
Now Comes the Hard Part: Making California's Clean Energy Future a Reality

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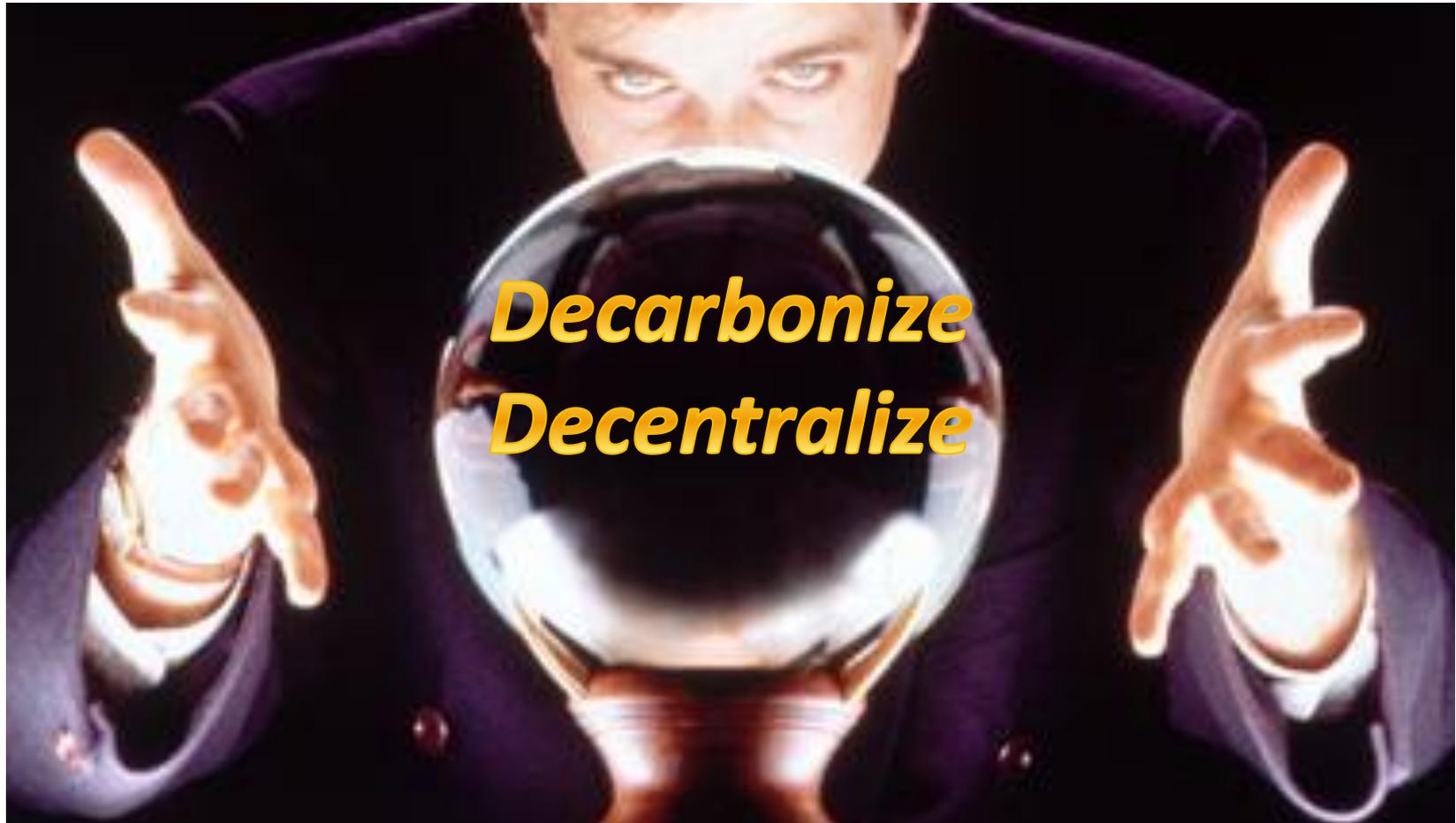
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What is the future of the electricity industry?

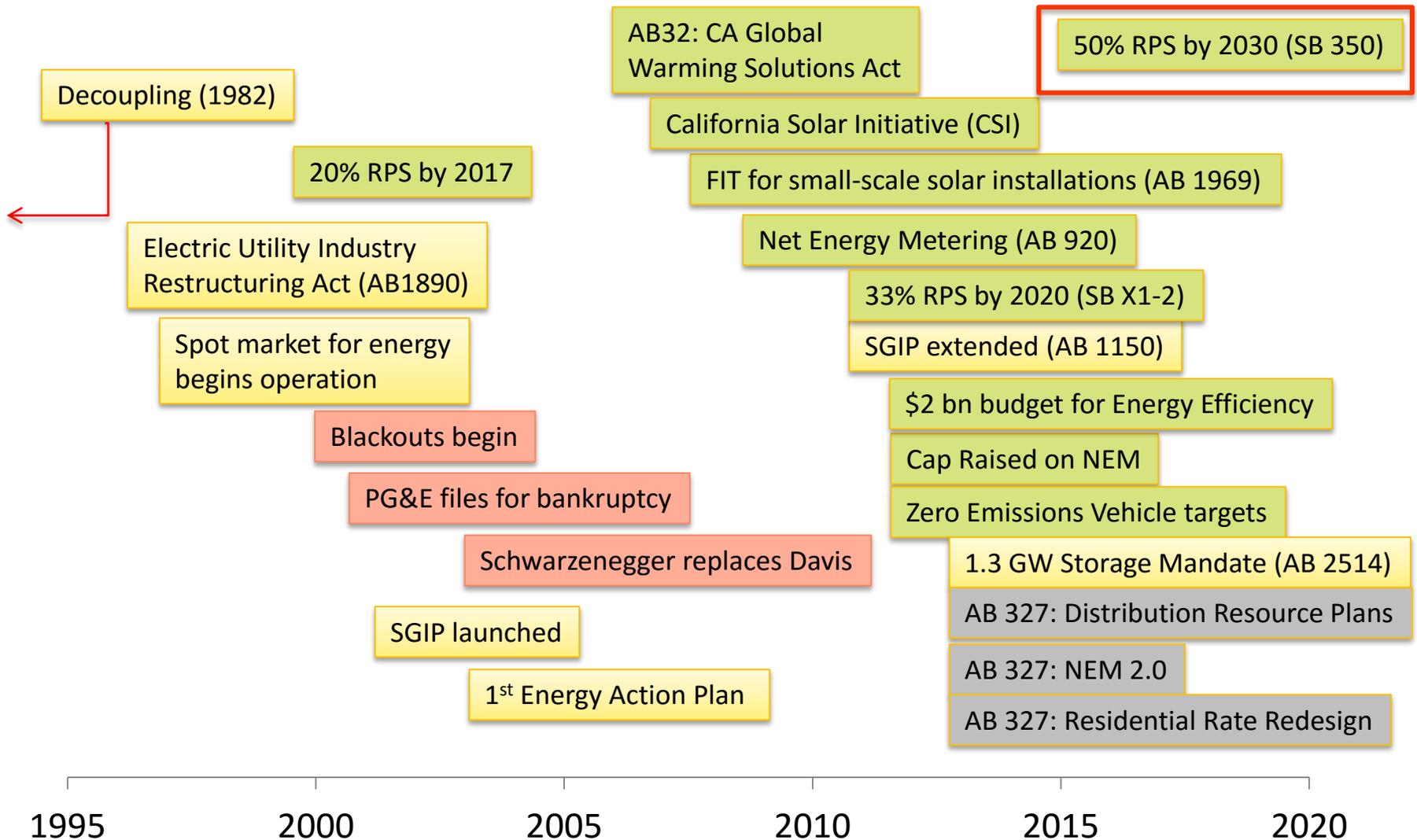


SB 350: Clean Energy and Pollution Reduction Act of 2015



- Increase Renewable Portfolio Standard from 33% to **50% by 2030**
- **Double energy efficiency** in buildings
- Encourage increased investments in **transportation electrification**, including charging infrastructure
- Begin transition for the California ISO to become a multi-state **western regional transmission** organization

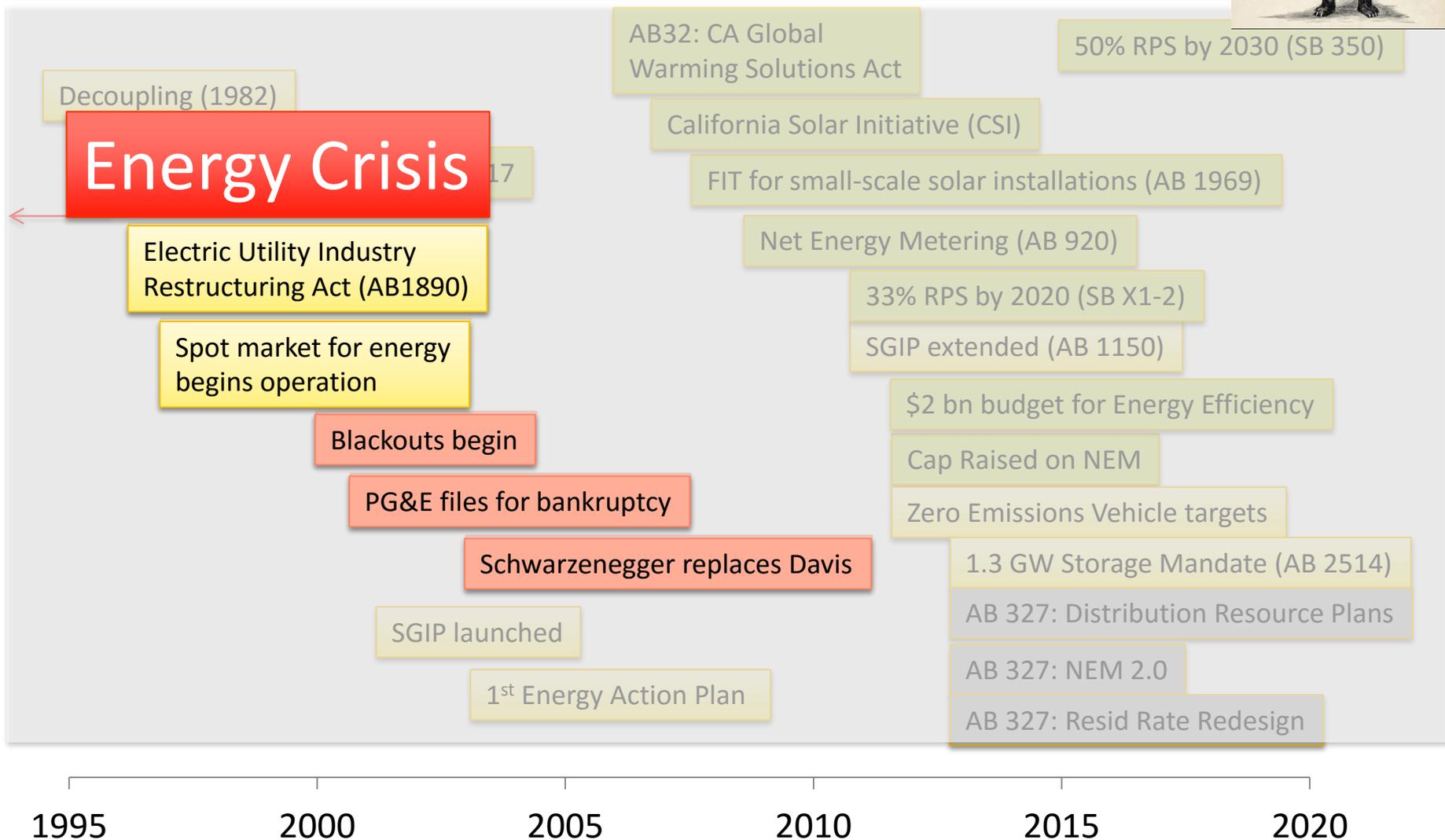
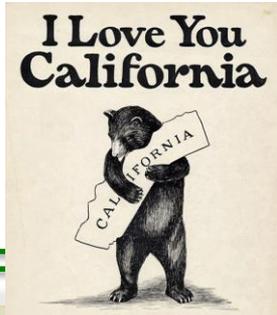
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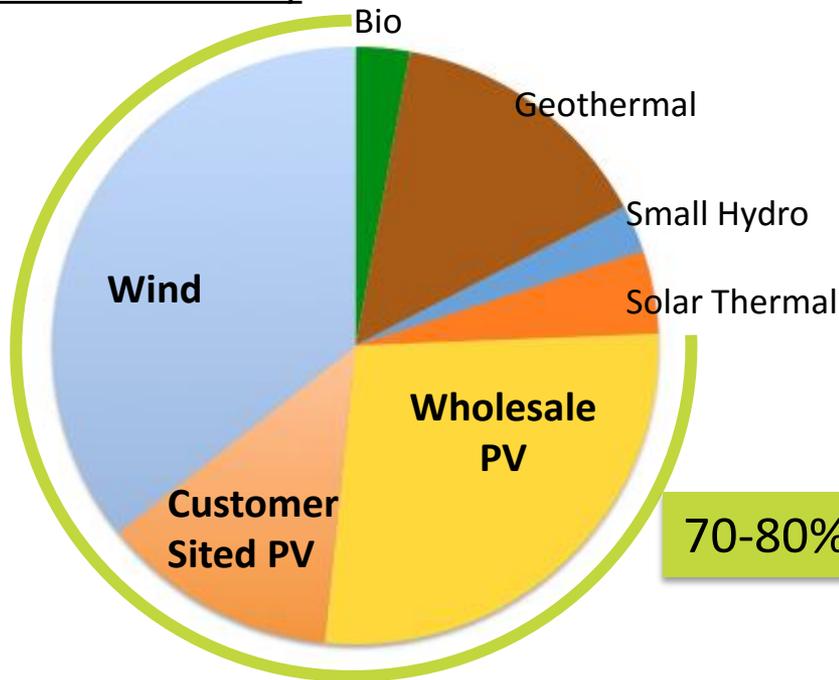
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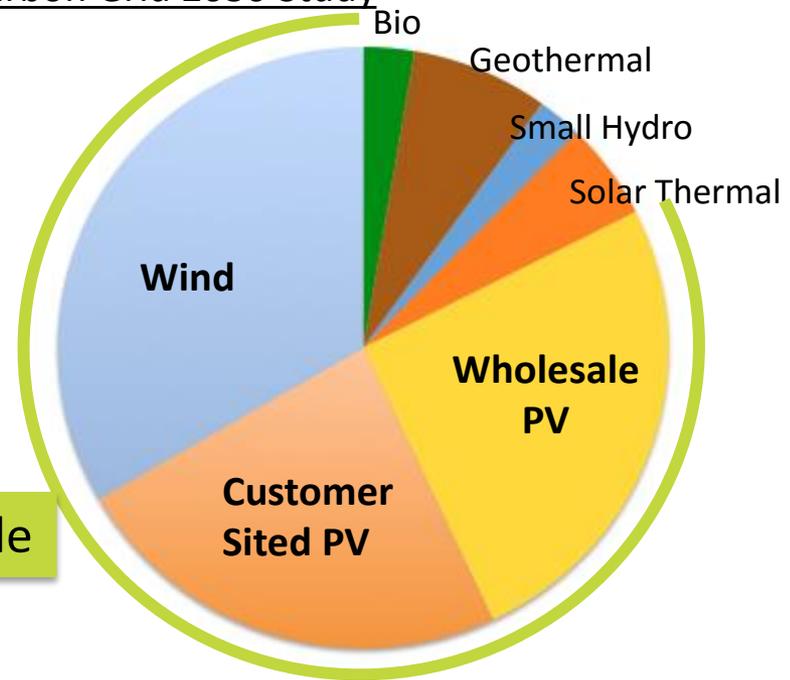
50% Renewable penetration will involve substantial Variable Resources

Alternative Renewable Energy Mixes in 2030

E3 PATHWAYS Study



Low Carbon Grid 2030 Study

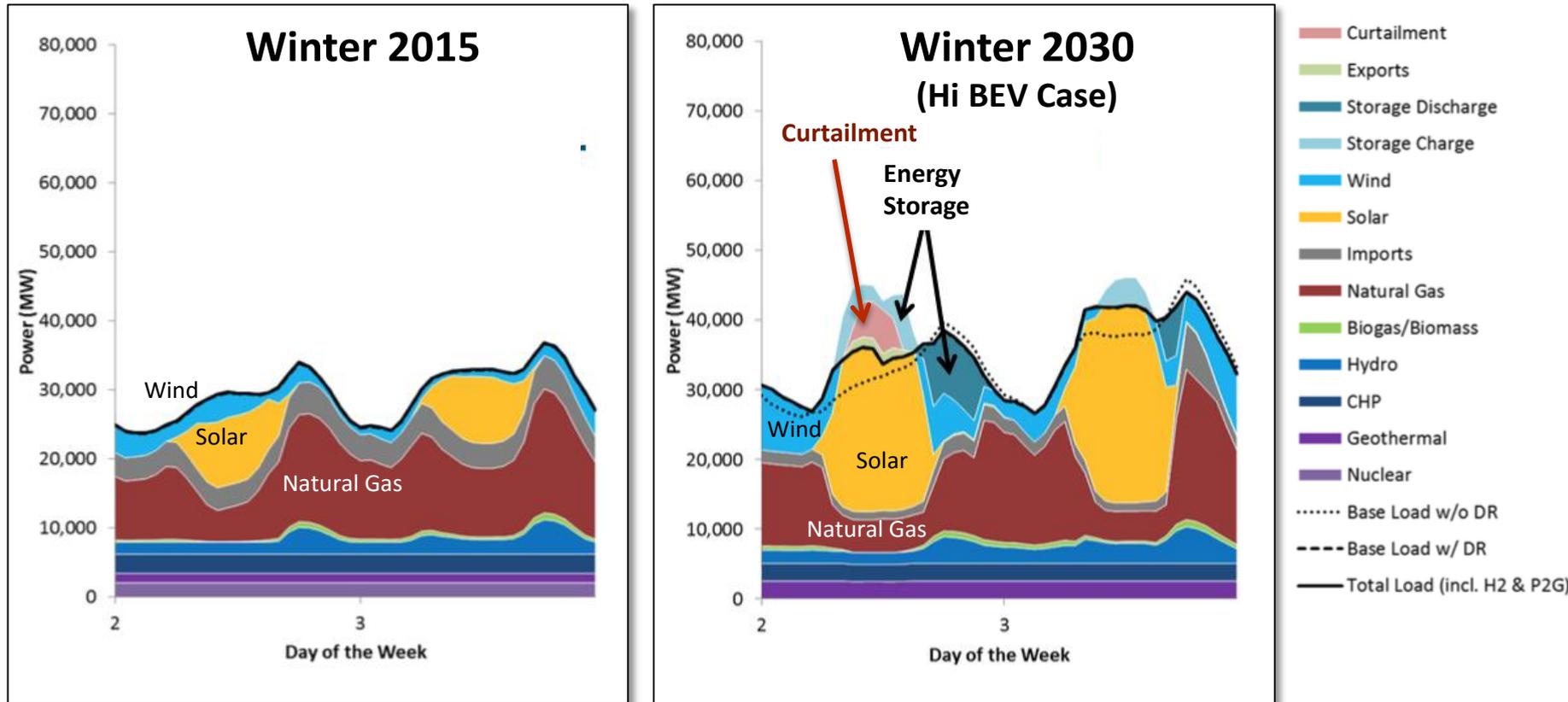


Source: E3 PATHWAYS Study, 2014
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Source: Low Carbon Grid 2030 Study, 2014: <http://lowcarbongrid2030.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/LCGS-Phase-I-Results-Summary-Slides.pdf>

The management of a 50% Renewable portfolio is considerably more complex

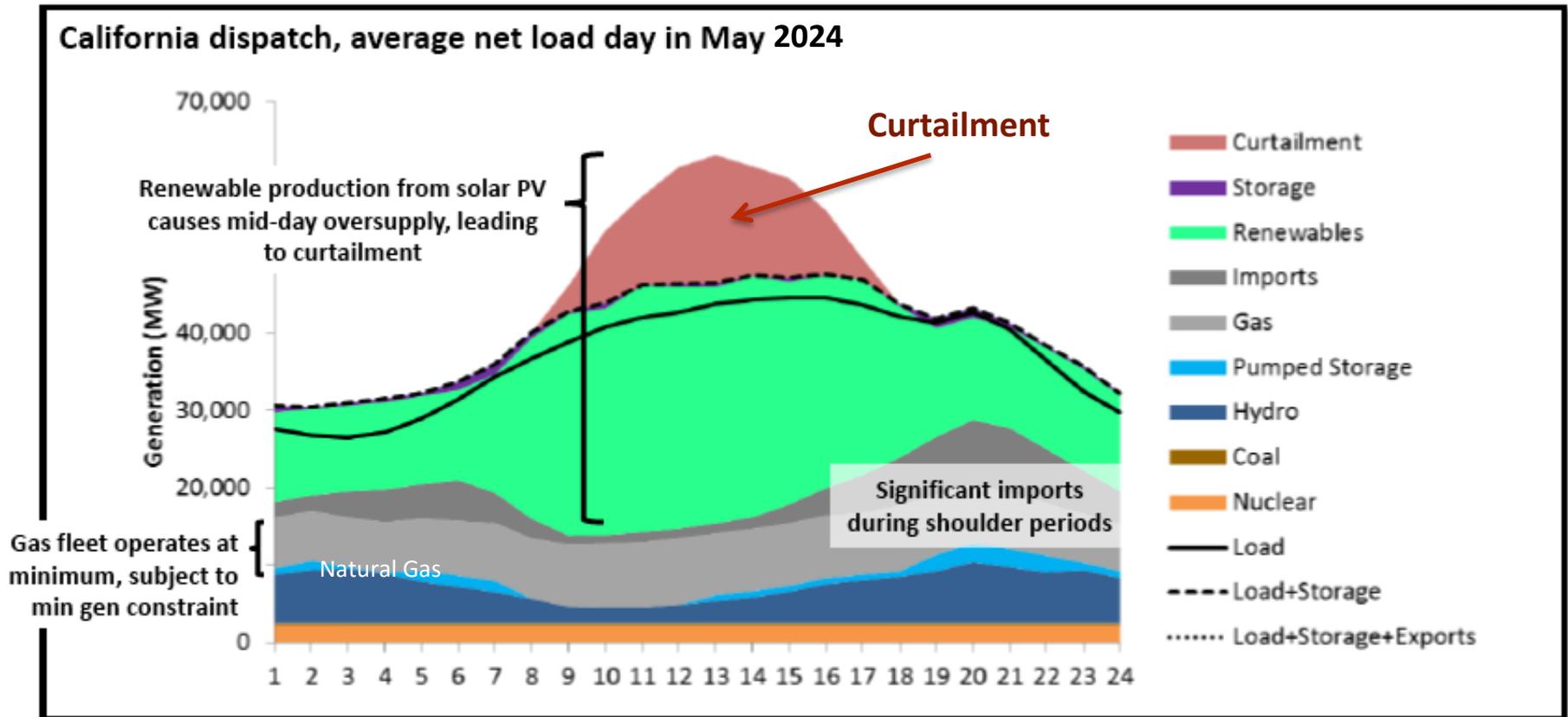
Energy Dispatch Stacks



Source: E3 PATHWAYS Study, 2014

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High renewable penetration may lead to substantial amounts of curtailment



Renewable Penetration: 50%
(% of load)

Renewable Curtailment: 8.7%
(% of annual renewables)

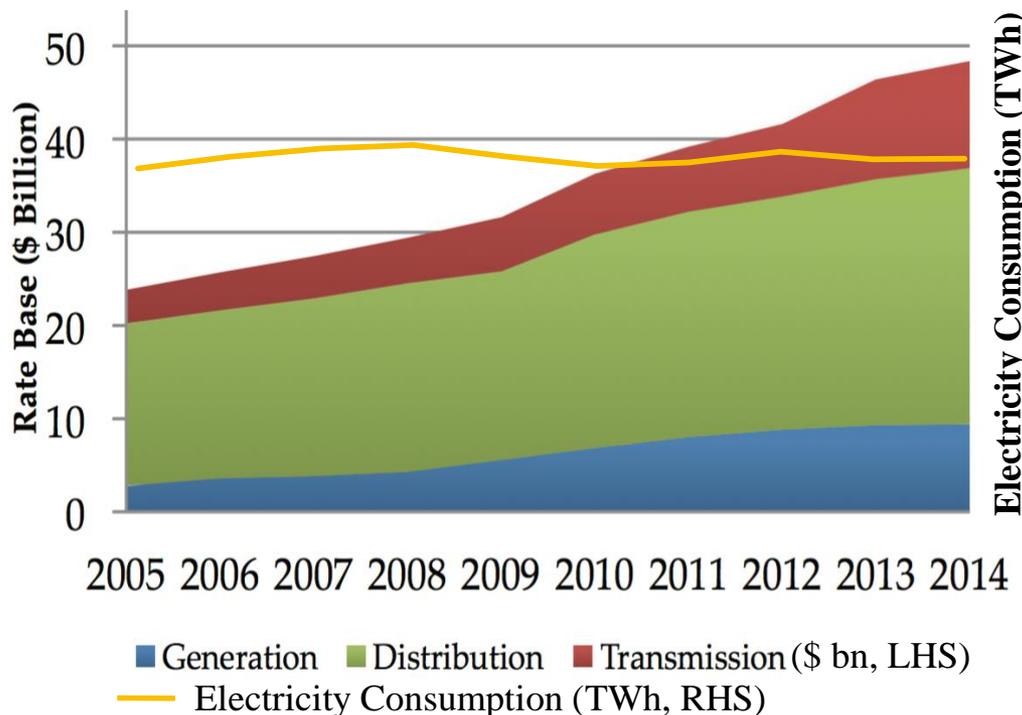
Curtailment Frequency: 20%
(% of hours per year)

Source: E3/NREL, Western Interconnection Flexibility Assessment, October 30 2015

http://westernenergyboard.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/10/10-30-15_CREPC-SPSC-WIRAB_schlag-olson_E3_flex_assessment.pdf

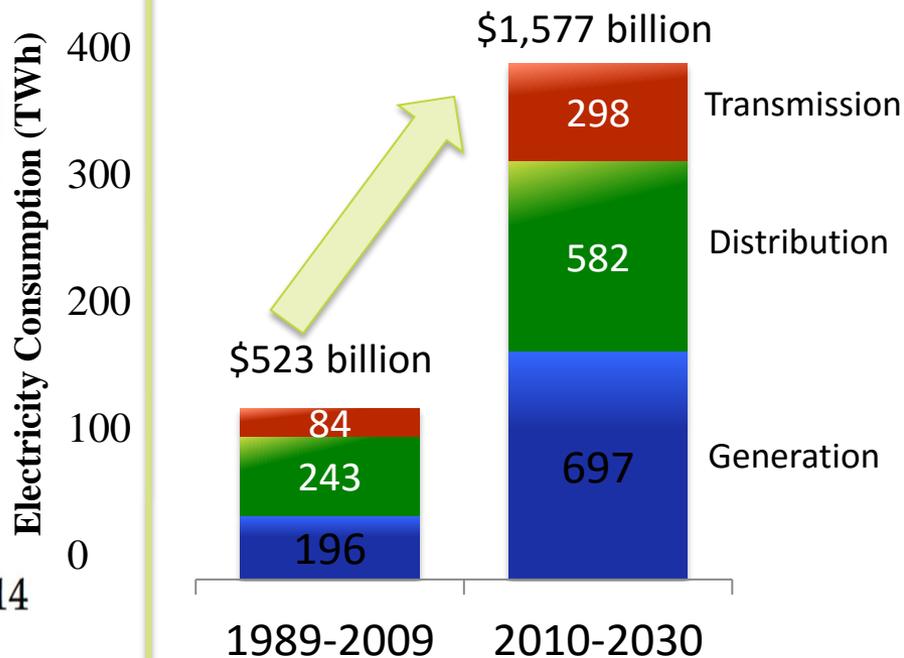
Investment in grid “assets” is expensive and growing

Historical Growth in California Utility Rate Base vs Electricity Consumption



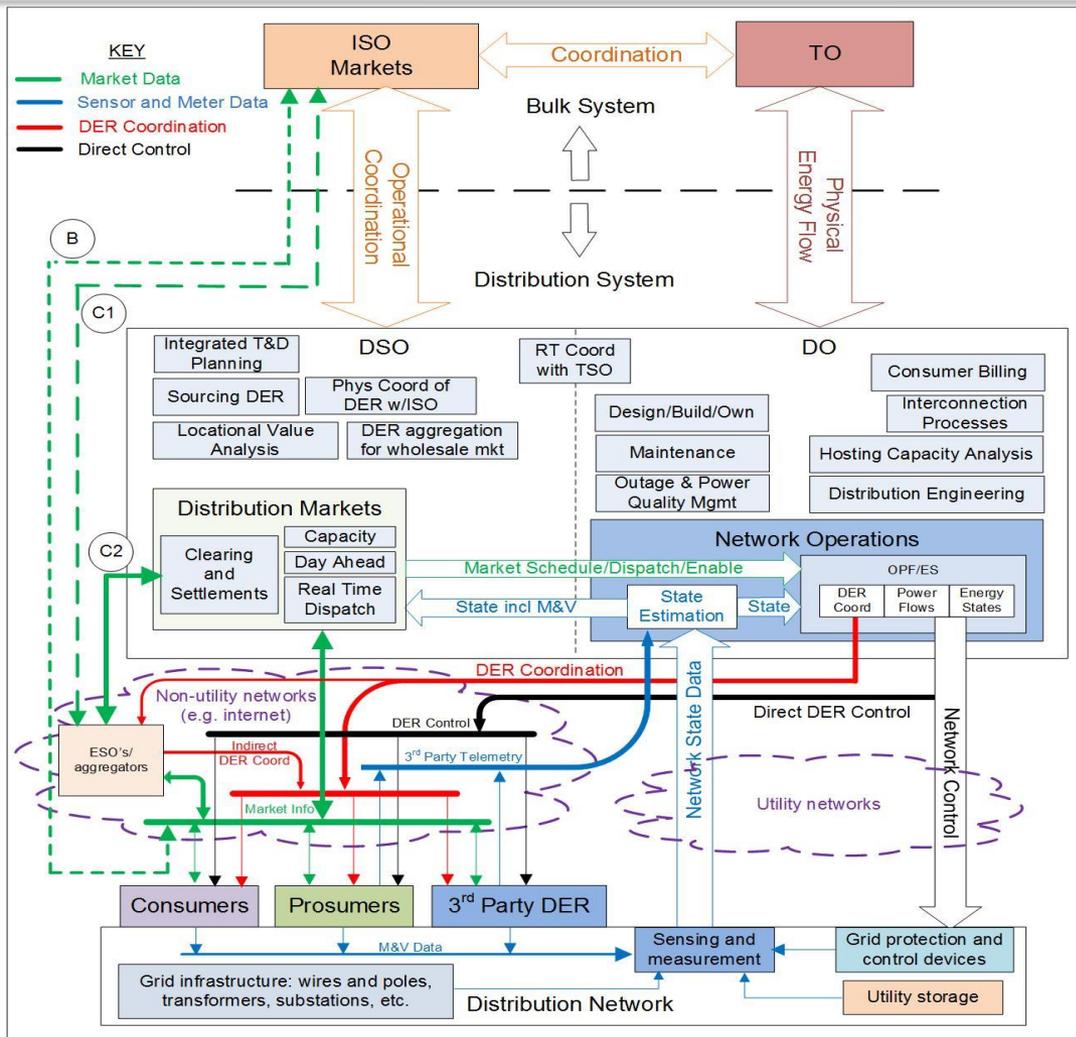
Source: CPUC, Electric and Gas Cost Utility Report, April 2015; California Energy Commission

Projected Growth in US Grid Investments



Source: “Transforming America’s Power Industry: The Investment Challenge 2010–2030”, Chupka et al., Brattle for EEI, 2008
http://www.edisonfoundation.net/iei/Documents/Transforming_Americas_Power_Industry.pdf

Much greater complexity for the Transmission & Distribution grid



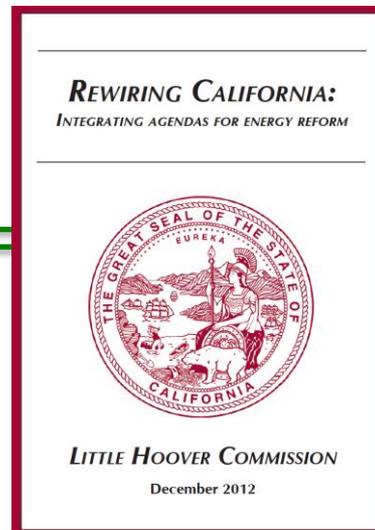
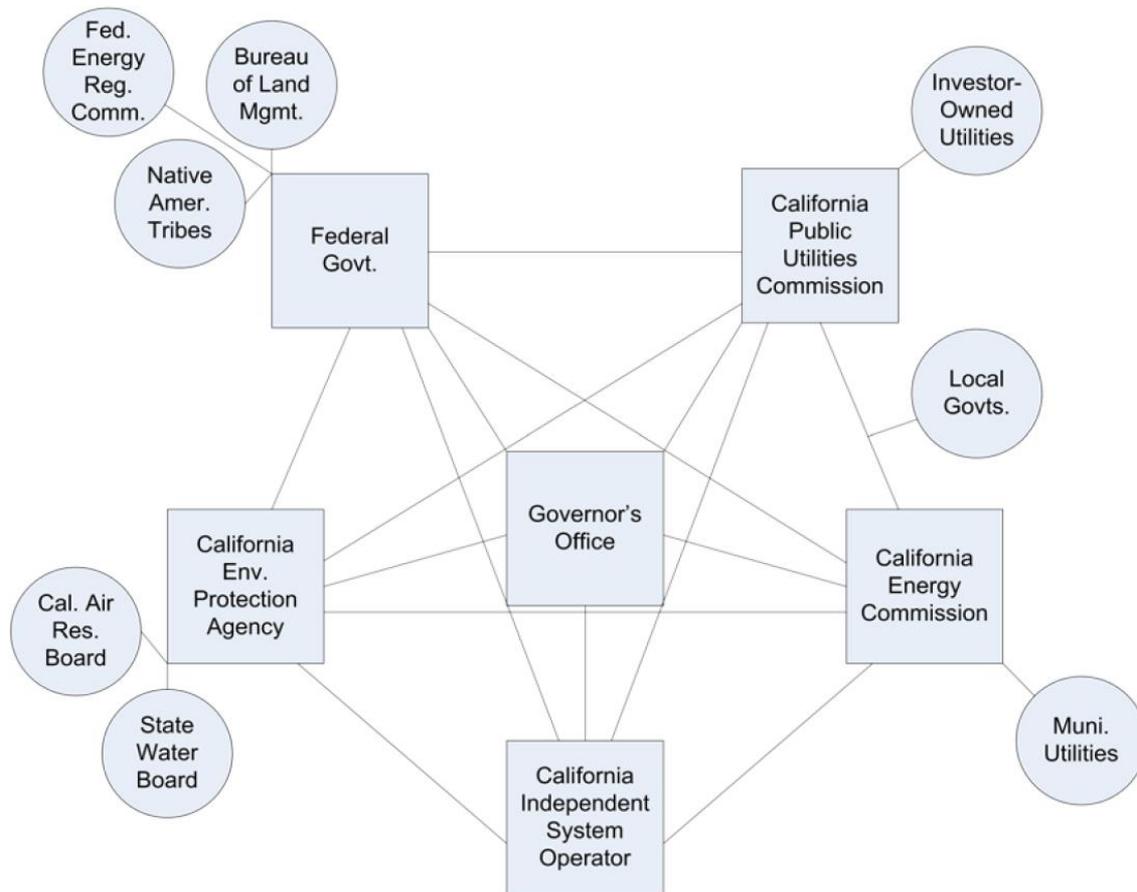
Complex structure and coordinated set of interactions required between wholesale/transmission operations and distribution level operations for a high Distributed Energy Resource (DER) system.

This complex structure is already in operation and developing in several US states and countries

There are significant scaling issues that need to be addressed in a more distributed future

Institutional environment is disjointed and inflexible

Organizations Coordinating on Electricity in California



Navigating the regulatory maze is daunting

CPUC Proceedings impacted by R.16-02-007

“...this proceeding will serve as a kind of “umbrella” for our work in a number of other [37] related proceedings, including, but not necessarily limited to, those indicated”

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| Greenhouse Gas Proceeding for Electric Utilities | R.11-03-012 |
| Greenhouse Gas Proceeding for Gas Utilities | R.14-03-003 |
| Greenhouse Gas Outreach Issues | A.13-08-026; A.13-08-027; A.13-09-001; A.13-09-002; A.13-09-003 |
| 2014 Long Term Procurement Plan Proceeding | R.13-12-010 |
| Resource Adequacy Requirements | R.14-10-010 |
| Joint Reliability Plan | R.14-02-001 |
| Energy Efficiency | R.13-11-005 |
| Demand Response and Advanced Metering | R.13-09-011 |
| Energy Savings Assistance and California Alternative Rates for Energy Programs | A.14-11-007; A.14-11-009; A.14-11-010; A.14-11-011 |
| Low Income Programs and Budgets | A.15-02-001; A.15-02-002; A.15-02-003; A.15-02-013; A.15-02-024; A.15-02-004 |
| Distribution Level Interconnection Rules and Regulations | R.11-09-011 |
| Evaluation of Integrated Distributed Energy Resource Programs | R.14-10-003 |
| Distribution Resources Plan (Rulemaking and Applications) | R.14-08-013; A.15-07-002; A.15-07-003; A.15-07-005; A.15-07-006; A.15-07-007; A.15-07-008 |
| California Solar Initiative and Distributed Generation | R.12-11-005 |
| Further Development of Renewables Portfolio Standard Program | R.15-02-020 |
| Alternative-Fueled Vehicle Programs | R.13-11-007 |
| Energy Storage | R.15-03-011 |
| Water-Energy Nexus | R.13-12-011 |
| Net Energy Metering | R.14-07-002 |

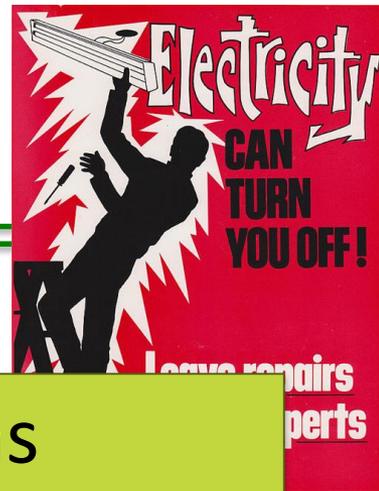
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What could possibly go **right**?



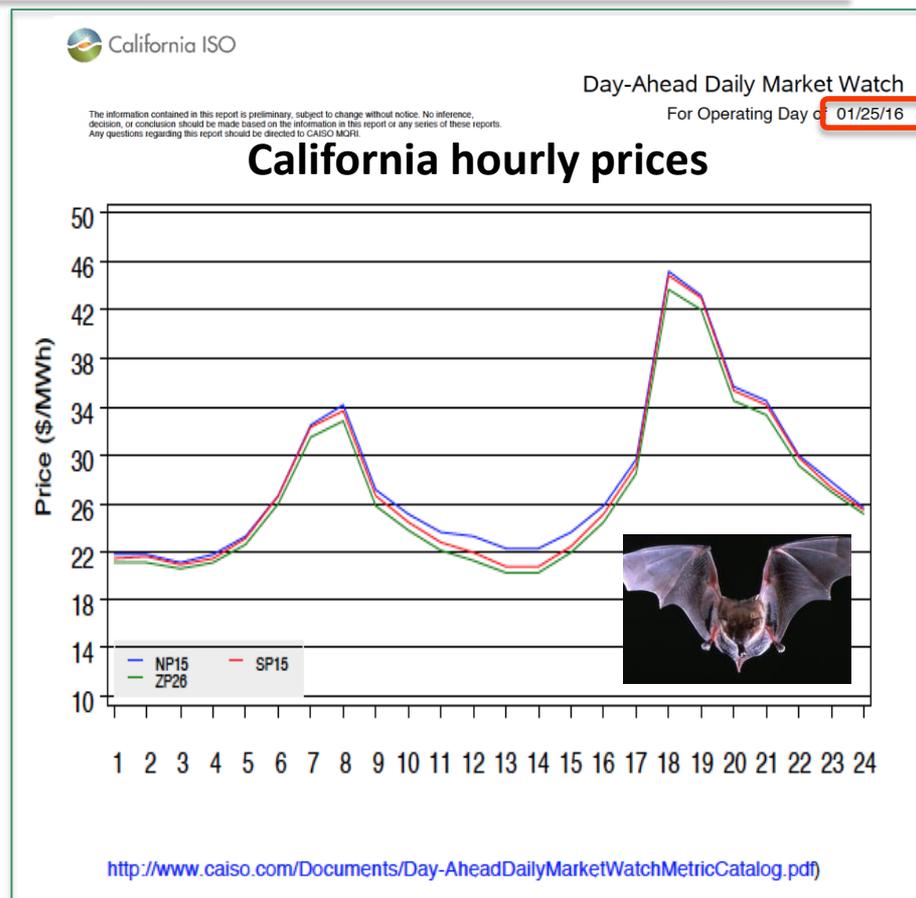
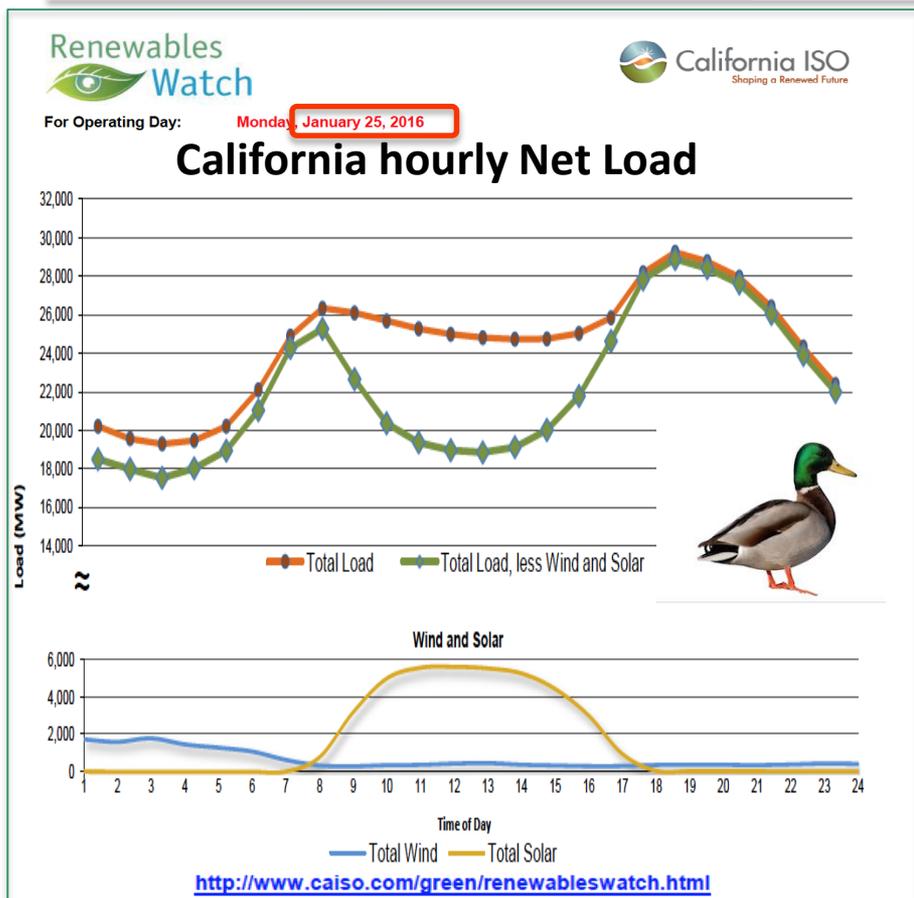
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Solutions

1. Price signals
2. Demand Management
3. Interconnection
4. Storage
5. Transportation Fuel Switching
6. Infrastructure as a Service
7. Public (and private) institutional reform

Align price signals with system needs



- Short-term price differentials (and volatility) may not provide a long-term investment signal
- Customers may not always respond economically

Aligning Time of Use Rates with Grid Conditions

Grid Conditions

- Over-generation and real-time negative energy prices will increase as more variable renewable resources are integrated into the system.

TOU Rates

- Super Off-Peak Prices during periods of over-generation
- Super Peak Prices during heavy ramping periods

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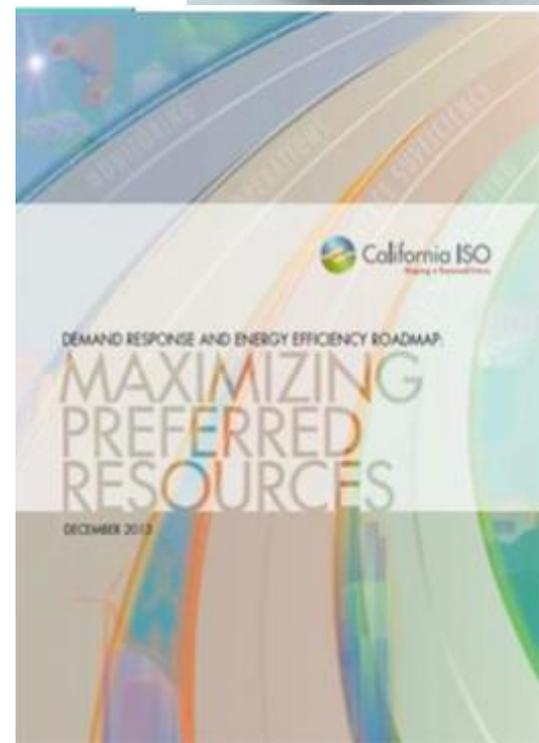


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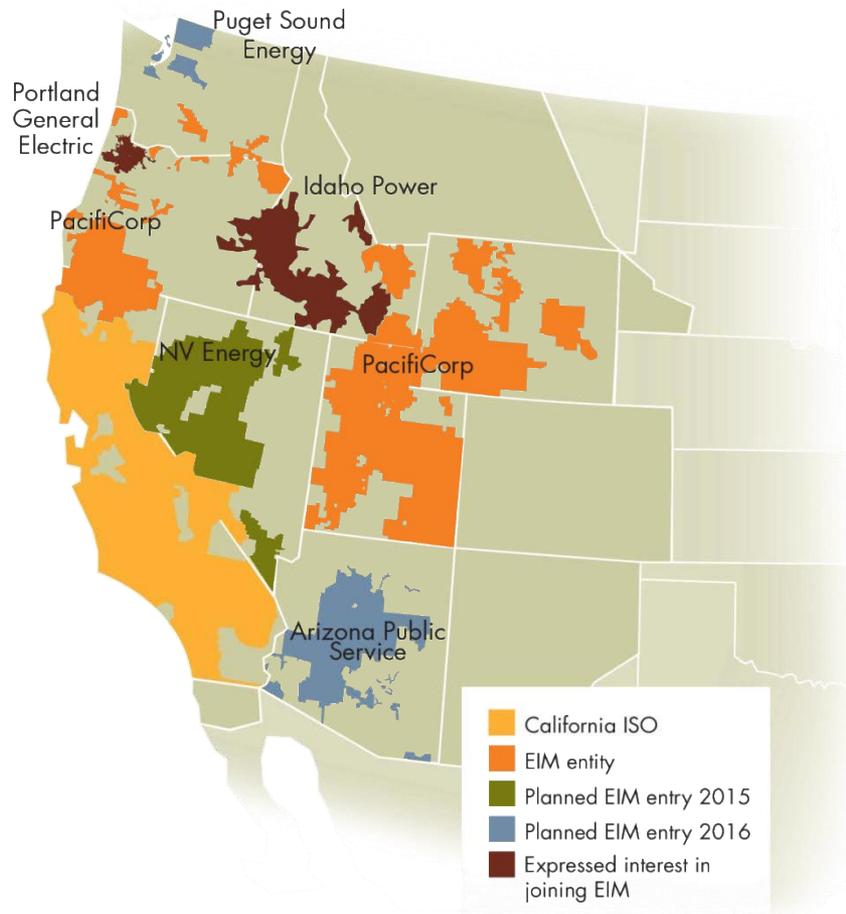


Expand Targeted Energy Efficiency and Advanced Demand Response

- Flexible loads reduce renewable overbuild
- EE can be targeted at specific locations but biggest impact may be on time-of-day
- Automation must play a critical role
- Many different market solutions including ISO's rule allowing aggregators to bid into the wholesale market
- Many potential variations to the business model for utilities and third parties



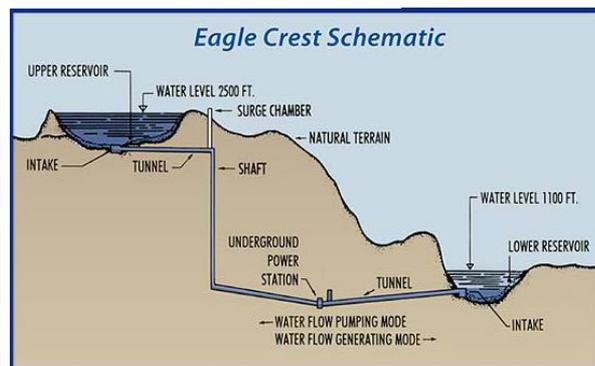
California can accelerate carbon reduction in the West by regionalizing the grid



- West-wide coordination enables increased reduction in carbon emissions
- Consumers across region will save millions of dollars per year
- A larger region benefits renewable integration
- PacifiCorp wants to join the ISO balancing area. Next steps:
 1. Determine policy and tariff changes required in new states
 2. Seek necessary authorizations from regulatory entities in host states
 3. Plan and implement software and market design changes
 4. Determine appropriate Governance changes

Storage is a game changer

- Not just batteries!
- The greatest need is for longer-duration storage
- Focus on value stacking, not just cost reduction



Source: Eagle Mountain Energy, Inc: <http://eaglemountainenergy.net>

ENERGY STORAGE VALUES VARY DRAMATICALLY ACROSS LEADING STUDIES

ISO/RTO SERVICES

Energy Arbitrage
Frequency Regulation
Spin / Non-Spin Reserves
Voltage Support
Black Start

UTILITY SERVICES

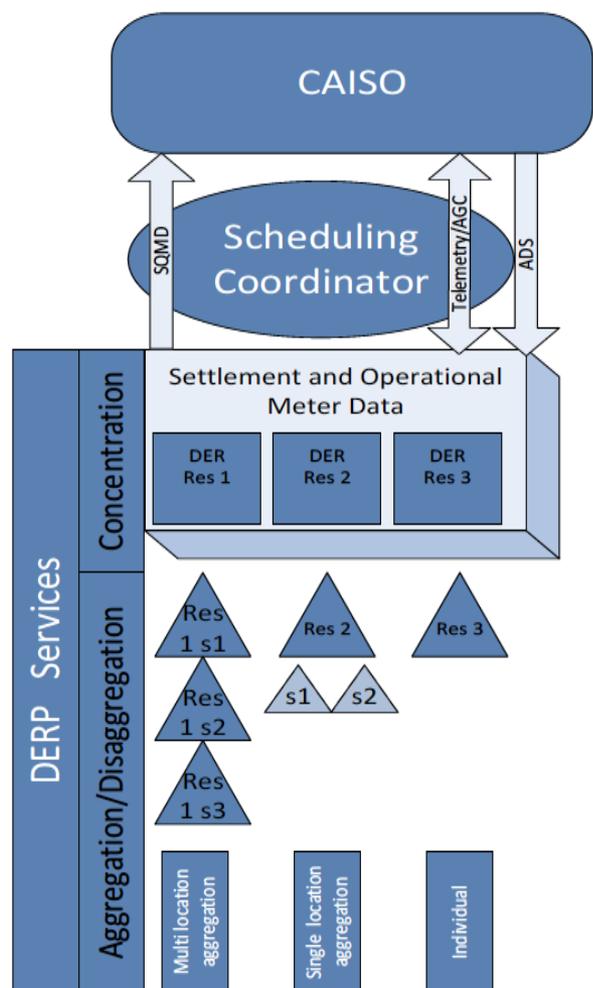
Resource Adequacy
Distribution Deferral
Transmission Congestion Relief
Transmission Deferral

CUSTOMER SERVICES

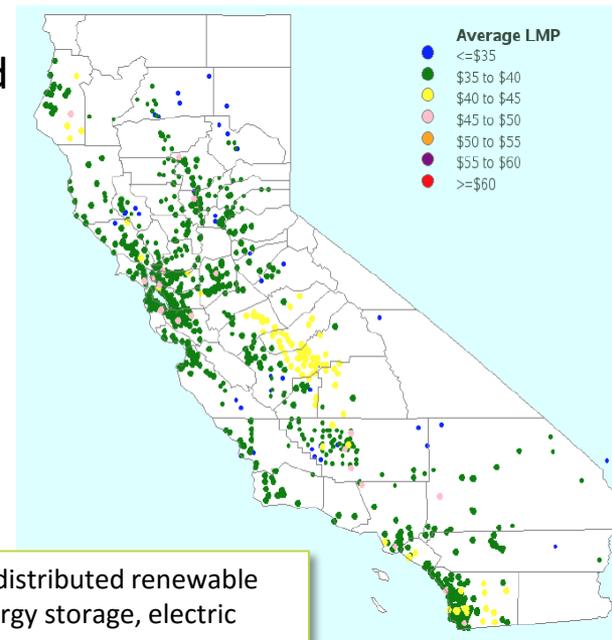
Time-of-Use Bill Management
Increased PV Self-Consumption
Demand Charge Reduction
Backup Power

Source: Rocky Mountain Institute. The Economics Of Battery Energy Storage: How Multi-Use, Customer-Sited Batteries Deliver The Most Services And Value To Customers And The Grid www.rmi.org/electricity_battery_value

Creating access for Distributed Energy Resources to new Revenue Streams



- ESDER enables distribution connected resources to participate in the ISO market
- Allows aggregations of distribution connect resources to participate as a single market resource
- Includes resources connected behind or in front of the end-use customer meter
- Avoids having each sub-resource engaged in a direct metering relationship with the ISO
- Consistent with development of a Distribution System Operator



DER, “distributed energy resources” means distributed renewable generation resources, energy efficiency, energy storage, electric vehicles, and demand response technologies.

Switching to Electric Vehicles will reduce emissions and can help stabilize the grid

Networked EVs can provide multiple grid services

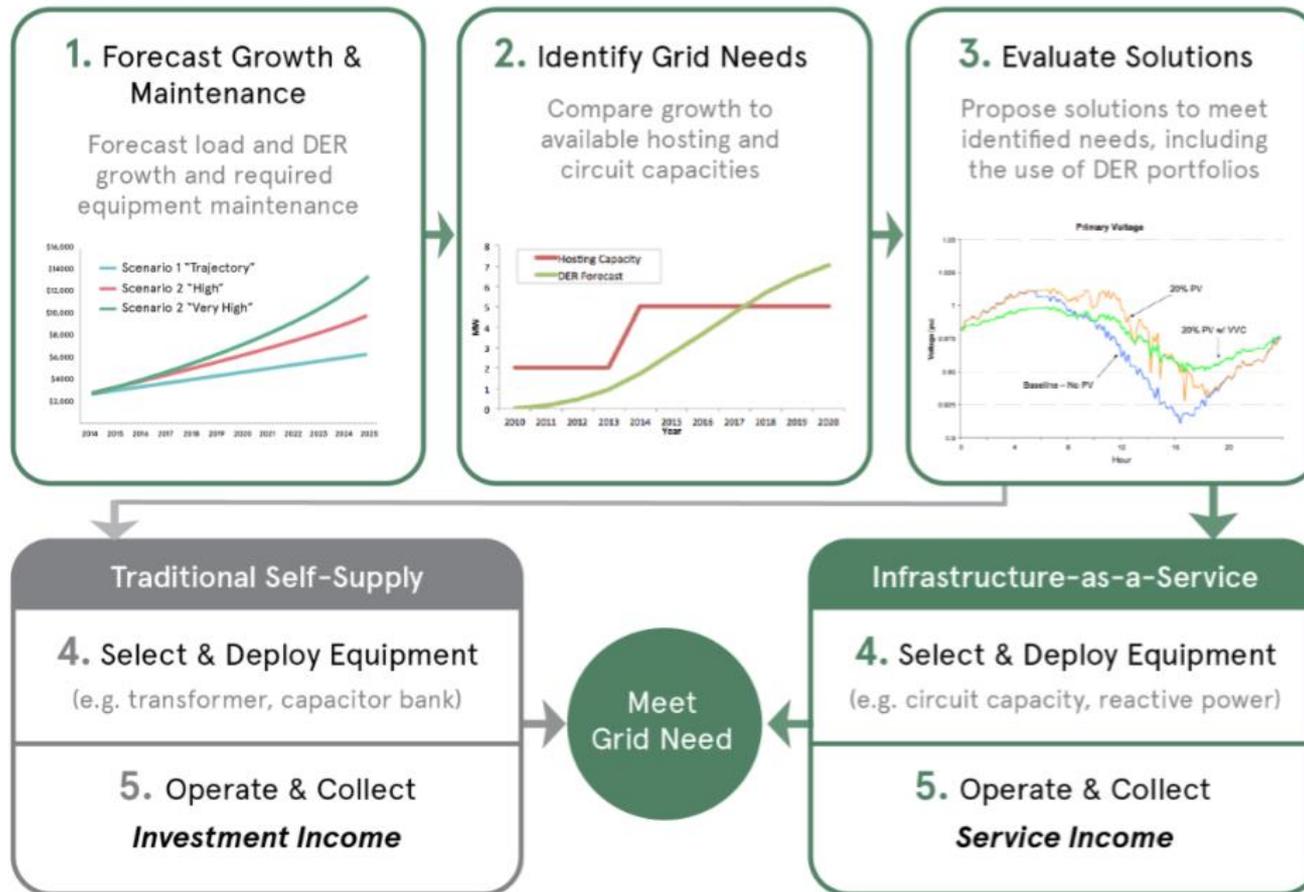
- ✓ Absorb excess generation
- ✓ Improve local power quality
- ✓ Improve grid stability
- ✓ Reduce peak power flows
- ✓ Provide emergency backup power
- ✓ Speed recovery from grid outages



Opening up compensation for these grid services will reduce the total cost of vehicle ownership and speed adoption

Infrastructure as a Service vs Rate-based “wires” assets

Utility Planning and Sourcing Utilizing Infrastructure-as-a-Service Model

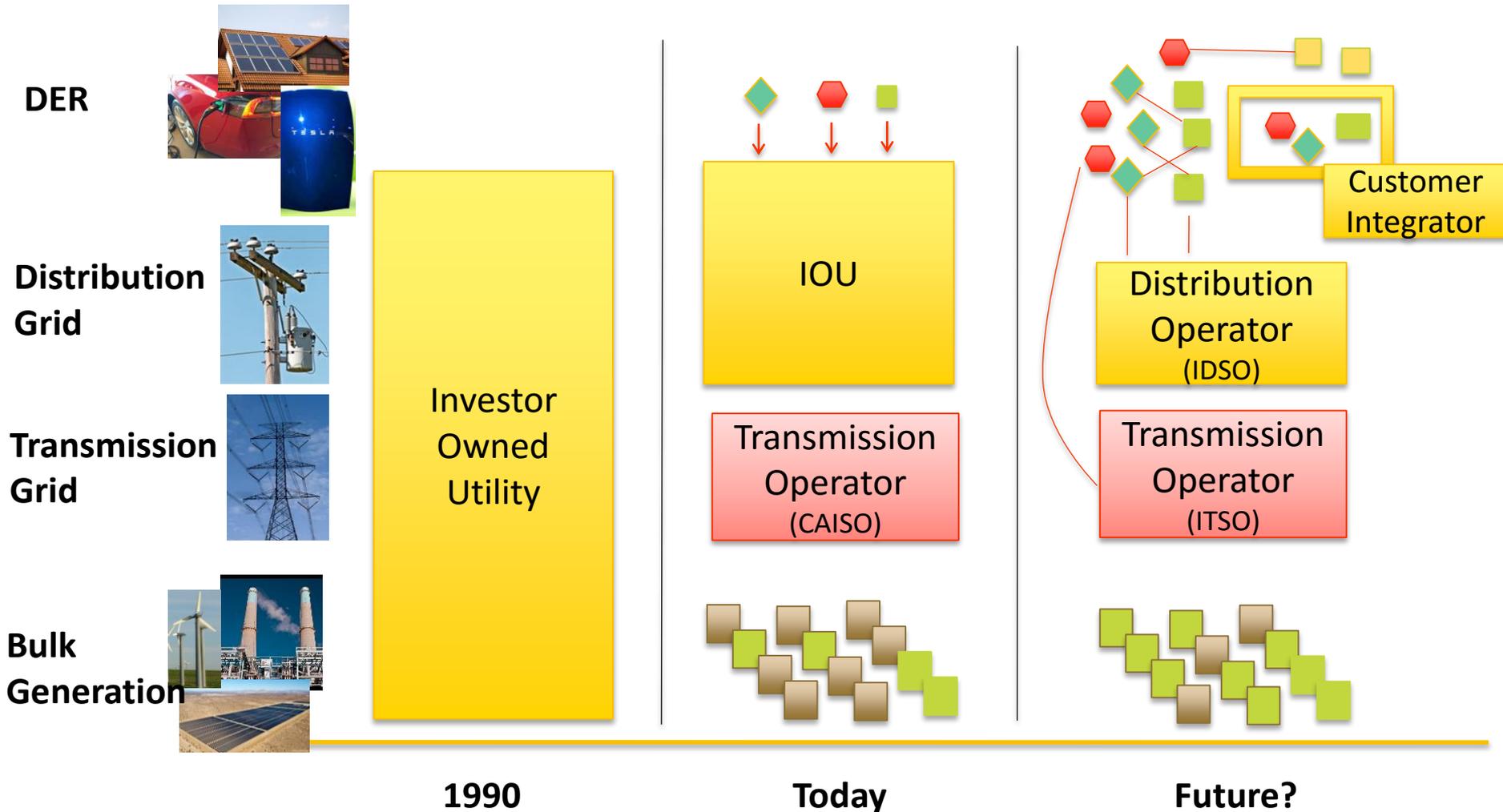
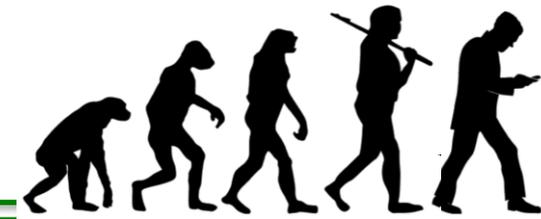


Using DERs instead of investing in Utility Infrastructure can:

- Save ratepayers money
- Promote competition
- Increase flexibility
- Encourage innovation
- Engage customers

Source: SolarCity Grid Engineering: www.solarcity.com/gridx

How might the electricity industry evolve?



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Address Institutional and Policy Barriers



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AIR RESOURCES BOARD



Regulatory and Industry Reform – Topics to address:

- Market structure and asset ownership
- Planning and operational responsibilities
- Changes to Cost of Service regulation vs Performance-based or Market-based Income
- Utility roles in providing value-added services
- Openness of utility networks
- Role of mandates vs markets
- Regulatory processes
- Coordination between energy policy agencies

✓ *Regulation must encourage new entrants*

✓ *Regulation should “support the race, but not pick winners”*

Thank you!

Questions?

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