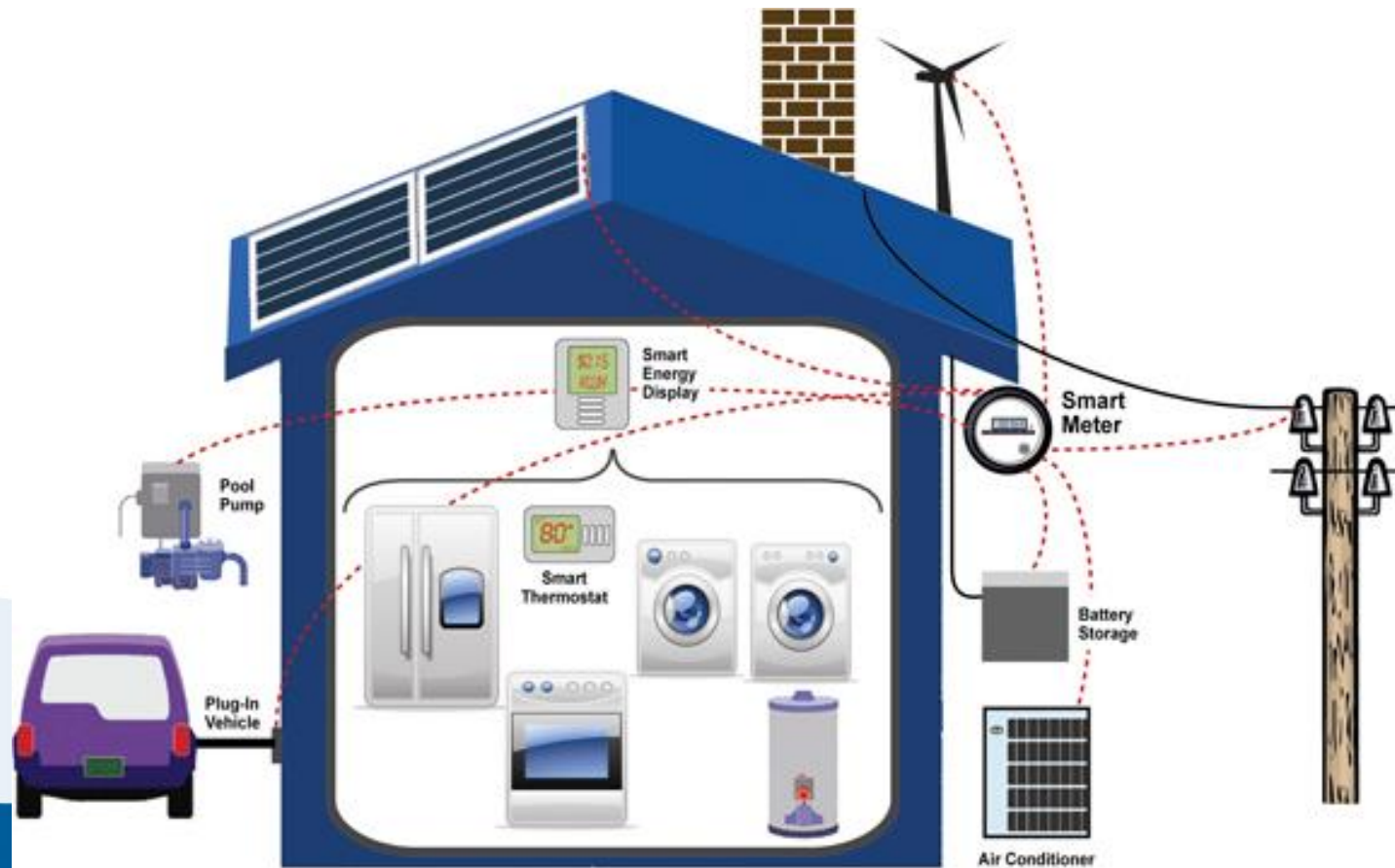
Warren-Alquist Act (1974): “...the commission shall consider, **but need not be limited to**, the following load management techniques:

- (1) Adjustments in **rate structure** to encourage use of electrical energy at off-peak hours or to encourage control of daily electrical load....
- (2) End use **storage systems** which store energy during off-peak periods for use during peak periods.
- (3) Mechanical and **automatic devices** and systems for the control of daily and seasonal peak loads.”



# Appliance Standards for Demand Flexibility

Legislation Signed 10/10/19 – AB 49 (Skinner) grants CEC authority to develop & implement Demand Flexibility Standards for Appliances





**Thank You**

