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# Panel Discussion

## Perspectives on Considering Land Use in SB 100

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  - Julia Souder, JASenergies
  - Andrew Ayres, Public Policy Institute of California
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# Joint Agency Workshop to Plan for SB 100 Resource Build – Analysis of Land Use Implications

February 22, 2022



# CPA: The Clean Energy Future is Here

## Nation's Top Provider of 100% Clean Energy

- ⚡ Joint Powers Authority launched in 2018
- ⚡ Serve more than 1 million customer accounts in Los Angeles and Ventura Counties
- ⚡ 727,000 customers on 100% Renewable Energy rate plans by end of October 2022
- ⚡ Over 1,900 MW of renewable energy and over 1,000 MW of storage contracted to date
- ⚡ Local accountability and local benefit with revenues reinvested through local programs

VENTURA COUNTY

LOS ANGELES COUNTY



Ojai



Ventura



Oxnard



Camarillo



Moorpark



Thousand Oaks



Simi Valley



Westlake Village



Agoura Hills



Calabasas



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Downey

Hawaiian Gardens

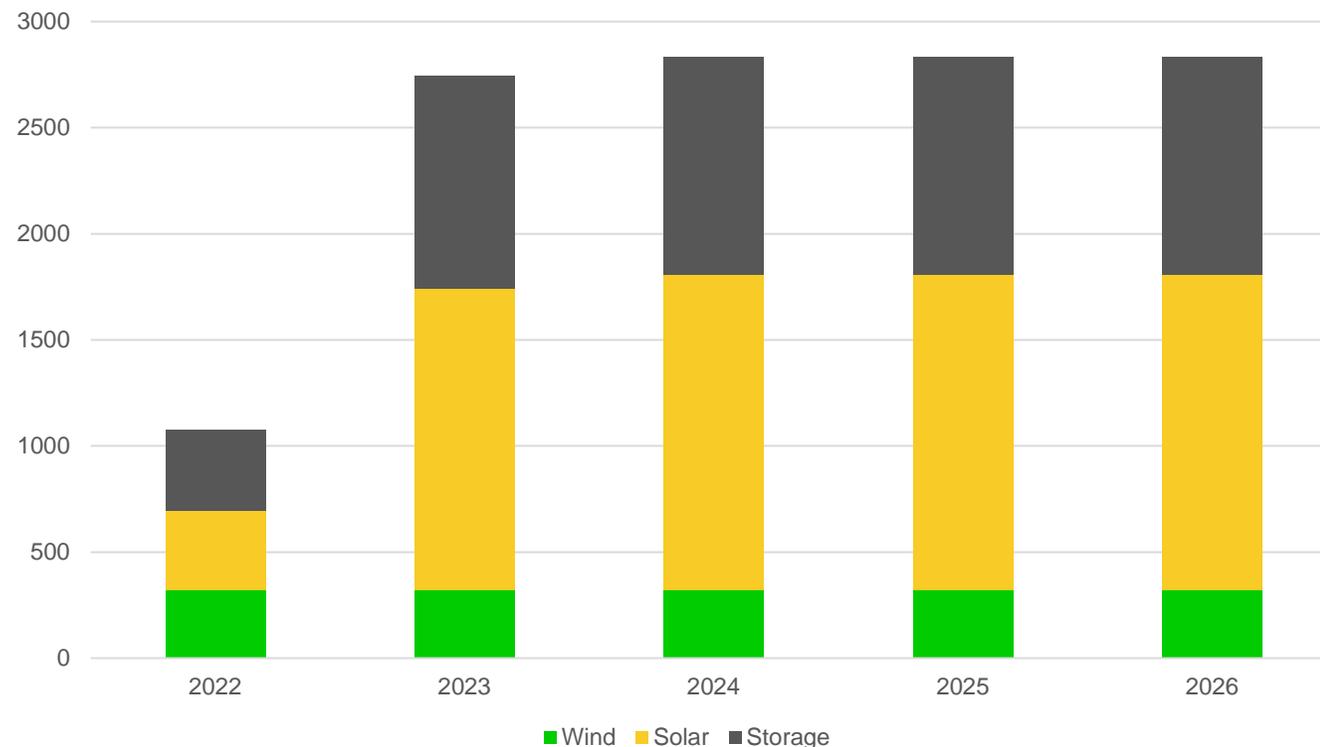
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# Progress Towards SB 100

- CPA has contracted for 1,808 MW of renewable and 1,027 MW of storage new-build, utility-scale resources, with additional resources to be contracted to meet SB 100 goals
- New resource development has significance for land use in California

CPA New Build Resources Contracted to Date (Cumulative MW)

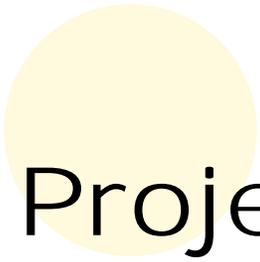




# Land Use Considerations for CPA

- Reliable decarbonization
- Environmental stewardship
- Economic development opportunities
- Equitable access to clean energy
- Community priorities





# Project Selection

- CPA evaluates projects based on six criteria:

**\$ Value**

**Environmental  
Stewardship**

**Workforce  
Development**

**Development  
Score**

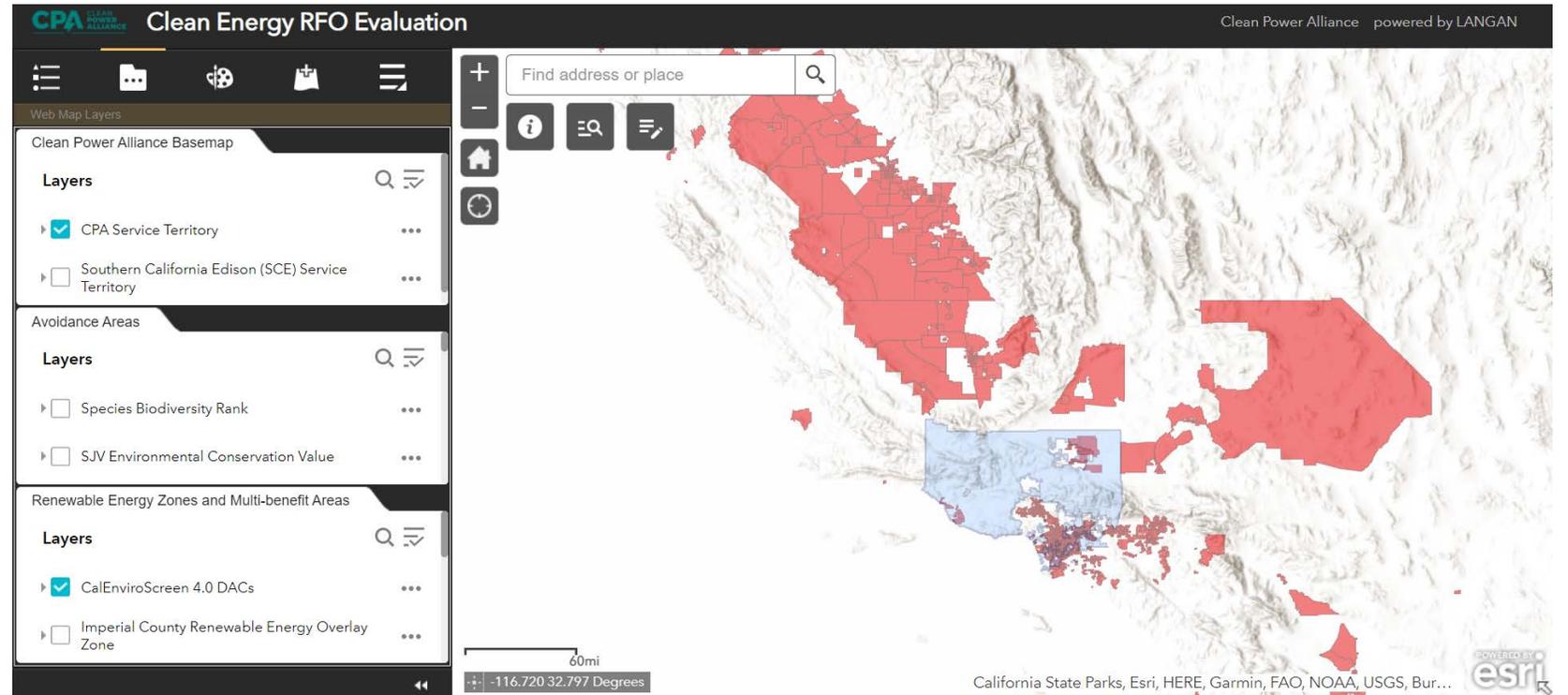
**Project  
Location**

**Benefits to  
DACs**



# Land Use Assessment

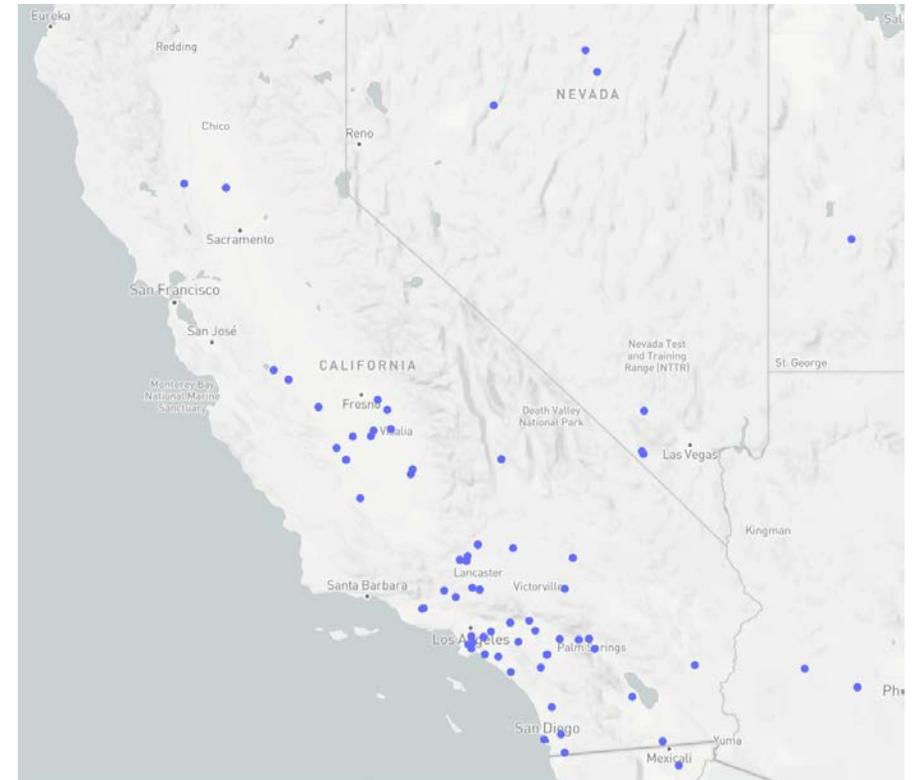
- CPA and The Nature Conservancy collaborated to develop a GIS mapping tool that CPA uses to evaluate project land use
- The tool considers many multi-benefit and avoidance screens



# Emerging Issues for SB 100

- Increase in offers from out-of-state
  - Transmission availability
  - Environmental impacts
- Siting opportunities for certain desired technologies is limited
  - e.g. Geothermal
- Intersection of cost, reliability, and environmental goals
  - Reliance on solar + storage
  - Offshore wind

*Location of offers from CPA's 2021 Mid-Term Reliability RFO*





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# SPATIAL PLANNING FOR CONSERVATION, COMMUNITY, AND CLIMATE

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# DOWNSCALED GENERATION AND TX PORTFOLIOS...

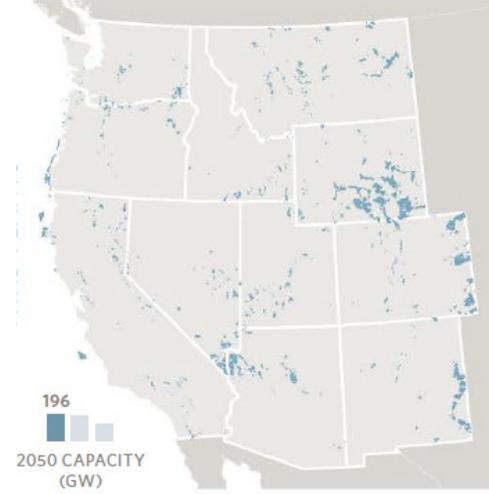
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LARGE-SCALE SOLAR PV



ONSHORE AND OFFSHORE WIND



TX LINES AND GENTIES



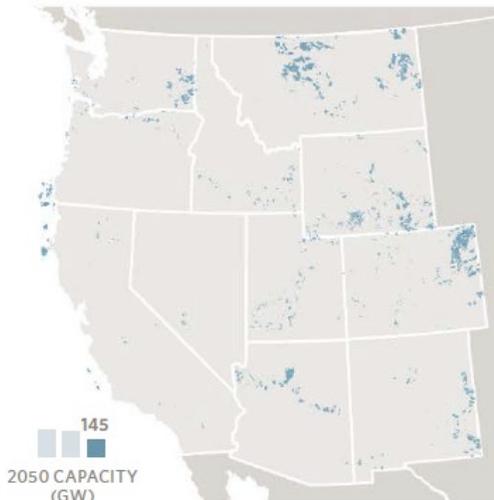
Protects high  
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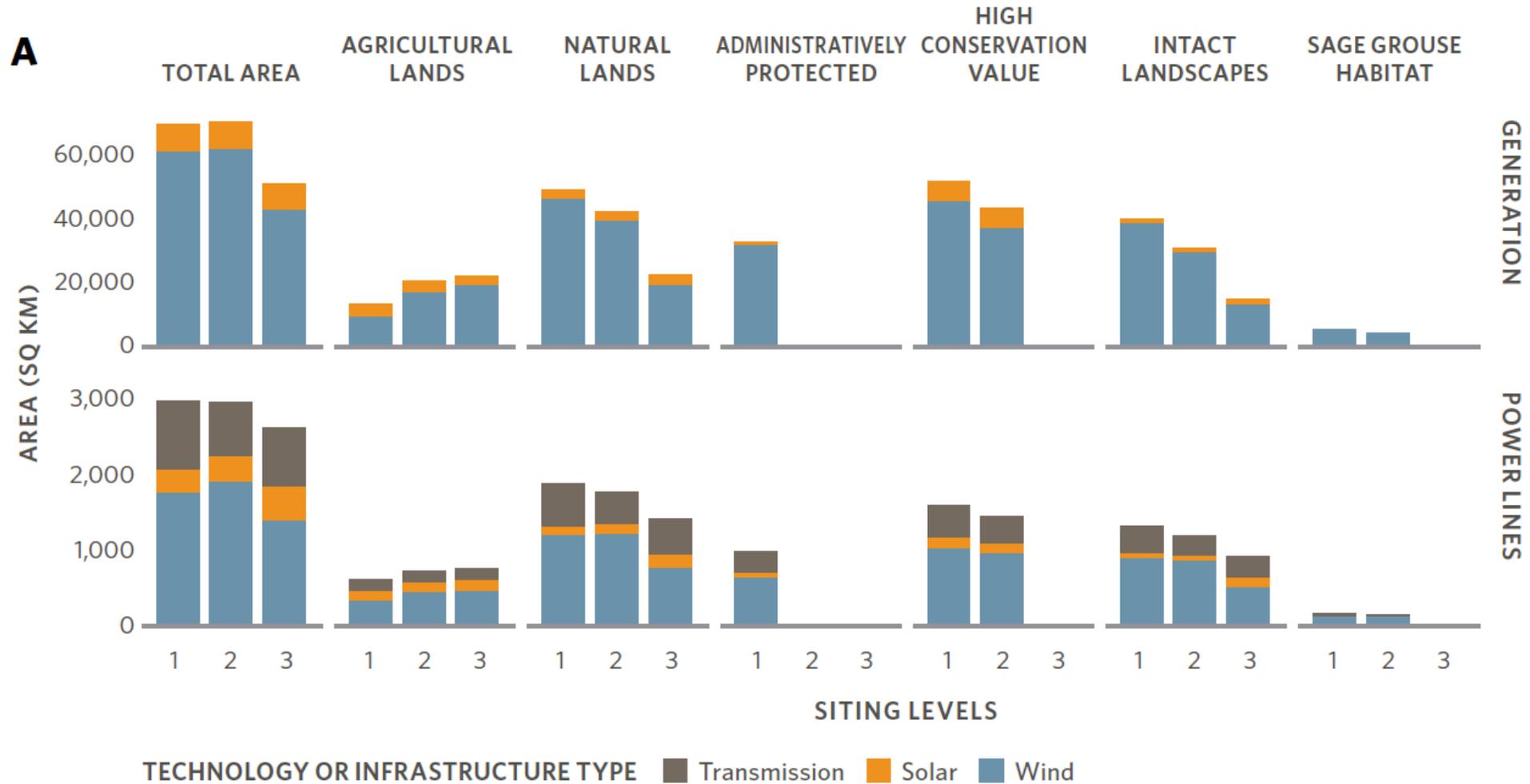


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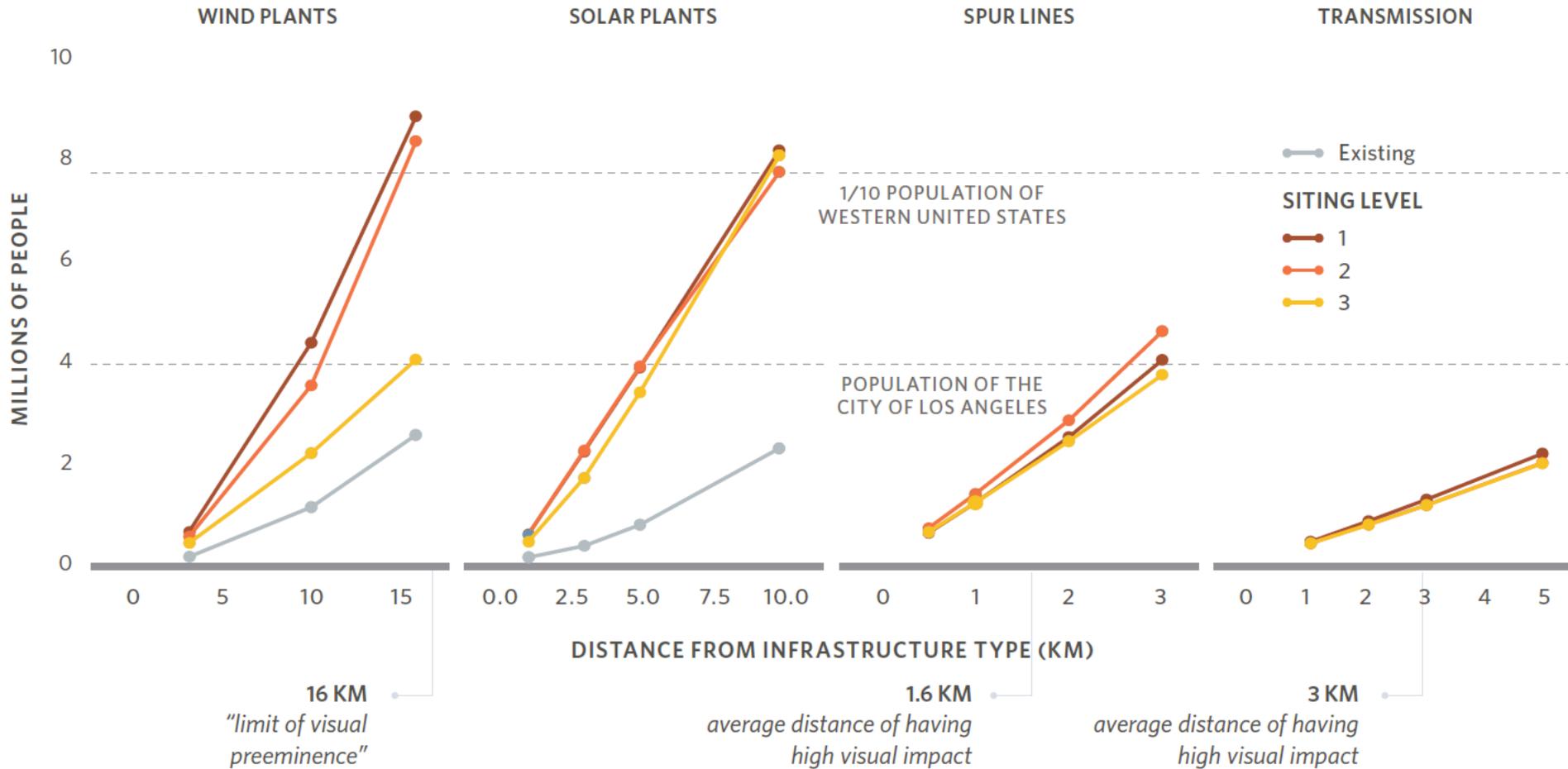


- Spatially explicit
- Based on wind and solar plants installed in last 5 years
- Build-out meets 2050 net zero portfolio requirements

# ...ENABLES ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENTS...



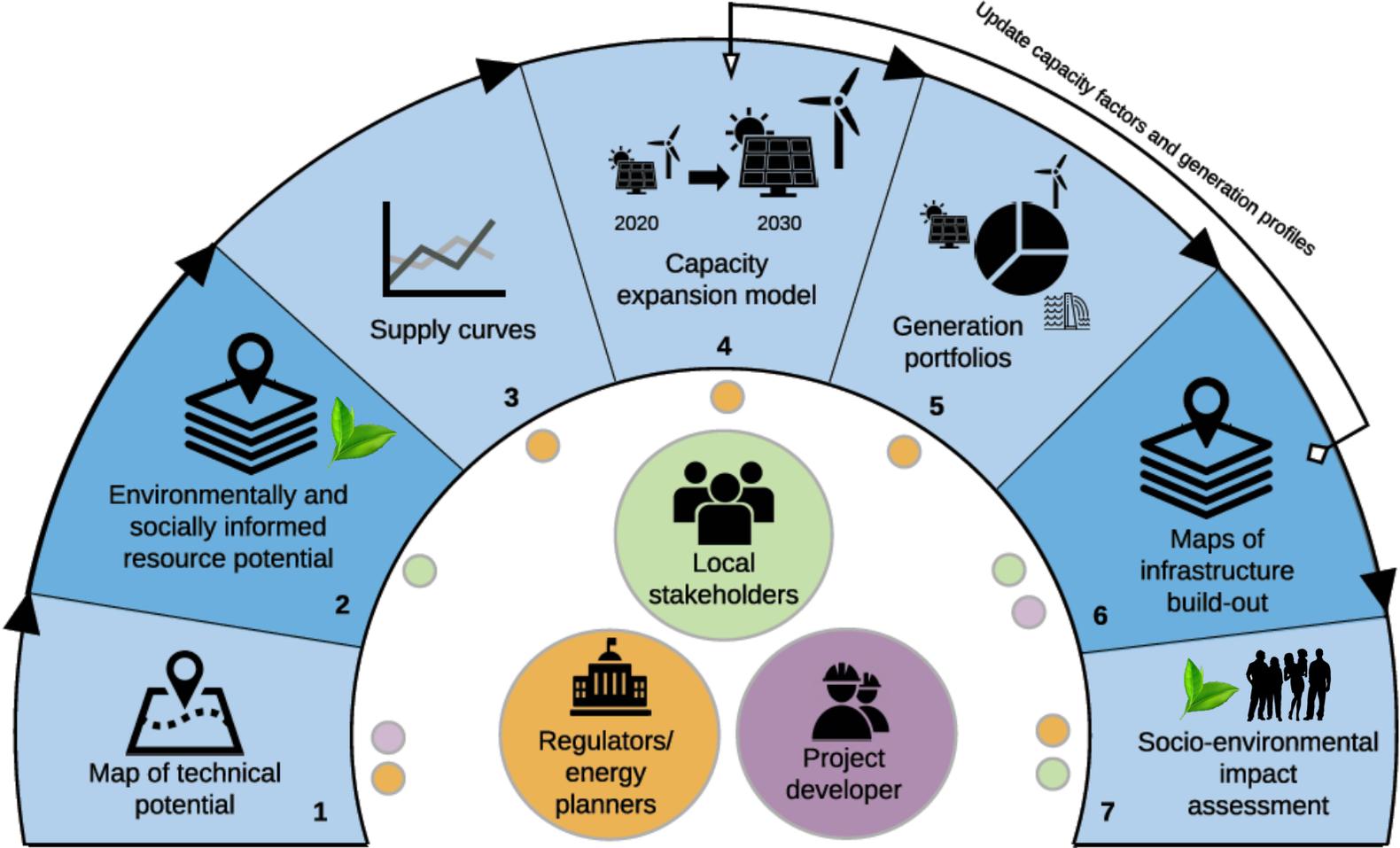
# ...AND SOCIAL IMPLICATION ASSESSMENTS



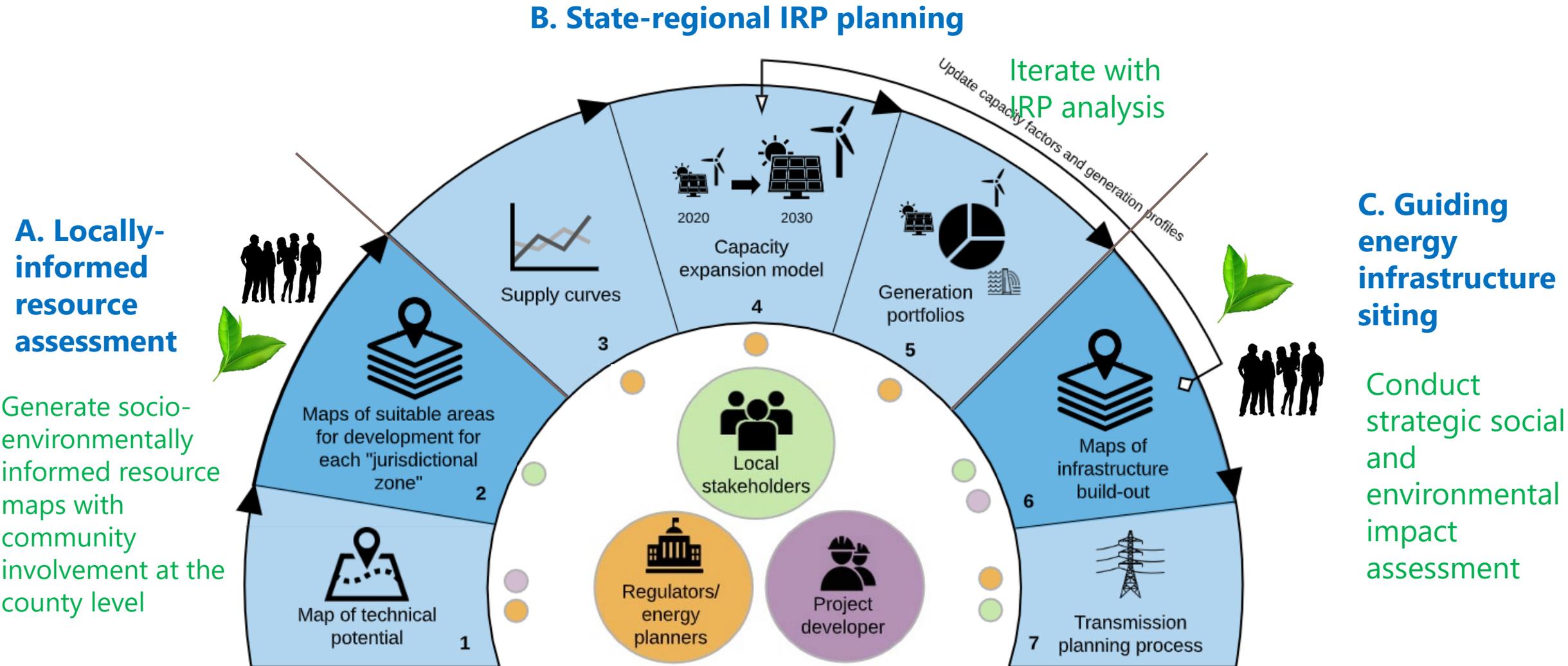
Social vulnerability indices assessed:

- Percentage unemployed
- Percentage below poverty

# A SPATIAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK FOR LOW CARBON INFRASTRUCTURE

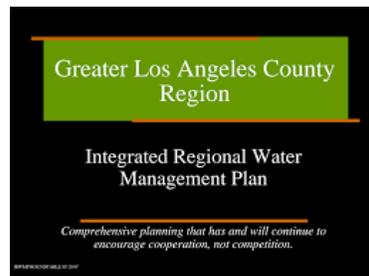


# SPATIAL PLANNING CAN BRIDGE THE DIVIDE BETWEEN LOCAL SITING DECISIONS AND STATE-LEVEL GOALS



# INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT AND FUNDING FOR COUNTY-LEVEL ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE PLANNING

## Integrated regional water management plans



## Regional energy infrastructure plans



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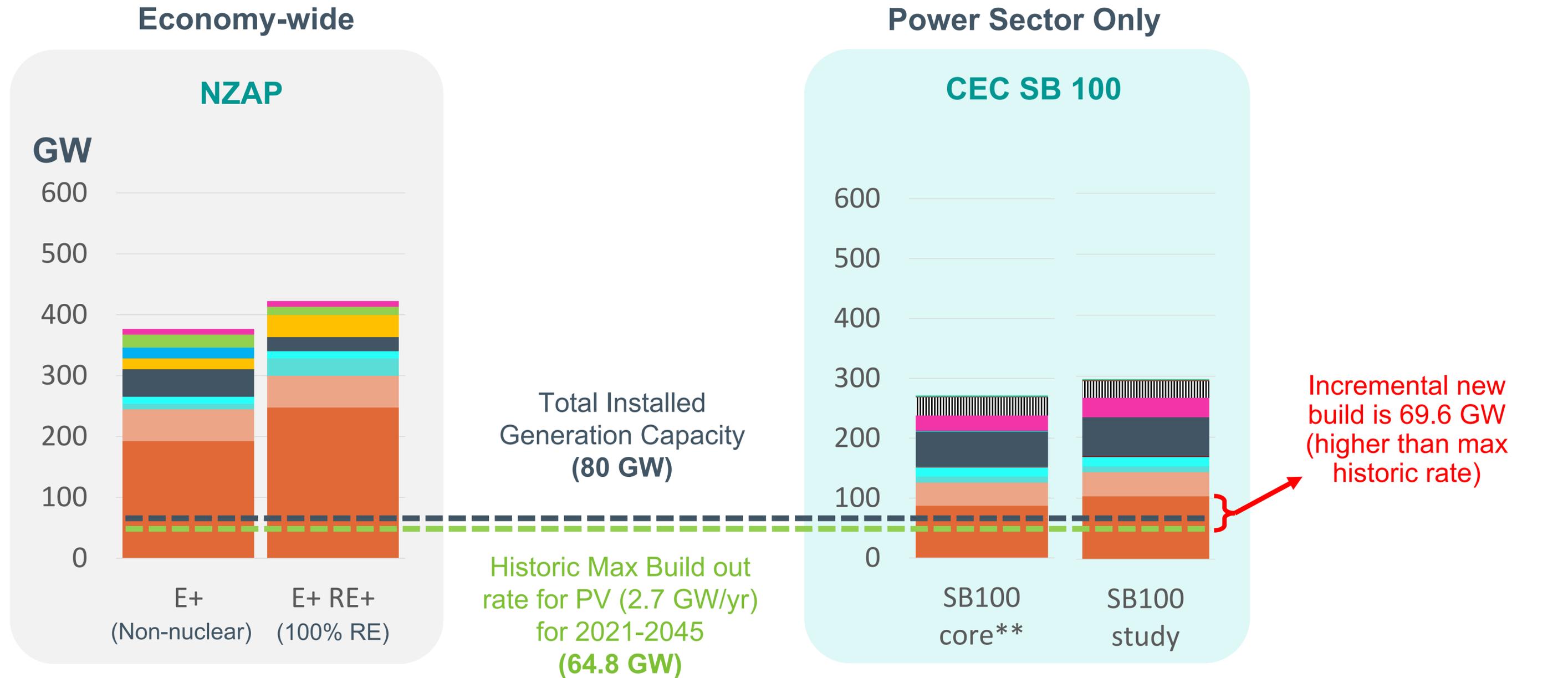
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# CEC Workshop: SB 100 and Land Use

February 22, 2022

# CA Required Resource Mix

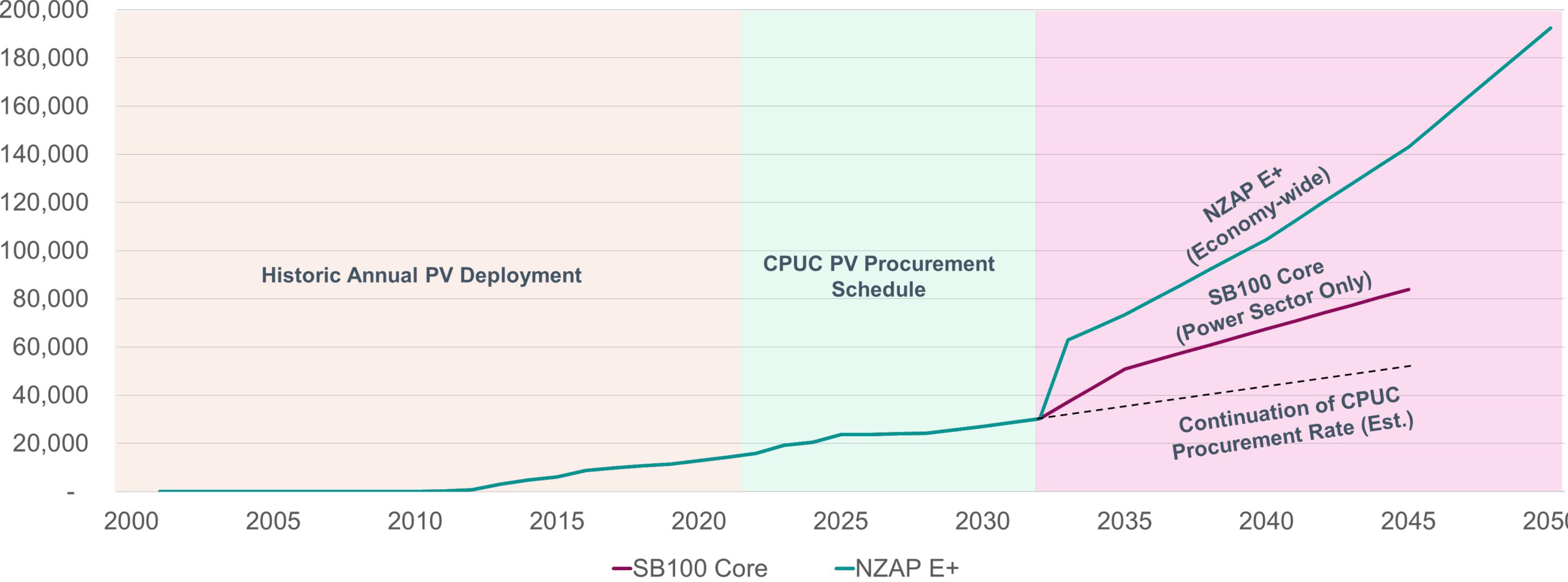


NZAP excludes imports, includes customer-sited PV

\*\*Excludes T&D and storage losses; includes out of state wind customer-sited PV

- Utility-scale PV
- Customer-sited PV
- Wind (offshore)
- Hydro
- Nuclear
- Storage
- Zero-Carbon Fuel
- CCS
- CCGT & Gas Steam
- Other
- Unabated Gas

# Solar PV procurement in CA



# Illustrative Examples of 6GWs Each of Utility Scale Solar



# Equity Considerations are Critical

- Regardless of the resource mix, the communities most impacted by the required infrastructure build-out in California are the communities that are already disproportionately burdened by multiple sources of pollution and other vulnerabilities.
- EJ considerations will be present in nearly every infrastructure project and/or decision.



### Exposures

- Ozone Concentrations
- PM2.5 Concentrations
- Diesel PM Emissions
- Drinking Water Contaminants
- Children's Lead Risk from Housing
- Pesticide Use
- Toxic Releases
- Traffic Impacts

### Environmental Effects

- Cleanup Sites
- Groundwater Threats
- Hazardous Waste
- Impaired Water Bodies
- Solid Waste Sites and Facilities

### Sensitive Populations

- Asthma Emergency Department Visits
- Cardiovascular Disease (Emergency Department Visit for Heart Attacks)
- Low Birth-Weight Infants

### Socioeconomic Factors

- Educational Attainment
- Housing-Burdened Low-Income Households
- Linguistic Isolation
- Poverty
- Unemployment

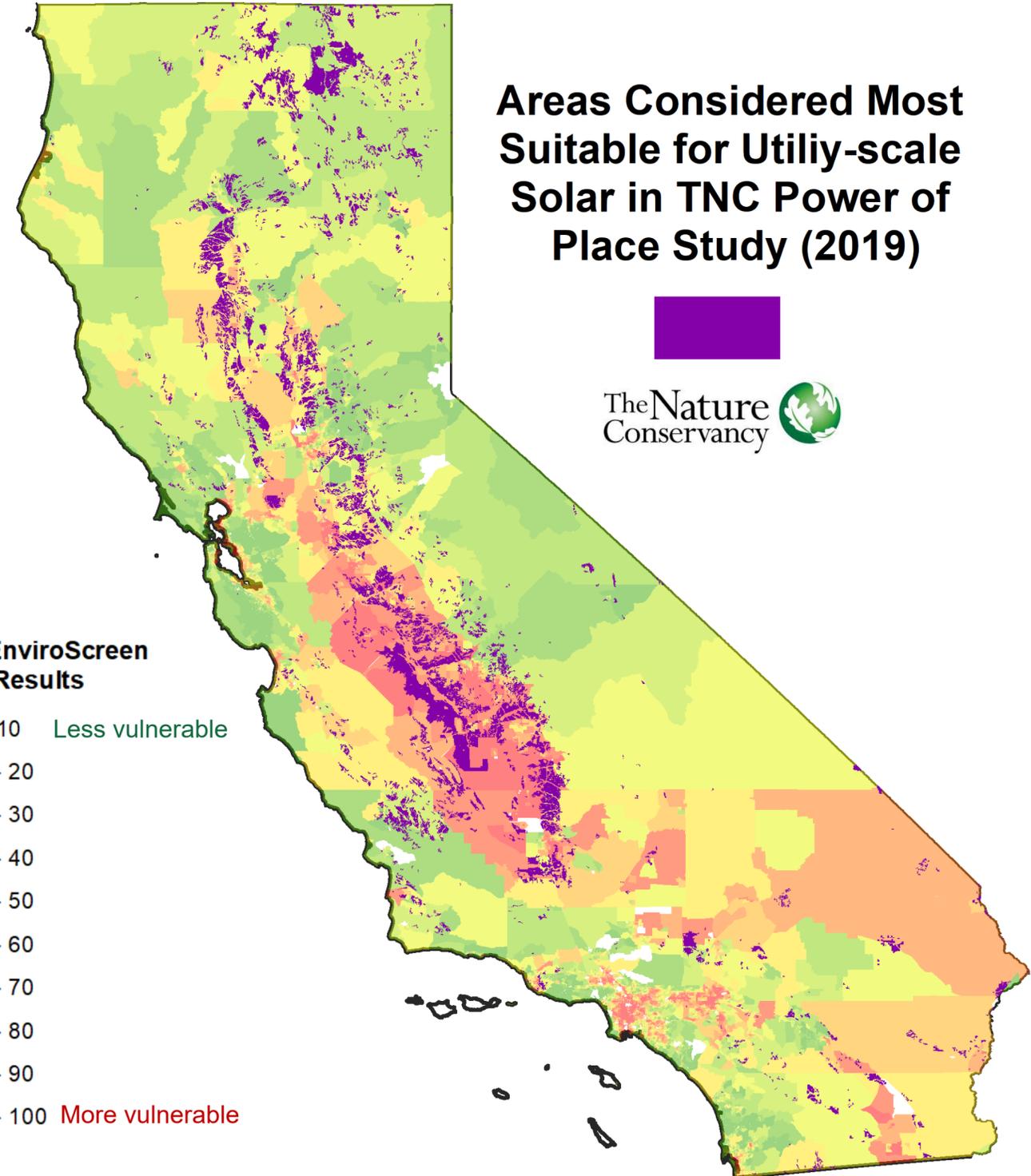
### Draft CalEnviroScreen 4.0 Results



**Areas Considered Most Suitable for Utility-scale Solar in TNC Power of Place Study (2019)**



The Nature Conservancy



# Inclusive Transmission Planning and Use of Existing Corridors Will Be Key

Cacophony of Voices

Developing transmission requires approval from dozens of disparate stakeholders, and multiple agency reviews, and can be very risky and time-consuming.

Timing of Projects

The past five 500 kV transmission projects in California over 100 miles have taken, on average, a decade to build.

Building New Lines

This will require a never-before-seen build rate for transmission upgrades and importantly, new lines.

Using Existing Corridors

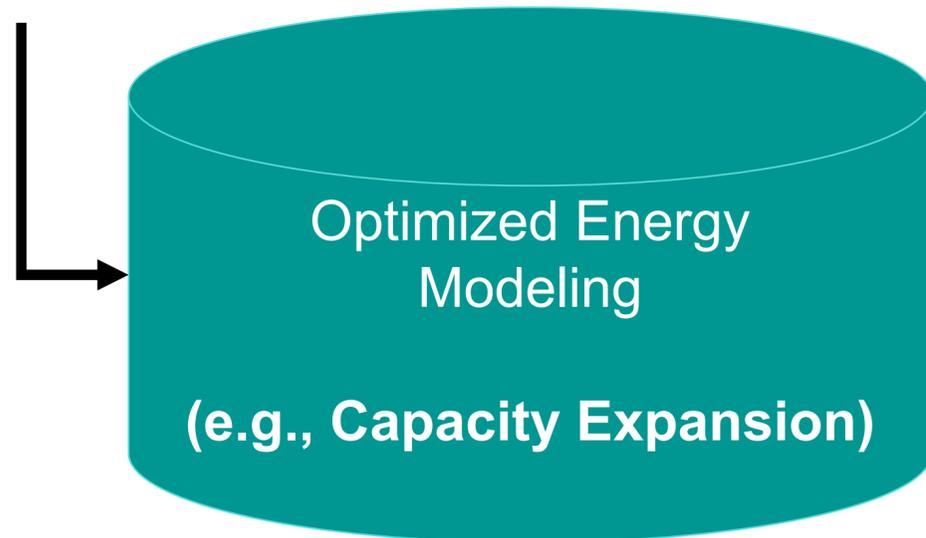
Use of existing corridors is possible, but this is not a complete solution: there are many corridors that do not overlap; required incremental transmission paths and co-location along highway and rail corridors can create use conflicts.

# Models are not Plans; Plans are not Projects

## Modeling

### Input Assumptions:

- Demand curve
- Technology cost curves
- Exogenous policy direction
- Prescriptive outcome
- Etc.



Future Resource Mix(es)  
or the “Goal/ Target”

(Very little, if any,  
feedback)



## Deployment Challenges

### Generic Considerations for Scaling Generation & Transmission Capacity:

- Scope and scale
- Speed
- Cost
- Feasibility
- Public support
- Etc.

### Real world challenges:

- Available vs. developable land
- Land costs, development costs
- Public and/or political support
- Permissions/ ROWs
- Physical space
- Etc.

Risk-informed  
Implementation Plan

# Recommendations

- Implement SB 100 goals, establish a single point of responsibility with sufficient authority to implement the state's energy transition.  
*If everyone is responsible, no one is responsible*
- Ensure SB 100 priorities are coordinated, develop a buildout plan with specific target quantities, preferred locations of key infrastructure, and aligned with economic development and equity priorities.
- Promote SB 100 tracking, create a dashboard to track energy transition progress, including equity impacts, deployment requirements by technology, transmission, etc.
- Allow for SB 100 inclusive upcoming discussions to develop state policies that may quicken infrastructure buildout and ensure local economic benefit sharing (e.g., benefits to local tax base).
- Next SB 100 report continue to promote public engagement and education regarding the scale and urgency of the buildout.

# Thank you!

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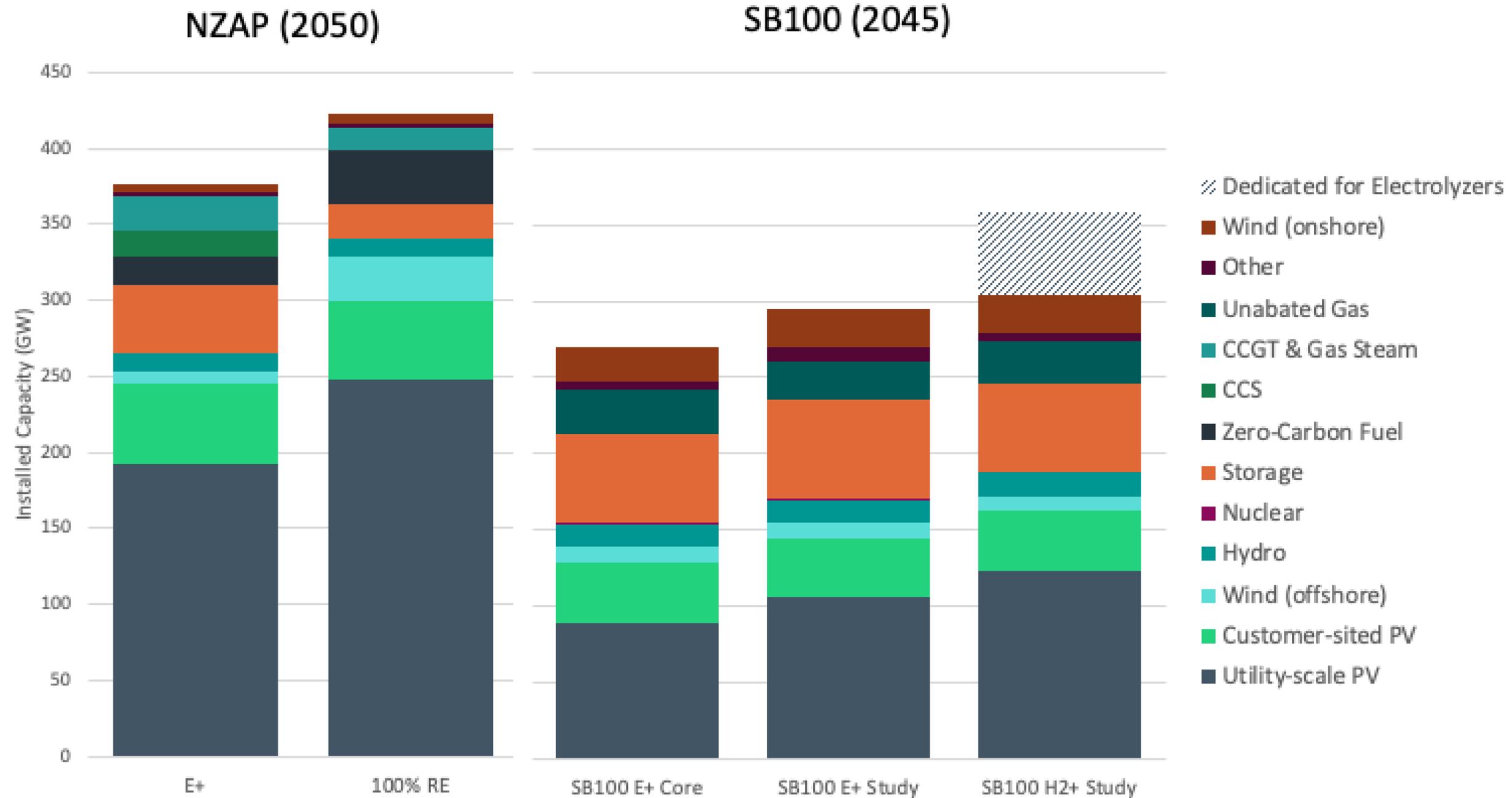
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# Princeton's NZAP and CEC's SB100 Scenarios



# Solar Development and Farmland Transitions in the San Joaquin Valley

Presentation to the California Energy Commission

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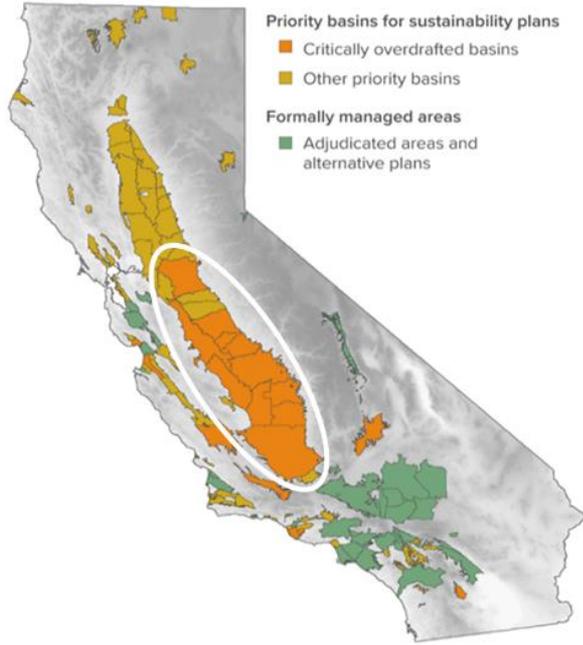
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# SJ Valley is ground zero for implementing the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act (SGMA)

## Main groundwater basins



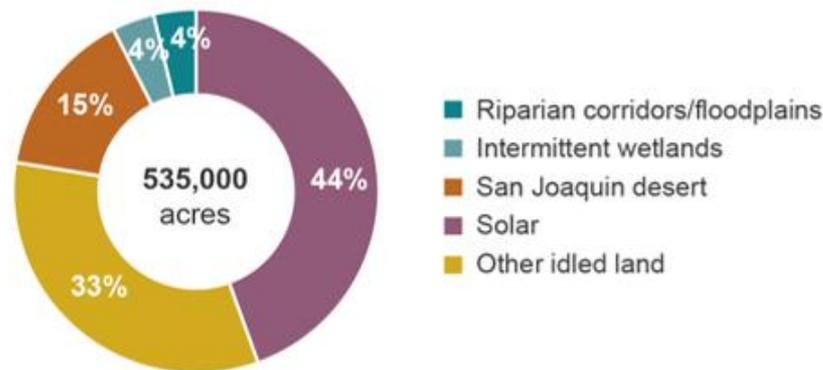
- Largest ag region: >50% of CA output
- Biggest imbalance: ~2 M acre-feet/yr overdraft; 11% of net water use
- Consequences: reduced supplies for future droughts, sinking lands, dry wells
- Balance requires more supply, less water use, or combination
- The economic problem: some S&D solutions are more costly than others

Source: Adapted from Ayres et al. [Improving California's Water Market](#) (PPIC, 2021).

# Solar is viewed as a promising multi-benefit option for retired lands

- At least 535,000 acres may be affected ( $\geq 10\%$  of irrigated footprint)
- Challenges and threats:
  - Revenue, job losses
  - Dust, pests, weeds
- Opportunities for multiple benefits: healthy soils, habitat, solar, recharge, flood protection, recreation
- Cooperative approaches—problems can't be solved farm-by-farm

Potential uses of formerly irrigated lands

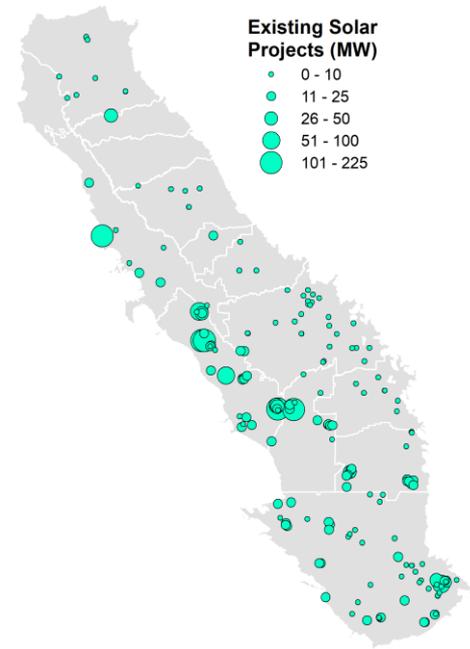


Source: Hanak et al. (PPIC, 2019) with updated solar energy estimates from Wu et al. (TNC, 2019).

# Solar in the Valley is growing quickly

- In the last 5 years...
  - Over half of total capacity
  - Average project size doubled
- Some siting considerations are more important than others
  - Access to transmission (more)
  - Costs of interconnection (more)
  - Land rental payment (less)
  - Resource availability (less)

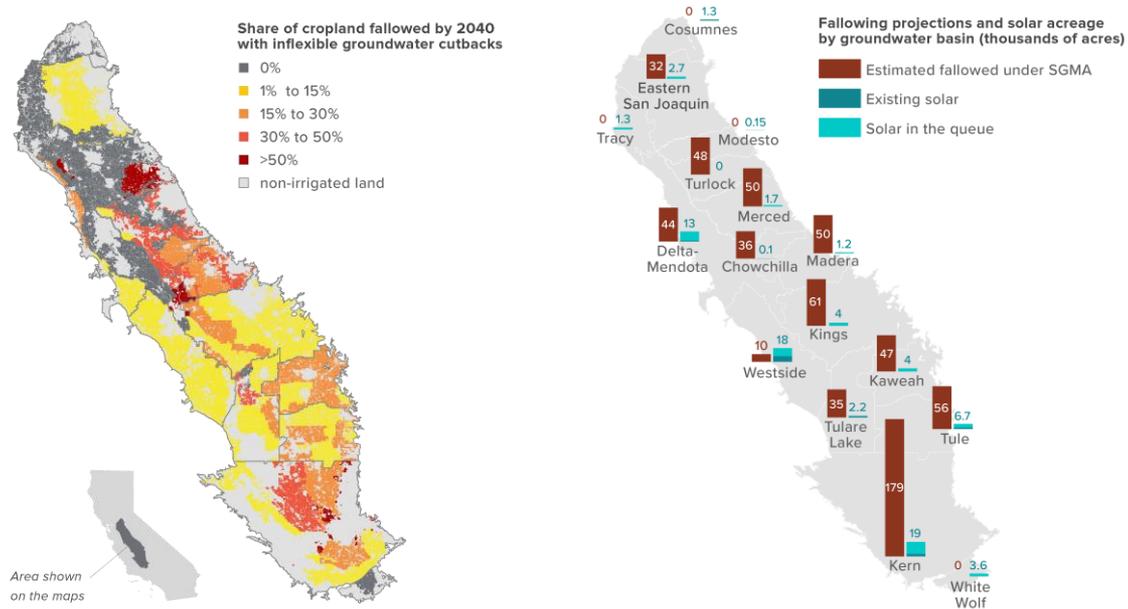
## Utility-scale solar projects



Source: Lucid Catalyst, 2022

# There may be substantial scope for co-locating solar and land retirement

- Many areas of valley could have ample land—if transmission is available



Source: PPIC estimates (falling, preliminary estimates), Lucid Catalyst (solar)

# With tighter integration, energy and land use planning can foster synergies

- Don't lose sight of areas with limited connection capacity today
  - Mid-central, east side of San Joaquin Valley
- Deliberately consider farm size and location
  - Transmission, permitting changes can make solar easier in areas with smaller farms
- Incentivize multi-benefit land transitions
  - New DOC program (\$50M) could support solar co-benefits to aid local acceptance



# Public Comment

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