San Diego Tribal Energy Collaborative

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## **Overview**

- Project Objectives
- The Partners
- Project Status
- ► How did we get here?
- What does collaboration look like on the ground?

#### Project Objectives DOE Deployment of Clean Energy & Energy Efficiency on Indian Lands

- 42 grid-tied, solar electric systems
  - Design, install, inspect, interconnect and maintain
    - 40 low-income single-family homes
      - San Pasqual, La Jolla, and Mesa Grande reservations
    - 2 community systems
      - San Pasqual tribal education facility and the La Jolla tribal community center
- 20 Community volunteers and Tribal job trainees
  - Assist with the installations, gaining valuable hands-on experience



# **Further Details**

- Not "off the grid"
- Net metering still tied into the grid
- No battery backup blackout = power outage to the home
- Homeowners see a 35% to 75% reduction in their electrical usage
- 3<sup>rd</sup> party inspector verifies all work completed by GRID before the system can be energized





A MESA GRANDE BAND OF MISSION INDIANS ENTERPRISE



# How did we get here?

► July 2010: Southern California Tribal Chairman's Association meeting

April 2011: First installation with La Jolla Band

► 2011 - 2017: 110 installations with the 3 tribal partners (121 tribal installs)

► 2015: Tekamuk Energy job training effort

► 2016-2019: Granted DOE funding

### **Project Partners**

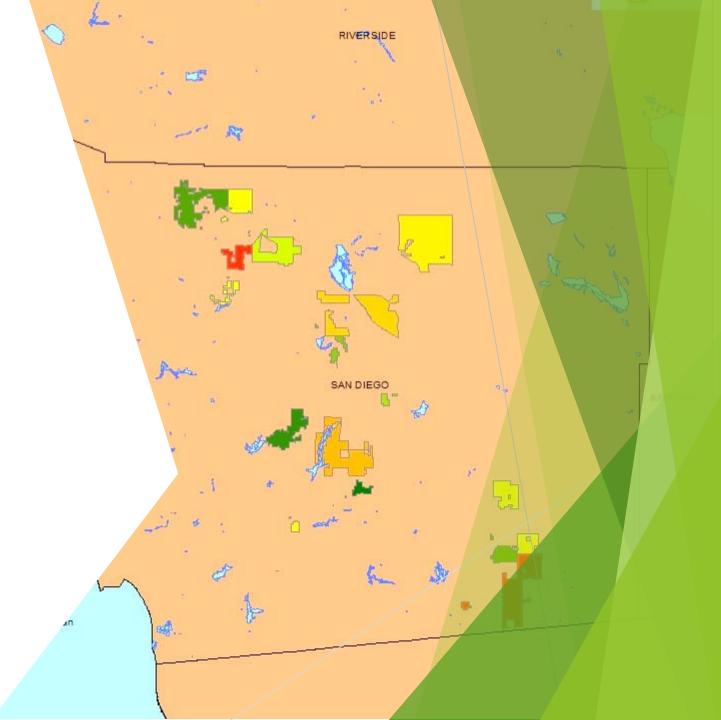
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Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians
San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians
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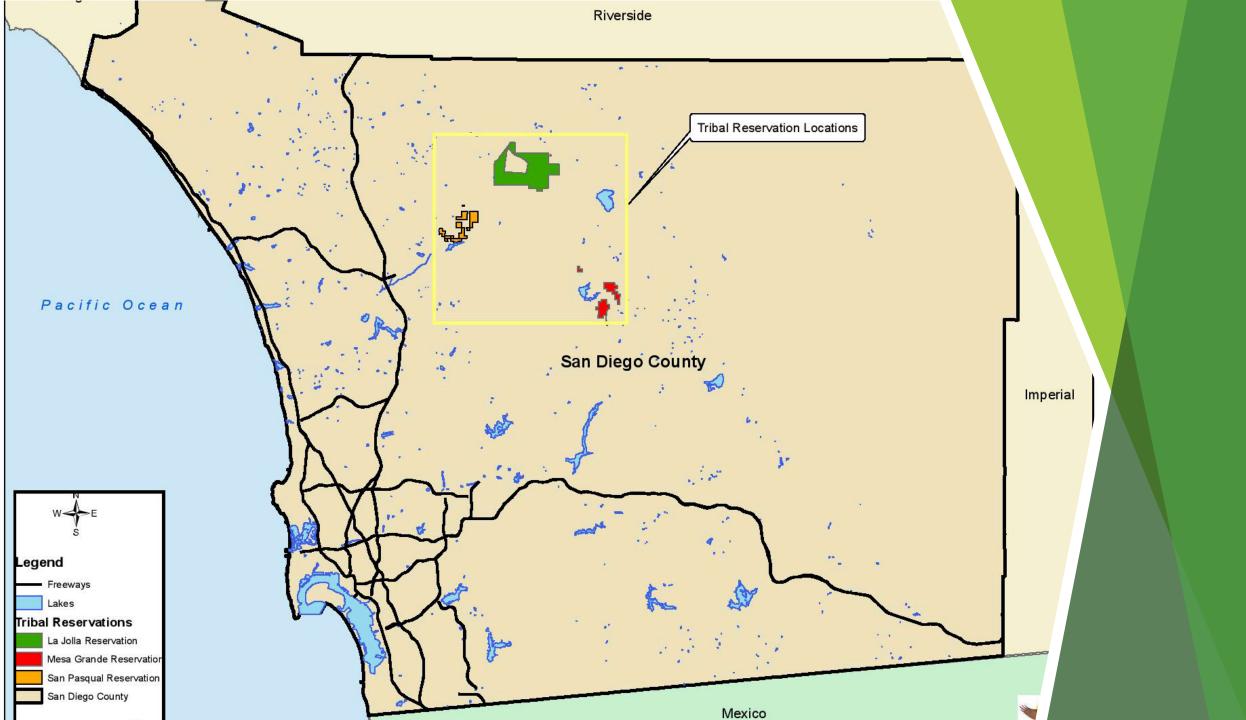




# San Diego County

# **18 Tribal Nations**





# San Pasqual General Information

- Established in 1910
- The Reservation encompasses approximately 2,956 acres

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- 250 Tribal members and over 1,200 lineal descendants
- Reservation population is 1,600
- 395 homes on the reservation
- 61 homes have solar
  - ▶ 56 GRID

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- ▶ 15 DOE
- 5 installed by private solar companies



# La Jolla General Information

- Establish by Executive Order in 1875
- ▶ 8,822 acres of land
- 700 tribal members
- Reservation population is 650
- 203 homes on the reservation
- 57 homes have solar
  - ▶ 39 GRID
    - ► 12 DOE
  - ► 13 AMIHA
  - 5 installed by private solar companies



## Mesa Grande General Information

- Established by Executive Order in 1875
- 1,820 acres of land
- 620 Adults, over 800 children
- Reservation population is 130
- 48 homes on the reservation
- 14 homes have solar
  - ▶ 12 GRID
    - ► 5 DOE

2 installed by private solar companies





# **GRID Alternatives**

► GRID makes solar technology and job training accessible to underserved communities

► Work with tribal communities thru GRID's 10 local offices and thru our Tribal Program based in Denver, which works with tribes not served by regional offices

► 571 tribal families served, 2.50 MW installed, which will produce \$23M of energy

Over 481 Native American volunteers





# **Project Outcomes So Far**

- 31 (42) grid-tied solar electric systems, totaling 117 kW
- Generate over \$1.8M worth of power for low-income families over the next 20 years
  - 492 Equivalent cars taken off the road
  - 59,945 Equivalent of trees planted
  - Eliminated 2,577 tons of greenhouse gas emissions
- Provide hands-on solar installation training to at least 17 Tribal community volunteers and job trainees





#### Project Status Accomplishments & Remaining Projects

#### 40 Single-Family Homes

San Pasqual, La Jolla, and Mesa Grande reservations

Tribe	SP	LJ	MG	Totals
Projected	20	15	5	40
Ground Mounts	7	5	0	12
Roof Mounts	7	7	5	19
Remaining	6	3	0	9

Homeowners educated on energy efficiency and renewable energy



# Project Outcomes -Tribal Buildings

- La Jolla Tribal Administration Building and the San Pasqual Education Facility have been solarized
- Annual Savings
  - ▶ 68% San Pasqual
  - ▶ 61% La Jolla
- Totaling 33.9 kW
  - 142 Cars taken off the road
  - 17,423 Equivalent number of trees
  - 749 Tons of carbon reduced

#### Project Status Accomplishments & Remaining Projects

- Community Volunteers & Tribal Job Trainees
  - Provided hands-on solar installation training to at least 17 (20) Tribal community volunteers and job trainees
    - 5,171 Total hours of volunteers and trainees
    - 133 Number of individuals who participated
      - 17 Tribal members
      - 1784 Total hour of Tribal OJT (On the Job Trainees) and volunteers

3 more volunteer and OJT need to be trained



# On the Job Training

- Utilized Resources from Organizations in our community to create OJT opportunities.
  - CIMC, On the Job Training 50% Pay Match
    - \$500.00 incentive for equipment upon training competition
  - ► TRIBAL TANF, On the Job Training 50% Pay Match
    - \$1000.00 incentive for equipment upon training competition
  - TRIBAL TERO DEPARTMENT
    - Contributed to Tribal Pay Match of 50%
  - TRIBAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY
    - Contributed to Tribal Pay Match of 50%



# What does collaboration look like?

- Communication
  - Regular meetings, "office hours," created systems and processes
- Tribal support of outreach
  - Contact families
  - ► Follow up with application, documents
- Tribal support of construction
  - Grading, trenching, shade mitigation, site mapping
- Tribal support of workforce
  - Recruit and coordinate trainees
- Common goal: People. Planet. Employment.
  - Rely on our history / relationship / accomplishments when challenges arise



## Match to the Grant

- Each partner is contributing:
  - ► Volunteers
  - Staff time
  - Heavy Equipment
  - Materials

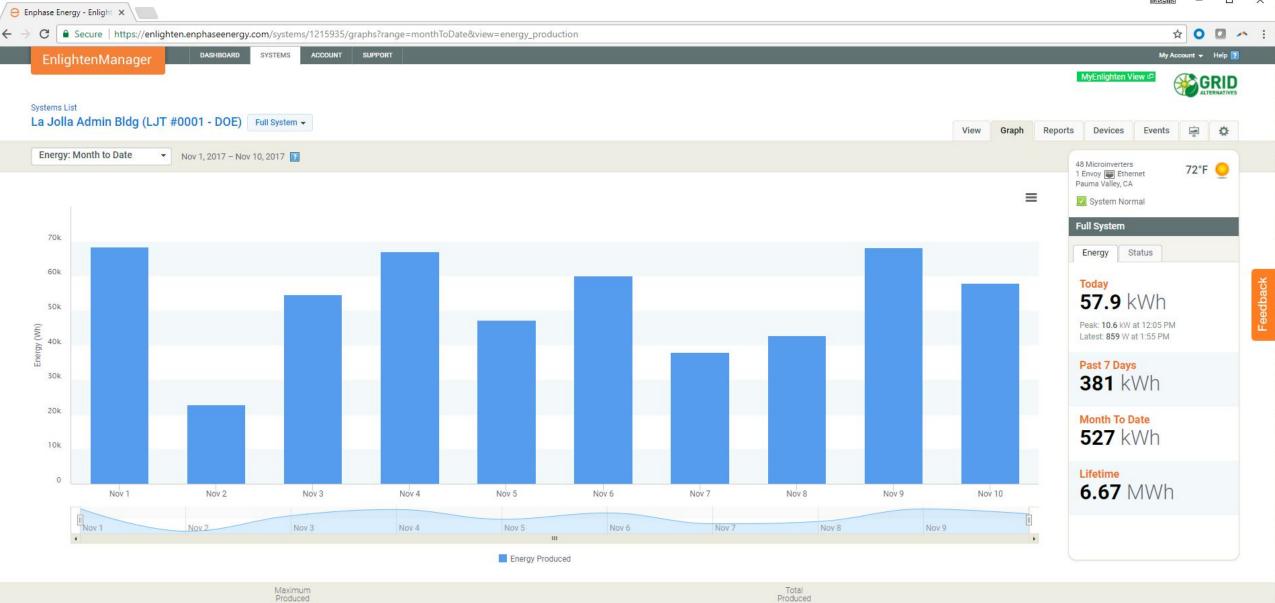


# **Lessons Learned**

- Time study for GRID and Tribal staff
  - Outreach hours
  - Construction & Installation needs
- Tools & Systems
  - Communication Structure
  - Ground Mount Schedule
  - Homeowner Ground Mount Schedule



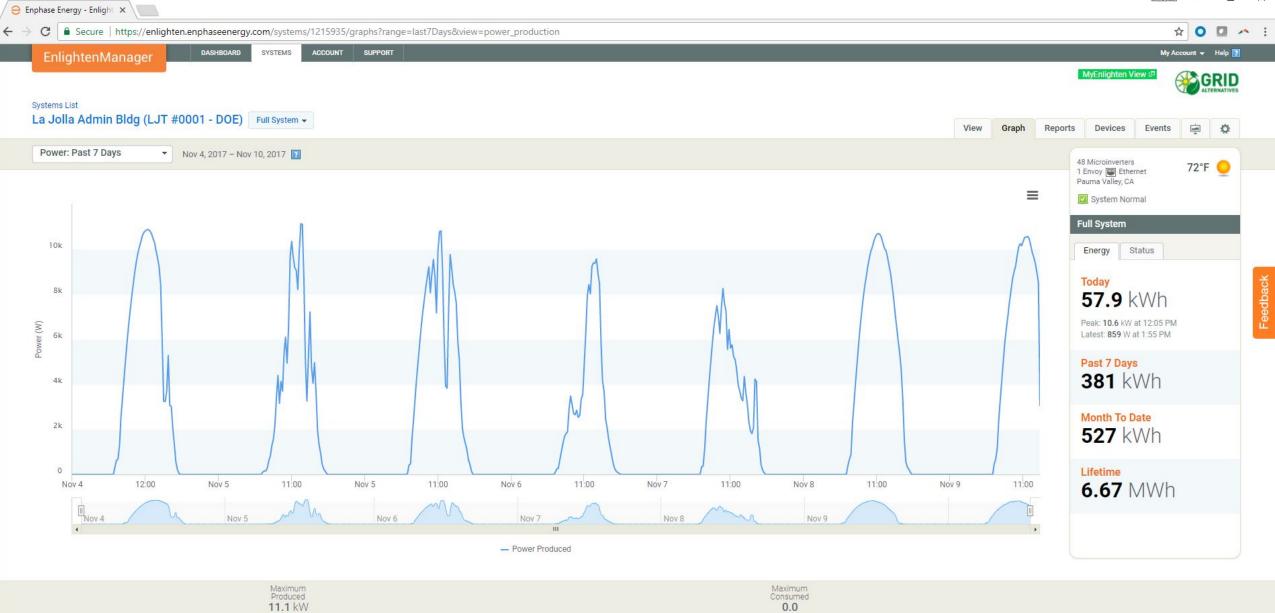


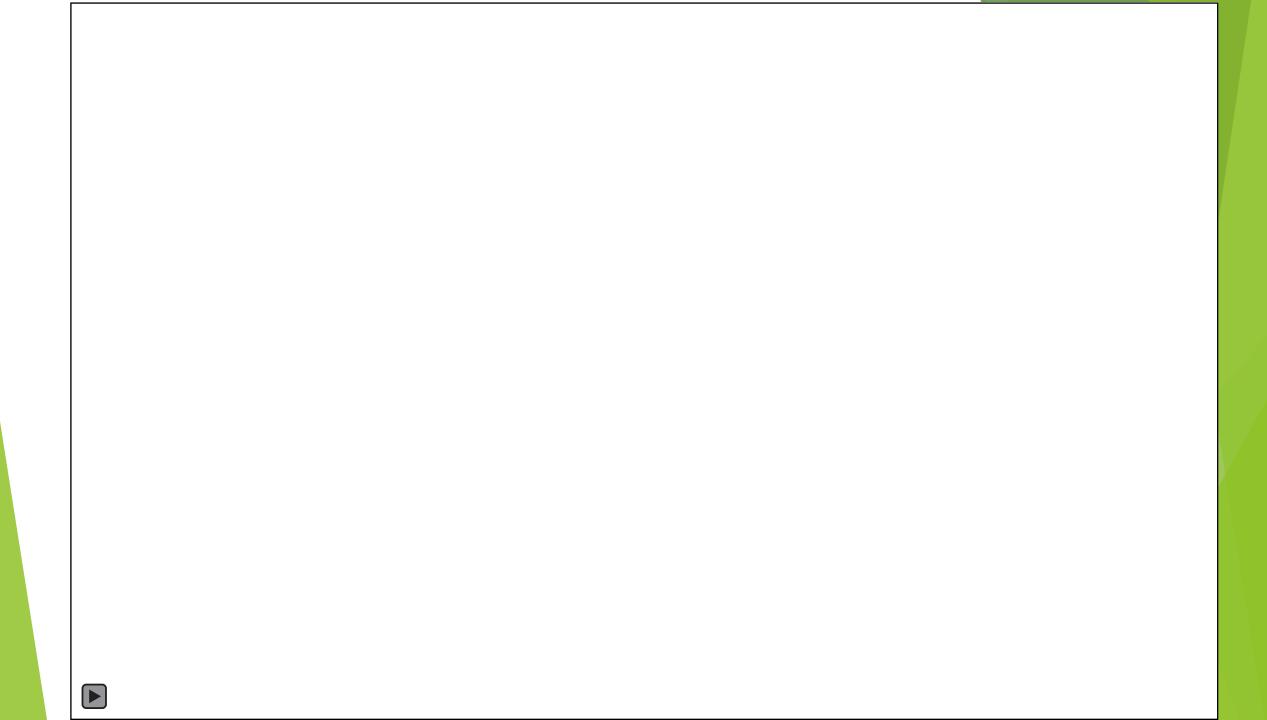


527 kWh

68.4 kWh







#### Questions and Comments

## Thank you

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