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**California Energy Commission
Business Meeting
April 26, 2022
10:00 a.m.**



Pledge of Allegiance



**I pledge allegiance to the Flag
of the United States of America,
and to the Republic for which it stands,
one Nation under God, indivisible,
with liberty and justice for all.**



Consent Calendar: a. – c.

- a. Order Instituting Rulemaking Proceeding (Docket Number 22-AAER-02). Contact: Carlos Baez
- b. School of Arts and Enterprise. Contact: Sean Lockwood
- c. Proposed Order Delegating Approval of Certain Agreements and Amendments Under Health and Safety Code Section 44272. Contact: Allan Ward



Item 2: Order Instituting Informational Proceeding

April 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Heather Raitt, Assistant Executive Director, Policy Development



Benefits to Californians

- Authority to collect information needed for the 2022 IEPR Update
 - Hearings and workshops
 - Data requests
- Information is foundational to good policy development





Parallel Proceedings

Parallel to 2022 IEPR Update, two additional order instituting informational proceedings:

1. Decarbonizing the gas system
2. Distributed energy resources

Allows deep analysis beyond IEPR timeline





Staff Recommendations

- Approve request for Order Instituting Informational Proceeding for the 2022 IEPR Update



Item 3: Russell City Energy Center May 2021 Incident: Gap Analysis Report

April 26, 2022

Presenting: Elizabeth Huber, Manager, Safety and Reliability Office and Geoff Lesh, Manager, Engineering Office
Siting, Transmission and Environmental Protection Division
Dian Vorters, Lead Counsel



Restarting Russell City Energy Center



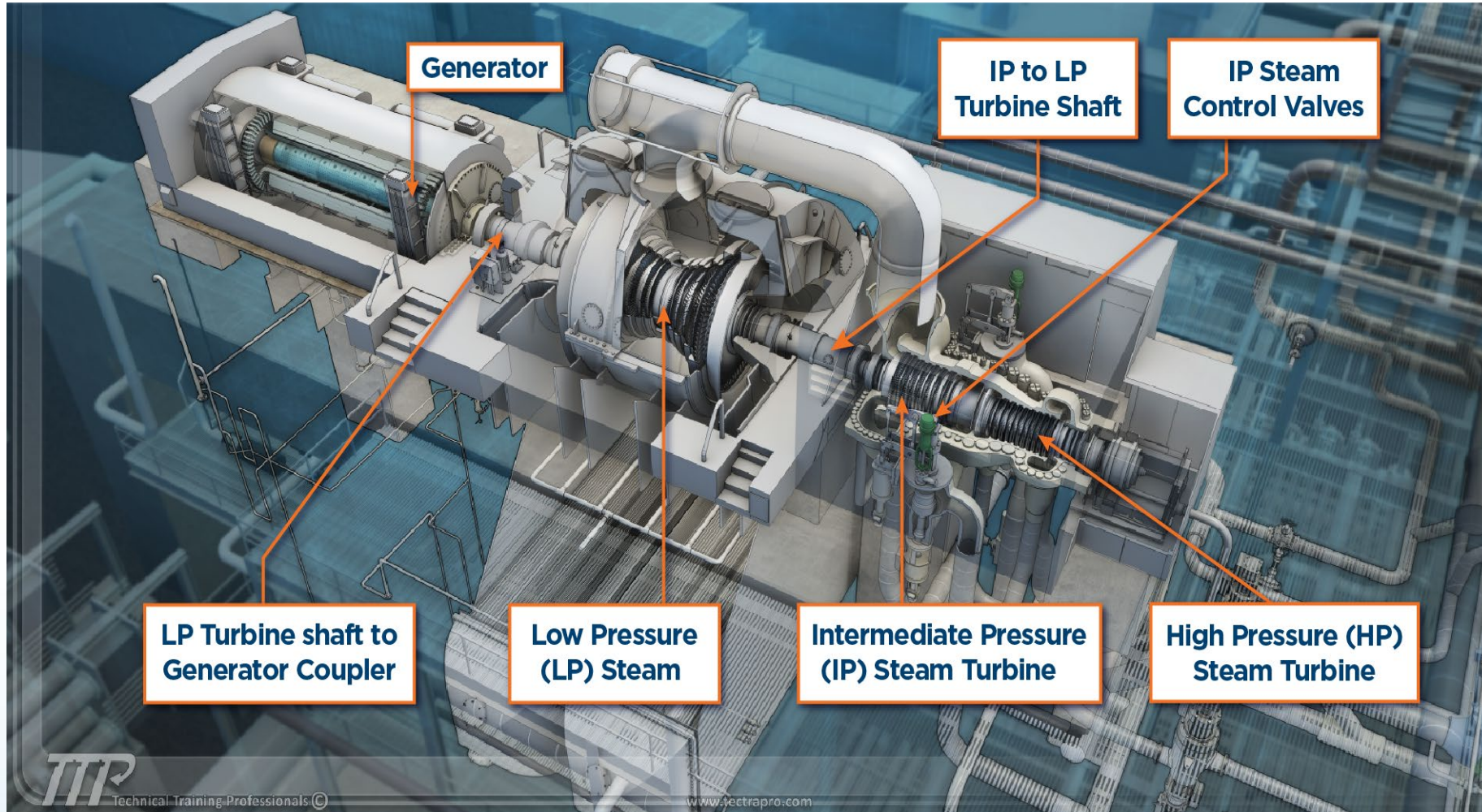


Russell City Energy Center Investigation





Steam Turbine Generator





Steam Turbine Debris Field



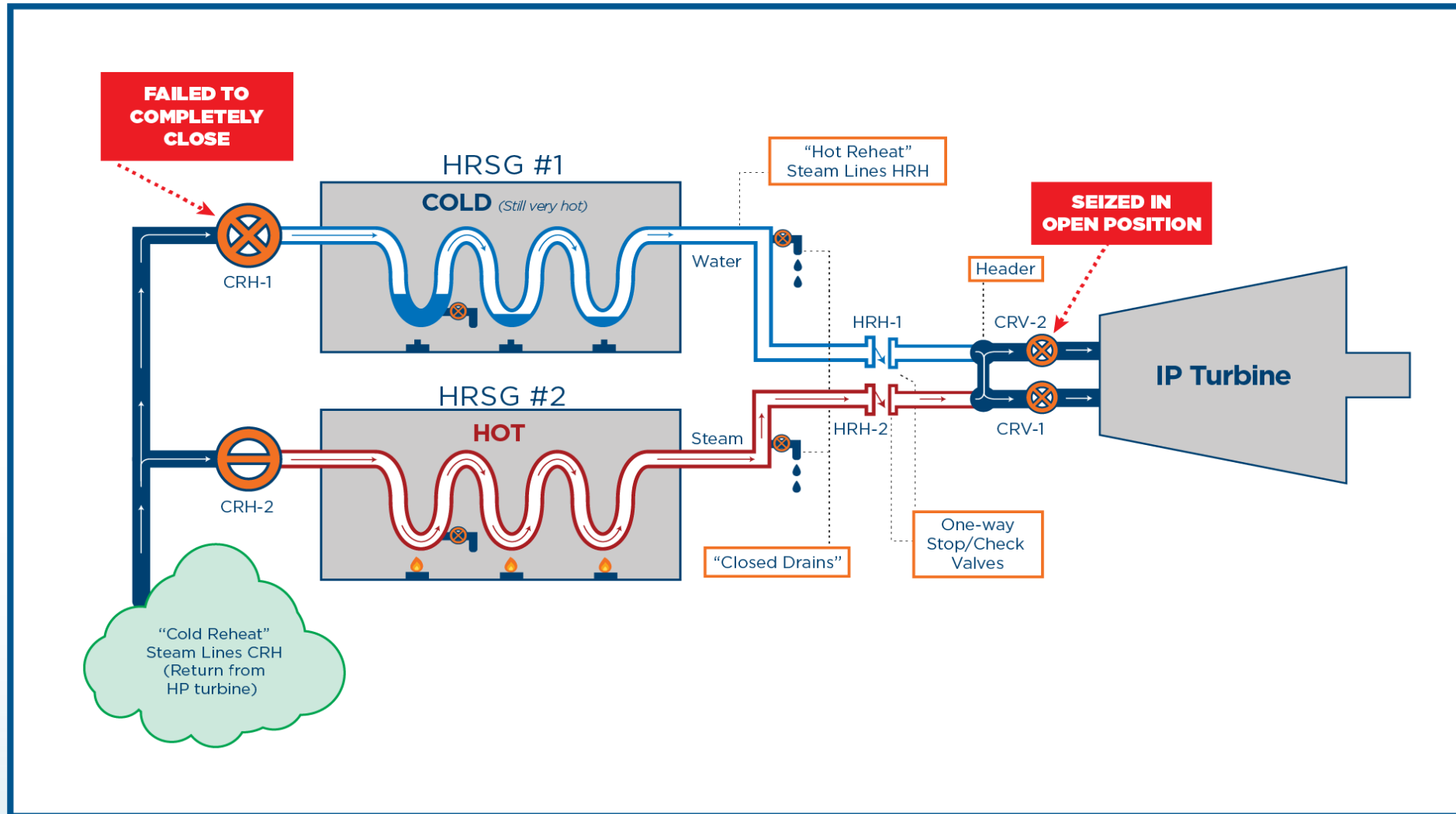


Heat Recovery Steam Generator



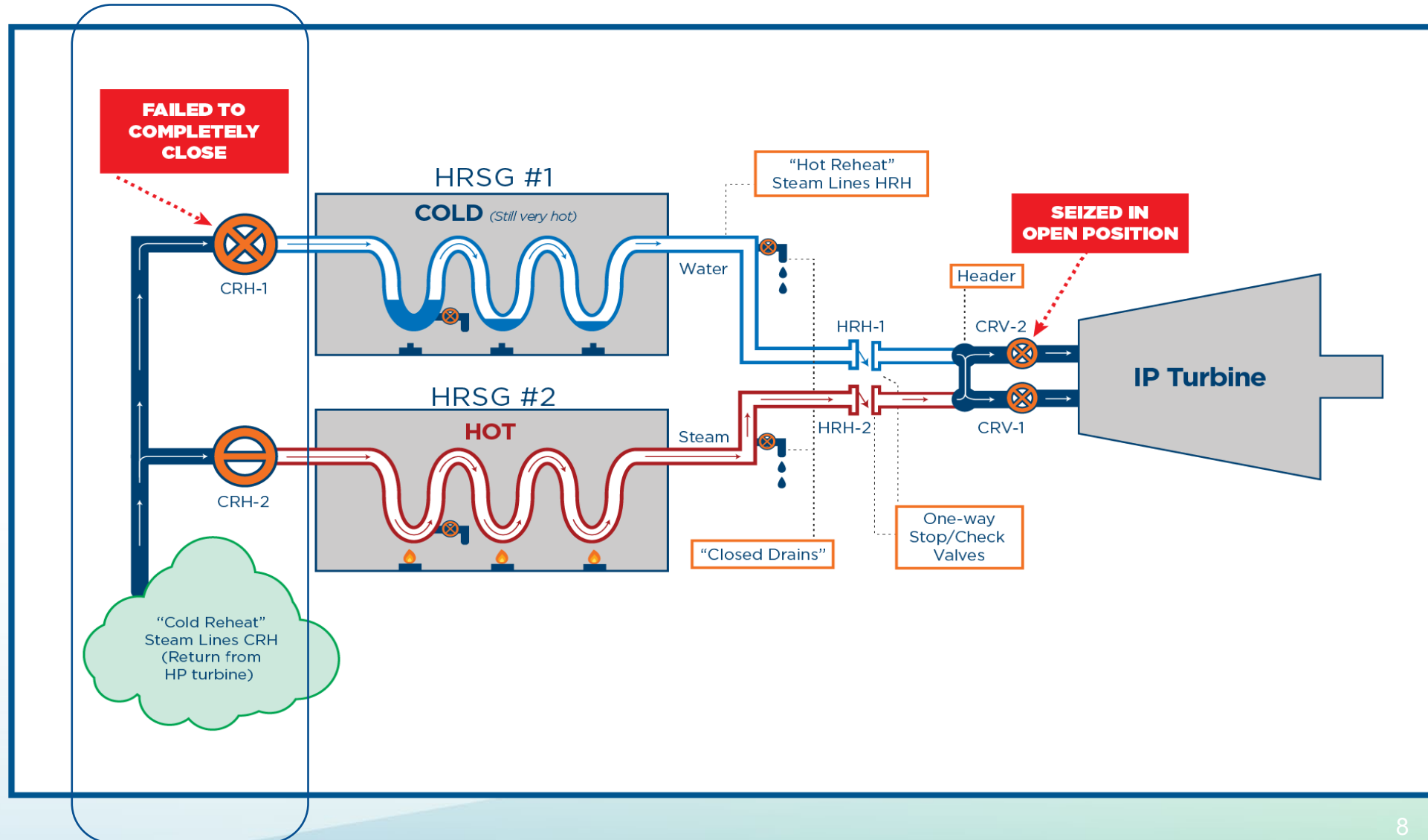


Russell City Energy Center's HRSG Reheater Schematic



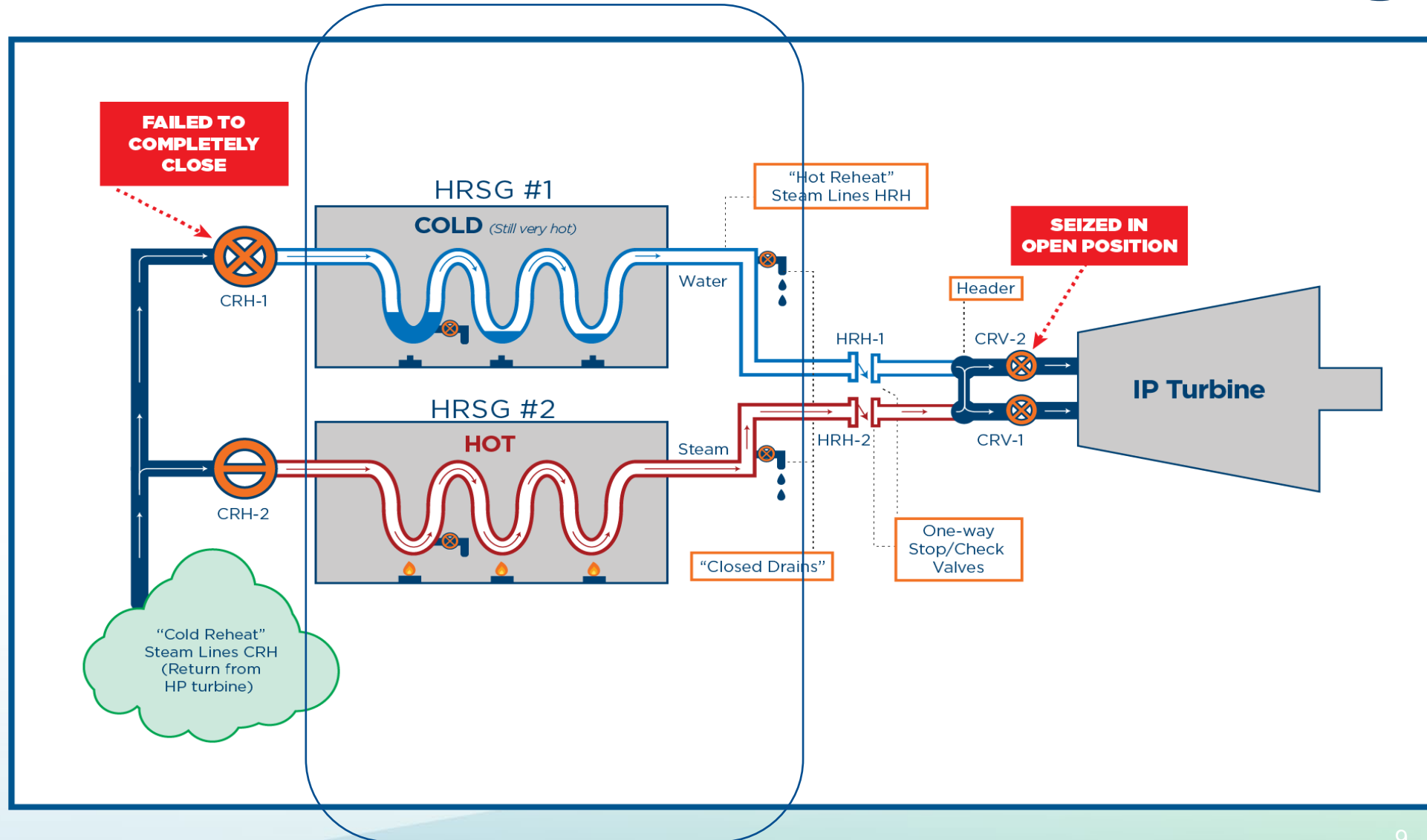


Causal Factor 1 – Equipment Maintenance and Monitoring



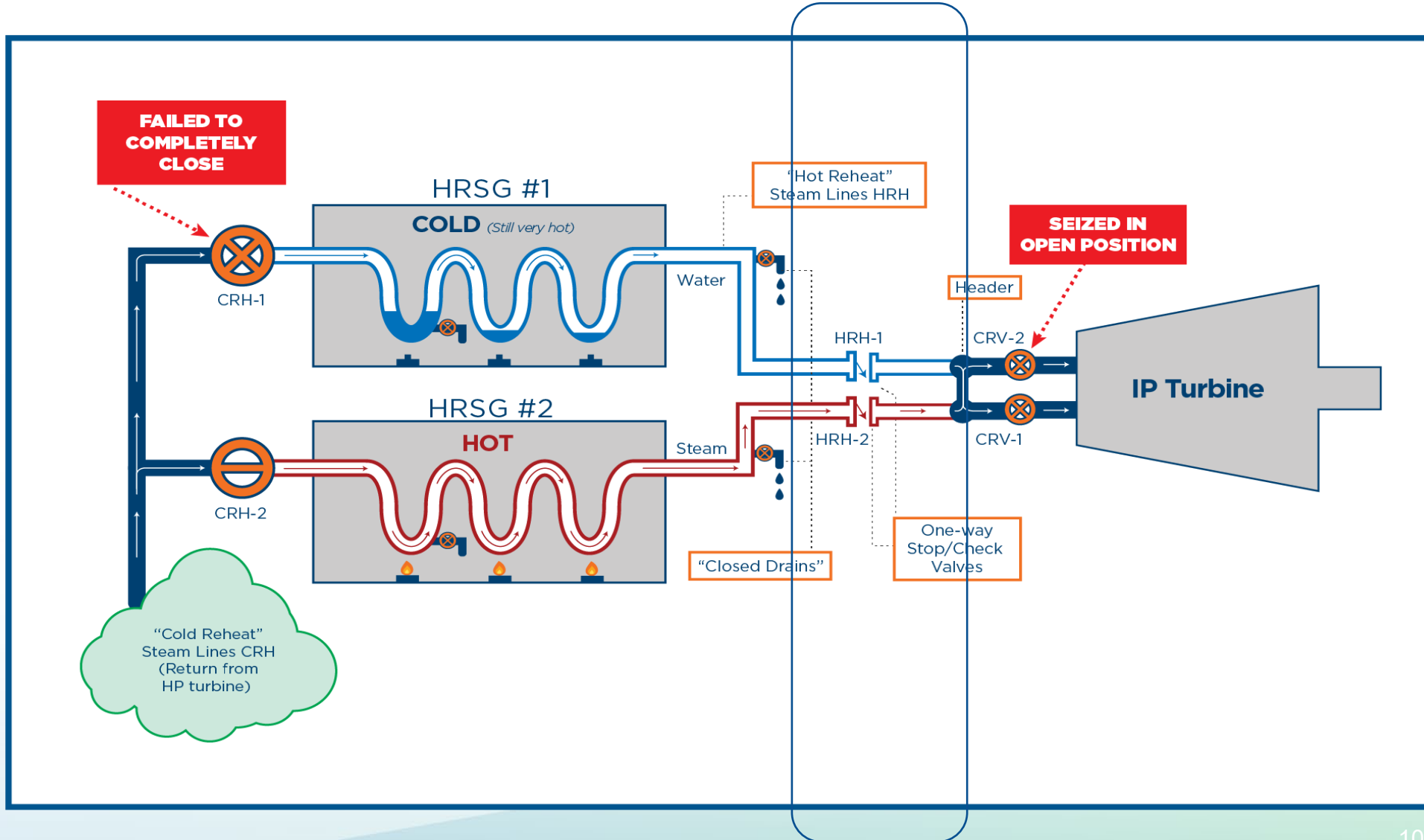


Causal Factor 2 – Deficiencies in Operator Interface and Training





Causal Factor 3 – Inadequate Water Induction Protection





JAIT Corrective Actions

- Modify preventative maintenance and monitoring programs
- Re-configure the CRH stop valve to close based on actuator torque value
- Implement an annual preventative maintenance program for the steam attemperators and mixers for review and approval.
- Synchronize control system clocks
- Consolidate the alarms generated by the control systems
- Implement control logic to alleviate pressure within offline HRSG
- Implement control logic to discharge water from offline HRSG
- Provide an ASME TDP-1-2013 conformance analysis
- Convert the HRH stop/check valve from manual to electrical actuation
- Revise operations procedures
- Reduce the occurrence of nuisance/false alarms



City of Hayward



- City staff have been participating on Joint Agency Working Group with CEC and CPUC staff
- Consistent with the CEC Order to allow Calpine to restart operations at RCEC, City staff and Calpine staff have meeting “to discuss any needed modifications of [RCEC’s] standard operating procedures for first responders to implement when responding to incidents on site, including establishing a process for reimbursement of reasonable expenses.”
- Finalizing joint City/Calpine hazardous materials resiliency and action plan – this includes partial funding for a hazardous materials response vehicle
- Insurance claims for Homeless Navigation Center being processed
- Conversations with Russell City descendants/community action group underway – additional monetary contribution from Calpine proposed



Hayward First Responder Training Plan Enhancements



- Notified City of Hayward of plant management changes on March 10.
- Schedule Annual HFD/City Manager/RCEC Meeting -TBD
- Knox Box Updated 12/14/2021
 - Updated MSDS's
 - Updated plot plan with location of oil filled equipment and hazardous materials
- Met with Hayward Fire Department Training Battalion Chief on March 14, 2022
- Hazmat Tabletop Drill – TBD
- Schedule plant tour for new fire company officers – TBD
 - Identifying hazardous material locations
 - Review Emergency Action Plan
 - Identify possible fire/explosive areas
 - Identify areas of static electricity potential for aerial ladder trucks
 - Identify water supply locations and access points
- Rope Rescue Scenario Drill (incapacitated victim on platform or scaffolding) – TBD



Joint Agency Investigation Team

California Energy Commission

- **Geoff Lesh**
- **Brett Fooks**
- **Tim Smith**
- **Shahab Khoshmashrab**
- **Elizabeth Huber**
- **John Heiser**
- **Paul Trygstad**
- **Ivan Clark**
- **Shawn Pittard**

California Public Utilities Commission

- **Jim Cheng**
- **Chris Lee**
- **Stephen Lee**
- **Nika Kjensli**
- **Lee Palmer**



Staff Recommendation

- Adopt corrective actions
- Delegate to the Executive Director the verification of the corrective actions



Item 5: Overview of 2021 EPIC Annual Report

April 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Molly O'Hagan

Energy Deployment and Market Facilitation Office

Energy Research and Development Division



EPIC by the Numbers

>\$1B

EPIC FUNDS INVESTED

437

PROJECTS FUNDED

\$7.8B

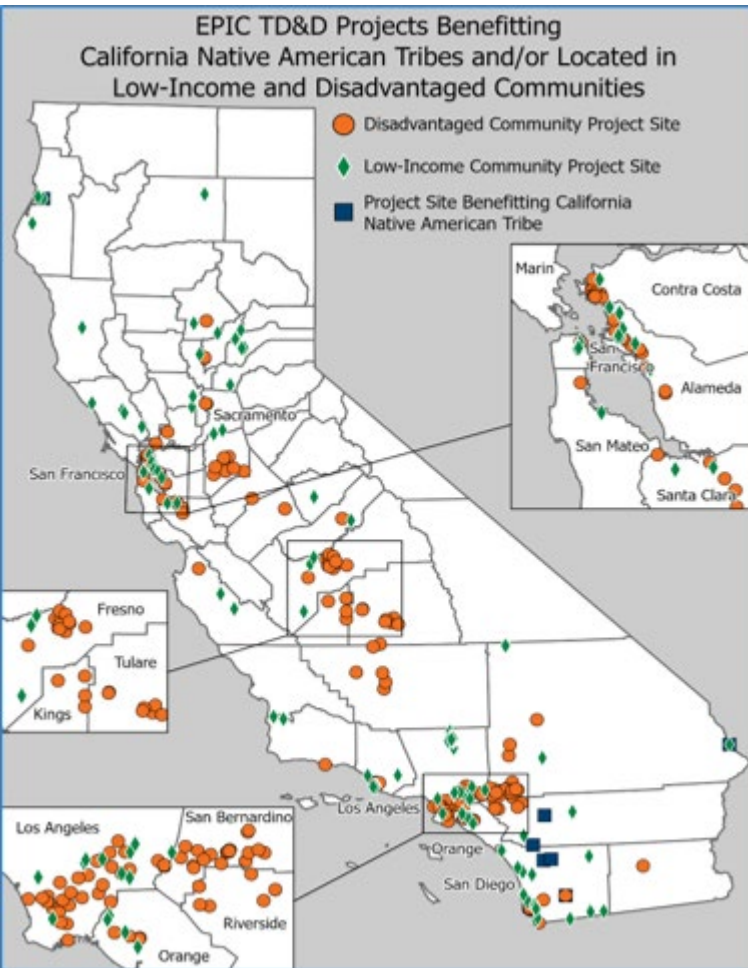
PRIVATE INVESTMENT
AFTER RECEIVING EPIC
SUPPORT

55%

INCREASE IN SUCCESSFUL
EXITS BY START-UP
COMPANIES



EPIC Demonstration Projects in Underresourced Communities



EPIC TD&D HAS INVESTED:

- **\$172,500,000+** in Disadvantaged Communities
- **\$117,500,000+** in Low-Income Communities

67%
TD&D
FUNDS



EPIC Investment Areas

**Entrepreneurial
Ecosystem**



\$210M

**Resiliency &
Safety**



\$182M

**Building
Decarbonization**



\$232M

**Grid
Decarbonization &
Decentralization**



\$219M

**Industrial &
Agricultural
Innovation**



\$133M

**Transportation
Electrification**



\$68M



Entrepreneurial Ecosystem: Ubiquitous Energy

- **26B:** Approximate square feet of coated architectural glass produced and installed annually
- **60 GW:** Additional solar generation capacity possible from that glass if treated with the UE Power™ coating
- **10%:** The amount of California's annual electricity consumption that can be offset by full market penetration of UE Power™
- **1 x 1 inch:** The size of Ubiquitous Energy's solar window prototype when they first received EPIC funding in 2019
- **14 x 20 inch:** The size of solar windows to be produced from the first California production line that Ubiquitous Energy is developing under their current EPIC award
- **2000:** The number of 14x20-inch solar windows Ubiquitous Energy seeks to produce per year by the end of their current CEC project in 2024



Ubiquitous Energy's transparent PV window coating installed on a commercial building



Resiliency & Safety: Humboldt State University



Coast Guard search and rescue in action.

Source: Shutterstock

- **7x:** The amount of time Humboldt County customers experienced sustained outages in 2020 as compared to other California customers
- **50,000:** Flights per year served by Humboldt County's airport, including commercial, private, and emergency medical flights, that could be significantly impacted by outages
- **20:** The number of customer meters in Humboldt County, including the airport and Coast Guard Air Station, served by this first-ever community-driven, front-of-the-meter microgrid
- **0:** The number of times polluting diesel generators are expected to be needed for outages once the microgrid is fully operational



Building Decarbonization: SkyCool Systems

- **42,500:** Approximate number of supermarkets and cold storage facilities in the United States
- **60%:** Average amount of electricity used for refrigeration in supermarkets and cold storage facilities
- **10-40%:** Efficiency improvement from integrating SkyCool Panels with a refrigeration system
- **\$3,000:** The monthly electricity bill savings one grocery store achieved with SkyCool Panels
- **0:** Refrigerants with global warming potential used in Skycool Panels



SkyCool Panels mount with conventional solar panel racking.

Source: SkyCool Systems, Inc.



Grid Decarbonization & Decentralization: RCAM Technologies



UC Irvine Team with the 3DCP Tower Assembly.

Source: UC Irvine AM3 Lab

- **80 meters:** The approximate height of conventional wind turbine towers in the United States due to logistical constraints
- **140 meters:** The potential height of a 3DCP wind turbine printed onsite using RCAM's technology
- **>20%:** Increase in turbine energy captured from 140-meter towers compared to conventional 80-meter towers
- **11%:** The levelized cost of energy reduction for 3DCP towers compared to conventional towers
- **<1 day:** The amount of time RCAM is targeting for on-site fabrication of a new tower



Industrial & Agricultural Innovation: AgMonitor

- **9 million:** Acres of irrigated farmland that contribute to California's \$21.7 billion⁵ in agricultural exports
- **10,000 acres:** Current scale of AgMonitor's demonstration for its new, programmable irrigation load shifting software, helping California farmers improve energy efficiency, save water, and cut costs
- **\$200 per acre:** Increase in profits from electricity and water savings for farms that implemented AgMonitor's PumpMonitor and CropMonitor solutions
- **3 MW:** Permanent load shift as of August 2021 provided by California agricultural irrigation pumps intelligently controlled with AgMonitor, supporting grid reliability



An example of the AgMonitor Platform display.

Source: AgMonitor



Transportation Electrification: Cuberg



A battery R&D scientist preparing to work with testing Cuberg lithium-metal cells.

Source: Cuberg

- **250 miles:** Median range of electric vehicles offered for sale in the United States
- **70%:** Increase in range enabled by Cuberg's lithium-metal battery technology
- **3000:** Number of battery cells Cuberg can produce per month as a result of their CEC EPIC award
- **3x:** Increase in California jobs at Cuberg since 2021



EPIC Opportunities in 2022

Advanced Prefabricated Zero-Carbon Homes

Energy Efficiency and Demand Response in Industrial and Commercial Cold Storage

Energy Efficiency and Load Shifting in Indoor Farms

Optimizing Long-Duration Energy Storage to Improve Grid Resiliency and Reliability in Under-resourced Communities

The Role of Green Hydrogen in a Decarbonized California—A Roadmap and Strategic Plan

Valuation of Investments in Electricity Sector Resilience

Vehicle-to-Building for Resilient Back-up Power

Offshore Wind Energy Technologies

Realizing Accelerated Manufacturing and Production for Clean Energy Technologies (RAMP) 2022



Staff Recommendation

- Approve *2021 EPIC Annual Report*



Item 5: The Next EPIC Challenge: Reimagining Affordable Mixed-Use Development in a Carbon-Constrained Future

April 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Anthony Ng, Molly Mahoney, Rachel Salazar, and Molly O'Hagan
Energy Deployment and Market Facilitation Office
Energy Research and Development Division



Benefits to Californians

- Replicable designs and plans for affordable zero-emission mixed-use developments
 - Improve grid reliability
 - Increase the value proposition of grid interactive technologies
 - Provide an economical pathway to develop decarbonized high-density mixed-use developments



The Next EPIC Challenge

- Design-build competition for a mixed-use development incorporating:
 - Cutting-edge clean energy technologies
 - Innovative tools for planning, design, and construction practices
 - Affordability and equity
 - Resistance to climate change impacts and extreme weather





Minimum Site Requirements

1. Must be mixed-use.
2. 20%+ must be affordable housing units.
3. 10%+ dedicated to lower income units.
4. Minimum of 50 housing units.
5. Minimum density of 30 residential units per acre.



Minimum Design Requirements

1. All electric building end-uses
2. Building must be able to island from the main grid
3. Building's residential load during peak demand, must be met through a combination of onsite generation, storage, and load management.
4. DER assets must be interoperable with aggregation platforms such as Virtual Power Plants.
5. 20% of all parking spaces must have EV-charging stations that can respond to grid- and building-signals. Rest to be EV ready.



Two Phase Approach

Project Group	Number of Awards - Design Phase	Number of Awards - Build Phase
Group 1: Bay Area Region	3	1
Group 2: Central Valley/Northern California	3	1
Group 3: Los Angeles Region	3	1
Group 4: Imperial Valley, Inland Empire, and San Diego County	3	1
Total Number of Awards	12	4
Total Amount of Funding	\$12 million	\$36 million

The Berkeley Efficient & Resilient Mixed- Use Showcase



Berkeley Efficient & Resilient Mixed-Use Showcase
by Northern California Land Trust | by Indigo Hammond + Playle Architects
09/06/2021

- 50-unit permanently-affordable housing development for low-income renters.
- Pathways to community ownership.
- Office spaces for community organizations, including the Homeless Action Center.
- 20 Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) charging stations with demand response services

Net Positive Resilient All-Electric Affordable Housing at Pacific Station North Transit Center



Santa Cruz, CA

- 94 apartment units, with mixed office and retail spaces, public space, and new METRO transit hub.
- Culmination of 7+years of community input.
- First of its kind multifamily housing project in the Central Coast to use mass timber construction methods.
- 14 electric bus capacity

Reimagining Affordable Mixed- Use Development in a Carbon- Constrained Future



Woodland, CA

- 100-unit affordable housing development for low- and very low-income renters.
- Vehicle-to-Grid (V2G) charging stations with demand response services for 20% of the parking spaces.
- Plug-in battery storage for each residential unit.
- Potential workforce development opportunities provided by the local colleges and project team.

Fairview Terrace



Stockton, CA

- 59-unit permanently affordable housing, in-fill development for senior citizens.
- Property will be owned and managed by a local community organization (STAND) and Mutual Housing.
- Adjacent to health clinic and public transit.
- Using a third-party certified Social, Economic, and Environmental Design (SEED) approach to meaningful community engagement.

Innovative Housing Opportunities, Inc.

Santa Ana Environmental Justice Innovation Zone



Santa Ana, CA

- 160 affordable units for low-income affordability levels and will include office space and light retail.
- Virtual power plant with a user interactive application designed by Community Electricity utilizing NREL's ForeSee™ software.
- Advanced framing systems that will save floor and wall material costs by 30%.

Paseo Adelanto: City Hall & Zero-Emission Affordable Housing Design



San Juan Capistrano, CA

- New city hall in partnership with the City of San Juan Capistrano.
- 50 affordable units for low-income individuals at risk for homelessness, including military veterans.
- Engage and educate residents through direct outreach and the formation of a new Resident Council.
- Islandable microgrid and smart system control.

Zero Emission Affordable Housing Design: Palm City Village



San Diego, CA

- Transit Oriented Development infill project including 288 apartment homes, community center/resiliency hub, childcare facility and retail area.
- Transactive platform to inform and engage occupants of energy use, DR, car-sharing and other transactive benefits.
- Panelized bamboo cavity walls for thermal performance, reduced embodied energy and construction times.

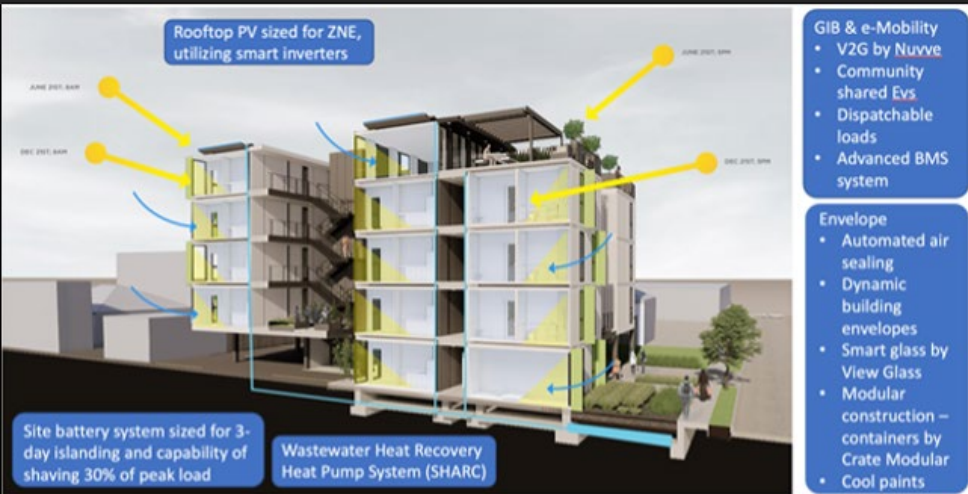
The Zero Energy Live/Learn Residential EcoVillage



San Diego, CA

- 120 units, community kitchen, pocket park and public workforce training center located in Transit Oriented Development zone.
- Design based on a prefabricated "kit of parts" to reduce time and cost of construction.
- BIPV replacing tiled roof, combines glazing and weatherproof curtain wall systems.

The Newton Avenue Project



San Diego, CA

- 80 units, entirely low-income plus ground floor office space
- Use of single use shipping container units, offsite prefabrication to streamline construction
- Grid responsiveness helps save capacity for Port of SD cruise ship shore power and industrial electrification projects



Staff Recommendation

- Approve and adopt staff's findings that these projects are exempt from CEQA.



Item 6: California State Lands Commission Interagency Agreement

April 26, 2022

Rheta deMesa, Electric Generation System Program Specialist
Siting, Transmission, and Environmental Protection Division,
Energy Resource and Land Use Planning Office



Background and Purpose

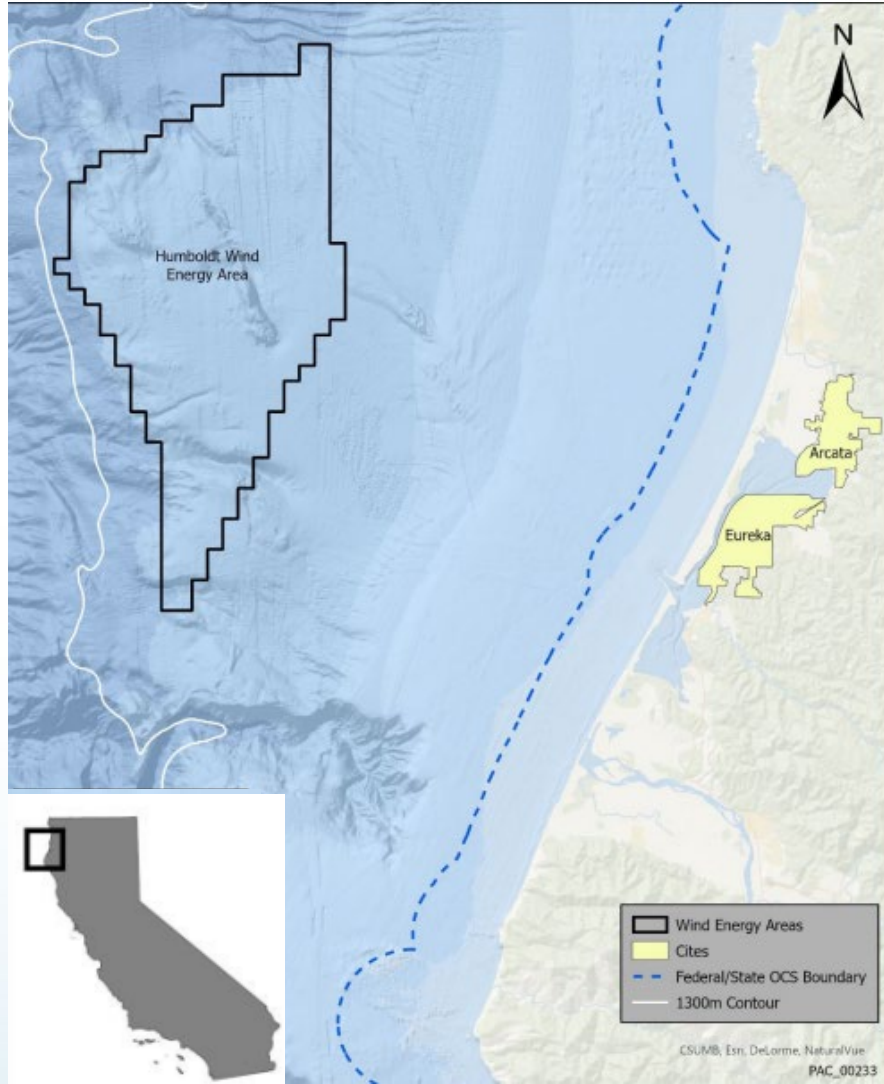


- Improves understanding of where new port infrastructure may be able to support offshore wind
- Complements ongoing port inventory work
- Informs offshore wind planning considerations and follow-on studies

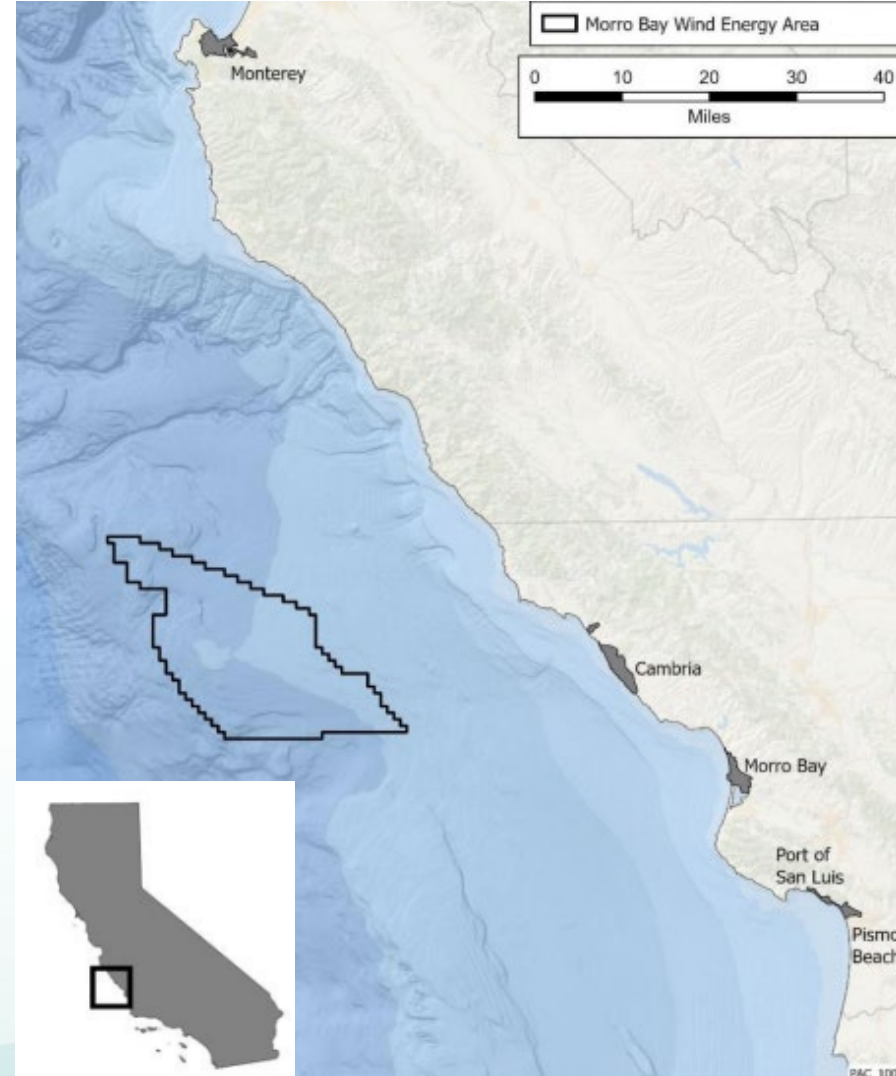
Source: OCS Study, BOEM, 2016



The Humboldt and Morro Bay Wind Energy Areas



Humboldt Wind Energy Area



Morro Bay Wind Energy Area



Agreement Overview

- **Identify** potential new port locations and their characteristics
- **Assess** the feasibility of the new locations to support offshore wind activities
- **Inform** the development of an offshore wind strategic plan (required by AB 525)



Staff Recommendation

- Approve interagency agreement
- Adopt CEQA exemption determination



Item 7: Zero Emission Transit Fleet Infrastructure Deployment GFO-20-602

April 26, 2022, Business Meeting

Esther Odufuwa, Energy Commission Specialist I
Fuels and Transportation Division
Medium and Heavy Duty Zero Emission Technologies Office, Freight & Transit Unit



Benefits to California

- Replicable solutions
- Reduced emissions
- Increased resilience
- Creates Jobs



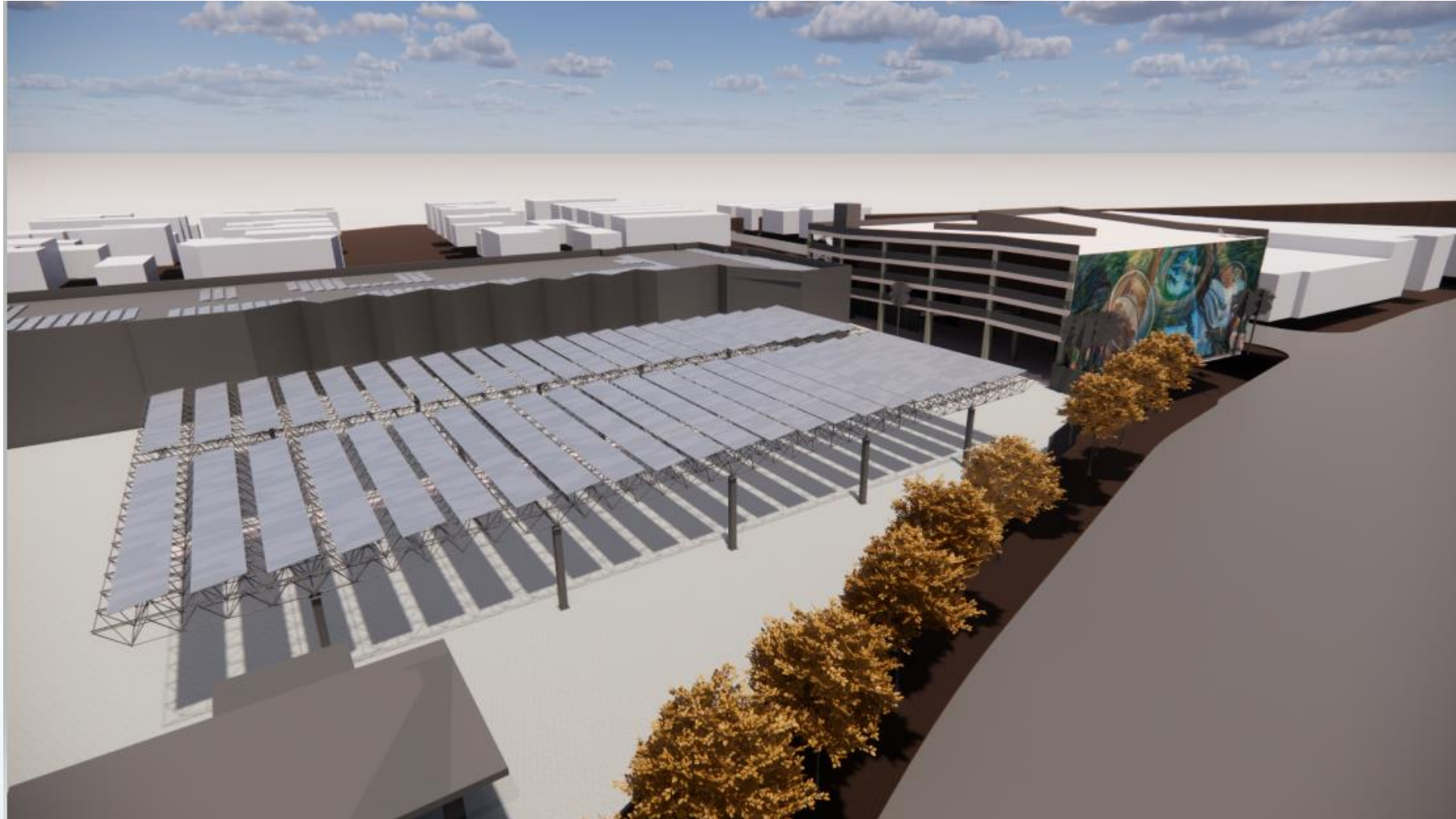
Source: City of Culver City



Source: AC Transit



7a: City of Culver City Project Overview

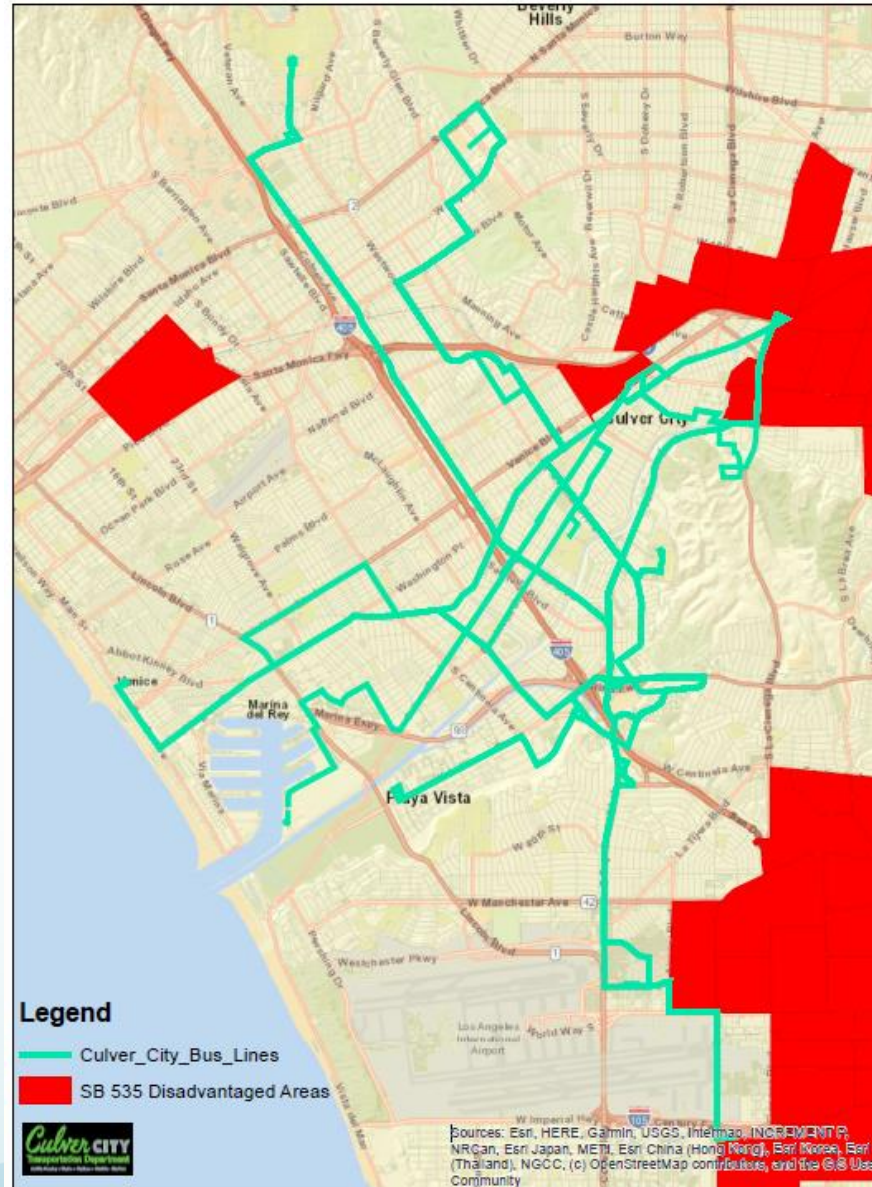


Culver City
Battery Electric
Bus
Transportation
Facility
Electrification

Rendering of bus yard for overhead charging
Source: City of Culver City



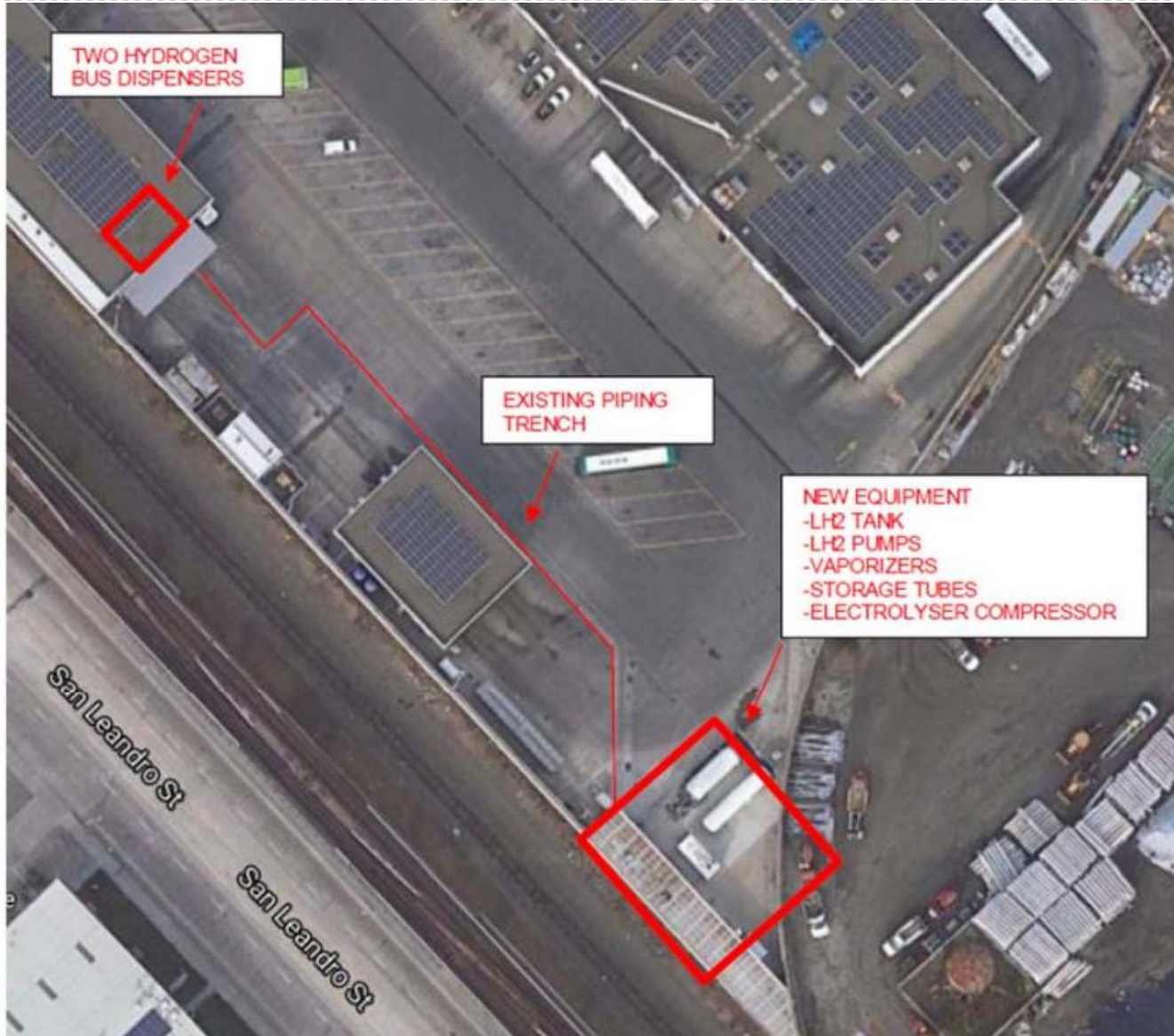
City of Culver City Route Services



Culver City Bus Service and SB 535 DAC
Source: City of Culver City



7b: Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District Project Overview

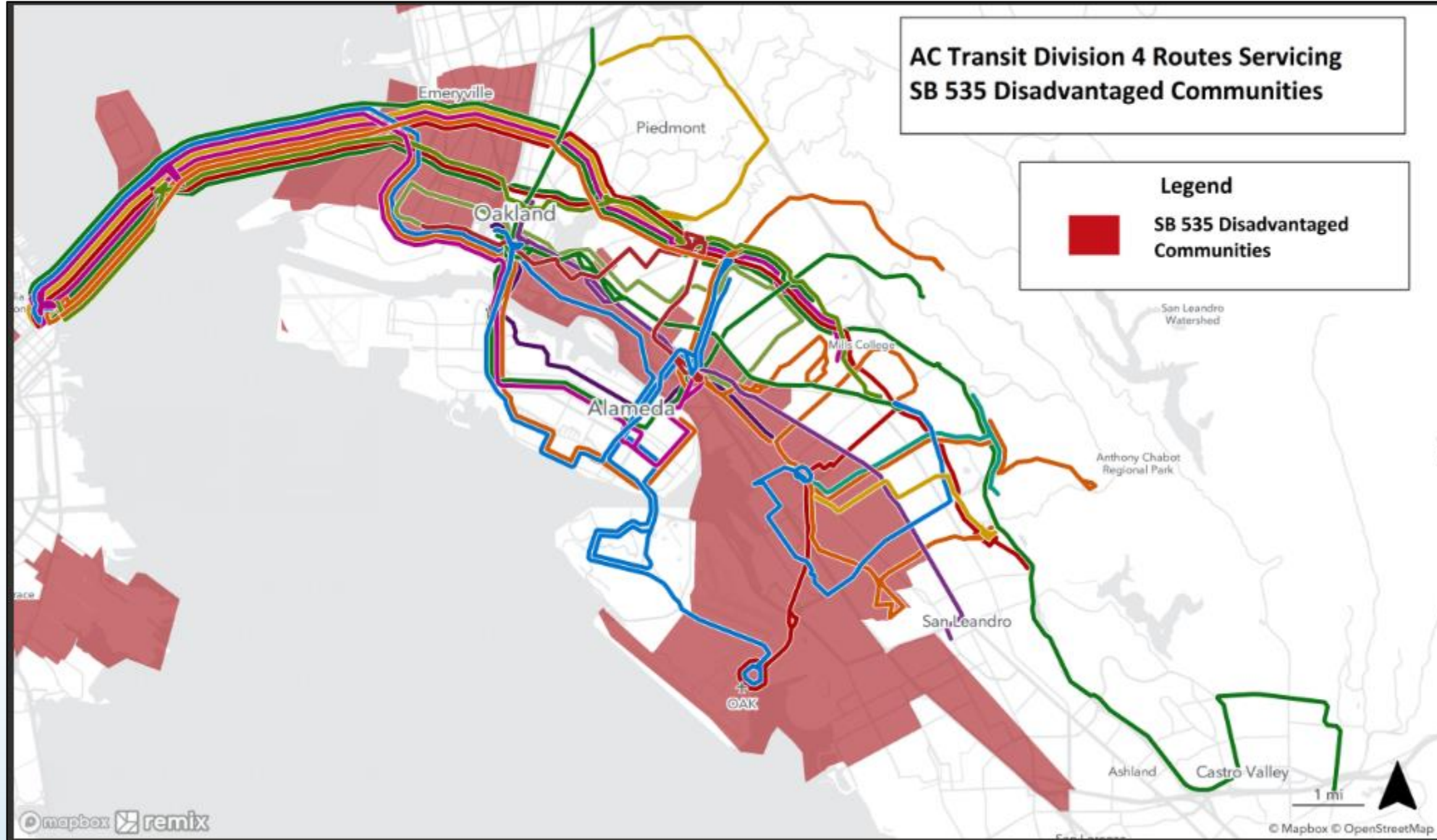


Division 4 Hydrogen Refueling Infrastructure Upgrade

Aerial View of AC Transit's D4 Station and site for Hydrogen Infrastructure
Source: AC Transit



AC Transit Route Services



Source: AC Transit



California Market Potential



≈ **11,500**

transit buses in California

≈ **76**

fuel cell buses in CA as of 4/1/2022

≈ **58**

hydrogen refueling stations in CA

Source: AC Transit



Staff Recommendation

APPROVE

- City of Culver City agreement
- Alameda-Contra Costa Transit District

ADOPT

- Staff's determination that action is exempt from CEQA



Item 8: GFO-20-608: Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Commercial-Scale Production Facilities & Blending Infrastructure

April 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Hieu Nguyen, Energy Commission Specialist
Fuels and Transportation Division
Transportation Integration and Production Office,
Manufacturing and Production Unit



Solicitation Overview

- Commercial-Scale Facilities
 - Fuel Production
 - Fuel Blending
- ≥ 1 million diesel gallon equivalents per year
- New or Existing Facilities
 - New: \$3 million max
 - Existing: \$1.5 million max
- Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: ≤ 30 gCO₂e/MJ

GRANT FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Clean Transportation Program

Ultra-Low-Carbon Fuel: Commercial-Scale Production Facilities & Blending Infrastructure



Addendum 5

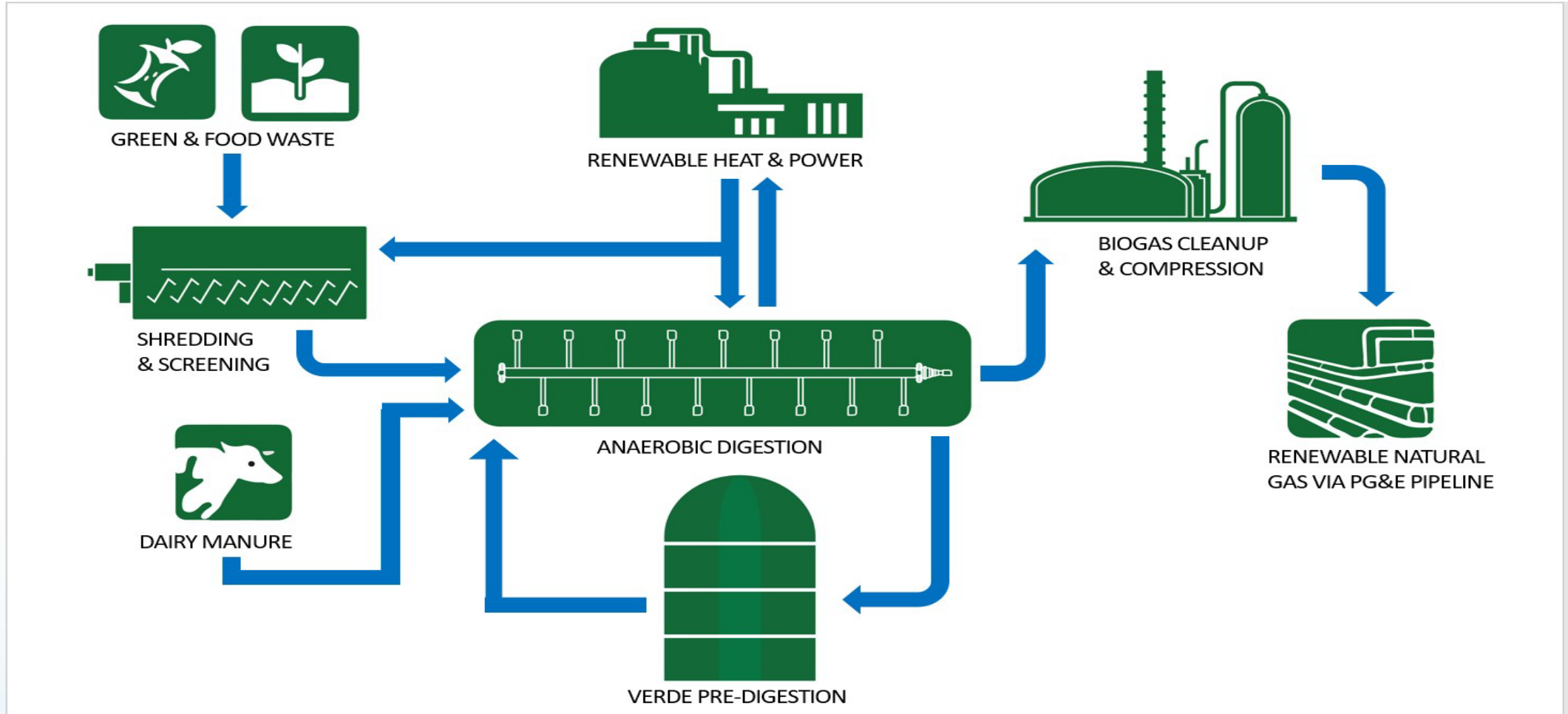
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<https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>

State of California
California Energy Commission
August 2021



Project Overview of California Grinding



Source: California Grinding, Inc.

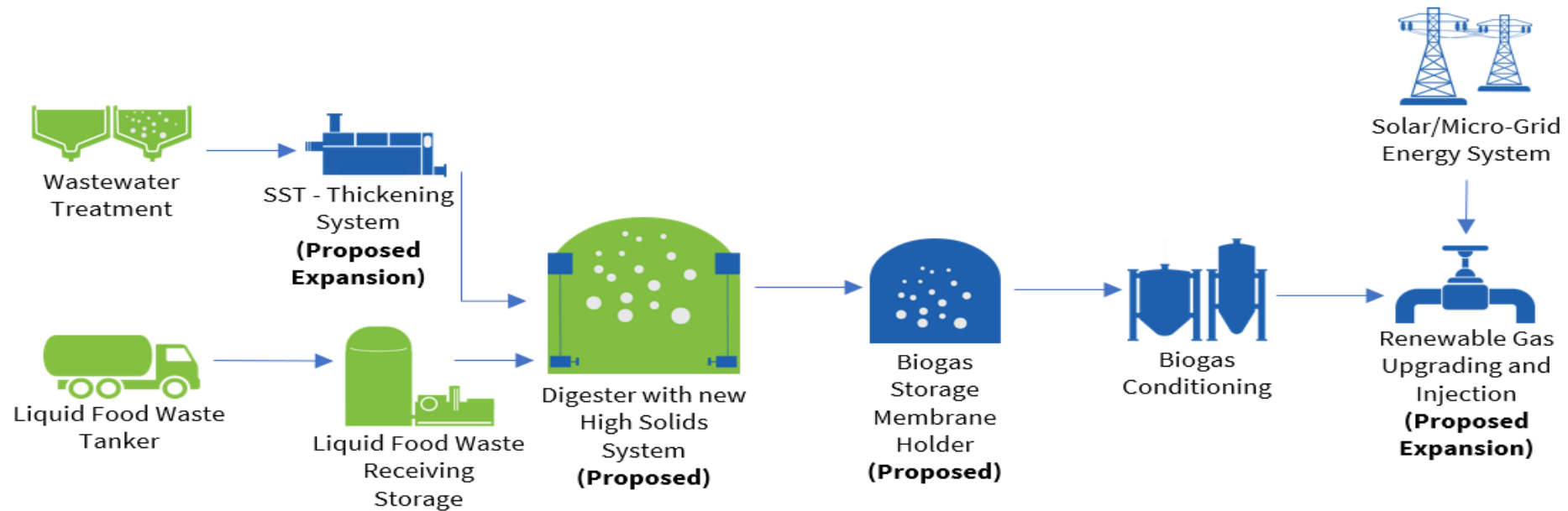


Benefits of California Grinding

- Provides 29 new jobs.
- Diversion of waste from landfills.
- Offset ~55,022 MT CO₂e per year.
- Eliminate 6,000 refuse truck trips.



Project Overview of SoCal Biomethane



Source: SoCal Biomethane, LLC

- Produce 1.6 million diesel gallon equivalents of low-carbon RNG.
- Displace 18,256 MT CO₂e per year.



Benefits of SoCal Biomethane

- Provides 10 new jobs.
- Stop flaring at Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority facility.
- Offset up to 365,110 MT CO₂e over 20-years.



Project Overview of AltAir Paramount

Current AltAir Terminal Operation



AltAir Biodiesel Terminal Project



Source: AltAir Paramount, LLC



Benefits of AltAir Paramount

- Provides 100+ short term jobs.
- 4,500 fewer fuel tanker truck trips per year.
- Annual displacement of 1.58 million MT CO₂e.



Staff Recommendation

- California Grinding, Inc.
 - Approve grant agreement for \$3,000,000.
 - Adopt Staff CEQA findings.
- SoCal Biomethane, LLC
 - Approve grant agreement for \$1,500,000.
 - Adopt Staff finding that project is CEQA Exempt.
- AltAir Paramount, LLC
 - Approve grant agreement for \$2,000,000.
 - Adopt Staff CEQA findings.



Item 9: IDEAL ZEV Workforce Pilot (GFO-21-602)

April 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Larry Rillera, Air Pollution Specialist
Fuels and Transportation Division, Transportation Integration and Production
Office



Benefits to Californians

- **Develop** ZEV and infrastructure career pathways
- **Create** jobs
- **Advocacy** for the ZEV industry
- **Support** priority communities and skills development



Source: California Community Colleges



Source: Green Energy Consumers Alliance



Item 9. a. Community Resource Project, Inc.

- Proposed agreement with the Community Resource Project, Inc.
- Priority communities, workforce engagement, and training solutions
- Training for ZEV manufacturing, EV charging installation, operation, and service
- Facilitate creation of 75 jobs



COMMUNITY RESOURCE PROJECT Inc.
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION

We build strong communities through collaborative partnerships!



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Item 9. b. Kern Community College District

- Proposed agreement with the Kern Community College District
- Develop EV charging curricula and training
- Prepare electricians for Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Training Program (EVITP) Certification
- Address skills gap in EV charging installation, service, and replacement
- ~300 trainees are estimated for training
- Facilitate job placement





Staff Recommendation

- Approve Community Resource Project, Inc. agreement
 - Adopt staff's determination that action is exempt from CEQA
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- Approve Kern Community College District agreement
 - Adopt staff's determination that action is exempt from CEQA