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GHG Value of EE for a Zero Carbon Electric Grid

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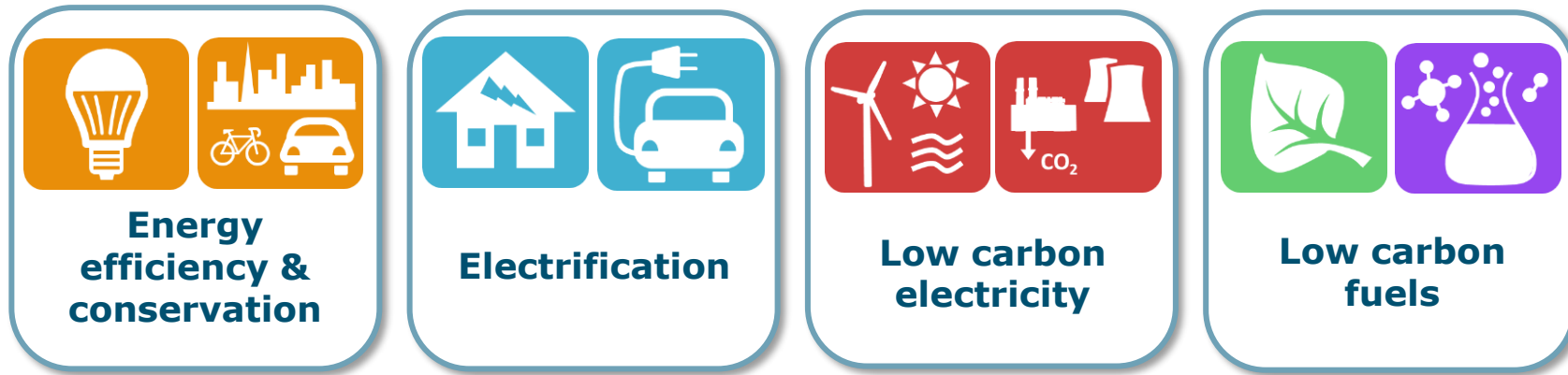
Electrification and Doubling of EE Goal



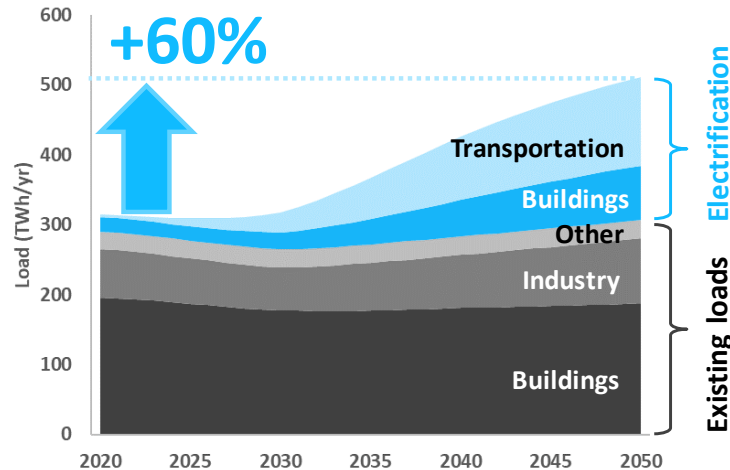
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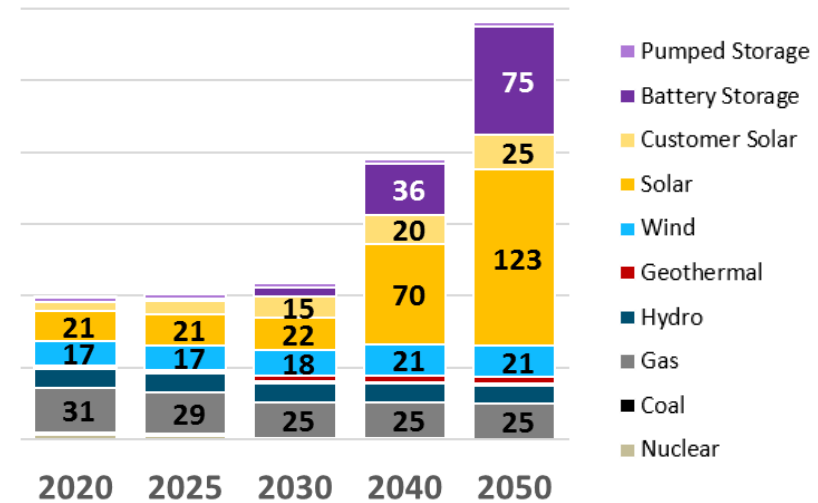
Electrification and EE are key pillars to meet long-term economy-wide carbon goals



California Electric Loads under Deep Carbon Reductions



California Electric Resources under Deep Carbon Reductions

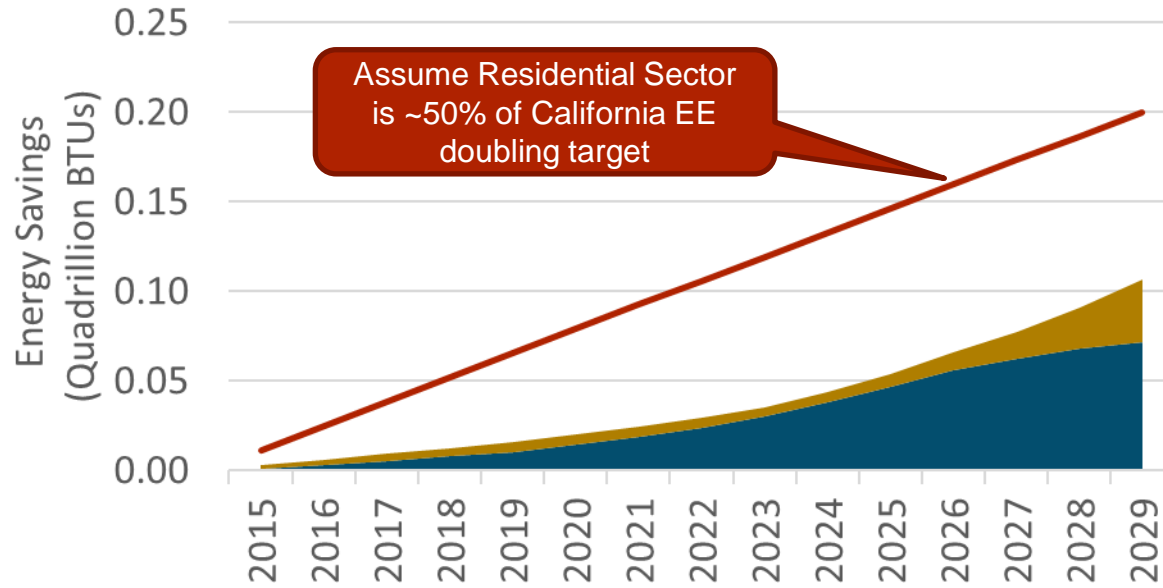


Electrification and EE play a key role in meeting societal carbon goals in all scenarios!

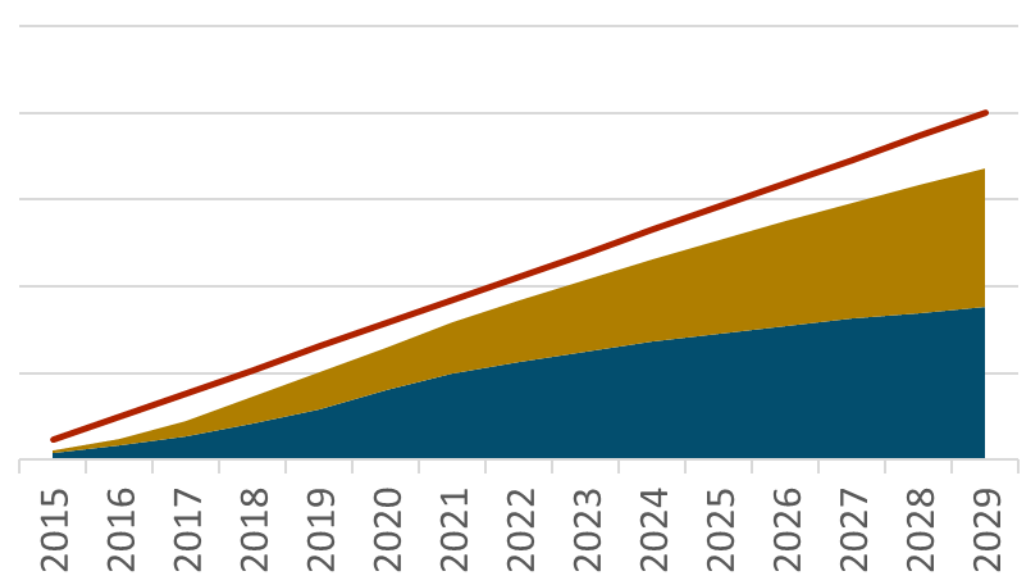


Two Goals: Residential building electrification compared to doubling of EE – Near Term

High Electrification Scenario for Residential Buildings



2019 EE Action Plan for Residential Sector



■ Electric ■ Gas — Doubling Target (Residential Share)

Illustrative comparison: Residential building electrification energy savings is roughly 60% of aggressive EE portfolio and half of doubling target by 2030

<https://www.ethree.com/e3-quantifies-the-consumer-and-emissions-impacts-of-electrifying-california-homes/>

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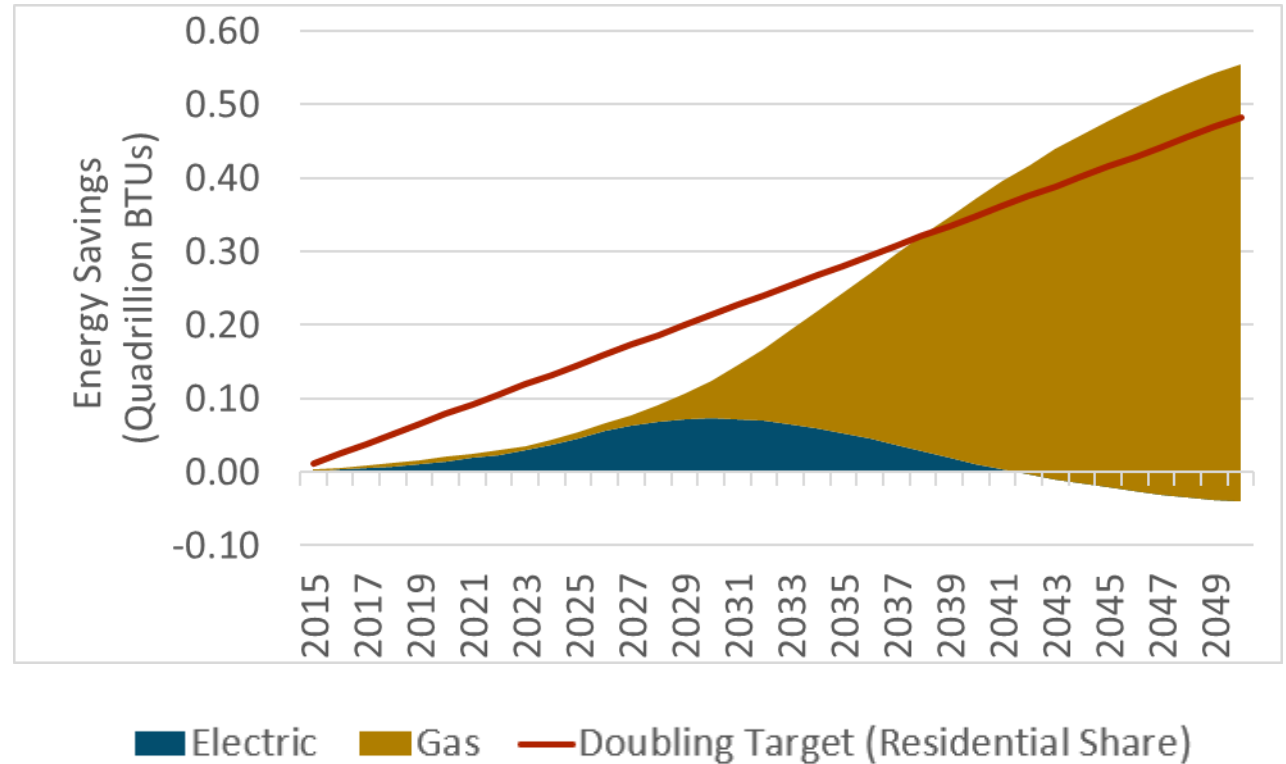


Two Goals: High electrification can exceed doubling of EE target in long term

Residential electrification saves electricity in the near term and much more natural gas in the long term

By 2040 electrification can exceed doubling of EE target

This level of electrification would require additional funding and support for market transformation



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Value of Electrification and EE in Zero Carbon Planning



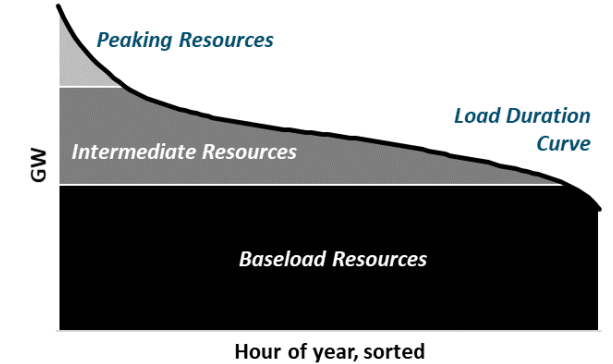
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New planning paradigm

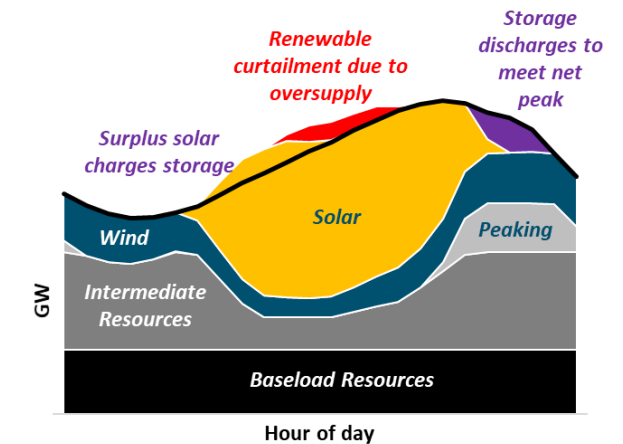
+ Old Paradigm: CCGT/CT is marginal resource

- ~ 60% Variable
- Planning grid for peak capacity
- Focus on efficient grid dispatch
- **Value of EE is reduced marginal cost and emissions of fossil generation**



+ New Paradigm: Solar and storage is marginal resource

- ~ 90% fixed cost
- Planning grid for to meet a given GHG target
- Focus on efficient capital investment and reliable grid operation with renewables and DER
- **Value of EE is reducing the total portfolio cost to meet a given GHG target**



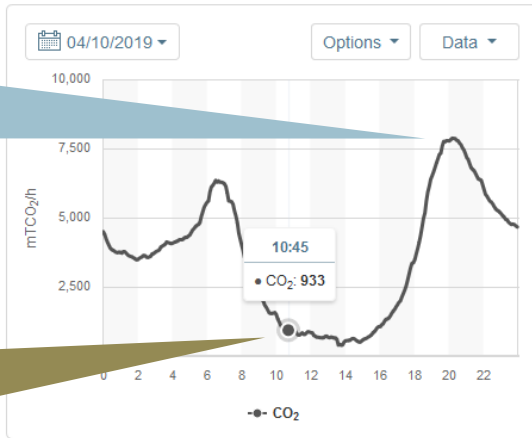
EE can avoid investment in solar and storage



GHG emissions framework for EE and electrification

Marginal emissions

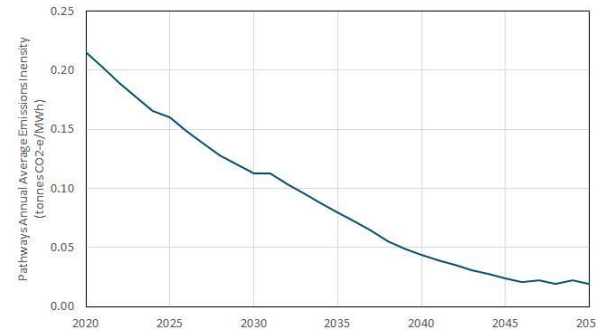
Load shape matters, saving energy on-peak...



... saves more GHG than in the middle of the day

+ Implementing EE reduces short-run marginal grid emissions

Emissions intensity



+ Over long-run grid emission intensity declines to meet GHG goal

Portfolio rebalancing



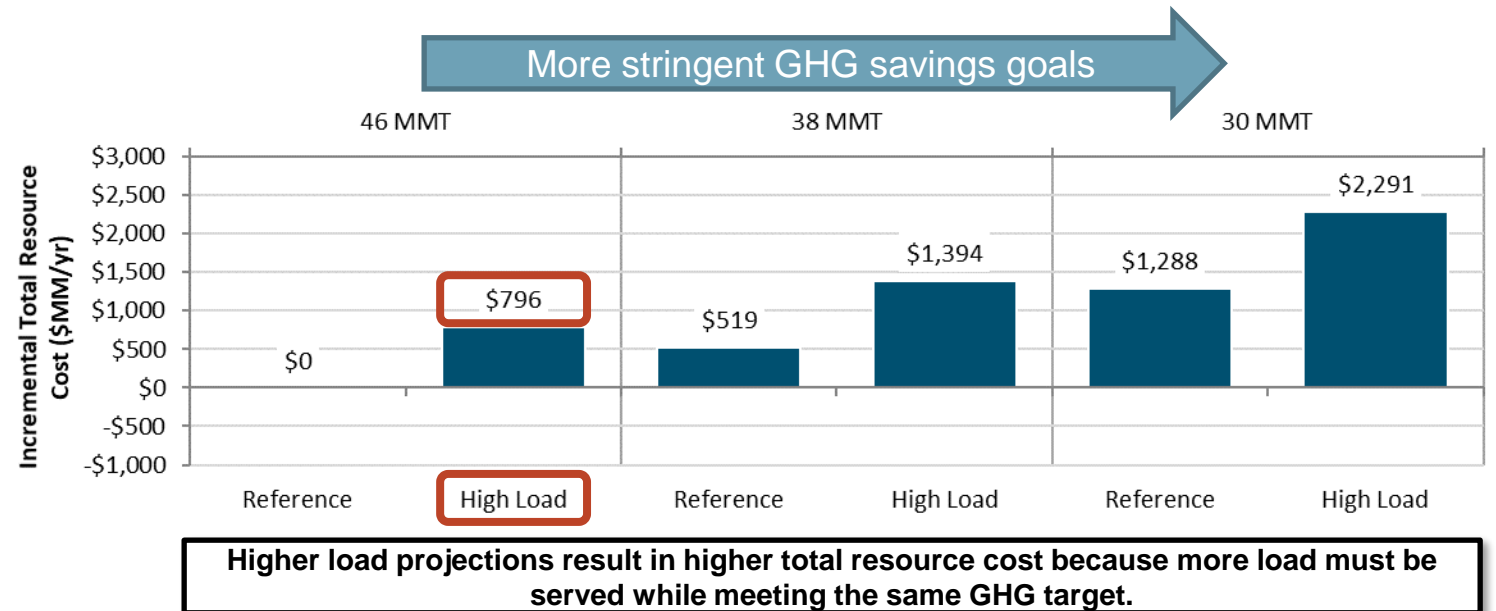
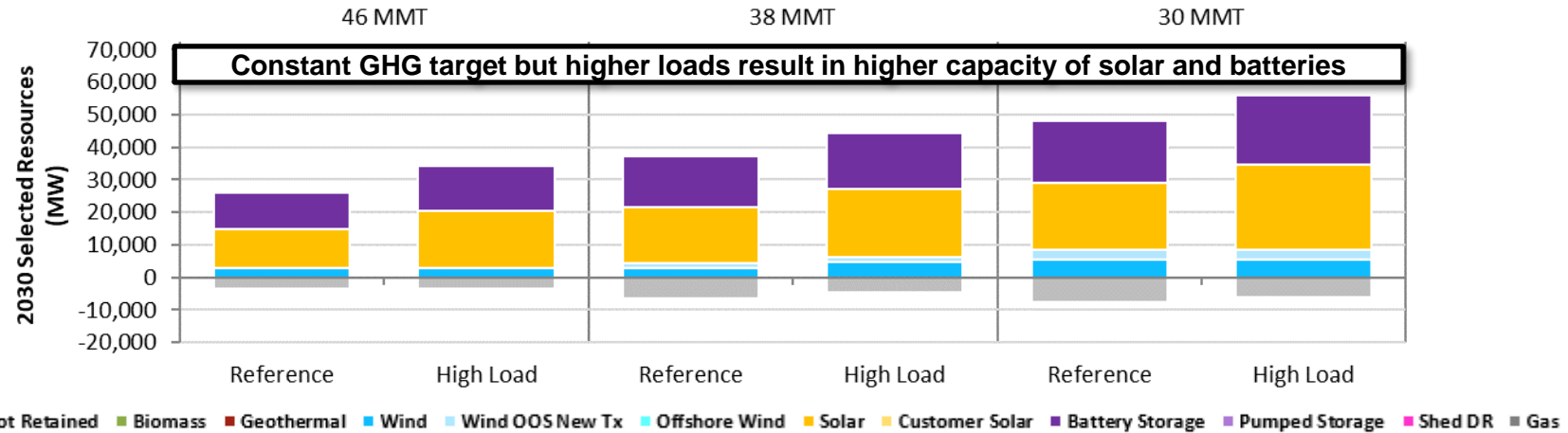
+ Planned resource portfolio rebalanced regularly to meet grid emissions intensity target

GHG target will be met, but portfolio cost will be lower with energy efficiency and electrification



Value of EE – Lower portfolio cost to meet GHG target

- + CPUC 2019 Integrated Resource Plan Proceeding
- + Compare ‘Reference Plan’ with high load sensitivity
- + High load increases portfolio cost by \$800 Million/year in 46 MMT case



Impact of Load Shape (illustrated with EVs)

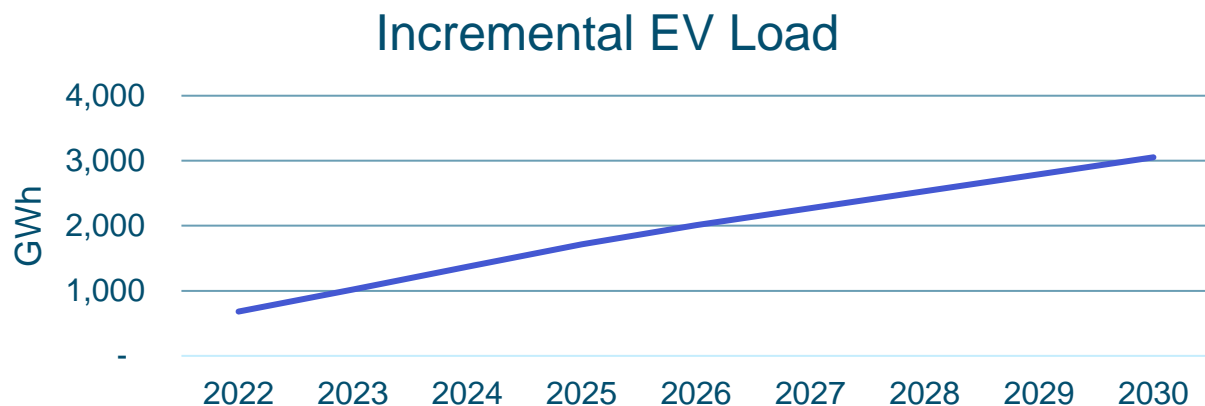


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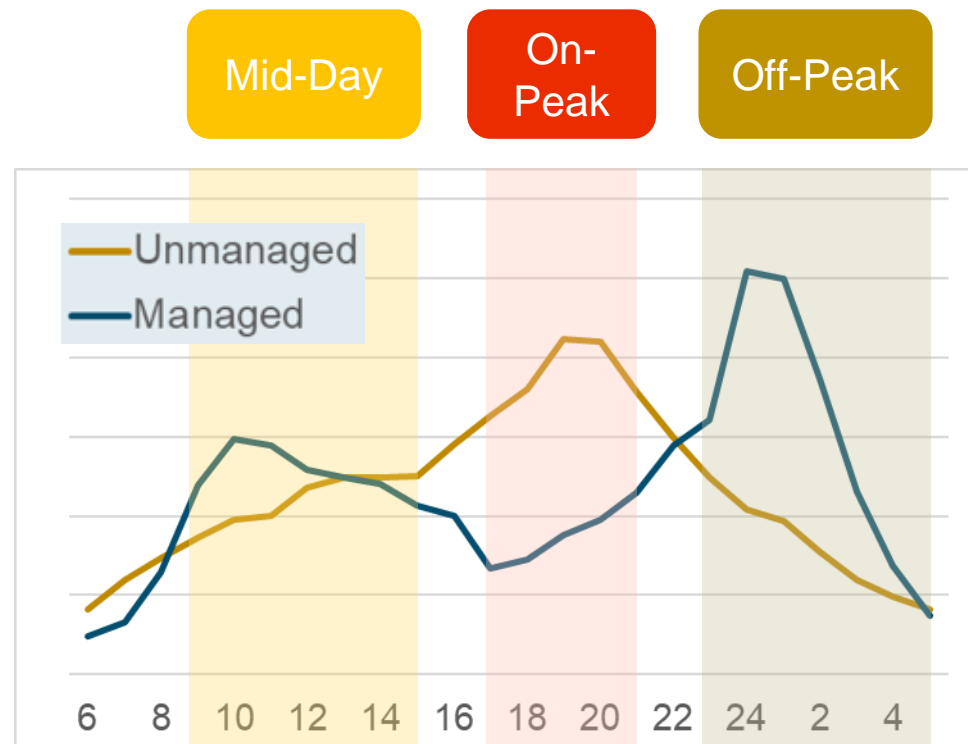


2019-2020 CPUC IRP modeling of EV load

- + IRP models least-cost portfolio to meet reliability and clean energy targets
- + 38 MMT Preferred System Plan (PSP) including ~4 Million EVs in 2030
 - 2020 CEC IEPR Load Forecast
- + Two high EV scenarios (8 million EVs by 2030)
 - Managed Charging
 - Unmanaged charging



Light Duty Vehicle Charging Shapes

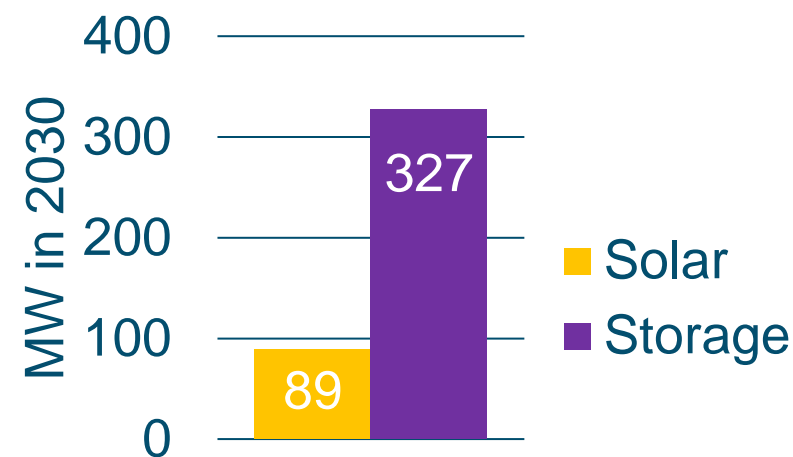
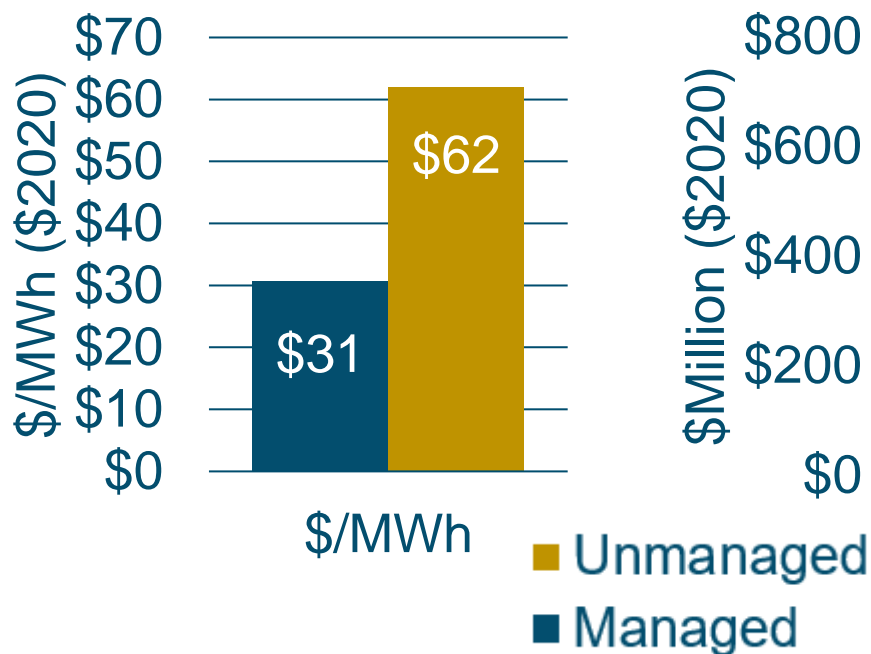


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CPUC IRP - Incremental cost of high EV scenario

- + Calculate incremental cost of high EV scenario above preferred system plan through 2030 (\$2020)
 - Utility Revenue Requirement (RRQ)
- + With managed load shape, incremental cost is \$323 million at a levelized cost of \$31/MWh
- + With unmanaged load shape, costs double to \$652 million at a levelized cost of \$62/MWh
- + Unmanaged load shape requires additional 89 MW of solar and 327 MW of storage in 2030



Additional solar and storage required in 2030 for unmanaged EV charging shape

Thank You

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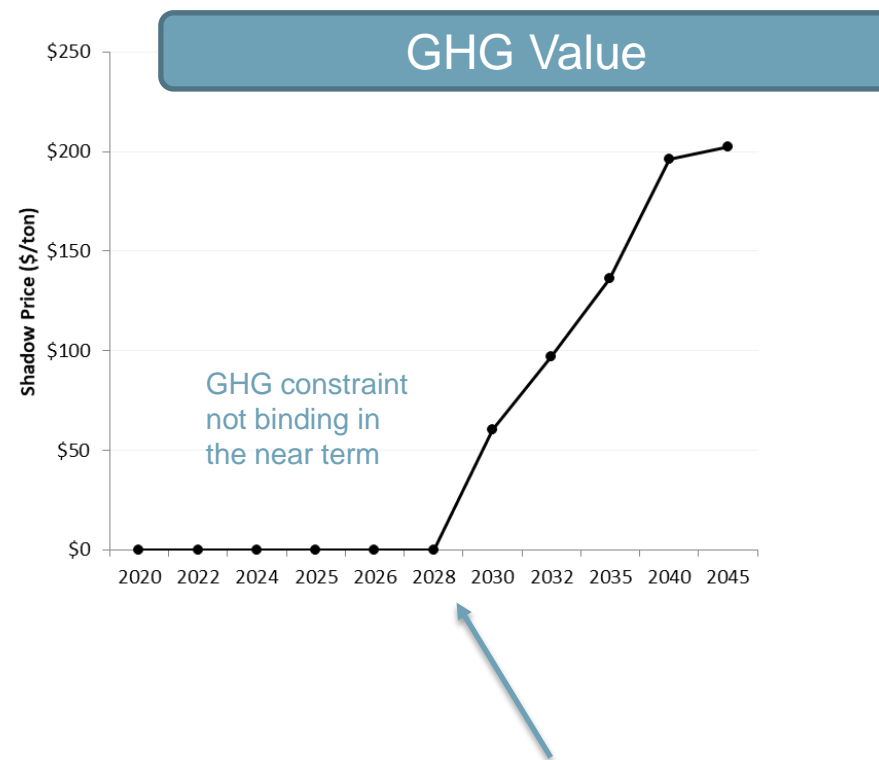
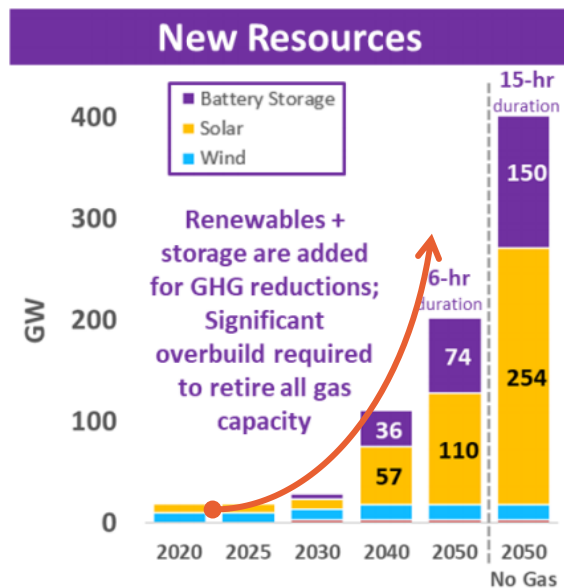
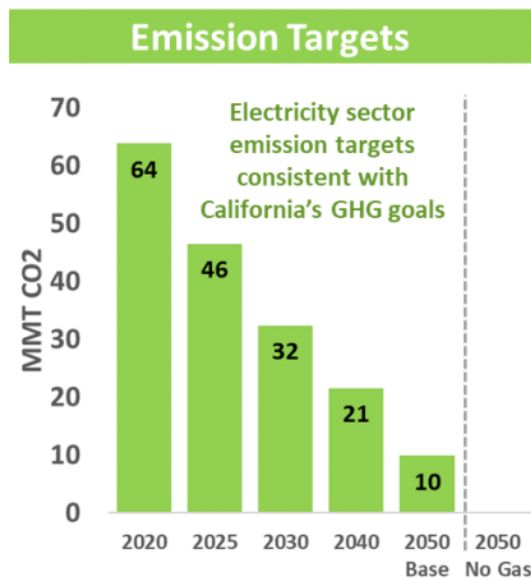
Translating to \$/Ton



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Translating IRP modeling to \$/ton value



- + Marginal solar + storage resource cost in capacity expansion modeling sets the 'shadow price' for GHG emissions (When GHG targets are 'binding')
- + Shadow price for GHG tends to be low in near-term because renewables in resource portfolio exceed near-term GHG (and clean energy) targets



2020 CPUC GHG Avoided Cost Value

