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# **Fuel Cell Power Plants Biofuel Case Study – Tulare, CA**

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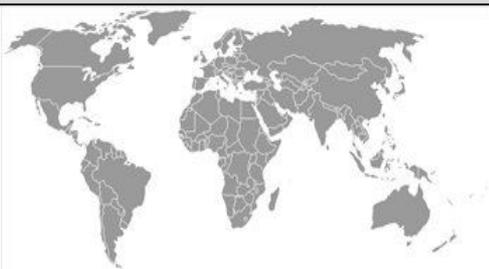
**reliable, efficient, ultra-clean**



## Manufacture



## Sell (direct & via partners)



## Install



## Services



### Growing Market Presence

180 MW installed and in backlog

Over 80 Direct FuelCell® plants generating power at more than 50 sites globally

- Providing:
  - On-site power
  - Utility grid support

### Delivering ultra-clean baseload distributed generation globally



**600 kW plant at a food processor**



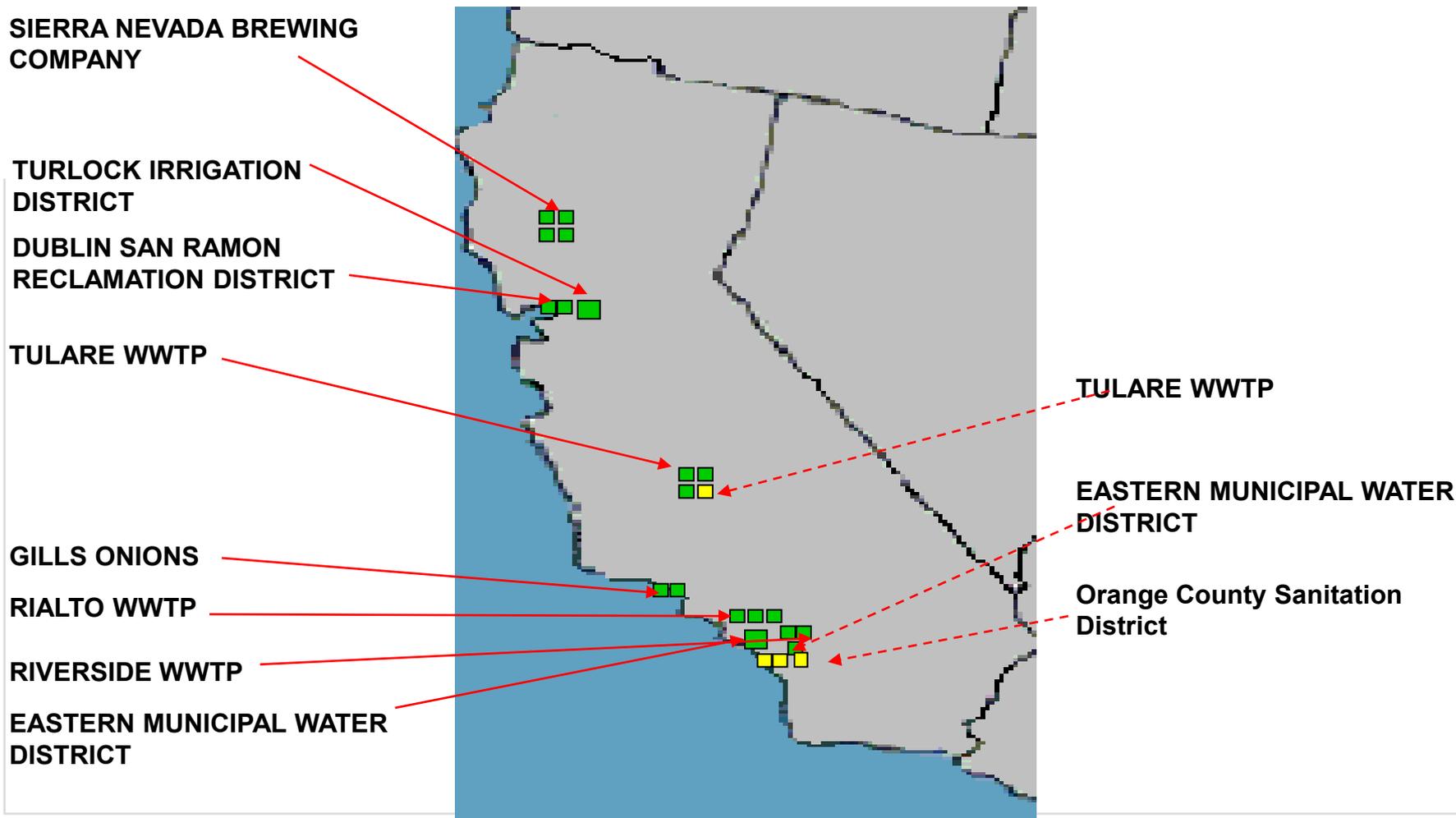
**1.4 MW plant at a municipal building**



**2.4 MW plant owned by an independent power producer**



**11.2 MW plant - largest fuel cell park in the world**





# Municipal Waste Water Treatment

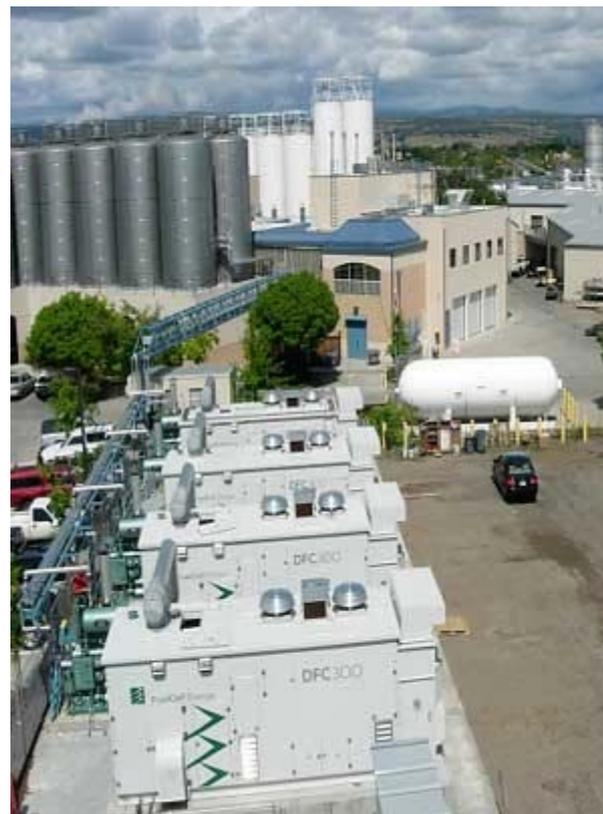
- **More power for given amount of biogas:** Higher efficiency than any other generation at typical digester facility sizes
- **Good heat to power ratio for digester support:** Fuel cell makes enough heat to support digester operation
- **Avoids generation of NO<sub>x</sub> and other pollutants** from flare or from other generation technologies





# Non-Municipal Applications

- Fuel Resource Diversity
  - Waste from food and beverage processing
  - Waste from other commercial processes
    - Biofuel production
    - Pharmaceutical Organics
- Other Factors
  - Access to Federal Tax Credits
  - Often smaller scale than municipal applications
  - Often not 24 x 7 operation, requiring alternate fuel for weekend operation





# Typical Fuels Composition

Composition	Natural Gas	Biogases			
		Waste Water	Food Waste	Animal Waste	Landfill
Methane (Vol%)	80-100	~50-60	~50-70	45-60	40-55
Carbon Dioxide (Vol%)	<3	30-40	25-45	35-50	35-50
Nitrogen (Vol%)	<3	<4	<4	<4	<20
Oxygen (Vol%)	<0.2	<1	<1	<1	<2
H <sub>2</sub> S, ppm	<0.1	<400	<10000	<300	<200
Non-H <sub>2</sub> S Sulfur, ppm	<10	<1	<1000	<30	<30
Halogens, ppm	<0.1	<0.2	<0.2	<0.2	<100
Moisture, %	<0.02	~3	~3	~3	~3

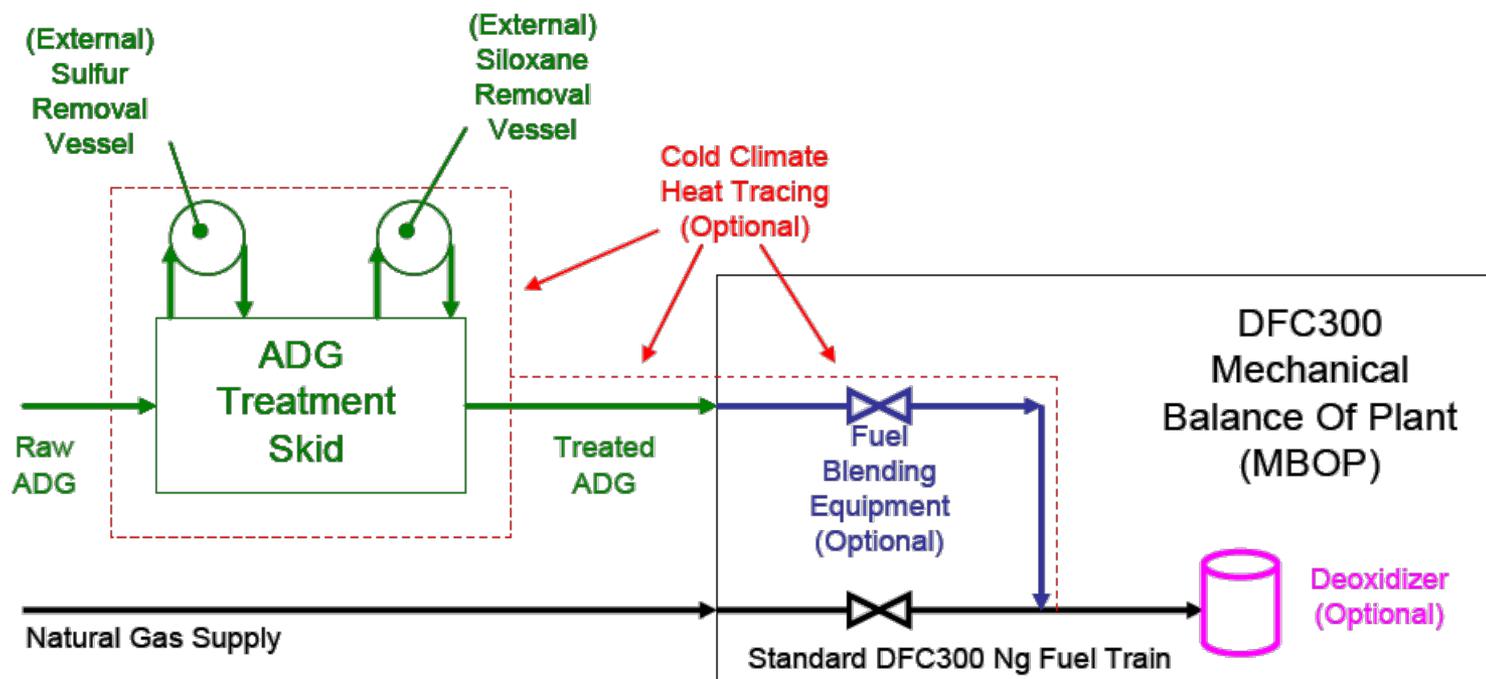


## Natural Gas

- 90 – 100 % Methane, balance typically higher hydrocarbons
- 900 – 1000 Btu/ft<sup>3</sup>
- Dry
- Very Low Oxygen, except peak shave gas
- Odorized for safety, typically 3ppm sulfur, max 20 ppm

## Digester Gas

- 50% - 80% Methane (60% typical), balance typically CO<sub>2</sub>
- 500 – 800 Btu, ft<sup>3</sup>
- Saturated at digester temperature
- Fraction to a few percent Oxygen
- Sulfur present naturally, at tens to hundreds of ppm, also often contains Siloxanes





- Plant Flow – 11.5 MGD
- Digester Gas Production 500,000 SCFD
- Production of Biogas in Bulk Volume Fermentor (BVF)
- Electrical Demand 2,700 KW



- 4 FCE DFC300 Fuel Cells 1200 KW (3 initial in 2008, 4<sup>th</sup> added in 2011)
- Biogas Treatment by Applied Filter Technology ( $H_2S$ , Siloxanes and VOC)
- CHP (Hot Water) Heat Recovery
- Electric Interface with Utility (SoCal Edison)





# Tulare CA WWTP

## Key Drivers for Fuel Cell



- Digester Gas Previously Flared
- Highest Efficiency Available (47%) for power generation
- Reduce Greenhouse gasses
- Emissions Exemptions and Rule 21 Qualification
- SGIP funding
- Dual Fuel (Natural Gas) Flexibility



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# Commercial Site BioGas Sierra Nevada Brewery, CA



DFC 300 CHP, 1MW, digester biofuel and natural gas



600 KW DFC 300 Units, digester fuel, combined heat and power



## **Market Drivers**

Municipal and Industrial Facilities face disposal issues, a need for clean power to comply with clean air regulations, and ambitious sustainability goals

## **Fuel Cell Plants Provide Solutions**

- Renewable baseload power solves waste disposal problem and provides continuous clean power
- Ultra-clean power facilitates ease of air permitting
- Distributed generation enhances power reliability and energy security
- High efficiency

## **Fuel Flexibility on varying BTU Gas**

- Municipal Wastewater Biogas
- Brewery and Food and Animal Waste
- Biogasifier and Biofuel waste gas

## **Site Challenges need to be Addressed in Design**

- Clean up systems required
- Varying biofuel availability

