



IACC 2023 Conference

Advancing Clean Energy and Resilience through Microgrid Project Development

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IACC Conference Presentation Agenda

1. Introductions & Clean Energy Project Background
2. Microgrid Technologies & Resilience Framework
3. Solar + Storage Feasibility Process Overview
4. Funding Resources for Project Development
7. Project Case Study Examples
8. Q&A Discussion



IACC Conference Presentation Overview



Presentation Description

As microgrid projects continue to reshape the framework for the energy grid, new technologies, funding resources and partnership models are providing key resources for new project development. This presentation provides insights into microgrid systems, technologies, standards, and case study examples to help expand access and build capacity for future project opportunities.

IACC Conference Presentation Learning Objectives

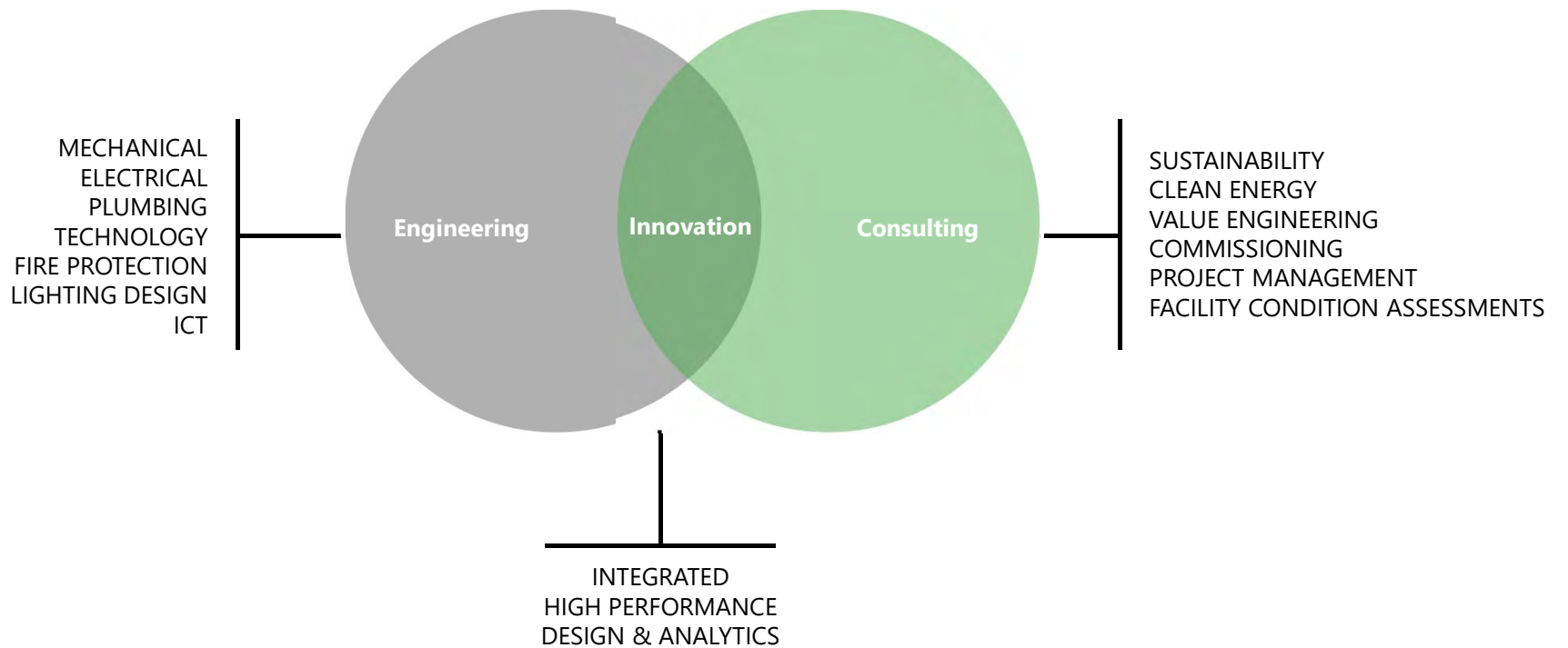


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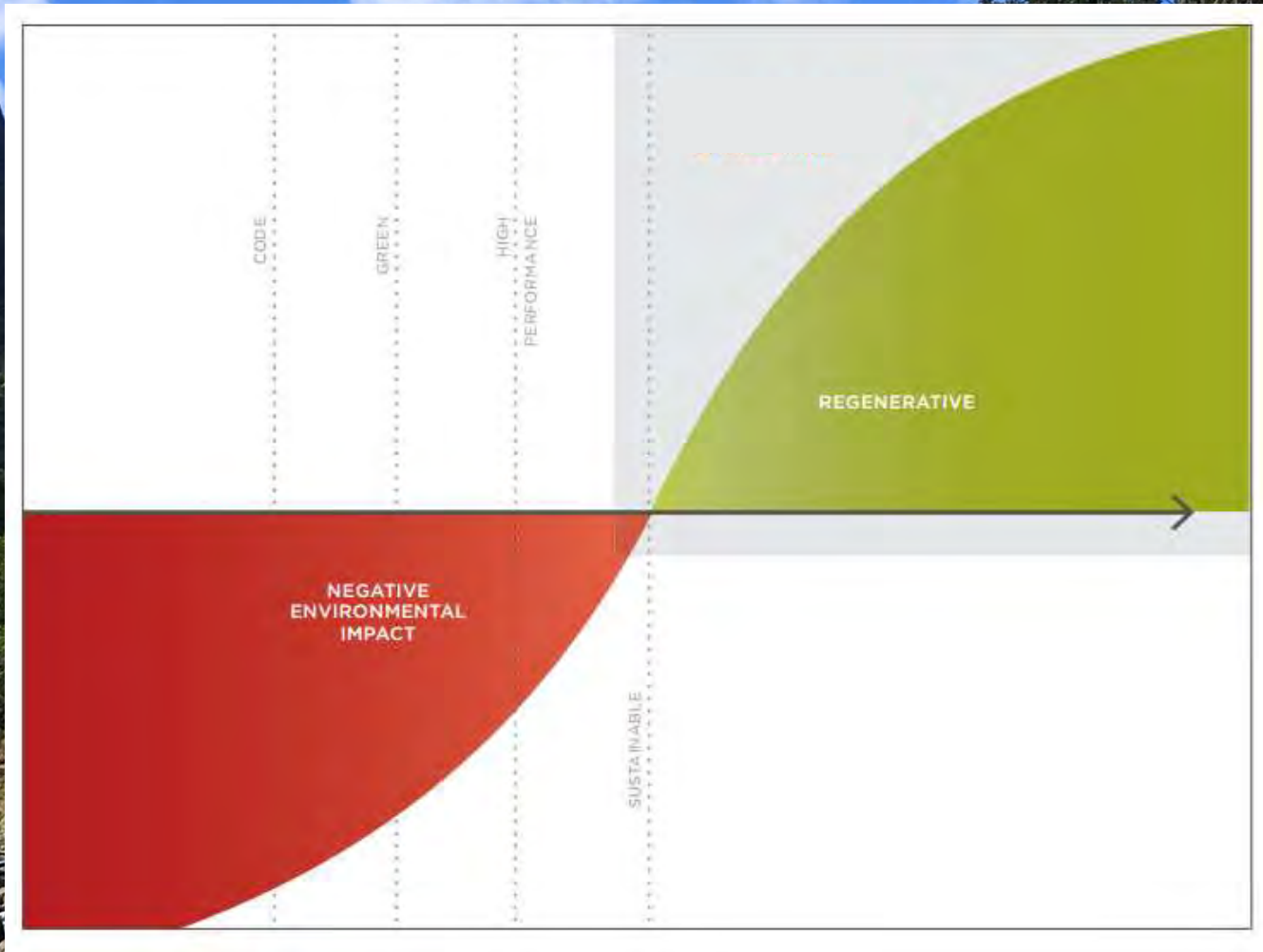
1. Understand basic microgrid technologies.
2. Identify required equipment and capabilities.
3. Evaluate microgrid project development strategies.
4. Demonstrate how financial resources and market trends can provide a cost-effective approach for microgrid project development.
5. Navigate microgrid design & implementation strategies.

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25 Years of Optimizing a Resilient Future



Microgrids and Energy Resilience - Project Background



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Solar plus Storage - Washington State Department of Commerce

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Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities

The new Solar plus Storage for Resilient Communities program funds solar and battery back-up power so community buildings can provide essential services when the power goes out. Grants support installation as well as planning work for solar plus storage systems at community buildings, including schools, community centers, libraries, and other buildings owned by local, state, tribal governments and non-profits in Washington. Technical assistance opportunities help communities prepare to apply for future grant funding opportunities.



Microgrids and Energy Resilience - Project Background



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- b. New Facility Construction. For a growing number of facilities, the life-cycle cost of constructing a zero energy or zero energy-capable building is now drawing closer to that of a conventional building, promising decades of reduced energy consumption.

Therefore, subject to available funding, Directors shall ensure that all newly-constructed state-owned (including lease-purchase) buildings shall be designed to be zero energy or zero energy-capable, and include consideration of net-embodied carbon. In unique situations where a cost effective zero-energy building is not yet technically feasible, buildings shall be designed to exceed the current state building code for energy efficiency to the greatest extent possible.

Microgrid Feasibility Study – Project Partners



Washington Department of Commerce “Solar + Storage for Resilient Communities” – Technical Assistance (Track 1)



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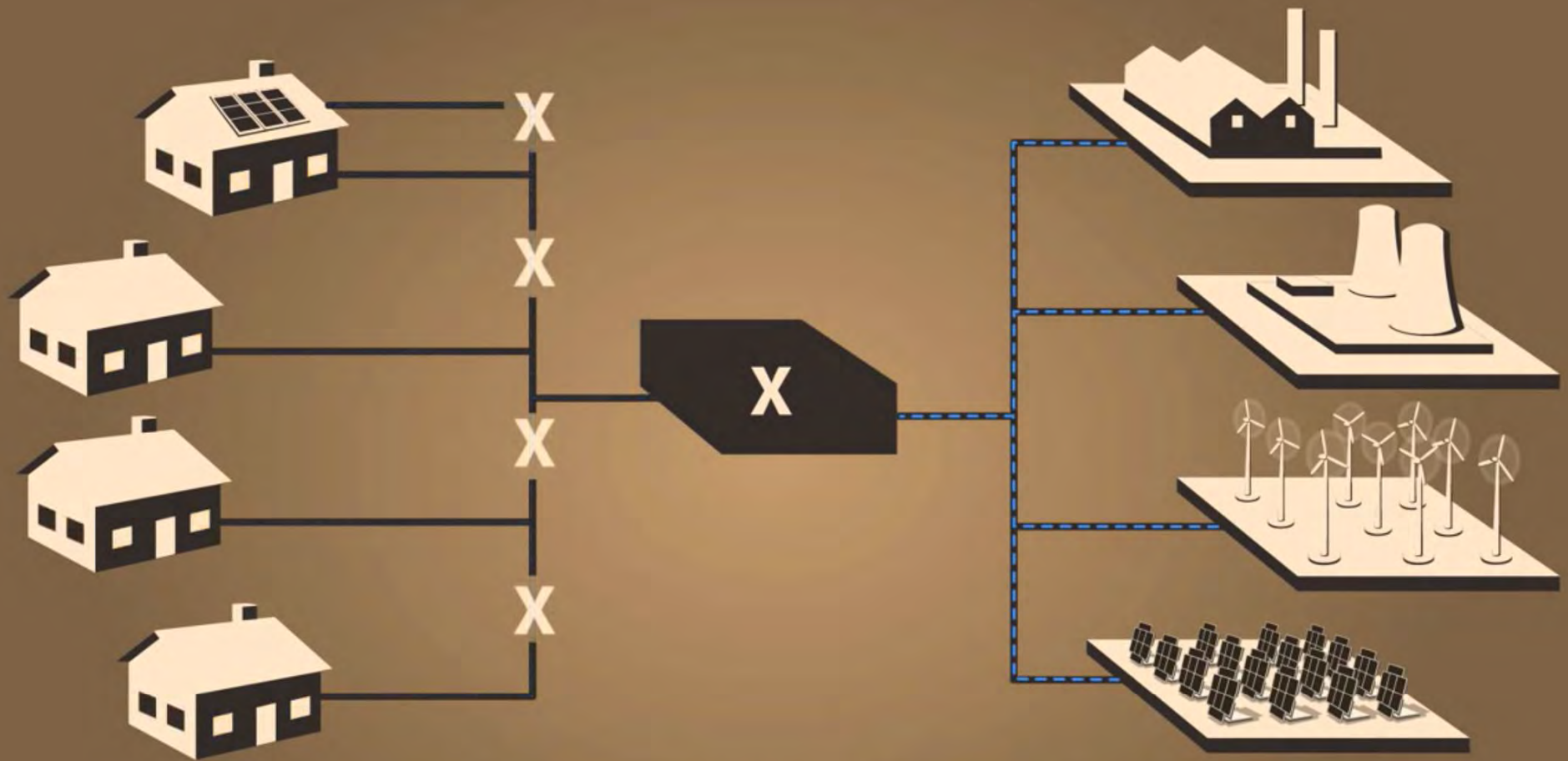


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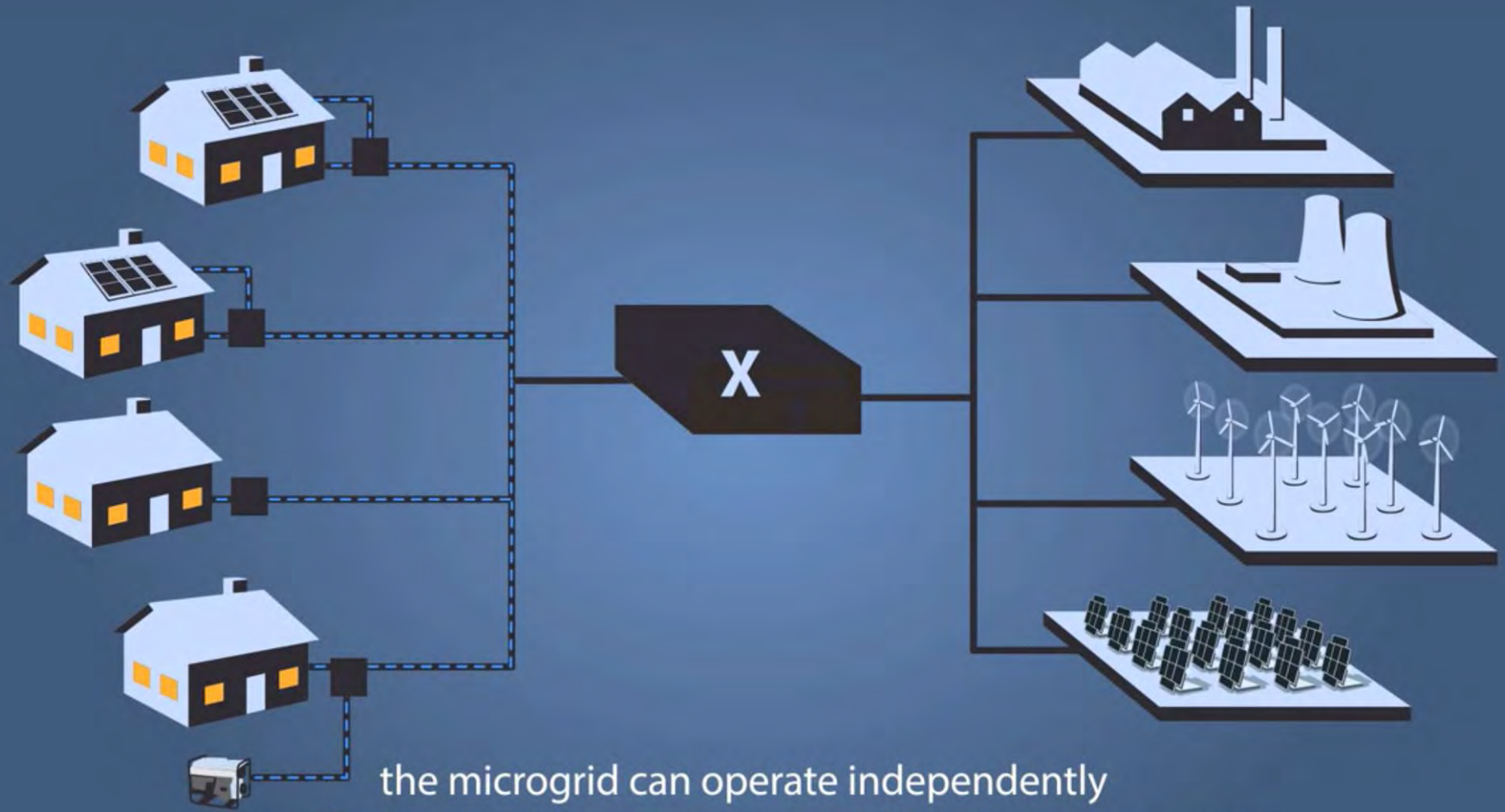


“A microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid. It can connect and disconnect from the grid to operate in grid-connected or island mode. Microgrids can improve customer reliability and resilience to grid disturbances.”

- National Renewable Energy Laboratory (NREL)

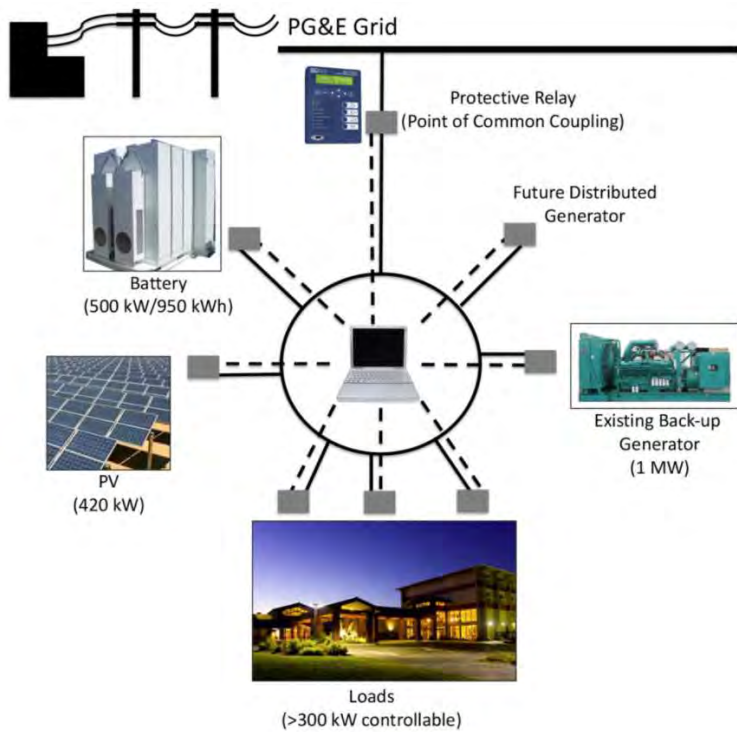


In a conventional power grid, a blackout at the utility company's substation would cause all users to lose power.



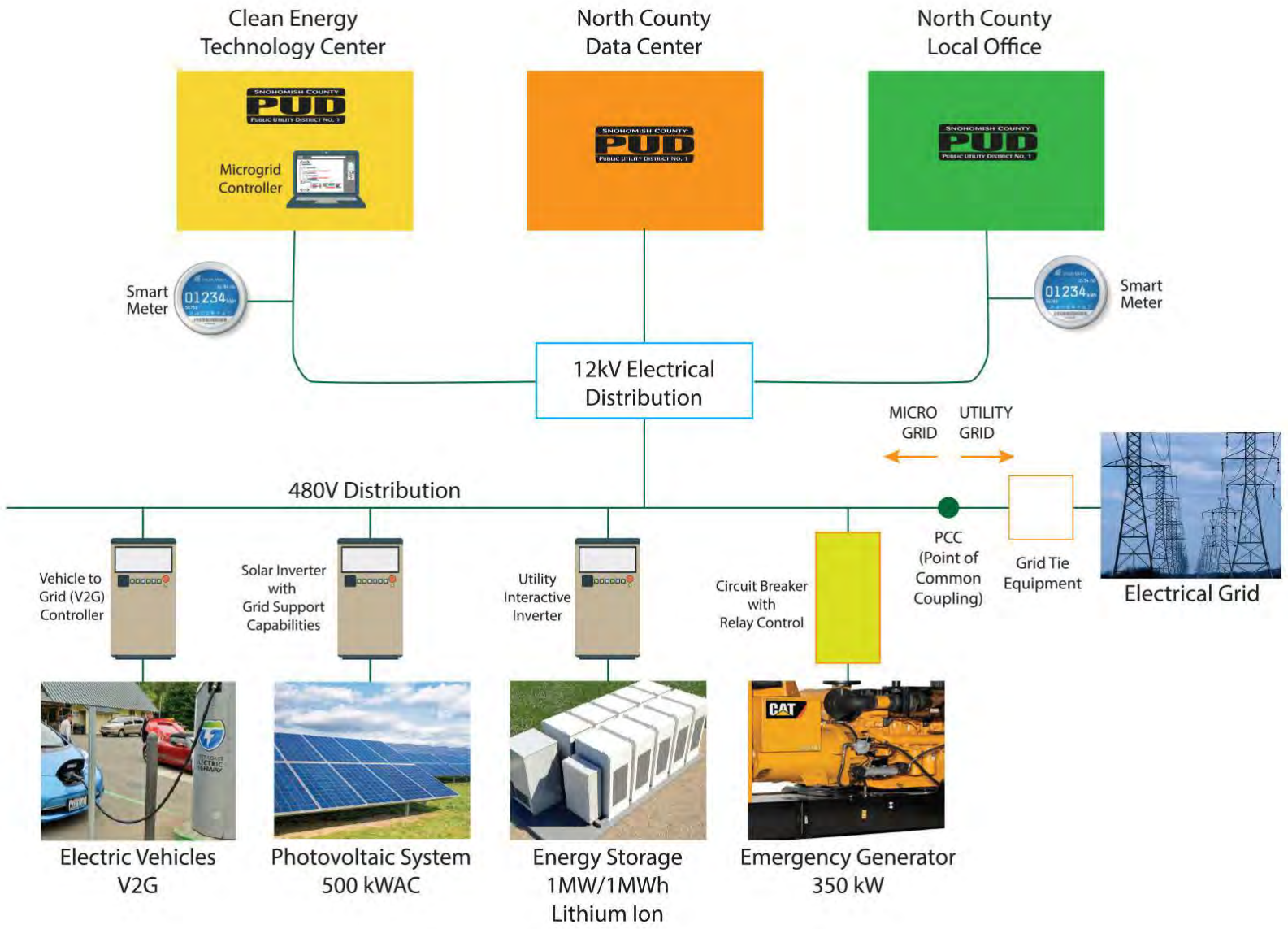
the microgrid can operate independently from the larger grid, so users can continue to receive power.

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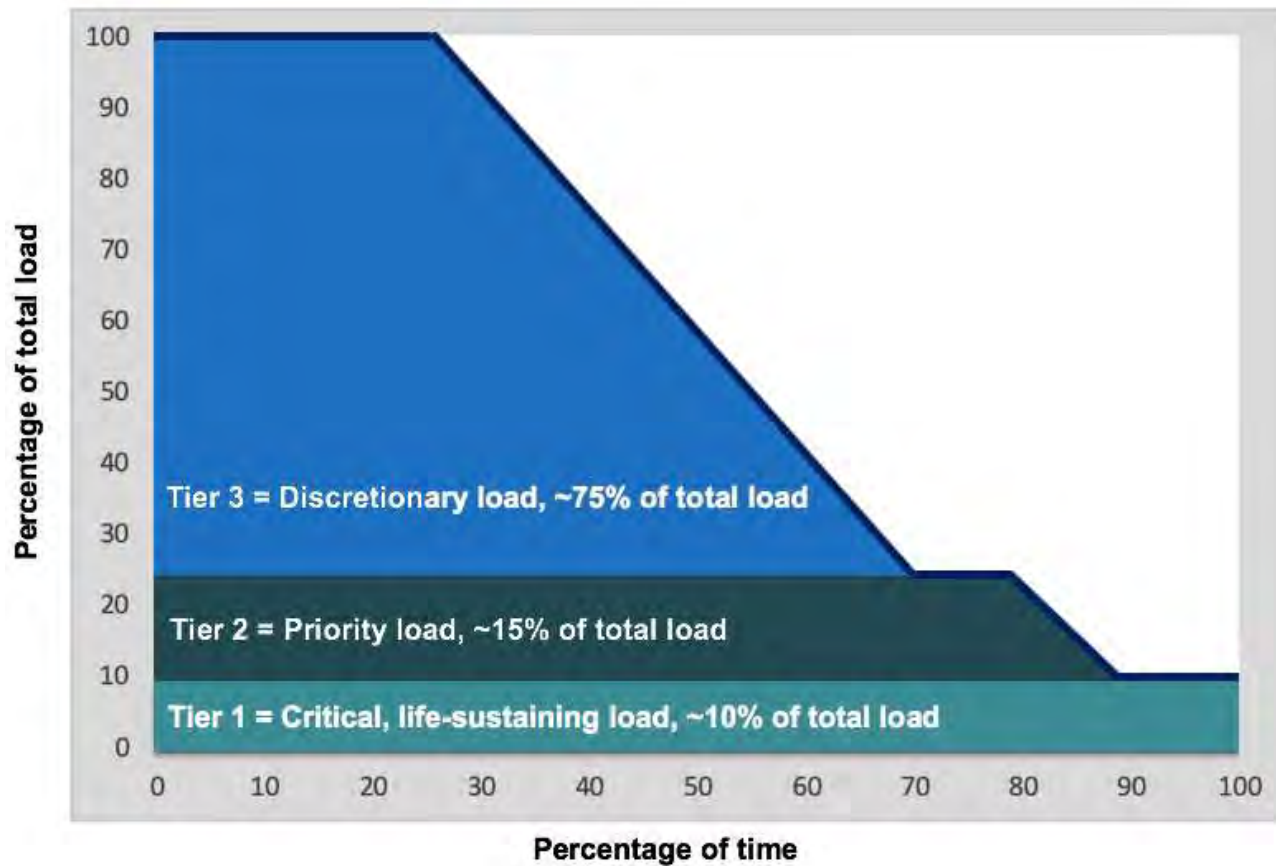


Blue Lake Rancheria Microgrid Example

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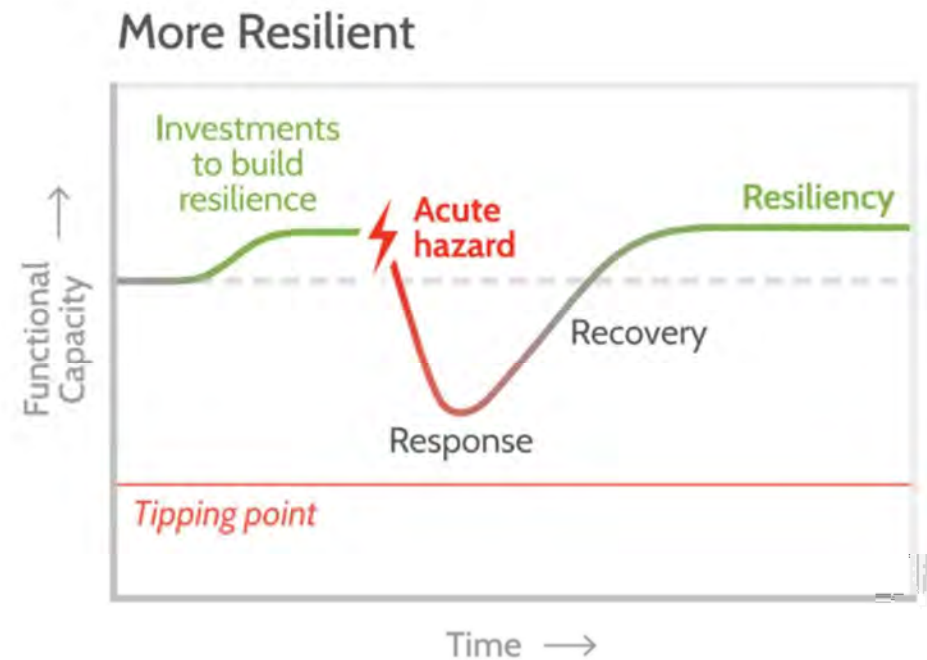
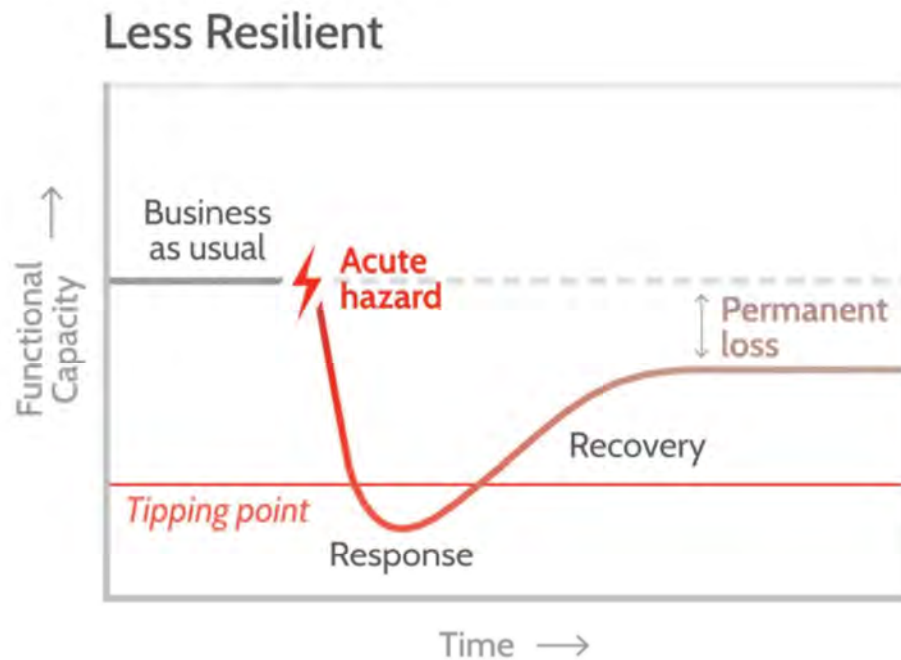
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Critical Load Tiering Approach from Clean Coalition

What is Resilience?









Resilience is the capacity of a community, business, or natural environment to prevent, withstand, respond to, and recover from a disruption.



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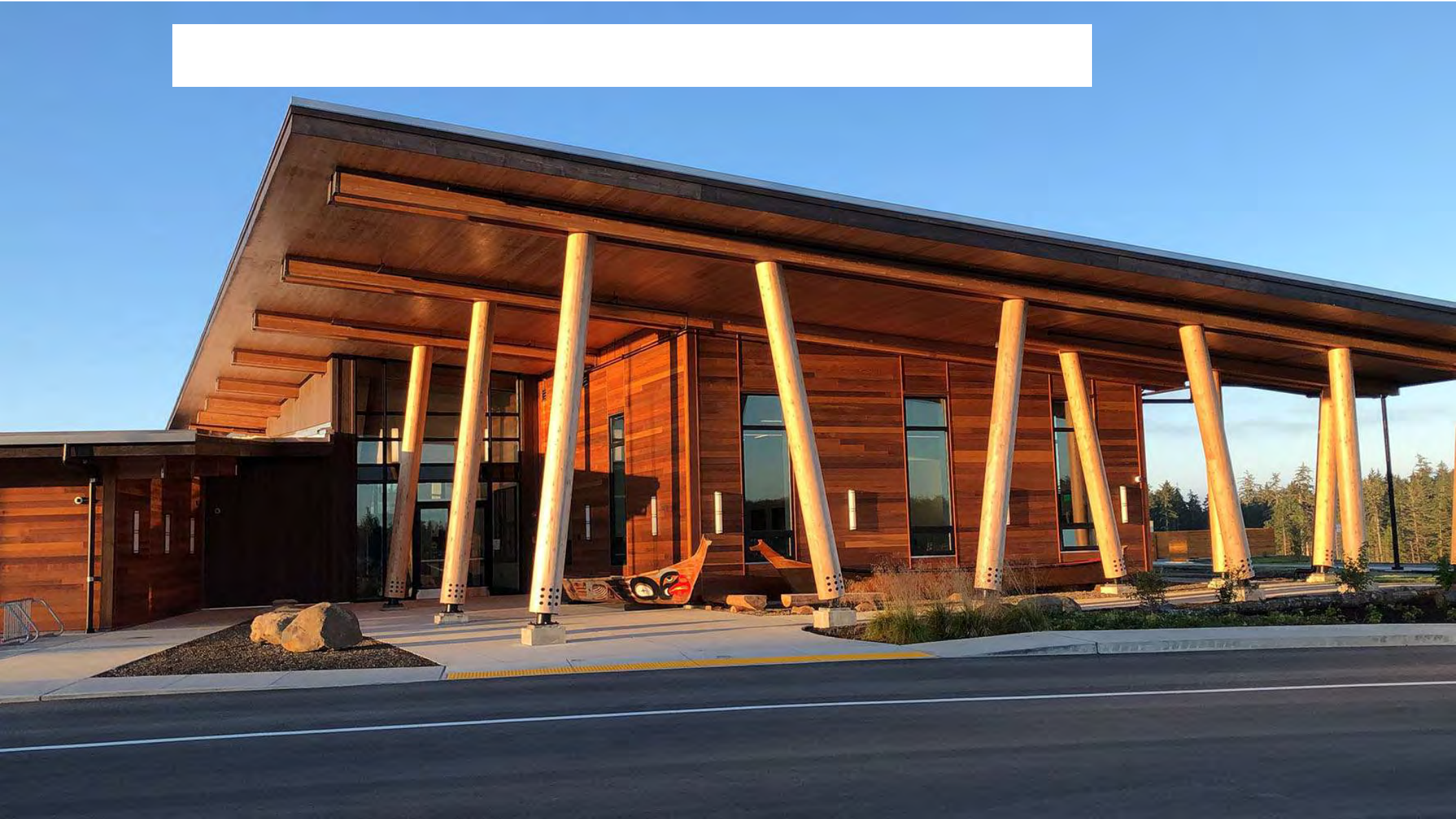
Considerations When Sizing a Solar + Storage System for Resiliency

 CURRENT ELECTRICITY COSTS	 TIMES OF DAY WHEN OUTAGES OCCUR
 BUILDING LOAD PROFILE	 TIMES OF YEAR WHEN OUTAGES OCCUR
 AVERAGE DURATION OF OUTAGES	 CRITICAL LOADS
 AVERAGE COST OF OUTAGES	 OTHER USES FOR BATTERY



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ELM Microgrid – Battery Energy Storage System Example

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San Diego goes big on microgrids



The city of San Diego is about to install the first of eight microgrid projects in various areas that will use solar power and operate independently of the electric grid. Operated by Gridscape, the first project will be located at the Southcrest Recreation Center. (Rob Nikolewski/The San Diego Union-Tribune)

By the time the project's eight microgrids are operational, the city expects to save taxpayers \$6 million over 25 years

City of Cordova and U.S. Department of Energy Push Envelope of Microgrid Design

Researchers Use Real-Time Digital Twin To Deploy Advanced Microgrid

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An aerial view of Cordova, Alaska. Photo by USDA Forest Service Alaska Region

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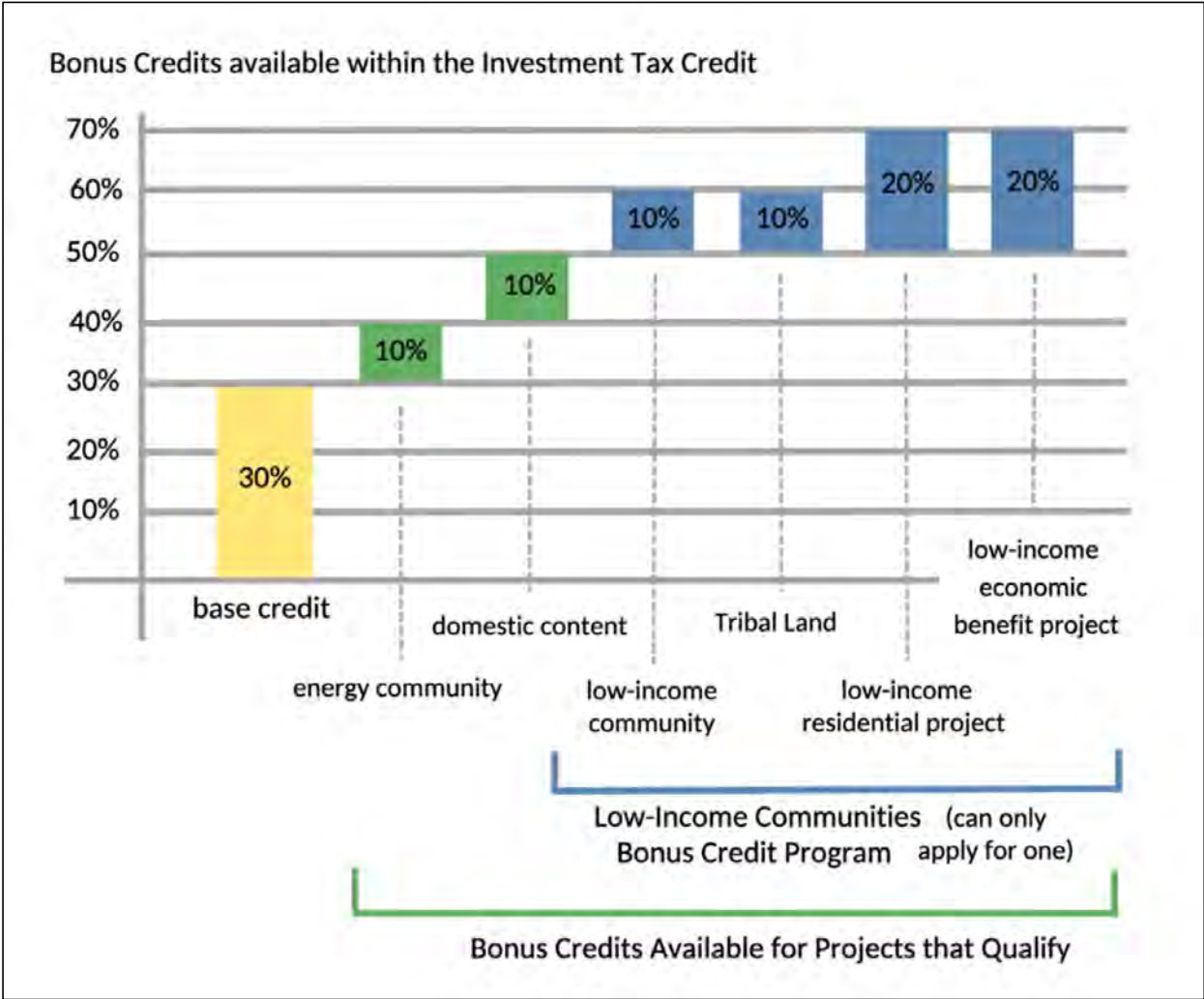


grid innovation for both research and deployment.



The Advanced Research on Integrated Energy Systems (ARIES) capability at NREL is fully equipped to emulate energy systems of any design. ARIES enabled NREL to replicate and receive real-time data from the electrical system of Cordova, Alaska, to develop resilience and advanced grid visibility applications. *Photo by NREL*

Microgrid Feasibility Study – Funding Resources



Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview




1. Facilitate Kick-off Meeting: Identify Evaluation Criteria
2. Determine Locations For Solar+Storage Development
3. Assess Baseline and Future Energy Consumption
4. Conduct Modeling and Performance Estimates
5. Develop Cost Workbooks for Each System Option
6. Prepare Resilience Analysis for Return on Investment
7. Funding Overview, System Diagrams, Grant Materials
8. Report Development, Presentation, Working Session



QIN Microgrid – Project Background



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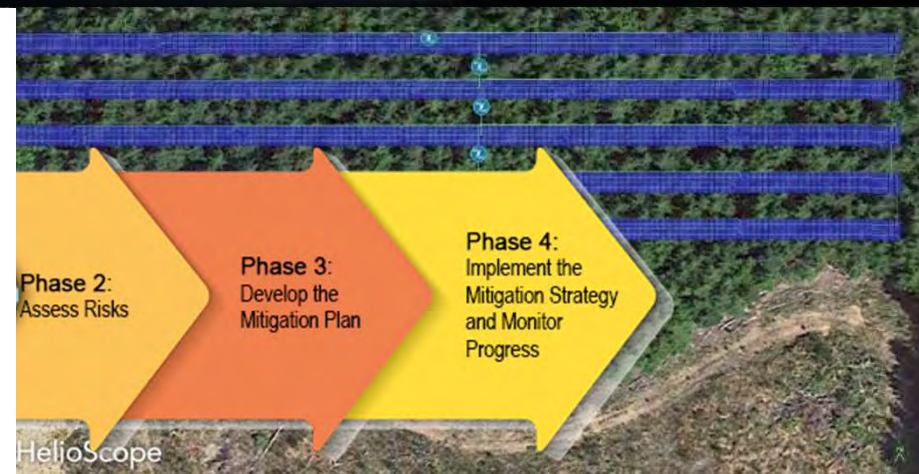
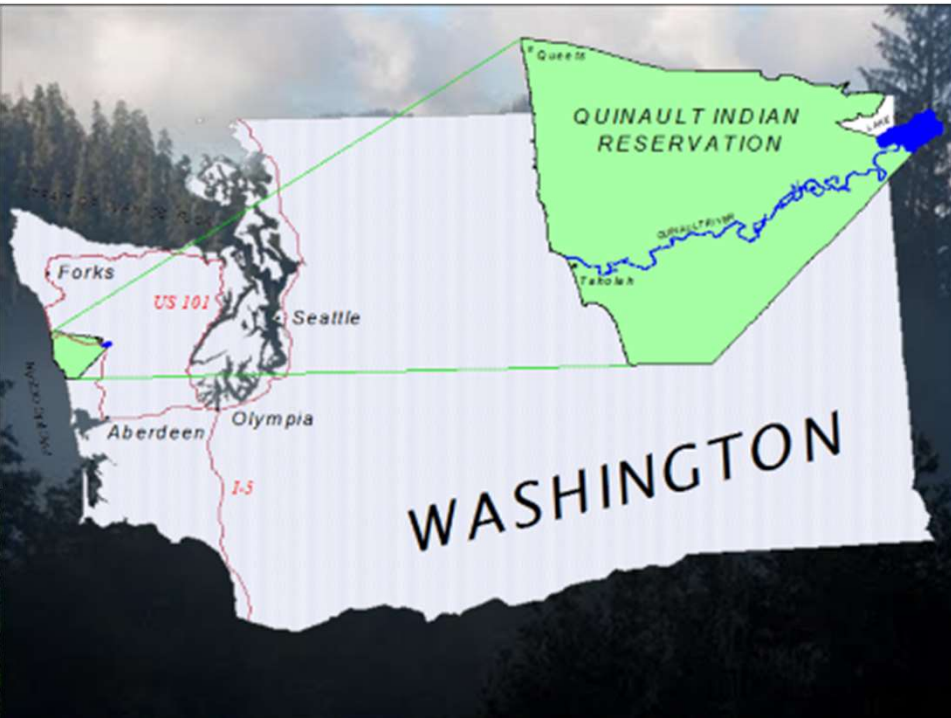
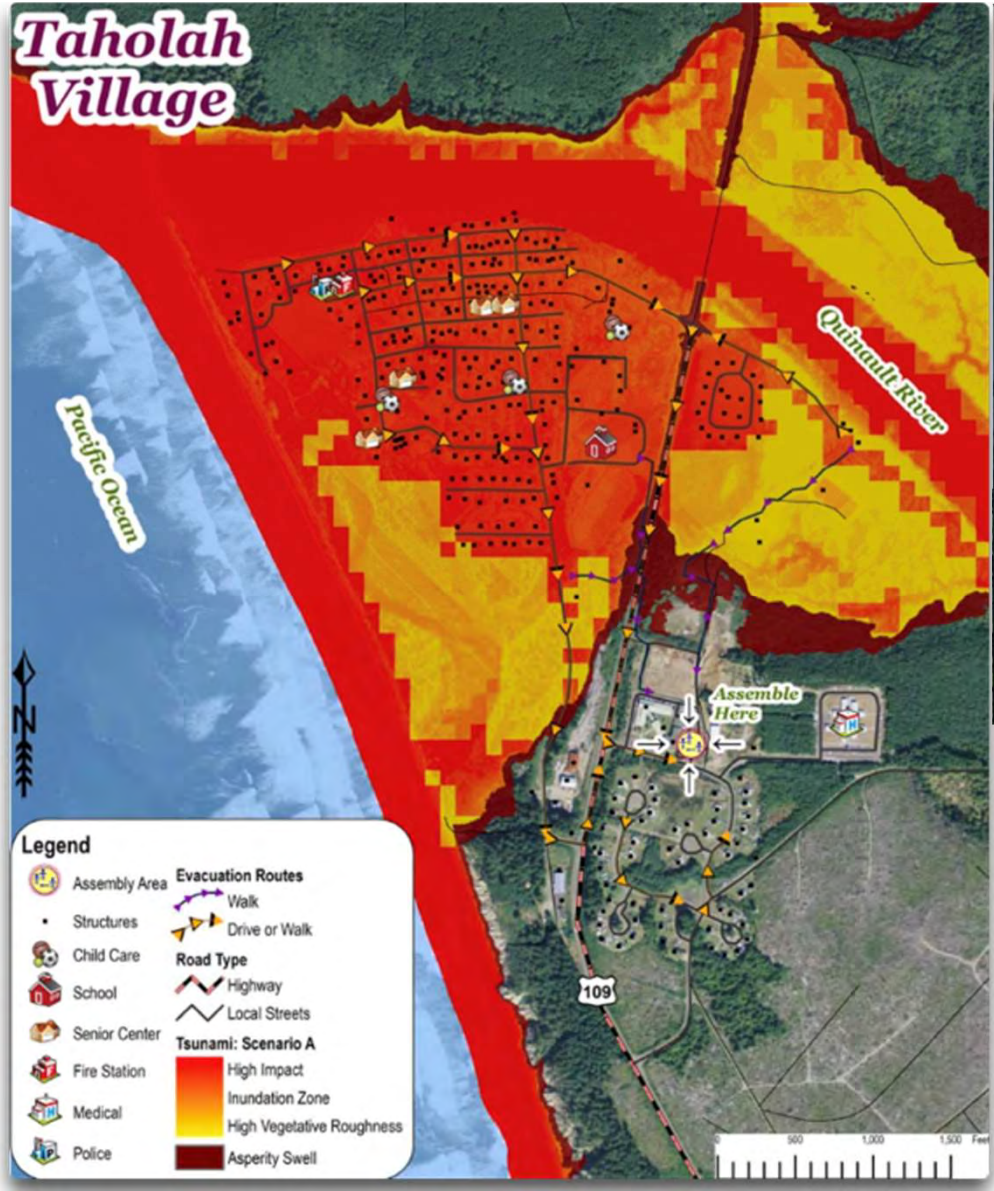


QIN Microgrid – Project Background





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Cayuse Mountain Fire

(August 2016)

- In 2016 The Cayuse Mt. Fire left its devastating mark on the Spokane reservation causing much damage to local wildlife and land. In recent history this was the first time a fire of this scale had effected the Spokane tribal government, community and local first responders. The Cayuse wild fire awoke the consciousness of the Spokane tribe and (SIHA) that the severity of wild fires due to environmental change will not stop and we must be prepared for the worst scenario.





SIHA Microgrid – Resilience & Preparedness

- Wildfires, Climate Change, Emergency Preparedness
- Identification of Critical Facilities for Disaster Response
- One Week of Energy Resilience to Maintain Operations





U.S. Climate Resilience Toolkit

The Climate Explorer

Wellpinit, WA

Wellpinit, WA in Stevens County - Days w/ max > 105°F

Days w/ max > 105°F

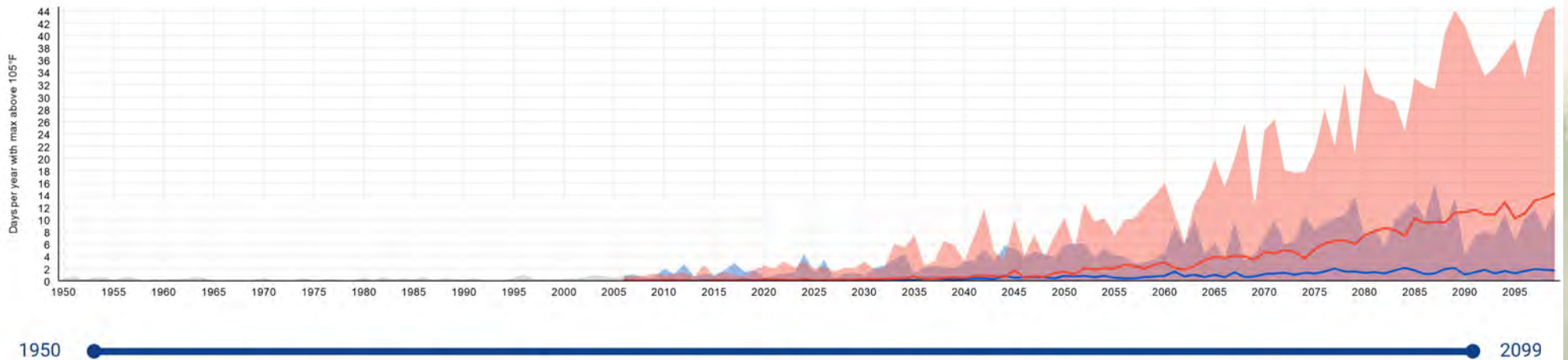


Chart

Map

Annual

Monthly



1950

2099

Historical Observed

Historical Modeled

Lower Emissions

Higher Emissions

Steps to Resilience

This content supports the highlighted step.

1 Explore Hazards

2 Assess Vulnerability & Risks

3 Investigate Options

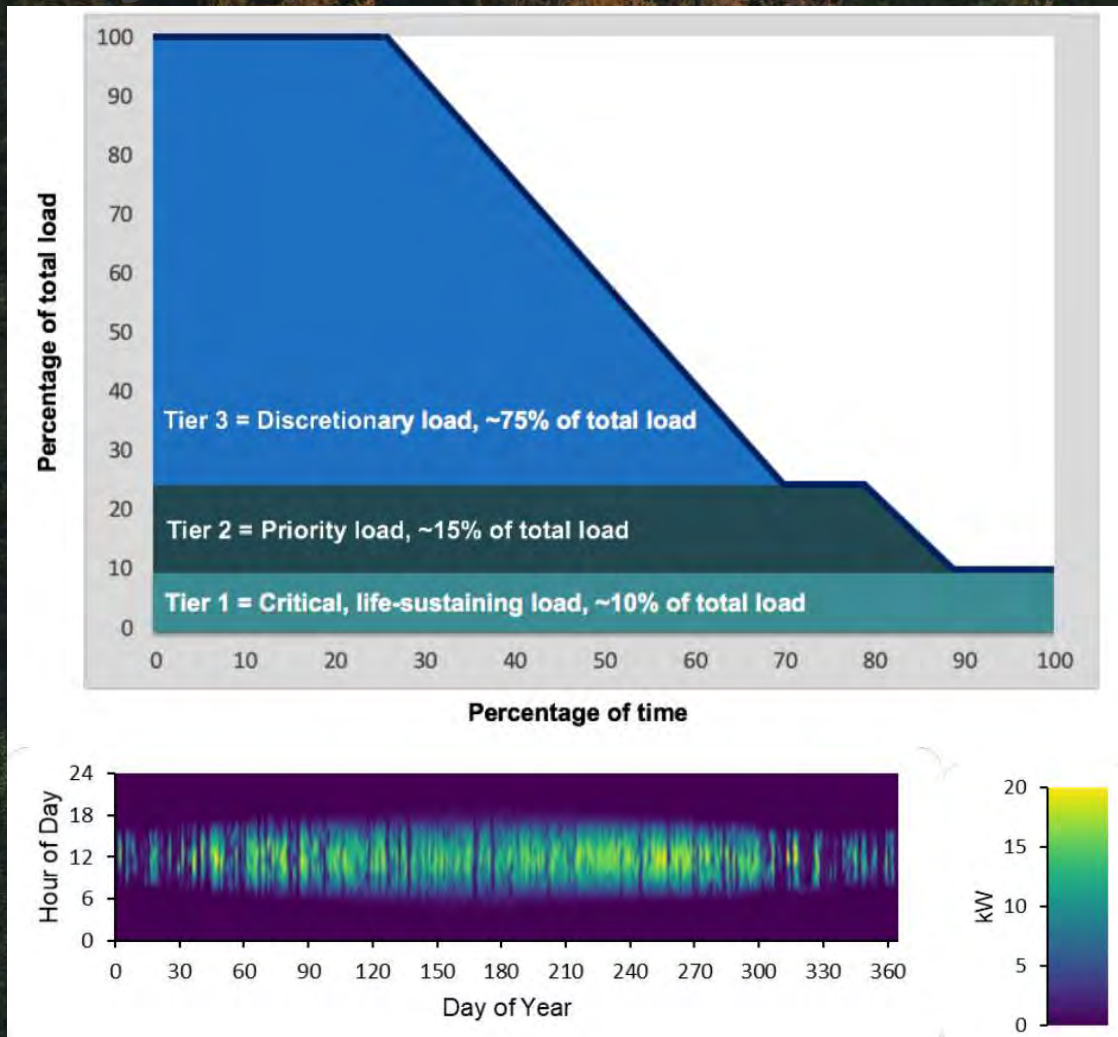
4 Prioritize & Plan

5 Take Action

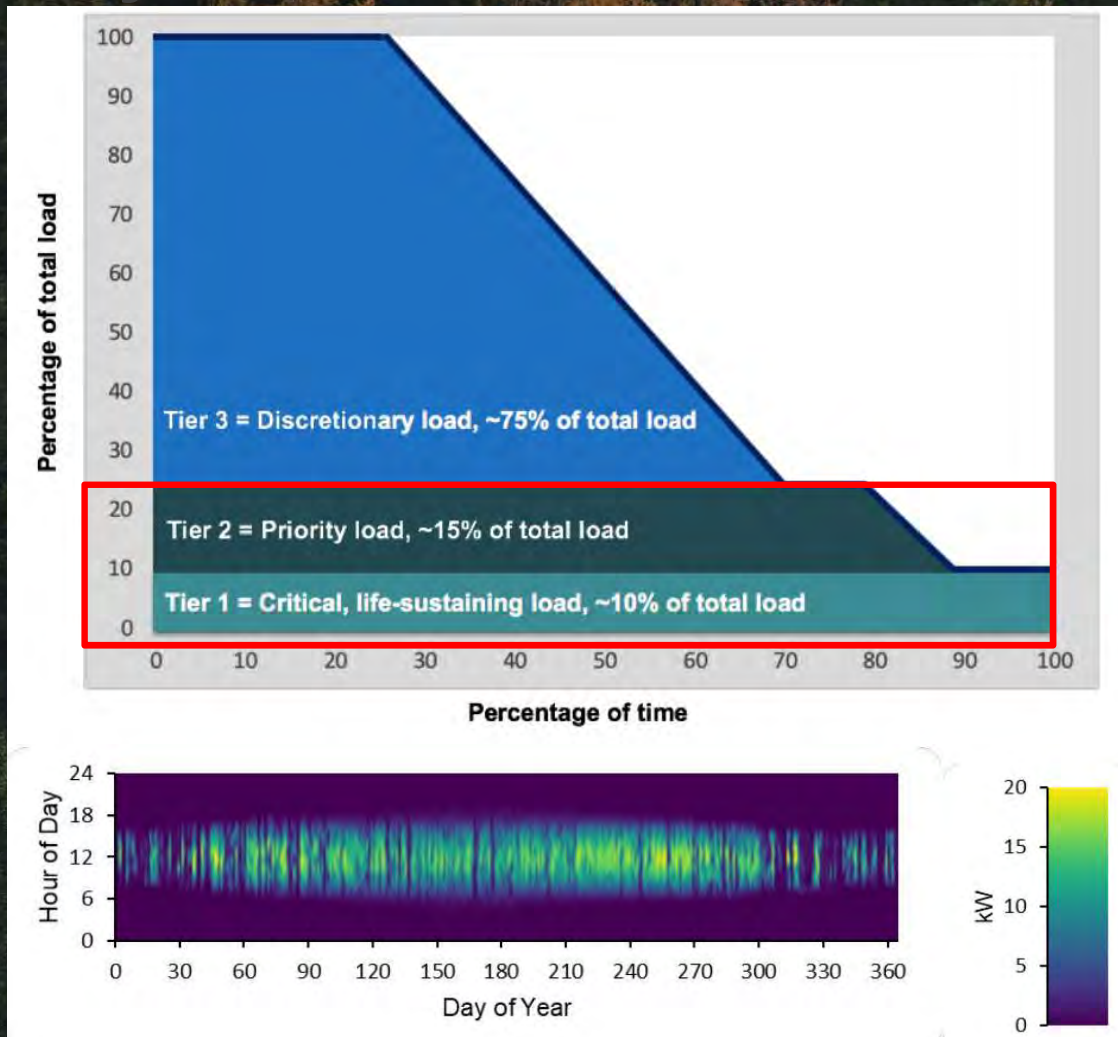
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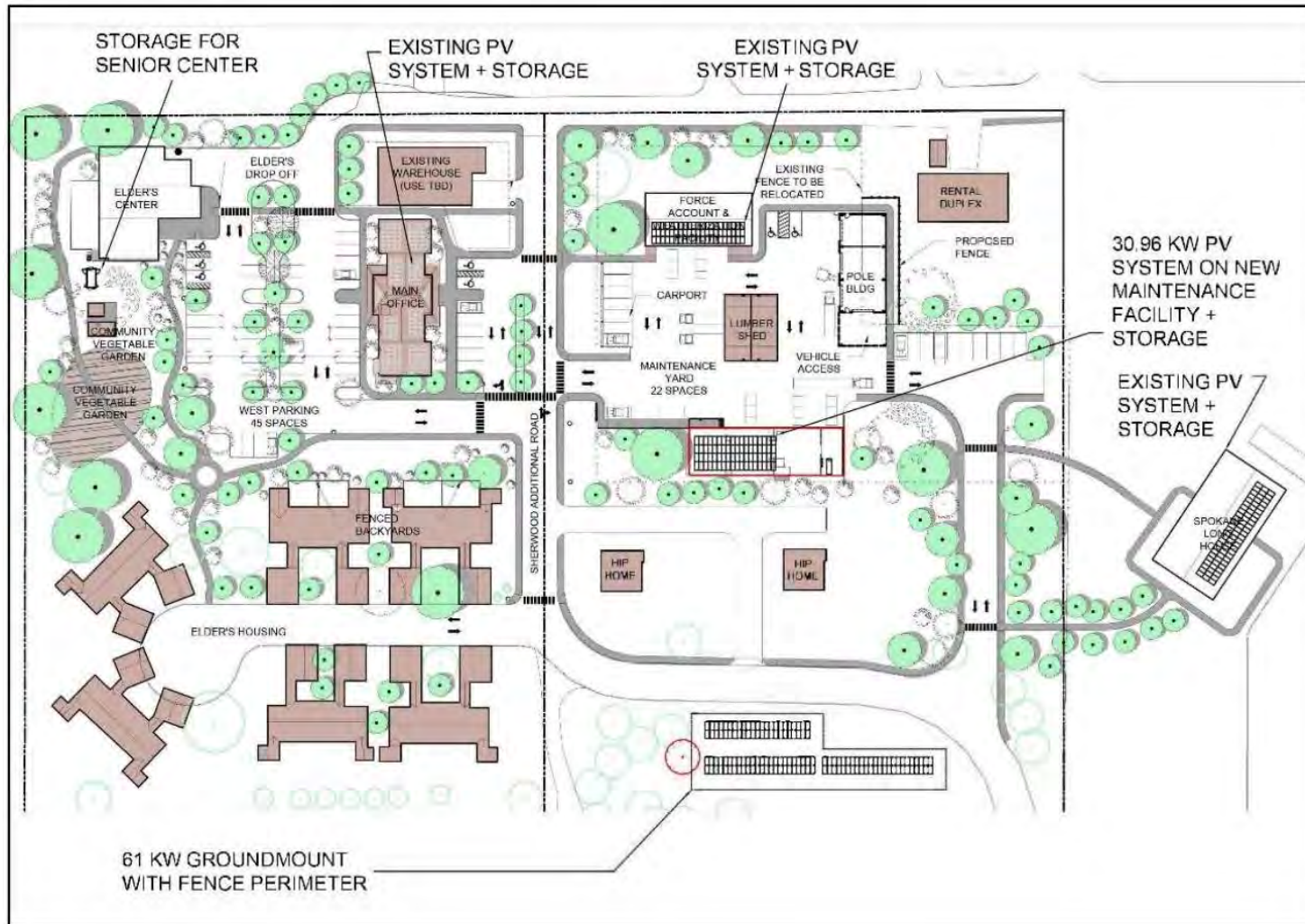
Priority & Critical Load Identification



Priority & Critical Load Identification



SIHA Microgrid Concept 3 Option 1



Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview



Project Goals:

1. Emergency Preparedness
2. Carbon Footprint Reduction
3. Self-Sufficient Strategies to Maintain Operations During an Outage or Natural Disaster



Grid Modernization under the Clean Energy Fund (CEF)



\$4.6 million is available in a new round of grant funding.

Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview – Site Assessments



Figure 10: Akalat Building Front from Site Assessment



Figure 11: Pump House from Site Assessment

Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview – Key Findings



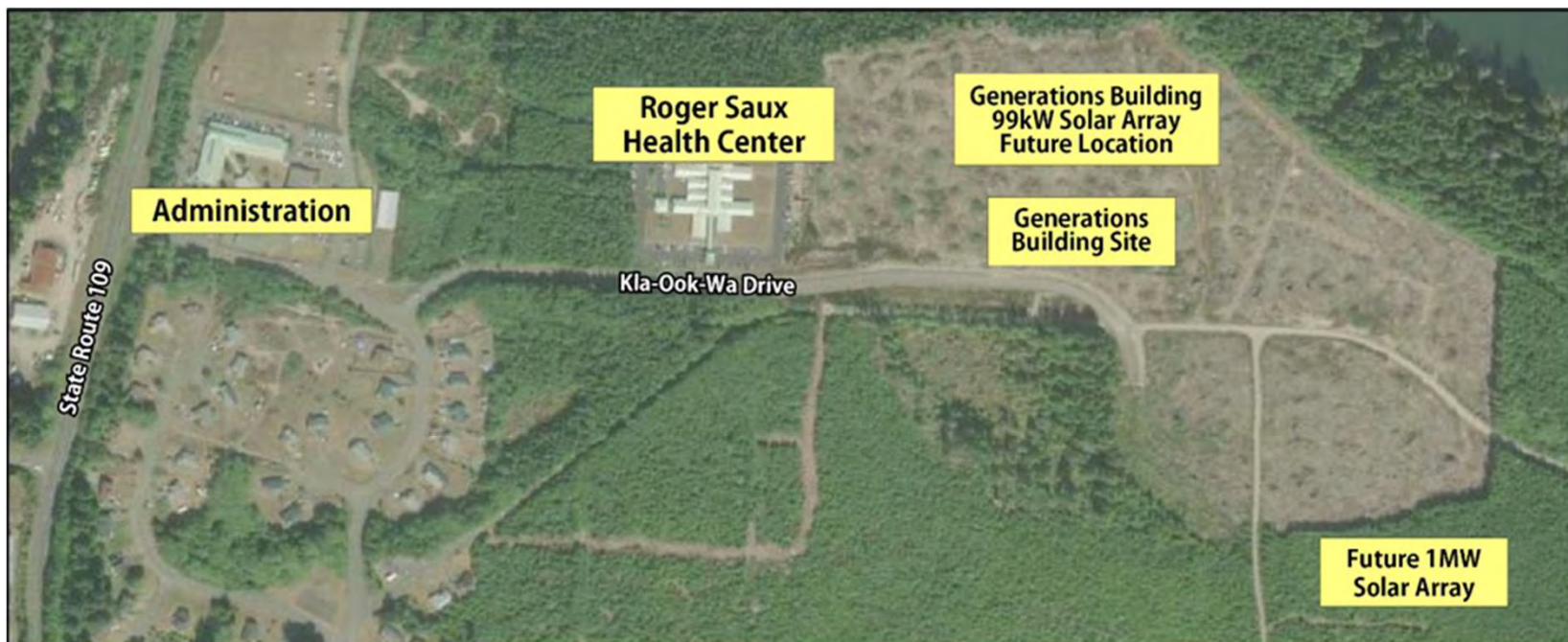
Quileute Tribal School
Evaluation Criteria & System Selection



Quileute Tribal School (QTS) Options Evaluation Matrix					
	Concept 1 Akalat Building with 60kW Solar PV + Full Building Back-up	Concept 2 QTS with 50% 208V Loads	Concept 3 QTS 480V + 50% 208V Loads	Concept 4 QTS Full Building All Loads (1 Week Resilience)	Concept 5 QTS Full Building All Loads (1 Month Resilience)
Summary	Energy Resilience Benefit	Unknown			
	Greatest Financial Benefit	Unknown			
	Lowest Operating Cost	Unknown			
	Complexity				
	Net Metering for PV				
	Recommended System				
% of Building Loads Supported	100%	43%	57%	100%	100%

- Recommended Option Supports 1-Month of Resilience
- All Building Systems Supported by Microgrid System
- 250 kW / 990 kWh Battery Energy Storage System
- 250 kW-DC Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array
- Total Installed Cost Estimate: \$1,800,000
- No major upgrades required for QTS electrical system

Quinault Indian Nation Village Relocation Example



- Taholah Relocation Integrated Energy System
- Supporting the Generations Building
- 2021 DOE Grant Awardee

Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview – Energy Analysis

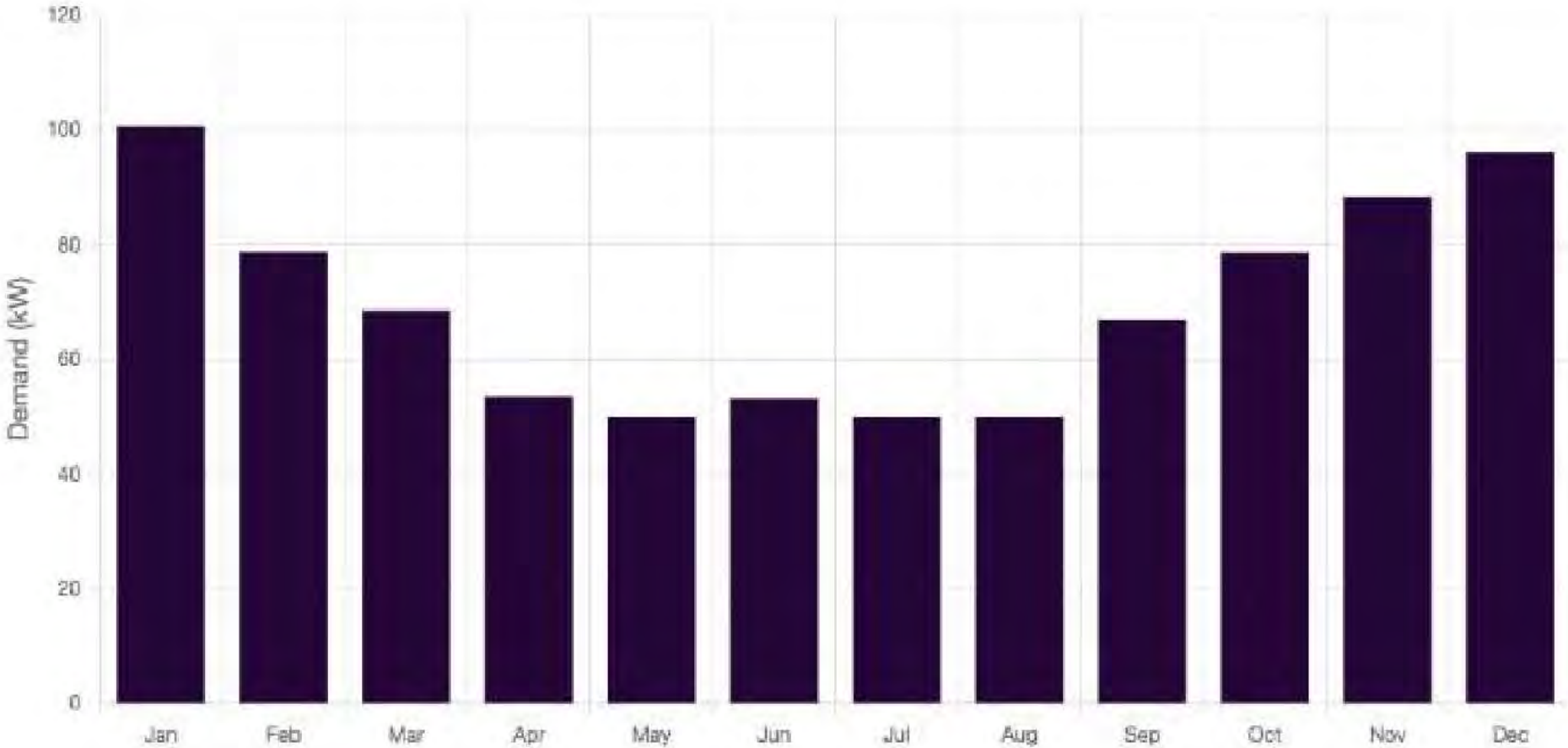


Figure 8: QTS Peak Electric Demand Per Month (as Modeled)

Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview – Solar Analysis



Figure 15: QTS Microgrid Concept 5 Site Plan

Microgrid Feasibility Study Process Overview – System Diagram

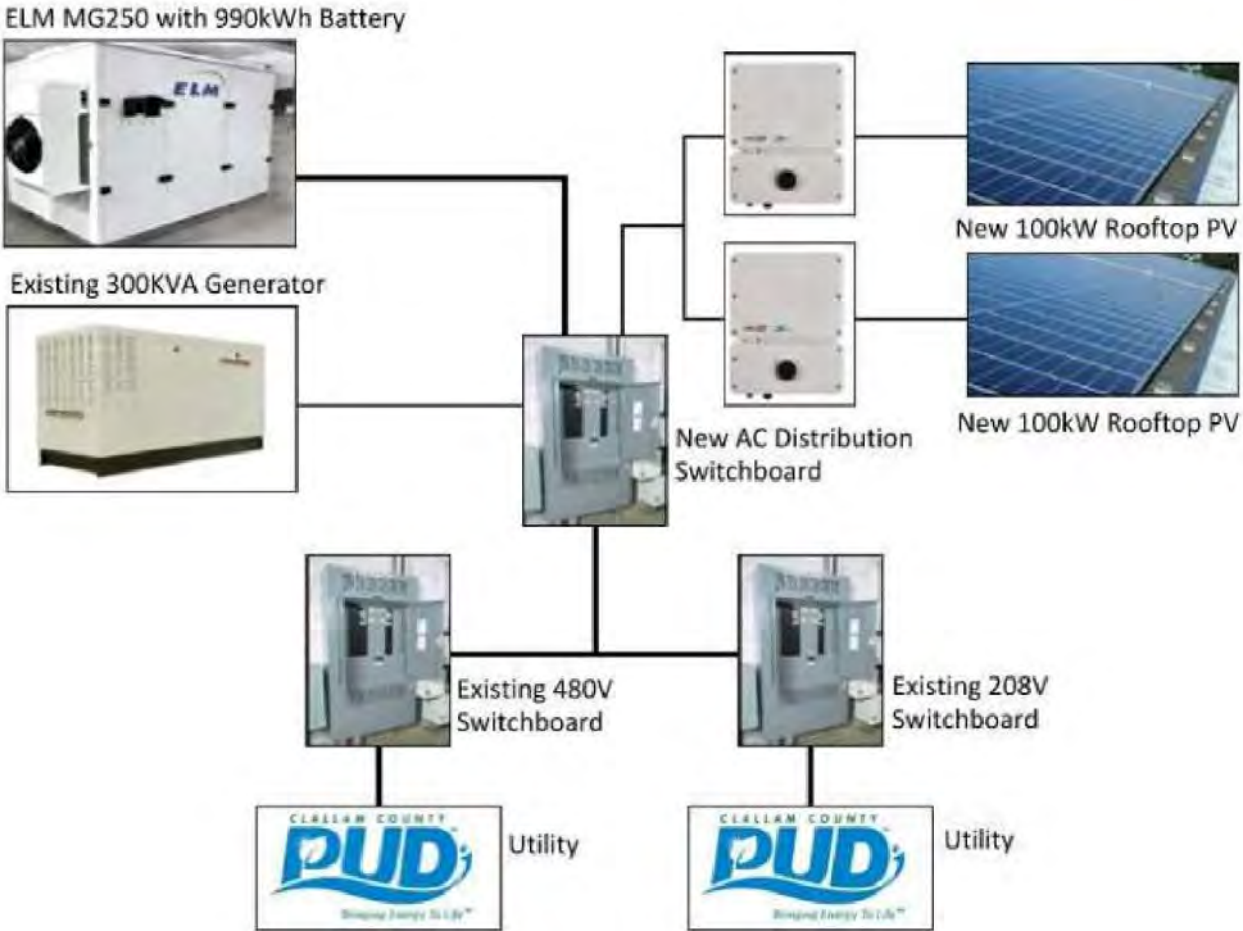


Figure 14: QTS Microgrid Concept 5 Illustration



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