

Local Renewable Energy Transition Strategies

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Abstract

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A simple calculation using US solar investment statistics provides a measure of how much investment will be required in the ten years remaining before climate change reaches a potential tipping point, beyond which it is impossible to plan based on current information. More than \$2.7 trillion has been invested in building up global renewable energy capacity over the past decade. Author: e-mail: gbraun12@sbcglobal.net. In those same 10 years, renewable electricity sources more than doubled their share of the global power mix, from 5.9% in 2009 to 13.4% last year. Current market forecasts suggest that renewable power capacity could double again over the next five years. This near term doubling rate might continue, but renewable power's share in 2030 would be about 25% of global energy, not 100%. Thus, it becomes clear that fully decarbonizing all or most of the half million local economies on earth, while making them sufficiently resilient against economically crippling disruption, will require unprecedented rates of investment, to say the least. California's initial renewable power deployment aborted in the early 90s as California regulators restructured California's electricity systems to expand natural gas generation. Since 2001, while California's population and economy expanded, new natural gas and renewable electricity generators helped reduce GHG emissions from California's in-state electricity generation by about a third, to nine percent of total state-wide emissions in 2017. Figure 1 ii Shows that the transition in the U.S. so far has relied on meeting new power generation capacity needs and filling supply gaps resulting from coal fired power plant retirements with a three part portfolio of new natural gas, solar and wind generation.

Figure 2 iii Shows the trajectory of the solar part of the portfolio in California, indicating that "utility solar", i.e., plants feeding electricity into high voltage transmission systems currently accounts for roughly 50 percent

46 of capacity additions, while on-site deployment on residential and non-residential (mostly commercial) property
47 accounts for the other half.

48 **2 Renewable Energy’s Role in Local Climate Action**

49 Is there renewable transition strategy that both accelerates deployment and is generally recessionproof? There
50 may be if local climate adaptation measures drive local renewable energy investments already having an impact.
51 Figure 3 shows affordable local climate action options available on two major renewable deployment tracks to
52 energy sector decarbonization and resilience, electricity and gas fuel. iv In many local cases, increasing on-site
53 solar electricity production is the most potent available measure to shrink the local carbon footprint. In parallel,
54 locally produced bio-methane that is ”carbon negative” lowers GHG emissions much more, even when burned,
55 than if organic feedstocks were left to decompose and release methane into the atmosphere.

56 Microgrids increase local energy resilience, partially in the case of solar/battery powered microgrids, and fully
57 in the case of hybrid solar/gas microgrids.

58 Solar energy for space and water heating can have a major impact, though in the US, it typically must be
59 supplemented by gas fuel or backed up by grid electricity.

60 Personal vehicles can be fueled with solar generated hydrogen or battery-powered, preferably from a
61 decarbonization perspective, with locally produced solar electricity. 2 2 Renewable hydrogen prospects are
62 receiving a surge of government and industrial attention in Japan and Germany because of hydrogen’s importance
63 as an enabler of long term electricity storage and fuel cell electric vehicle deployment.

64 Where grid electricity from mixed sources has a high renewable content, i.e., greater than 75%, it is an
65 acceptable substitute for locally produced solar electricity. Micro combined heat and power (micro CHP) fueled
66 by low, zero or negative carbon gas provides full resilience and is the best option in the absence of electric service
67 via a community or neighborhood solar/gas microgrid. A modest level of collaboration is already occurring in
68 the matter of local solar electricity deployment, as electric utilities approve grid interconnections of ”behind the
69 meter” on-site solar installations, and local governments ensure compliance with local building codes. The result
70 of even this modest On the gas fuel track, current planning guidance gaps are beginning to be filled.vi Balanced
71 planning and implementation on each local renewable deployment track could double the combined near term
72 impact and open new decarbonization and resilience pathways and synergies for the future. However, there
73 is an urgent need for datadriven planning and collaboration among local governments, energy utilities, major
74 employers and energy retailers. Collaboration opportunities are numerous, though capturing them confronts
75 equally numerous barriers and limitations as explained in a later section. vii 3 In California local climate action
76 planning increasingly emphasizes building sector electrification. Some local jurisdictions, e.g., most recently
77 Oakland, have banned natural gas hook ups for new buildings. California’s mild winters and the avoidance of
78 solar customer acquisition costs in new construction make this an economically plausible renewable transition
79 element in California’s coastal areas and central valley. Figure 4 also shows every California county producing
80 renewable energy. Some are exporters. Most are importers. Each exporting county’s renewable product mix
81 differs from all others. Most electricity generated by ”utility scale” solar power plants is exported via California’s
82 state-wide power grid to other areas. Customer charges on these exports now exceed production costs by as much
83 as a factor of two and continue to escalate.

84 Locally produced solar electricity is typically unavailable to renters or residents of low income neighborhoods,
85 creating ”solar deserts” akin to ”food deserts”. Can expansion of renewable energy production be accelerated if
86 grid access charges for ”community solar” ix and other community renewable projects evolve to properly account
87 for local energy resilience benefits and actual project-specific grid usage? How much expansion of regional
88 transmission systems can be avoided by expanding local renewable energy production?

89 **3 b) Make or Buy**

90 In the U.S., the trade-off between local and centralized solar electricity deployment has shifted dramatically in
91 the last ten years. At the same time, top level planning implications, e.g., in California, have yet to register.
92 Not only have solar costs plummeted across a five order of magnitude project size range, but, predictably, the
93 cost differences between large and medium and medium and small have become less important to state and local
94 economies than costs of transporting and storing solar electricity.

95 So, a fundamentally important trade-off, crucial to climate action and adaptation, is not even on state policy
96 radar screens. There is now enough experience with both centralized renewable supply expansion and more
97 locally beneficial on-site and community renewable energy deployment to begin putting policies in place to make
98 informed trade-offs. The right balance must be primarily a local choice because renewable resource opportunities
99 and energy usage differ from one community to the next. Getting to the right balance is economically and
100 otherwise crucial to local governments and the communities they serve, but it is impossible to achieve without
101 closer engagement with energy users, local solar retailers and energy engineers.

102 **4 c) Solar Cost Shifts**

103 More rapid and consequential shifts in solar electricity production costs have been driven by manufacturing
104 progress curves and organizational learning in the solar project engineering and construction industry over the

105 past decade. Impacts of scale economies and other contributing factors are quantified in Figure ?? ?? The cost
106 metric in the figure is installed system cost, an appropriate metric for tracking progress in reducing the cost of
107 projects in a specific market segment, e.g., projects financed by utilities or utility solar project developers.

108 **5 Figure 5: Trends in the Full Costs of Solar PV Systems in**

109 the US There are significant differences in system productivity among system sizes and types, but these differences
110 are relatively minor except for tracking vs. fixed tilt utility systems. Across a wide system size range, equipment
111 cost fall in a narrow range , but "soft" costs, notably "customer acquisition" can be especially high in areas where
112 residential and commercial solar are just beginning to penetrate.

113 Opportunistic pricing of residential and commercial systems where retail competition is still weak or non-
114 existent results in higher soft "costs". Likewise, as installed costs continue to decline in all segments, regions
115 where grid usage charges are set to recover costs rather than discourage deployment will see faster growth and
116 more cost-efficient deployment.

117 As a metric for cost comparisons between local solar projects and utility solar projects, installed system cost
118 is an inappropriate and misleading metric. The value of electricity produced on-site is two to three times that
119 of electricity delivered to a site by a regional lbal Journal of Researches in Engineering () Volume Xx XI Issue
120 II Version I J electricity grid, and customer charges for transmission in the largest U.S. market, California, now
121 exceed costs of solar generation at any scale.

122 Financing costs and methods, etc. differ markedly among the solar electricity market segments. 4

123 **6 d) A Good Deal Getting Better**

124 In energy utility rate-setting, customer energy transport and delivery charges are additive to the cost of importing
125 solar electricity from distant solar resource areas. because cost recovery periods.

126 Comparative economics of centralized vs. local solar production will continue to shift in favor of local
127 production as solar supply costs trend downward and as large projects come on stream and drive a need for
128 longer duration and more costly energy storage.

129 While solar PV has become a cost-effective choice for utilities seeking to add centralized generation capacity
130 or replace existing capacity, it is an even better choice for electricity users that gets better each year as grid
131 electricity prices continue to escalate. Property owners now recapture their on-site solar investments in as little
132 as 5-6 years, depending on grid electricity prices and maturity and competition in the local retail solar industry.
133 Their investments deliver major resilience, environmental and economic benefits to cities and counties, better
134 enabling them to invest in environmental justice initiatives and a broader array of climate adaptation measures.
135 In this integrative context, the modest and ever-shrinking difference between unit costs of utility solar electricity
136 generation capacity and unit costs of installed local solar electricity systems are relatively inconsequential.

137 **7 e) Local Deployment Capacity**

138 Deployment capacity is key to cost-efficient investment for all solar technologies and project scales. Radical
139 increases in solar project deployment capacities around the world mirror shifts in industrial policies of industrial
140 nations. Within U.S., shifts have been more gradual, and differences are explained in part by political divisions
141 among the states and differences in retail energy prices offered by state regulated utilities. States with long
142 standing, supportive policies had local solar deployment capacities in place to build on before Federal solar tax
143 credits became available via an economic stimulus ten years ago. Solar deployment in states with supportive
144 policies and relatively high electricity rates increased more rapidly than in other states. For example, California
145 electricity rates are relatively high. Its counties and cities that have relatively mature local solar deployment
146 capacity are seeing double digit annual on-site solar expansion. 4 Levelized cost of electricity is an especially
147 inappropriate comparative metric between costs of small medium and large solar projects because the parameters
148 and calculation of levelized costs apply only to utility investments.

149 **8 f) The Reliability Shift**

150 Increasing severity of natural disasters erodes the reliability of local activity that depends on energy imports.
151 Reliability of electricity service to California communities and energy users has plummeted in recently for
152 communities and energy users subject to "power safety shut-offs" during seasons when high winds increase
153 wildfire risks. Few California communities are completely immune.

154 **9 g) The Resilience Shift**

155 Extended energy service disruptions devastate local economies. The obvious and urgent response is to increase
156 local energy resilience. Energy resilience is the local capacity to restore energy service quickly and indefinitely.
157 Increased local renewable energy production and judicious renewable fuel use can provide at least partial energy
158 resilience, thus mitigating local energy service vulnerabilities. Once technical and institutional impediments are
159 removed, home and business energy investments 5 can be integrated with smarter local energy "distribution"
160 infrastructure to make local energy service fully resilient. 6

10 h) The Equity Shift

Economically insecure neighborhoods need to be more, not less, energy secure than their economically secure counterparts. Fairness requires that the benefits of local renewable energy supply be available to all. For example, in places where solar energy saves money and backs up traditional energy service for local businesses and homeowners, it must do the same for renters, who, on average, may have greater need for cost savings and energy security. Working with local solar retailers and energy service providers, local governments can plan and implement strategies to bridge the solar divide. One step forward in California will be to stop adding transmission charges to renewable electricity generated locally and delivered locally without passing through the regional transmission system.

11 IV.

12 Local Renewable Transitions a) Strategic Situation

In California, on-going expansion of centralized renewable electricity supply is responsive to the state's carbon neutrality goals. It enables less reliance on large power plants that convert fossil fuels to electricity. Usage changes, demand response capacities, and energy storage investments are needed to capture decarbonization benefits of large renewable projects. 5 I.e., investments in on-site solar heat and electricity production, community renewable gas and electricity production and battery and fuel cell electric vehicles that exchange electricity with local electricity grids 6 "Full resilience" means the ability to quickly restore unrestricted and uninterrupted 24/7 energy services.

7 global Journal of Researches in Engineering () Volume Xx XI Is sue II Version I J Investing exclusively in large renewable power plants is an incomplete decarbonization strategy that becomes more costly as renewable penetration increases. In California, it now causes rather than mitigates local electricity service disruptions. 7

13 b) Strategic Responses

Parallel expansion of local renewable supply is key to timely, but also just, safe and economically beneficial local renewable energy transitions.

Three foundational elements of strategic local renewable transitions are: 1) accelerated local renewable resource development by local governments in collaboration with local electricity service providers and with Community Choice xi wholesale electricity procurement programs (in states where they are authorized), 2) allowing property owners to generate "net positive" solar electricity based on fair allocation related grid infrastructure and operating costs, and 3) collaboration between energy utilities and local governments to implement and expand "net negative" carbon capacities for building and transportation fuel production. The terms, net negative and net positive are defined below.

14 c) Accelerated Local Renewable Resource Development

Counties and cities own and permit the use of land within their jurisdictions. Sites that are environmentally and otherwise suitable for renewable energy development should be inventoried and assessed to determine their economic value for purposes of renewable project development in anticipation of renewable project developer interest. Some California jurisdictions now have experience that validates the critical need for anticipatory evaluations and decisions.

15 d) Net Negative Carbon Local Fuel Production

Carbon intensities of major energy sources vary widely, generically, and project by project within a generic category. Figure 6xii shows generic intensities for current and emerging transportation fuels. 8 7 Energy resilience, long a concern in disaster-prone areas, e.g. coastal areas in the southeastern US, is now a concern in California in the wake of recent, unprecedented wildfires. Technically and economically informed state-wide decarbonization and resilience planning has become a critical need, but responsibility and authority to do it at the local level remains diffuse. Regional energy utilities rely heavily on out-of-state imports and have divested, or retired, portions of the energy production fleets they once owned while the state relies on commodity energy markets it operates to attract investment in new in-state supply. ?? An alternative fuel's carbon intensity (CI) value is divided by its Energy Economy Ratio (EER) obtain the EER-adjusted CI value, representing the emissions that occur from the use of alternative fuel per MJ of conventional fuel displaced.

It shows that bio-methane produced from organic waste streams has widely varying carbon intensities, some deeply negative and some modestly positive. From a climate perspective negative is good. Note that projects can have carbon intensities anywhere in the range indicated by the vertical bars. The figure shows that substituting bio-methane, aka renewable natural gas (RNG), for diesel fuel has the greatest potential decarbonization benefit in the transport sector, depending on proper project design and implementation. Other recent studies suggest that sufficient bio-methane production feedstocks are available to support highly impactful substitution of bio-methane for natural gas (geologic methane) for building space and water heating. Net positive solar electricity production should be allowed and equitably compensated in the interest in least societal cost energy supply. Local economies will not long be well served by rules that result in underutilization of on-site solar energy production

218 potential. It will be increasingly vital that net electricity policies strike the best balance between meeting local
219 grid owner concerns and local government interests in economically beneficial and equitable local climate action.
220 For example, feed-in tariffs have been demonstrated effective in Europe and some parts of the US. As with
221 fuel and electricity decarbonization, a combination of feed in tariffs and net metering policies will have greater
222 decarbonization and resilience benefits than either alone.

223 Collaborative engagement between local governments and energy utilities will be essential to work out in each
224 local case how best to transition from a local solar electricity deployment policy relying on net energy metering
225 alone and one that offers multiple options to achieve more equitable access to locally produced solar electricity
226 while maximizing benefits to local economies.

227 Meanwhile, should utilities and state legislators and regulators encourage investment in net positive annual
228 on-site renewable energy production? Should net positive production be valued at the average cost of the utility's
229 solar purchases plus related transmission costs? Environmental impacts of centralized production and high voltage
230 transmission should weigh in the balance when judging the merits of enabling state legislation.

231 V.

232 **16 An Economically Beneficial Local Renewable Transition**

233 Local renewable transitions can strengthen local economies in ways that cities and counties so far rarely consider,
234 e.g., job creation and taxable assets. 9 9 Benefits of more local dollars recirculating locally are harder to quantify
235 but may be even more important.

236 xiii Economic benefits of local renewable transitions accrue primarily to energy users able to generate solar
237 energy on property they own. In California, on-site solar investments pay back in five to ten years and result in
238 essentially zero cost energy for decades. Their benefits also accrue to local governments and local economies in
239 the form of dollars that recirculate locally, create local jobs and add to property values. Figure 7 shows the result
240 of an analysis to roughly scope the economic impacts of on-site solar electricity production in one California
241 country. Having Yolo County, California has a population of roughly 200,000, and a mix of urban and rural
242 areas. Its experience illustrates how quickly local renewable transitions can progress, either on or under the radar
243 of planners and policy makers. ??0 VI.

244 **17 Limitations Impeding Local Renewable Transitions**

245 County-wide on-site solar deployment in the past five years accounts for most of the local solar capacity that
246 now meets twelve percent of the county's electricity usage. In some cities within the county the number of new
247 systems has increased at an annual rate of nearly twenty percent per year.

248 Benefits to the county economy include well paying jobs and less money leaving the county to pay for grid
249 electricity imports, which now total several tens of million dollars. The combined annual benefits at the end
250 of 2020 are estimated at \$90 millions. These combined benefits strengthen the county's ability to fund the
251 implementation of climate adaptation and resilience measures and address inequities, including lack of access to
252 cost-saving locally produced solar electricity by non-property owners.

253 Indirect and hard-to-quantify benefits include local electricity supply sufficient to materially enable faster
254 recovery in the wake of disasters and mitigate loss of economic productivity in during public safety power shut-
255 offs and blackouts costs by disasters and physical and cyber-attacks.

256 **18 a) Monopolistic Inertia**

257 Local governments and energy utilities of all stripes are monopolies. Monopolistic utility service models have held
258 up well over many decades. But now they impede decarbonization and local energy resilience, oppose barriers
259 to equitable local renewable energy production, and enmesh local climate action in ??0 A two and a half year
260 old county-wide Community Choice program may result in improved "radar" going forward lobal Journal of
261 Researches in Engineering () Volume Xx XI Is sue II Version I J bureaucratic inertia. Energy service in the
262 U.S. is regulated according to state laws that are heavily influenced by energy utilities. In the California, they
263 function as virtual money machines, collecting and spending revenues, purchasing energy they once produced,
264 outsourcing other business functions to the extent possible and managing risks of litigation and failures of energy
265 trading processes they do not oversee. 11

266 **19 b) The Local Energy Collaboration Gap**

267 To varying degrees, they view on-site renewable energy production as a threat to erode the revenue streams on
268 which they and their employees depend. Meanwhile, local governments struggle to implement state mandates
269 across a wide range of services and incur significant code development and enforcement costs and risks.

270 In the U.S., energy utilities and local jurisdictions typically do not pro-actively collaborate, share data or
271 concern themselves with abovementioned benefits of customer self-generation. In an energy resilience context,
272 the need to do so is urgent. Lack of budget and staff capacity limits serious collaborative engagement. It may
273 be time to authorize revenue collection on both sides to capture the societal benefits of local renewable energy
274 transitions. For example, to fund collaborative engagement, should cities and counties be allowed to tax local

275 solar property when and wherever it has become cost-effective on a life cycle basis? Doing so in the past would
276 have impeded local solar deployment, but it may be time for judicious adjustments.

277 **20 c) Deployment Capacity Limitations**

278 California's ability to ramp up local solar electricity deployment in the past decade is owed to a cadre of one
279 thousand local solar retailers and installers that grew and matured in the years prior to Federal solar tax credits,
280 thanks to a \$3B incentive program funded by the state legislature in 2006. Other states rely on utility scale
281 renewables to decarbonize in part because local solar deployment is building on a less robust and profitable base
282 of retailers and installers. Even in California, the retail solar industry's capacity to deploy larger non-residential
283 systems is less evenly distributed and less mature. Cities and counties interested in capturing the local economic
284 benefits of solar energy adoption can take steps to ensure access to competitive solar bids from locally owned solar
285 retailers, e.g., by committing to net zero carbon conversions of public schools and local government buildings and
286 vehicles.

287 11 California's regional energy utilities rely heavily on out-of-state imports and have divested, or retired,
288 portions of the energy production fleets they once owned, while the state relies on commodity energy markets it
289 operates to attract investment in new in-state supply.

290 **21 d) Business Model Limitations**

291 Energy utility business models typically view wholesale energy as a commodity undifferentiated according to
292 where it is produced. Nevertheless, state regulation typically does not preclude utilities procuring and offering
293 locally produced renewable energy for local use. In California, Community Choice wholesale electricity suppliers
294 are starting to do just that, acquiring experience that could lead state regulated utility counter-parts to follow
295 suit. Utilities in other states may also lead the way. Figure 8 shows a solar micro community in a new net-zero-
296 carbon Florida city. The city will have a population of twenty thousand when fully built out. A utility-owned
297 150MW solar power plant already operating on land donated by the developer will supply electricity to residents
298 and businesses at the same prices the utility charges customers elsewhere in its service territory. Could settled
299 US cities collaborate with their energy utilities and/or wholesale energy providers 12 e) Planning Capacity
300 Limitations to achieve comparable results?

301 Technically and economically informed statewide decarbonization and resilience planning has become a critical
302 need, but responsibility and authority to do it at the local level remains diffuse. Technically and economically
303 informed local energy transitions pay for themselves when local clean energy planning and implementation
304 capacities are competent and mature. When planning is not founded on actual local energy system models
305 and analysis, important trade-offs are not addressed, e.g., between 1) On-site solar vs. Community renewables,
306 2) Imports and local production, 3) New projects vs. Retrofits, 4) Zero carbon vs. Fully energy resilient, 5)
307 Expedient vs. Cost-efficient actions, 12 E.g. including mature Community Choice providers now operating in
308 some states. Local governments must play a stronger planning and implementation role despite funding and
309 other limitations. Getting local trade-offs right, capturing opportunities and lowering barriers is near impossible
310 without collaboration among local governments and energy utilities. Getting the trade-offs right requires creating
311 local energy system models, updating them and checking progress against them. xiv Inputs to integrated local
312 energy analysis and planning need to be extracted from multiple databases. So, planning and decision-making
313 must be intensely collaborative, starting with data sharing.

314 **22 VII.**

315 **23 Summary**

316 Where local renewable energy transitions are moving forward apace, energy user investments are now the primary
317 driver. Local investments in on-site solar electricity and heat production can now deliver compelling life cycle
318 cost savings in most of California, and attractive savings in many other states.

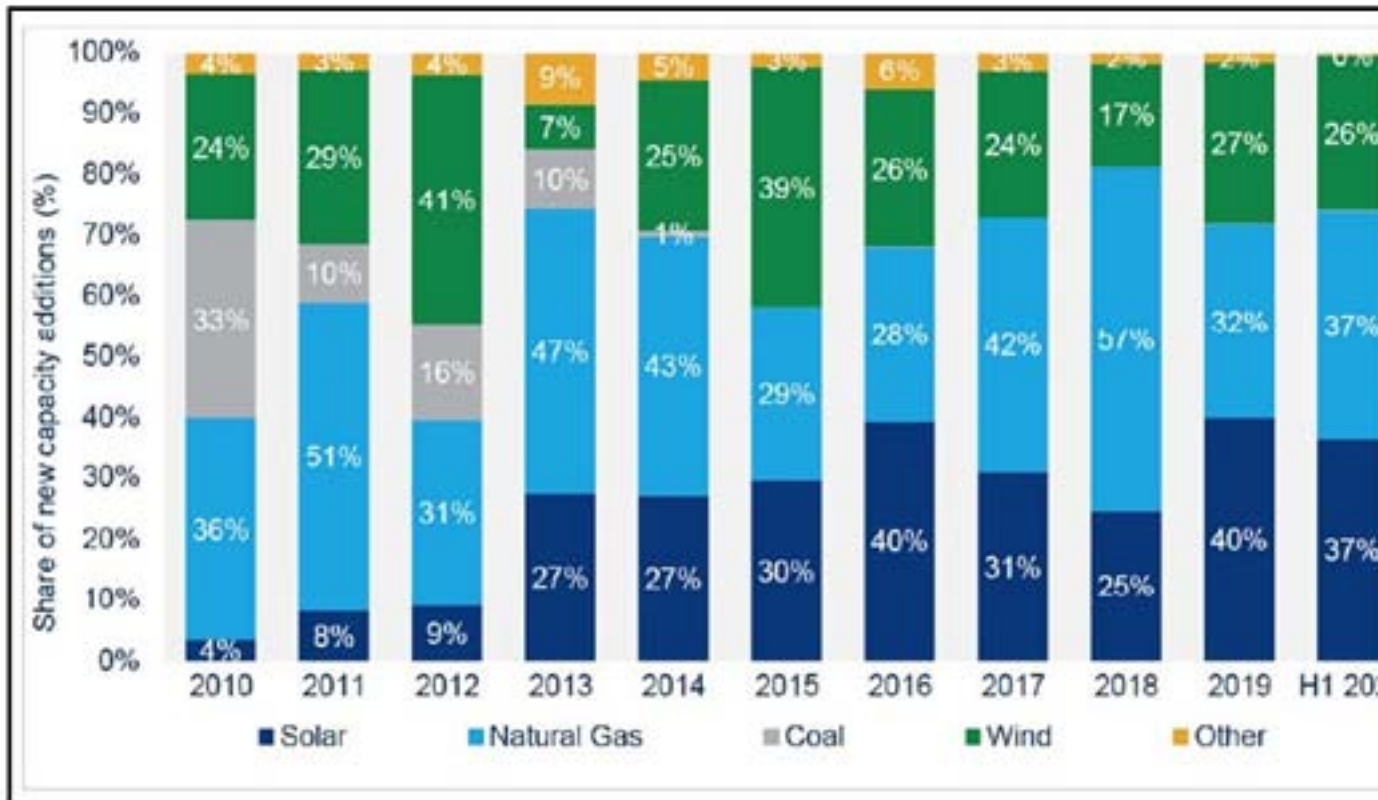
319 These investments have become the climate action gold standard by quickly replacing grid electricity and
320 geologic methane with zero carbon energy and enabling local retail energy businesses to grow and prosper.

321 Expansion of local renewable supply is key to more timely, just, and safe state and national renewable energy
322 transitions. US cities and counties should encourage private investment in local solar energy production because
323 it enables faster local decarbonization and energy resilience -also because it strengthens local economies in
324 many ways. Community renewable power and fuel production makes local energy transitions more timely -
325 also more equitable. Local decarbonization and energy resilience progress requires technically and economically
326 informed planning, which in turn requires greatly expanded collaboration among local governments, energy
327 utilities and local businesses, including energy equipment contractors and retailers, fuel distributors, and major
328 local employers. ^{1 2 3}

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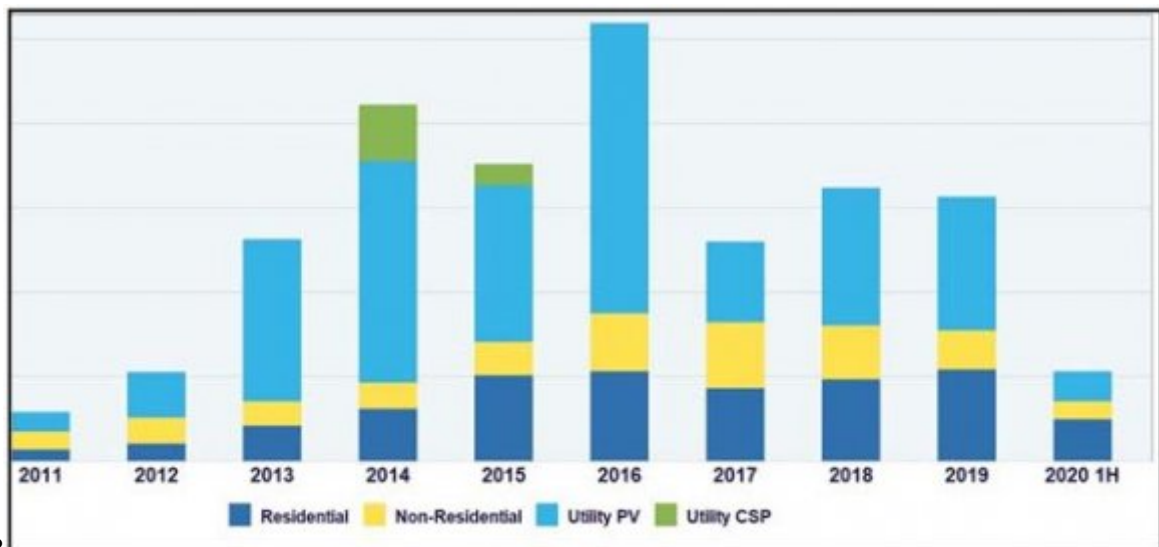
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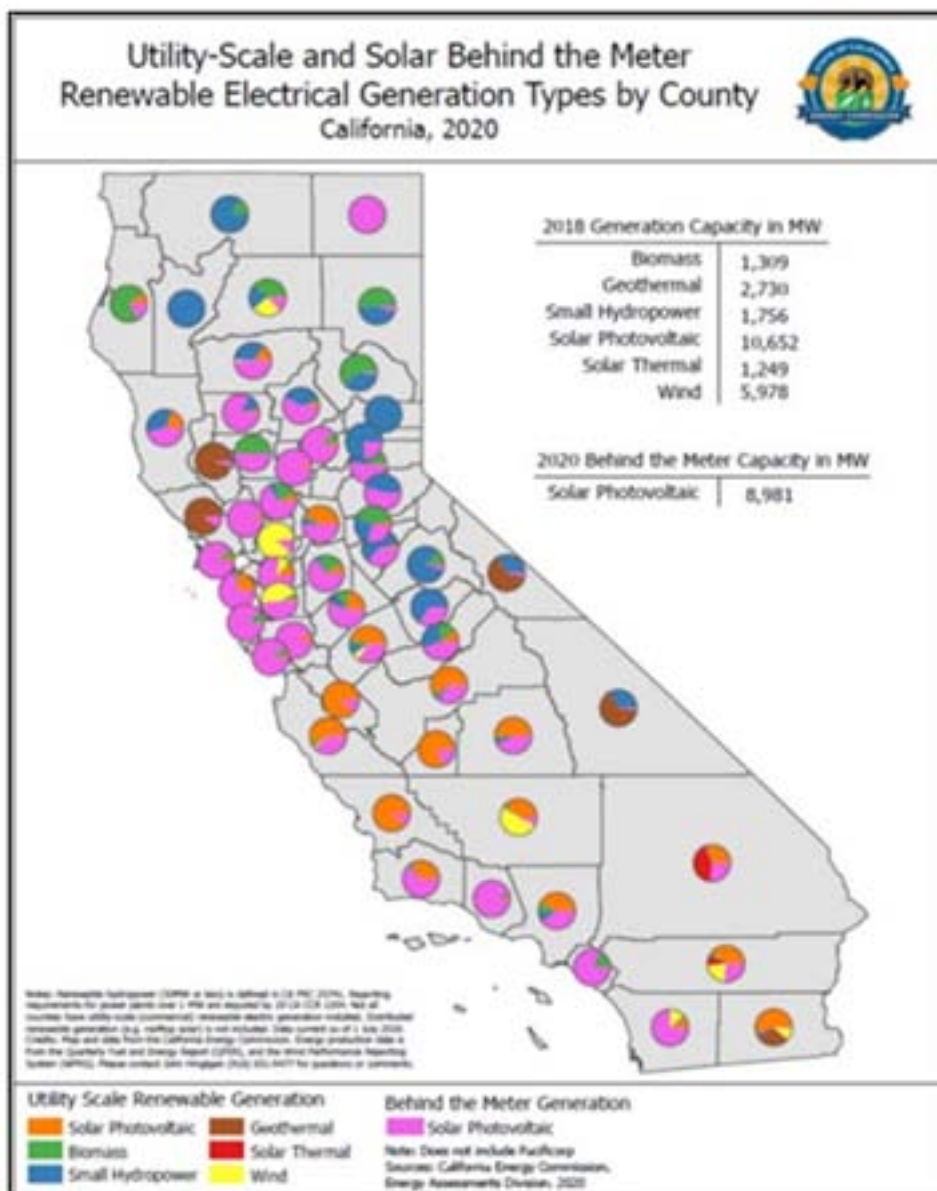


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Figure 2: Figure 2 :

Electricity		Gas Fuel
On-site solar electricity production	and	Carbon negative gas from local waste
Increased renewable electricity imports	and	Increased carbon negative gas imports
Solar/battery powered microgrids	and	Hybrid solar/gas powered microgrids
Solar powered heat pump water heaters	and	Hybrid solar/gas water heating
Solar powered heat pump space heating	and	Hybrid solar/gas space heating
Solar powered battery electric vehicles	and	Solar hydrogen fueled vehicles
Solar powered hybrid electric vehicles	and	Carbon negative gas fueled vehicles
High renewable content retail electricity	and	Micro combined heat and power

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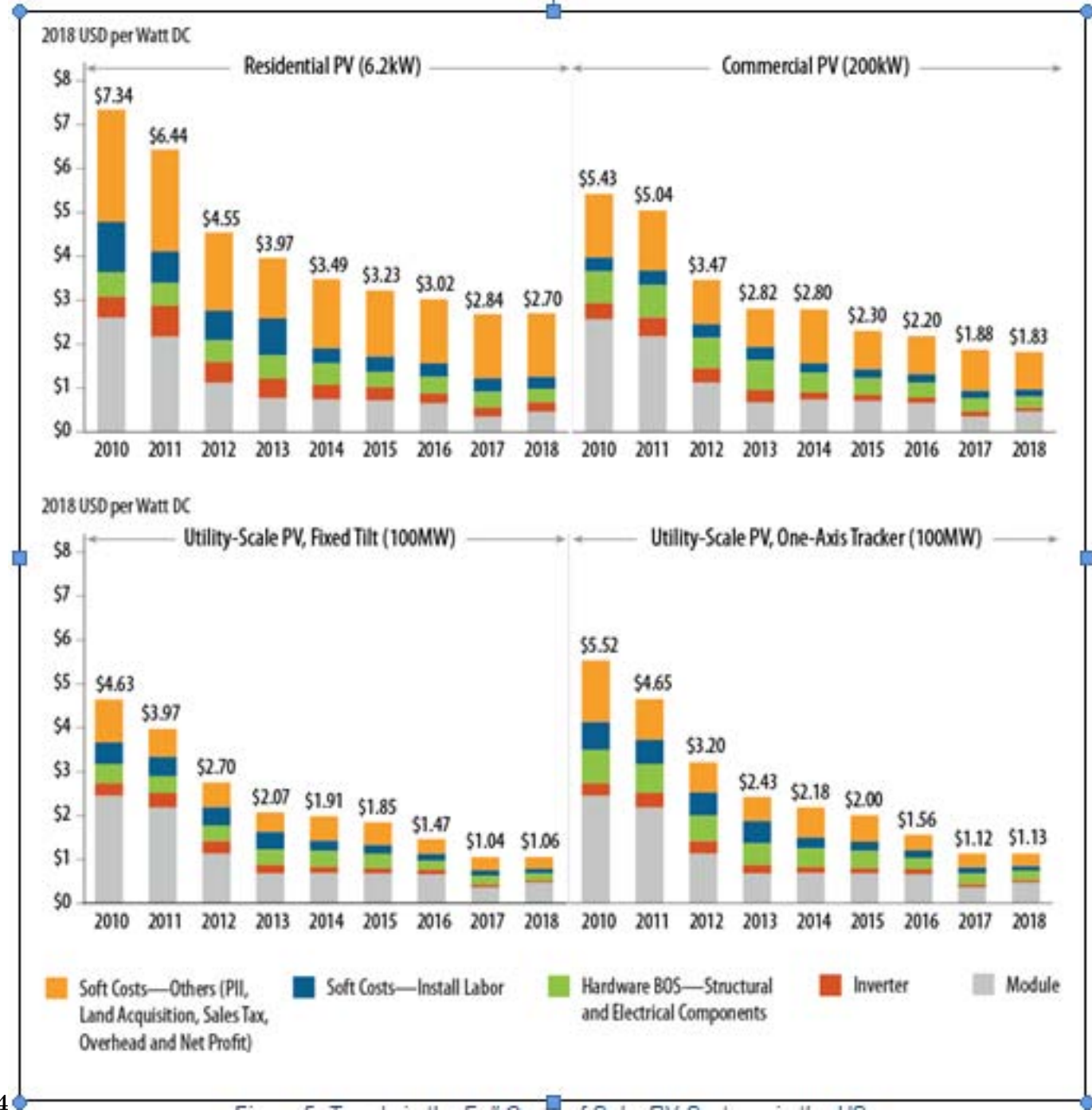


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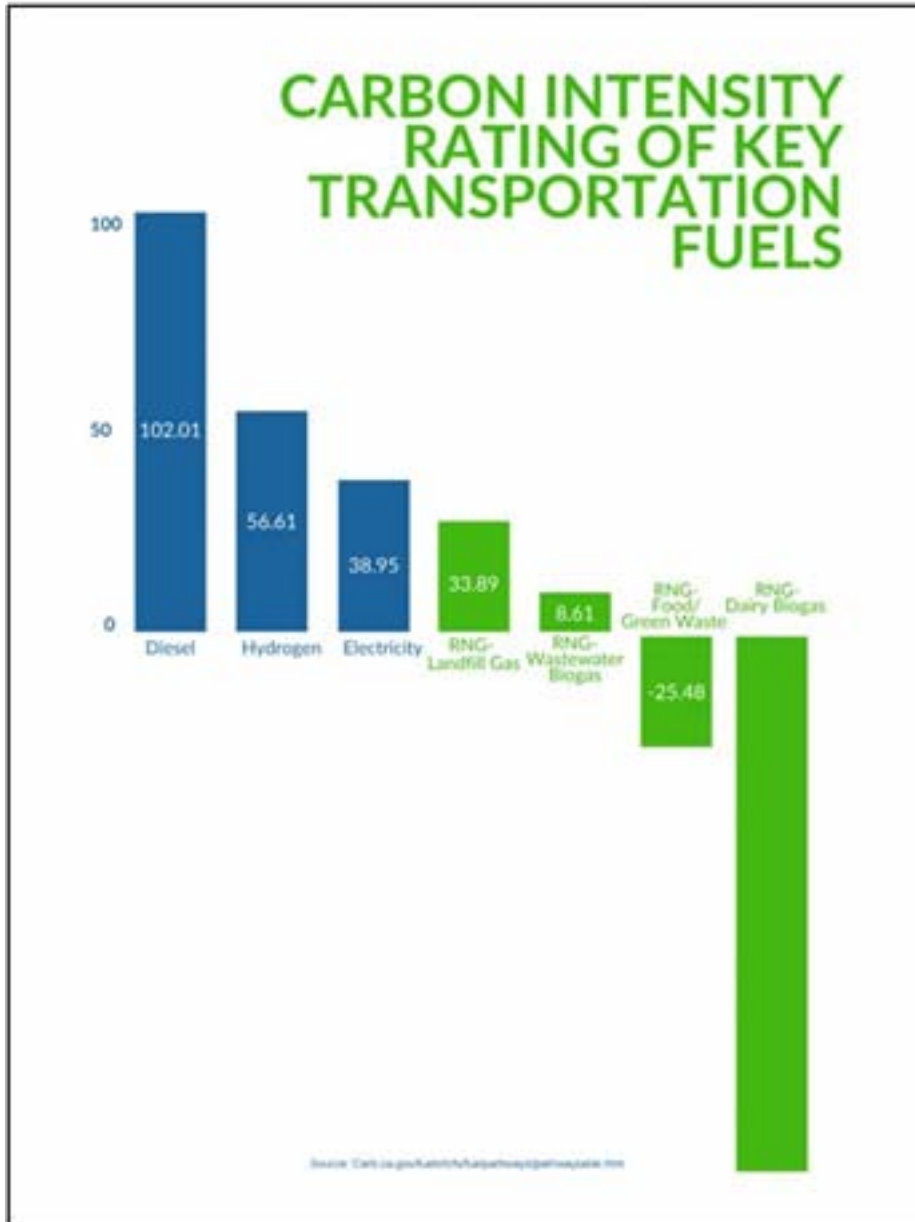


Figure 6: lobal

County Electricity Usage (MWH)	174900
	0
Solar Percent (%)	12
Number of Systems	11801
Combined Capacity (kW)	117134
Estimated Annual Production (MWH)	210841
Avoided Grid Electricity Generation Cost (\$M/yr.)	21
Avoided Electricity Import Cost (\$M/yr.)	53
Number of Direct, Indirect and Induced Jobs	361
Job Creation Benefit to Local Economy (\$M/yr.)	37
Combined Jobs and Avoided Imports Benefit	90
Property Tax Value (\$M)	463
Disaster Recovery Value (\$M)	??

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Figure 7: Figure 6 :



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Figure 8: Figure 7 :

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