Pinoleville Pomo Nation Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Final Status



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Pinoleville Pomo Nation

• The Pinoleville Pomo Nation is a Native American tribe located in Mendocino County





Mission Statement of the Pinoleville Pomo Nation

- Secures tribal government, affirms and protects tribal sovereignty
- Maintains government-togovernment relationships
- Dedication to developing and maintaining co-operative alliances that benefit the tribe
- Committed to the preservation of its history, culture, and traditions



• Provides for health , safety, and general welfare of its citizens

Vision Statement of the Pinoleville Pomo Nation

- Being healthy spiritually, physically, emotionally, mentally
- Being independent and selfsufficient
- Self governance with a focus on cultural and traditional values
- Being able to pass knowledge and wisdom of ancestors to future generations



Pinoleville Pomo Nation Approach to Sustainability, Pt. 1

- Goal: maintain cultural and tradition over the generations
- Focus:
 - Create project that utilize renewable energy
 - Incorporate cultural and traditional values
 - Self sufficiency
- Using renewables wherever possible
 - Geothermal pumps
 - Microhydro
 - Wind
 - Solar





Pond Loop





Pinoleville Pomo Nation Approach to Sustainability, Pt 2

- Co-designing & weaving together the various energy technologies in building designs
- Goals:
 - Low cost,
 - Energy efficiency
 - Natural materials (strawbale)
 - Net zero or positive energy buildings







Solar Sites Under Consideration for 1 or 3 MW Utility



Transmission Line and Substation Location, Pt 1



Transmission Line and Substation Location, Pt 2





Monthly & Yearly Avg. Solar Radiation for Fixed PV Array Fixed

Single Axis PV Array Fixed Facing South Annual Energy Output (kWh) Avg: 6.89 kWh/m^2/day Months

Monthly & Yearly Avg. Solar Radiation for Single Axis PV Array

Monthly & Yearly Avg. Solar Radiation for Two Axis PV Array



Energy Value vs Electricity Export Rate for 3 MW



Monthly & Yearly Avg. Solar Radiation for Single Axis PV Array

- Fixed solar array and its components: \$.18 per watt installed
- Single axis tracking system and its components: \$.22 per watt installed
- Two axis tracking system and its components: \$.27 per watt installed.
- ~ 18% difference between the fixed and single axis system option.
- A single axis tracking system results in ~24% increase in energy value of electricity generated compared to a fixed array system. This is recommended.
- This is a net energy value increase of 6%

Total levelized cost of energy for solar utility near Ukiah, CA

Capacity Factor (%)	Levelized Capital Cost (\$/MW)	Fixed O&M (\$/MW)	Variable O&M (including fuel) (\$/MW)	Transmission Connection (\$/MW)	CRF	Inte rest rate	n	Total System Levelized Cost (\$/MWh)
25	5,165,592	11,380	0	91,871	0.08	0.06	25	233.07

- Wind energy tLCOE: \$268.14/MWh
 - Lack of sustained wind speeds
- Biomass/biogas energy tLCOE: \$133.43/MWh
 - Lack of access to stable feedstock (slide 20)

Solar Total Installed Costs vs Net Project Costs via CREST Model



Cumulative Cash Flow at Net Project Cost of \$5.07/W, 15% IRR



Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Anemometer Details



More images here: http://www.ryanlshelby.com/2 010-pinoleville-pomo-nationanemometer-installation.html

Wind Power Estimate from 09-27-10 to 02-23-11 [20 m (60 ft), 15 ft diamater]



Biogas Feedstock (Anaerobic Digestion) Results



- EPA Biogas Mapping Tool shows that there are
 - 14 fat/oil/grease haulers,
 - 43 food processing facilities,
 - 9 landfills, and
 - 2 organics collection programs within a 70 mile radius of Ukiah, CA
- Unknown how muchfeedstock these sitesproduce or if PPN canaccess the feedstock

Future Workand Next Steps

- Biogas utility (\$133.43/MWh) is cheaper than a solar utility (233.07/MW) for Ukiah, CA
- Wind is present, but the speeds are not fast enough to recommend
- Solar, however, is a more reliable feedstock that the PPN can access
- PPN has started PPA talks with PGE
- Main concern is that PGE already has signed contracts in the pipeline to meets its CA Renewables Portfolio Standard for 2016 and 2020
- Focus is now on creating a PPA with the City of Ukiah's local utility



- Renewable Energy Credits
- Seeking Auto dismantler site as a Brownfields site
- Final report to DOE