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### **Item 13: Indian Energy LLC.**

October 12, 2022, Business Meeting

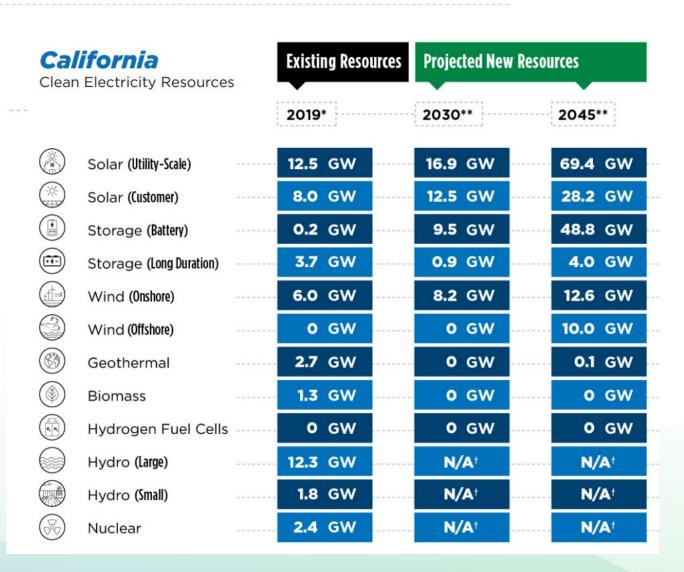
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### **Energy Storage Benefits to Californians**

3.6 GW battery storage currently installed

- 15 GWs battery storage needed by 2032 (per CPUC)
- 1 GW identified for Long Duration Energy Storage
- 40 50 GWs of energy storage needed by 2045





### **Need Portfolio Approach to Energy Storage**

- Lithium-ion is dominant technology for energy storage.
- Lithium-ion has several challenges including supply chain security and safety.
- Reliance on lithium-ion could impede state's ability to meet its clean energy goals.
- Diverse set of energy storage technologies are needed.
- Non-lithium technologies struggle to compete with more mature lithium-battery systems







Solar and wind build rates need to nearly triple\*





Battery storage build rates need to increase by nearly eightfold\*\*

\*Based on 10-year average | \*\*Based on 2020



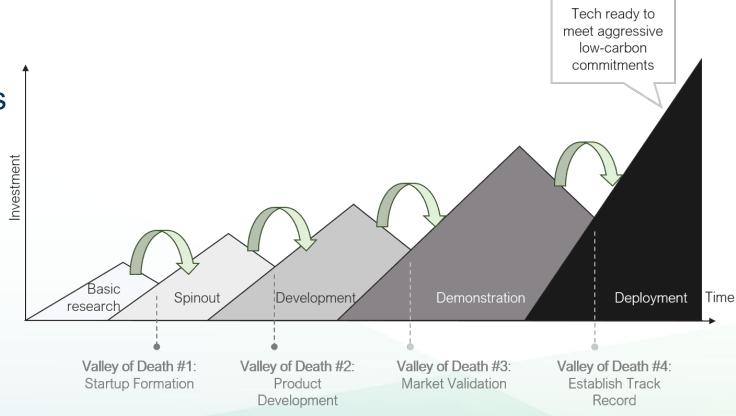
# **CEC Programs Provide a Bridge to Bankability**

## **Electric Program Investment Charge**

• Supports new technologies across the earlier stages.

### LDES Program

 Fills a critical funding gap in the later stages.



Source: https://www.third-derivative.org/blog/climate-techsfour-valleys-of-death-and-why-we-must-build-a-bridge



### **Long Duration Energy Storage 2023 Lookahead**

### CalSEED (applications due winter 2023)

Proof-of-concept and prototype development

**RAMP** (applications due winter 2023)

Pilot-production manufacturing

Federal Cost Share (application due date is specific to FOA)

Large non-lithium LDES Competitive Solicitation(s) (to be released in 2023)

- \$50 \$180 million in total funding (EPIC and LDES)
- Public workshop to solicit input on solicitation design and requirements



## **CEC EPIC Program has Extensive History of Energy Storage Research**

- Over \$100 million invested by CEC in energy storage through 2020
- Field demonstrations of non-lithium-ion long duration energy storage
- 8 demonstrating 10+ hours of energy storage duration
- 3 early-stage grants providing up to 100+ hours of energy storage duration







### **Selection Criteria for Initial LDES Grants**

- Previously awarded EPIC competitive solicitation
- Met or exceeded technical milestones
- Can achieved scale and duration targets (> 1 MW for 10+ hours)
- Successful field demonstration history
- Previously attracted significant private capital to scale-up manufacturing
- Pathways to 50-100 MW system in time for 2025-30 utility procurement
- Can support near-term grid reliability



## Viejas Project Overview

#### Microgrid with LDES on the Viejas Band of Kumeyaay Indians Reservation

- 60MWh hybrid system (flow battery and Zinc hybrid system)
- Integrated microgrid system with 15MWs PV and distribution system upgrade
- Provided critical support for key tribe facilities
- Provides emergency services to community during outages
- Provide grid resiliency support when needed





### Non-Lithium-Ion LDES Project Overview

#### Non-Lithium-Ion Long-Duration Energy Storage Technologies



- Zinc electrolyte-based chemistry
- No rare earth minerals required, de-risked supply chain
- Wider operating temperature range
  - -20 to 45°C vs 15 to 25°C (Lithium-Ion)
- Designed and manufactured in United States



- Flow Battery chemistry
- Safe and stable chemistry of the vanadium electrolyte
- Can perform in the field for 25+ years
- Deployed around the world



### **Staff Recommendation**

- Approve grant agreement
- Adopt staff's determination that project is exempt from CEQA