# Alaska Energy Basics STRATEGIC ENERGY PLANNING

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## What is Strategic Energy Planning

- Stakeholder Inclusivity
- Leadership Team
- A Strategic Energy Plan
  - Convene Stakeholders
  - Form Leadership Team
  - Develop Energy Vision
  - Assess Energy Needs and Resources
  - Develop Specific Goals
  - Prioritize Projects and Programs
  - Identify Financing Options
  - Compile Energy Plan
  - Measurement and Verification (M&V) and Plan Alterations



#### Why a SEP?

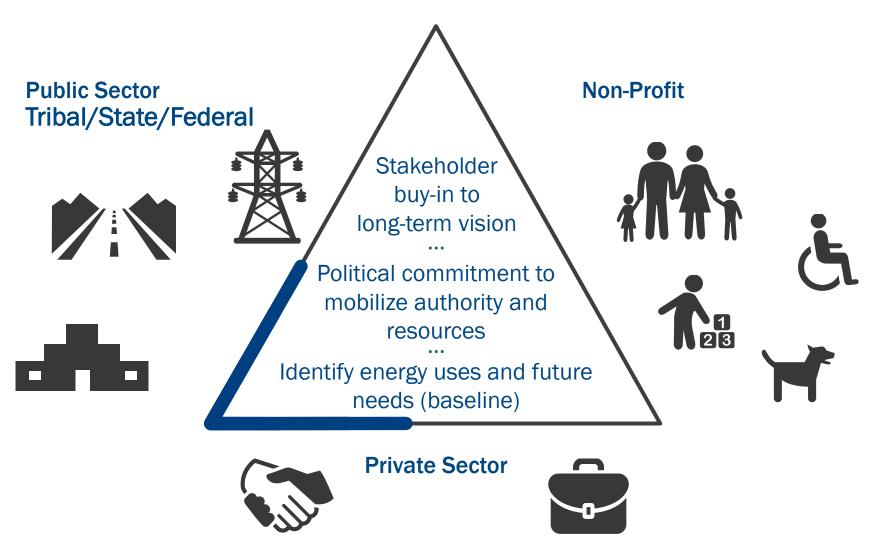
And what does it do for you?



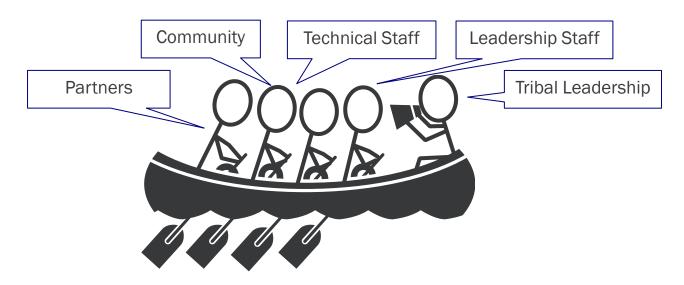
- Brings desired energy future into clear focus
- Considers current reality and leverages local resources
- Considers hurdles/challenges before you reach them
- Maps out efficient path to achieve your desired energy future
- Clarifies progress indicators
- Documents the game plan for short- and long-term success

#### What Makes Energy Planning "Strategic"?

**Inclusive Energy Planning Process** 



#### Planning is Coordinated & Collective Action

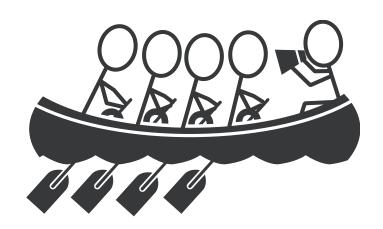


#### Proper Planning and Strategic Energy Plan Development Helps:

- Direct action
- Sustain momentum
- Motivate involvement
- Reduce/minimize reactive decision-making
- Go the distance



#### Why does Strategic Energy Planning Fail?





- Short-sighted predictions of the situation, timeline
- Unrealistic predictions of resources
- Uncoordinated implementation
- Narrow ownership
- Failure to <u>follow</u> the plan
- Poor, or casual, communication



#### Steps in Strategic Energy Planning

Identify/Convene Stakeholders

Measurement & Verification (M&V) and Plan Alterations

Form Leadership
Team

Compile Energy Plan

**Develop Energy Vision** 

Identify Financing Options

Assess Energy Needs and Resources

Prioritize Projects & Programs

**Develop Specific Goals** 

## Strategic Energy Planning: First Steps

#### **Stakeholders**

- Tribal Members
- Tribal Council
- Tribal Government
- Tribal Utilities
- Tribal Enterprise
   Leaders
- Large Energy Users
- Local Utilities
- Regional Partners

Identify and Convene Stakeholders

> Form a Leadership Team

**Develop An Energy Vision** 

Key Success Component: Identify and select an energy "champion" to shepherd the process



#### First Steps: Form a Leadership Team

#### **Draw from the stakeholders:**

- Tribal council member(s)
- Tribal government executives
- Tribal member representative(s)
- Tribal enterprise leader(s)

Include Regional Energy Planners





## **Regional Energy Planning**

 Collaborate with existing Regional Energy Organization plans.

 Link to the Alaska Energy Authority to partner resources.

 Shift perspective to ownership between the leadership and the community

## Strategic Energy Planning: Leadership Team

Not just people with the "right" idea, but those committed to the long-term task with personal and political influence

#### ✓ Include

- Individuals with authority to direct resources
- Individuals with a passion for the "destination"
- Individuals with influence in the community and administrative abilities to keep the project alive
- Individuals with the technical ability
- Individuals who can "tell the story"

#### **X** Avoid

- Exclusively political appointees
- Exclusively technical staff
- Exclusively implementers

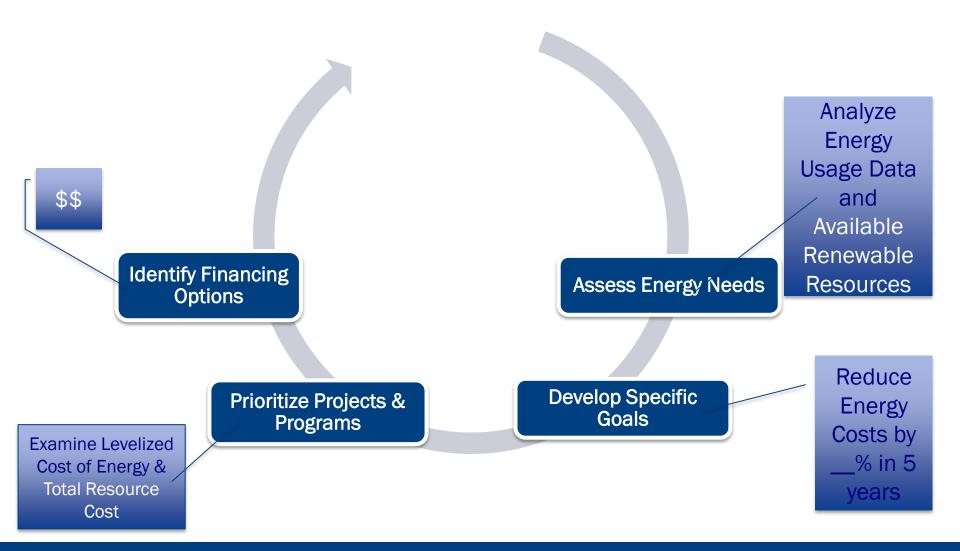
#### First Steps: Develop an Energy Vision

#### **Common objectives, such as:**

- Increase and ensure energy reliability
- Minimize environmental impacts
- Diversify energy supply
- Use local, renewable resources
- Strengthen, support economic development
- Build workforce/jobs
- Ensure energy affordability
- Generate revenue for Tribe
- Energy security/self-sufficiency
- Off-grid electrification
- Save money (offset energy costs)
- Keep money in Tribe
- Stabilize energy costs for Tribe and tribal members



## Strategic Energy Planning: Priorities & Decisions



#### Priorities & Decisions: Assess Energy Needs

#### **Document the community baseline:**

- Determine energy use by "sector" including government, residential, school, commercial
- Use available tools:
  - Energy audits
  - EPA Portfolio Manager (non-residential buildings)
- Forecast future load
  - New housing
  - New government facilities
  - New/expanded enterprises



 Verify current service providers and rates for electricity, gas, propane, wood, and others

#### Priorities & Decisions: Develop Specific Goals

#### **Examples:**

- Reduce electricity use by \_\_\_\_% by 2022
- Obtain \_\_\_\_% of electricity from renewable sources within 10 years (similar to a renewable portfolio standard or RPS)
- Reduce energy costs by \_\_\_\_% within 5 years



#### Priorities & Decisions: Prioritize Projects & Programs

- Develop a ranking system to understand cost-effectiveness of different projects
- Best practice models:
  - Total Resource Cost
    - Model considers life-cycle benefits for projects
  - Levelized Cost of Energy
    - Allows comparison across different technologies
- Tribal energy policy/program examples:
  - Incentives to reduce energy use
  - Incentives to promote renewable energy
  - Sustainable/green building codes, standards, or other requirements or guidelines



#### **Priorities & Decisions:** Identify Financing Options

## Secure planning and project funding sources:

- Tribal funding
- DOE Technical Assistance (TA) Program
- Other federal agency
   TA and grant programs
- State programs
- Non-governmental organizations (NGOs)



2013 September finance workshop attendee Barney Enos Jr. of the Gila River Indian Community.

## Strategic Energy Planning: Energy Plan

M&V and Plan Alterations

Compile Energy Plan



Speaker David Lewis presents during the September 2013 finance workshop. (NREL Photo #28051)

## **Energy Plan: Purpose & Functions**

#### **Purpose**

- Document near-term goals
- Sustain momentum
- Achieve long-term goals

#### **Functions**

- Creates "road map" to hold accountability to the destination
- Provides the means to consistently share the story with others
- Creates resources to help guide and filter priorities, providers, and decisions

#### **Energy Plan: Components**

#### Include:

- Vision
- Objectives
- Goals
- Baseline
- Barriers
- Program/project options
  - Demand side
  - Generation
- Recommendations
- Adoption by Tribal Council



Wind anemometer measures wind speed for resource assessment.

## Energy Plan: M&V and Plan Alterations

- M&V
- Evaluate
- Fine tune

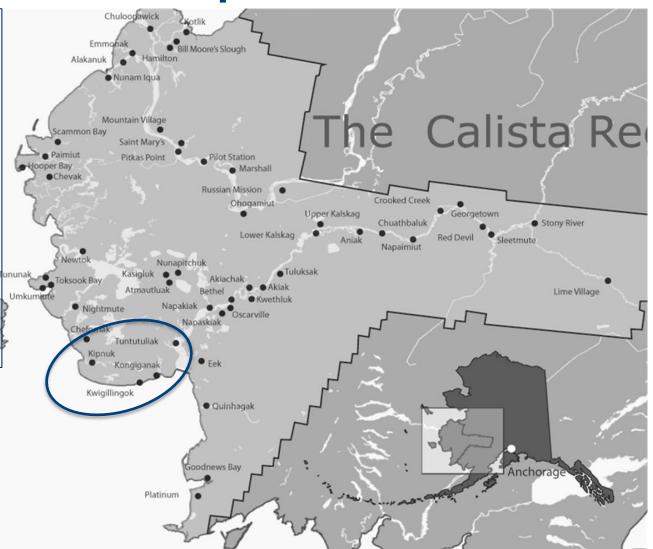






## **Chaninik Wind Group**

Tribes brought together four villages and several utilities to introduce wind heat to over 2,000 people by forming the Chaninik Wind Group.
Kipnuk
Dongiganak
Kwigillingok
Tntutuliak



## **Chaninik Wind Group**

Wind Heat Smart Grid

• \$3.7 million dollar Project

Five Wind Turbines (each 95 kW)

 450 Kilowatt wind-diesel system serving the 4-village community of Kongiganak

## **Benefits of Chaninik Wind Group**

- Installed wind turbines to lower cost of heat and electricity energy
- Reduced dependency on diesel fuel
- Created local jobs
- Trained and Certified employees
- Became a sustainable community

## Strategic Energy Planning: First Steps

The tribal villages of Kipnuk, Kongiganak, Kwigillingok and Tuntutuliak built capacity to develop a lasting economic foundation to serve 1,807 with sustainable energy.

Identify and Convene Stakeholders

> Form a Leadership Team

> > Develop An Energy Vision

#### Collaboration is key to SEP

A strong strategic Energy Plan will have many collaborators:

- Intelligent Energy Systems (IES)
- AEA Renewable Energy Fund
- U.S. DOE Tribal Energy Program (Guided the SEP process)
- Calista Corporation
- Denali commission
- Denali Training Fund
- NREL
- Alaska Legislature
- Senator Lyman Hoffman
- Representative Bob Herron
- CSWG Community Members and Utilities

## **Chaninik Formed a Leadership Team**



#### Chaninik Stakeholders Developed an Energy Vision



#### CWG Strategies for Success

- →Build capacity as a foundation for lasting economic development
- Adopt innovation to meet needs and support values
- Lead efforts to plan for community energy use creating value and fostering new opportunities
- ♦Think outside the box



## Strategic Energy Planning: Priorities & Decisions

CSG hired a knowledgeable contractor through a competitive process.

Identify Financing Options



Assess Energy Needs

Prioritize Projects & Programs

**Develop Specific Goals** 



## Chaninik Assesses Energy Needs



## CWG identified their goals in 2005

- Lower the cost of home heating and electricity
- Reduce dependency on diesel fuel by 40%
- Train and certify local employees
- Become a sustainable community



## **CWG Identifies Financing and Partners**

- Alaska Renewable Energy Fund
  - CWG approached AK State Legislature with their strategic energy plan to request funding.
- Requested technical assistance from the D.O.E. Tribal Energy Program
- Collaborated with the Denali Training Fund, the Denali Commission, and the Calista Corporation.

## Strategic Energy Planning: Energy Plan

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CWG installed Five 95 kilowatt turbines and supplied the entire village with thermal stoves to heat homes.

#### Identified a Unique Technology

Electric Thermal Storage (ETS) home heating units.



The ETS devises are saving \$1,500 to \$2,000 annually per home.

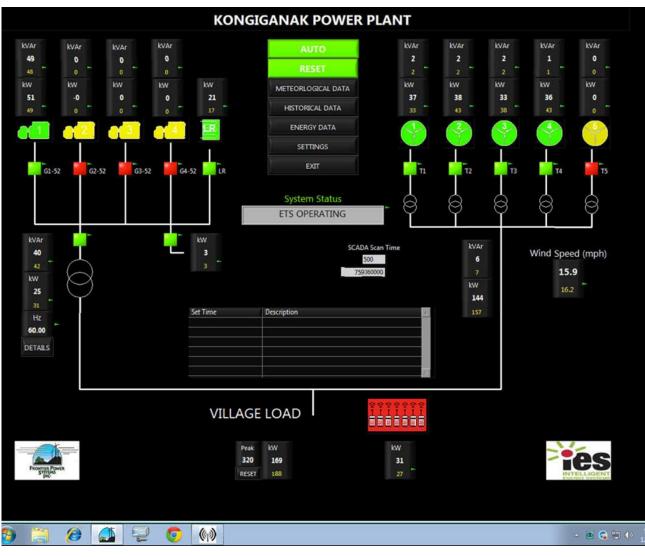






#### **Measurement & Verification and Plan Alterations**

- Communitywide smart metering
- Smart grid control was added to the plan to capture their success in numbers.

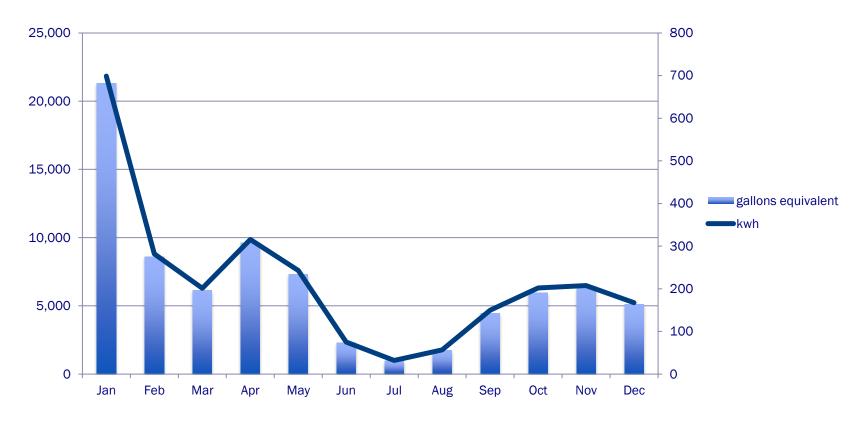


## **Kongiganak Energy Summary 2013**

KONGIGANAK POWER PLANT Energy Summary (kWh)													
2013	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total
Summary of Generation											Die	col	
Diesel 1	42,370	320	1,100	22,020	17,640	380	29,830	62,540	2,730	23,			33,240
Diesel 2	25,260	71,690	73,620	47,320	53,320	63,860	38,850				Genera	ation is	73,920
Diesel 3	-	-	-	780	-	-	-	20,810	75,720	59,	916,72	20kWk	57,140
Diesel 4	200	-	-	-	-	-	120	240	-		)±0,12	LORVVI	2,420
Total Diesel Generation	67,830	72,010	74,720	70,120	70,960	64,240	68,800	83,590	78,450	83,010	90.070	000.00	916,720
Wind Turbine 1	15,618	15,234	15,575	21,588	11,740	7,867	8,301	7,078	10	Mira d	Coni	, <u>,</u>	139,512
Wind Turbine 2	11,764	4,789	8,160	-10	-	1,396	736	2,919			Gen. i		79,588
Wind Turbine 3	26,130	18,936	22,211	20,113	15,733	12,018	9,678	8,921	<b>&gt;</b>	507,C	)71kW	h \	80,584
Wind Turbine 4	23,363	5,139	-61	13,437	14,968	3,886	2,603	5,316			,		92,571
Wind Turbine 5		-	-	-	-	-	-	1,672	10,926			-57	14,816
Total Wind Generation	76,876	44,099	45,885	55,128	42,441	25,167	21,318	25,905	46,923	48,539	36,245	38,546	507,071
Total Generation	144,706	116,109	120,605	125,248	113,401	89,407	90,118	109,495	125,373	131,549	126,315	131,466	1,423,791
Summary of Consumption													
Station Service	2,742	2,387	2,757	2,455	2,627	2,974	2,819	2,549	2,897	2,881	2,338	2,524	31,950
Wind to Village	40,487	28,254	31,072	33,362	23,518	14,383	14,593	16,640	29,355	33,375	23,380	25,480	313,899
Wind to Load Regulator	14,556	7,032	8,527	11,898	11,335	8,442	5,723	7,489	12,892	8,859	6,384	7,832	110,969
Wind to ETS	21,833	8,813	6,285	9,868	7,588	2,342	1,002	1,776	4,676	6,305	6,481	5,233	82,203
Total Village	108,317	100,264	105,792	103,482	94,478	78,623	83,393	100,230	107,805	116,385	113,450	118,400	1,230,619
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% Diesel kWh Displaced by Wind	37.4%	28.2%	29.4%	32.2%	24.9%	18.3%	17.5%	16.6%	27.2%	28.7%	20.6%	21.5%	25.5%



## Example - Kongiganak ETS Fuel Displacement 2013



Annually, community homes with ETS stoves installed saw an average of \$800 - \$1250 in stove oil displacement.





#### **Strategic Planning Leads to Successful Results**



#### **Lessons Learned**

- Energy issues must be addressed on all levels.
- More resources are needed to build capacity
- New opportunities reveal themselves everyday
- Risks are necessary and will allow you toe expect the unexpected.
- Stay positive and focus on the project goals!



#### **Useful Resources**

#### Resource

- The DOE Tribal Energy Program
   http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/
- U.S. Department of Energy Office of Indian Energy Resource Library http://energy.gov/indianenergy/resources/energy-resource-library
- Webinars for Tribal Energy:

http://ww2.wapa.gov/sites/western/renewables/Pages/Webcasts.aspx

#### **Technology**

"Community Greening: How to Develop a Community Energy Plan,"
 National Renewable Energy Laboratory
 http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy10osti/45652.pdf

#### **Policy**

 "Guide to Tribal Energy Development," U.S. Department of Energy Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Tribal Energy Program http://www1.eere.energy.gov/tribalenergy/guide/

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