

# Prop 39 Zero Net Energy School Retrofits Workshop

The Business and Community  
Impacts of ZNE School Retrofits  
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# Prop 39 ZNE School Retrofit Pilot Program Workshops

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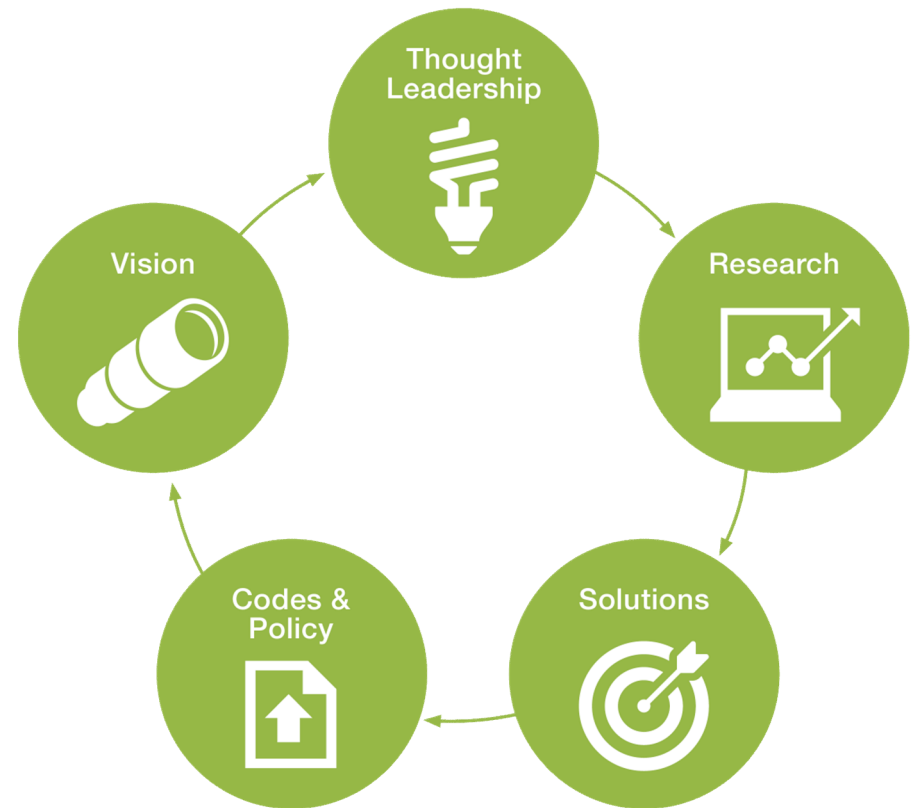
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# Welcome & Introductions

NBI is a national nonprofit working to improve buildings for people and the environment.

*Program Areas:*

- 1. Best practices in new and existing buildings*
- 2. Continuous code and policy innovation*
- 3. Zero net energy leadership and market development*



# Workshop Agenda

- 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.**     **Welcome: Workshop Goals & Expectations**
- 1:15 p.m. – 1:35 p.m.**     **Introduction: Zero Net Energy & Prop 39**  
*Presented by NBI and Southern California Edison and Southern California Gas Company*
- 1:35 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.**     **Retrofit Case Study: San Francisco Unified School District**  
*Presented by Nik Kaestner, San Francisco Unified School District, Director of Sustainability*
- 2:15 p.m. – 2:25 p.m.**     **Process of ZNE & Stakeholder Engagement**  
*Presented by NBI*
- 2:25 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.     Break
- 2:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m.**     **Designing and Operating to ZNE**  
*Presented by NBI and Nik Kaestner*
- 3:10 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.**     **Activity: Paths to ZNE Worksheet**
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.**     **Closing Discussion**
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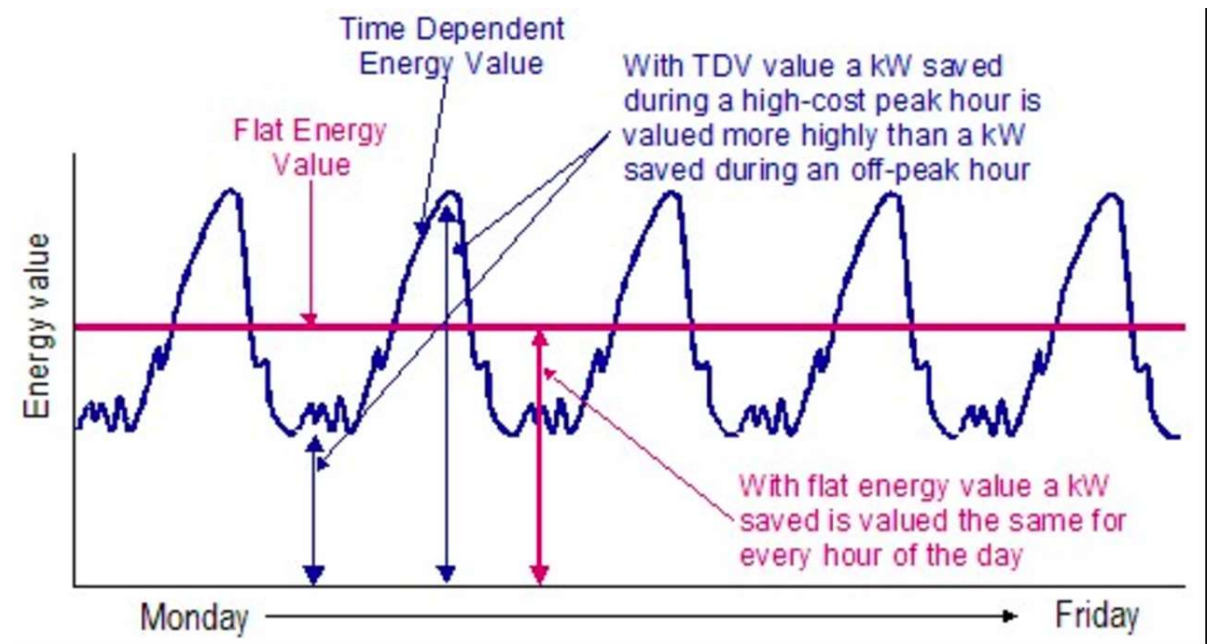
# Learning Objectives

1. Understand the process associated with retrofitting a school to ZNE.
2. Utilize lessons learned and approaches used by a current Prop 39 ZNE Pilot School.
3. Apply planning and technical tools needed to achieve successful zero net energy project planning, financing, design, construction, and operations.
4. Participants have access to zero net energy school experts and the opportunity to collaborate with other district staff as they brainstorm how to implement and support zero net energy school projects in their own communities.

# Introduction to Zero Net Energy

# Zero Net Energy (ZNE) Definitions

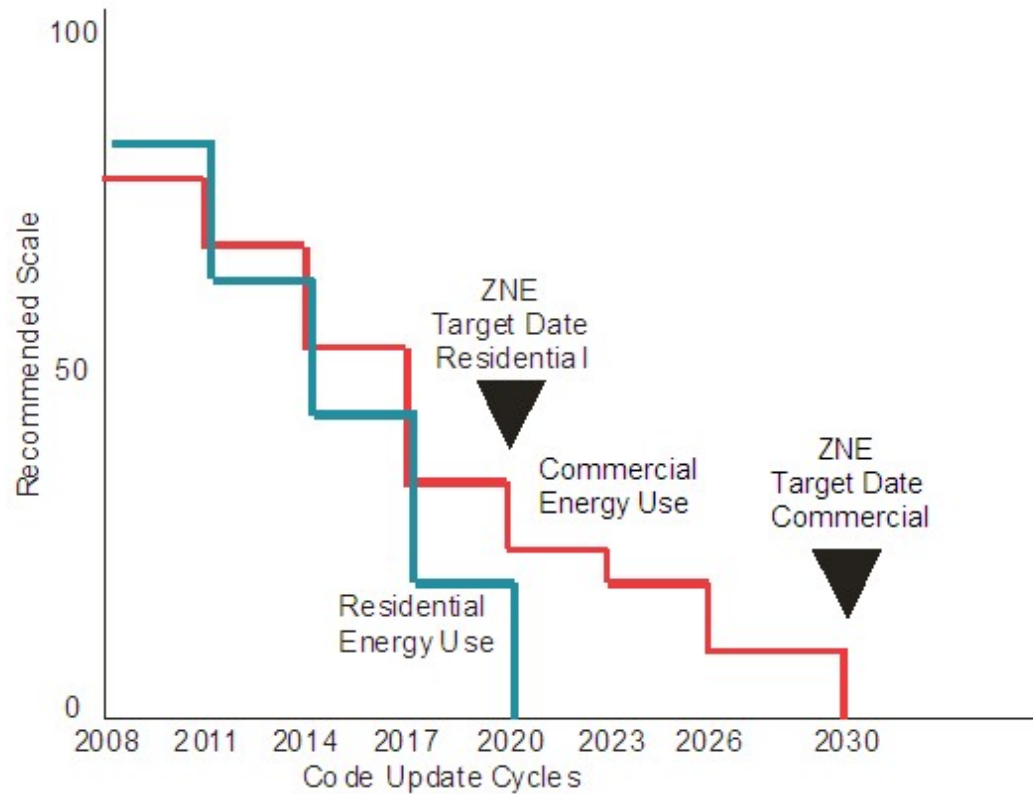
- **Time Dependent Value (TDV):**  
*ZNE Code Building in California*
- **ZNE Site:** *A building that produces at least as much energy as it uses in a year, when grid-supplied energy is accounted for at the site boundary*
- **ZNE Source:** *A building that produces at least as much energy as it uses in a year when grid-supplied energy (including primary energy for generation, transmission and delivery to the site) is taken into account*
- **Definitions vary!**



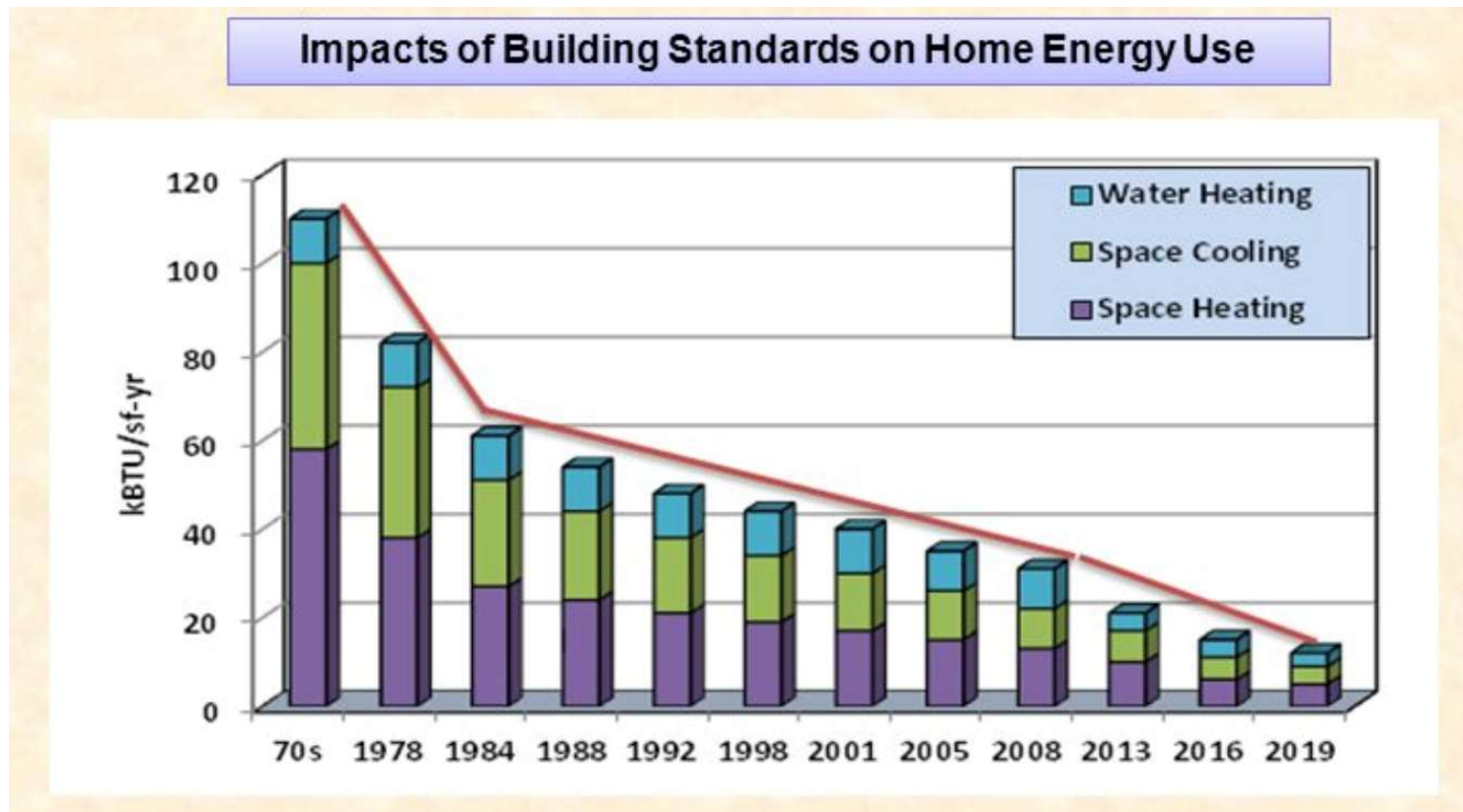
Time Dependent Valuation graphic source: Heshong Mahone Group, 2002 at <http://h-m-g.com/Projects/TDV/TDVDefault.htm>



# Code Cycles to Net Zero in California



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# Why Zero Net Energy Schools?

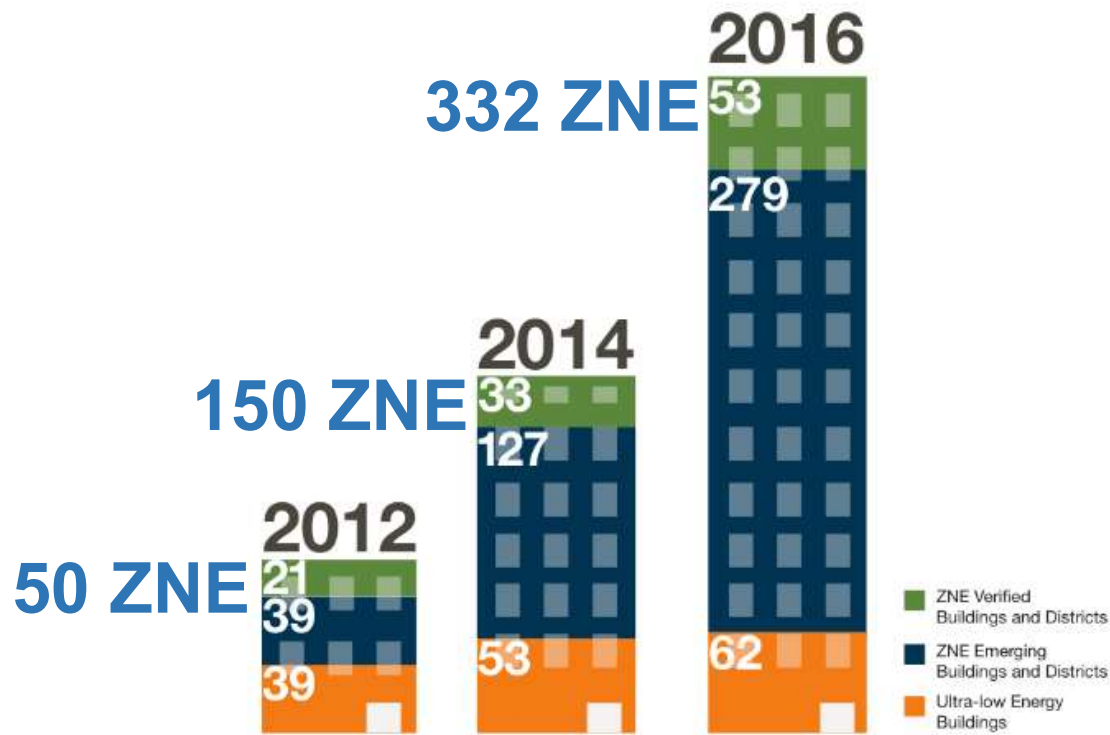
- The next evolution in sustainable, high performance buildings
- Redirect money from utility bills to classroom
- Create comfortable and productive environment for teachers and students
- Provide hands-on, tangible learning opportunities for 21<sup>st</sup> century skills
- Make schools and communities stronger, resilient and energy independent



Hood River School District Science Building | Hood River, OR

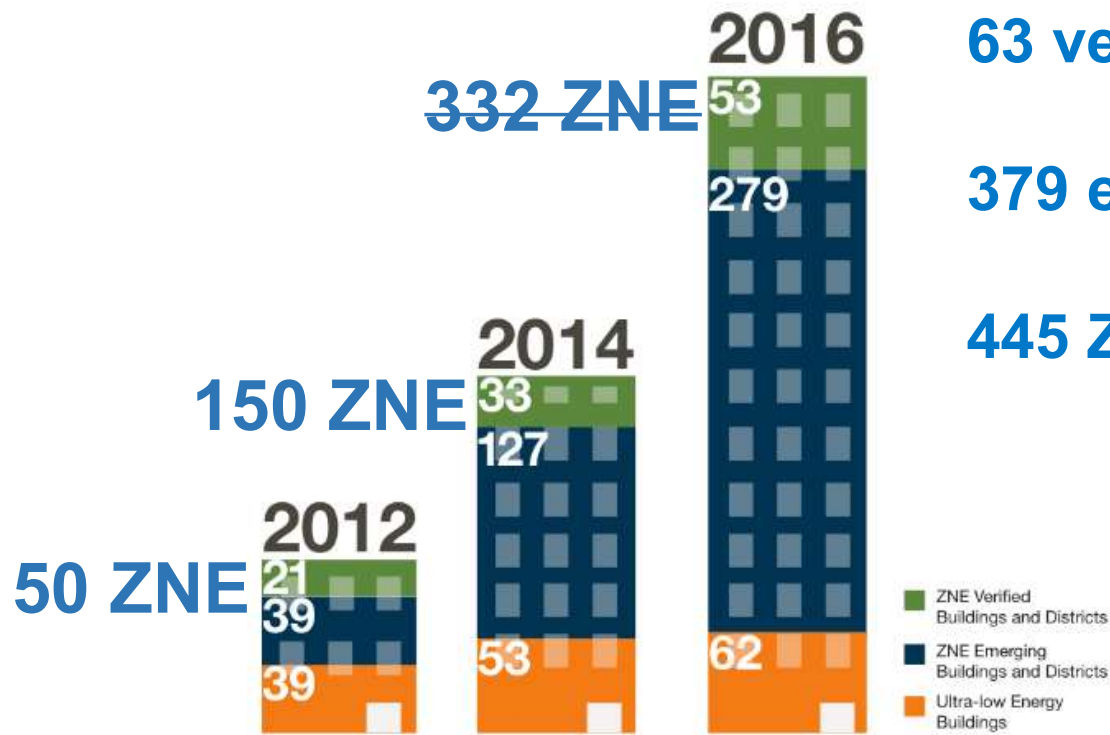
# The 2016 List of ZNE Buildings

Number of ZNE Projects



# The 2017 List of ZNE Buildings

Number of ZNE Projects



**November 2017:**  
63 verified

379 emerging

445 ZNE



# GETTING TO zero





BUILDINGS DATABASE

The largest database on ZNE buildings in North America and the only database searchable by ZNE Status & Energy Performance

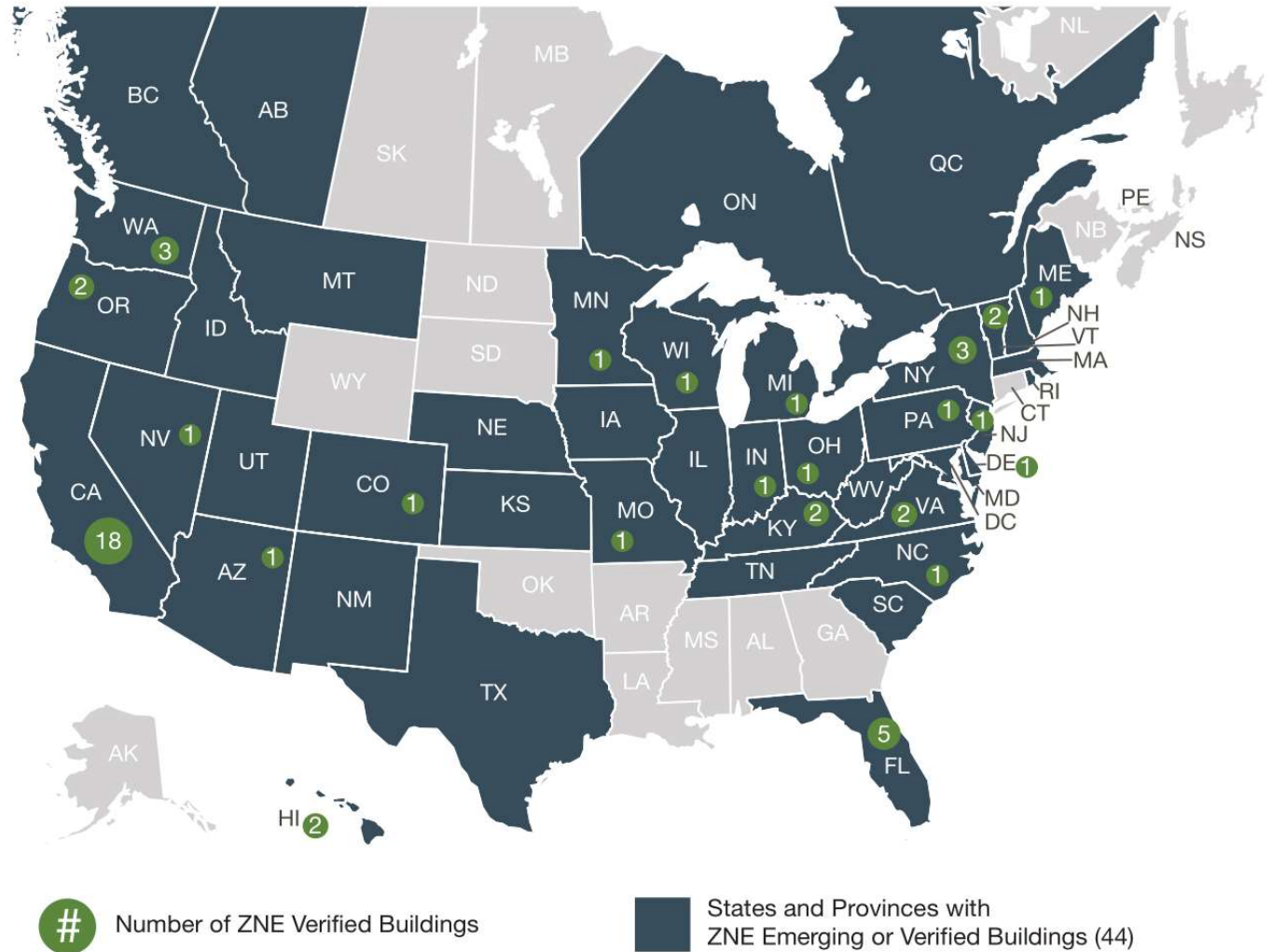
<http://newbuildings.org/getting-to-zero-buildings-database>

RESEARCH CODES & POLICY TOOLS & GUIDES EVENTS NEWS

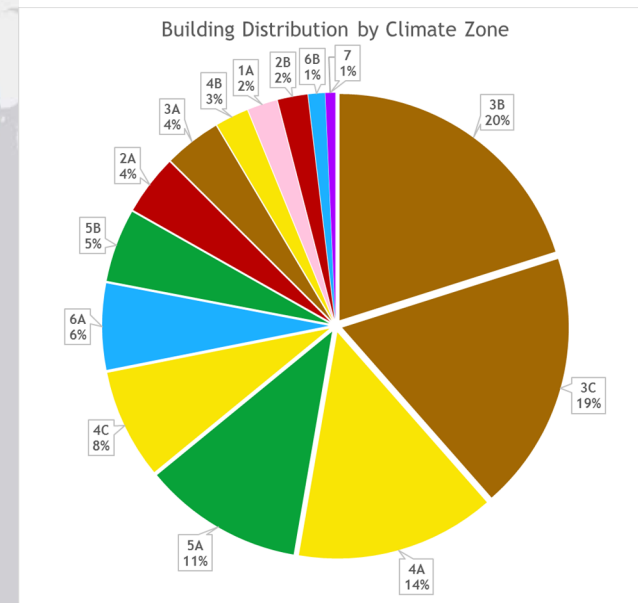
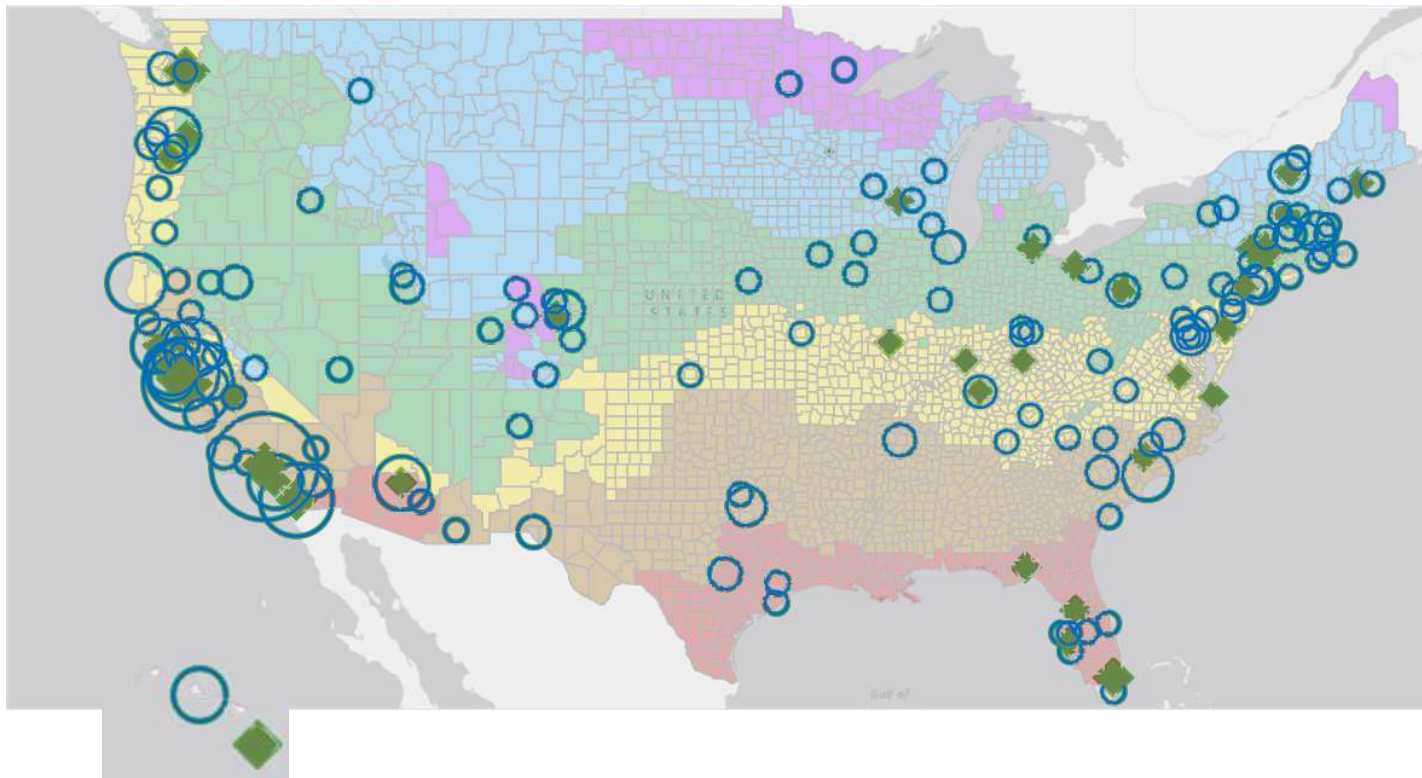
ZERO NET ENERGY ADVANCED BUILDINGS OUTCOME

	Leslie Shao-ming Sun Field Station at Jasper Ridge Biological Preserve	Woodside	CA	13,197	3
	Adam Joseph Lewis Center for Environmental Studies--Oberlin College	Oberlin	OH	13,595	-11
	Omega Center for Sustainable Living	Rhinebeck	NY	6,200	-8
	Plano Elementary School	Bowling Green	KY	81,149	26

# Where are ZNE Projects?



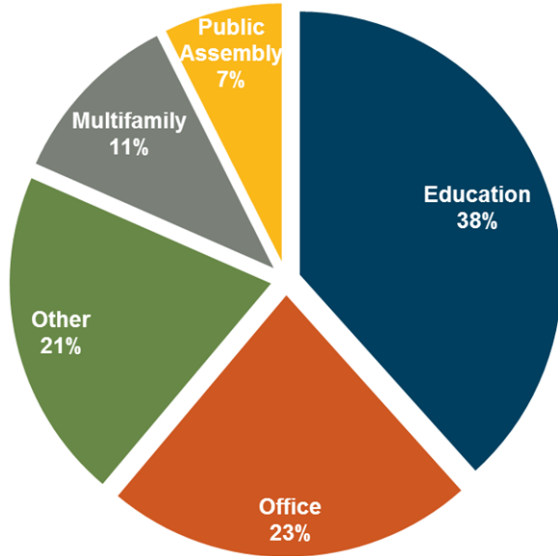
# ZNE Buildings in Every Climate Zone



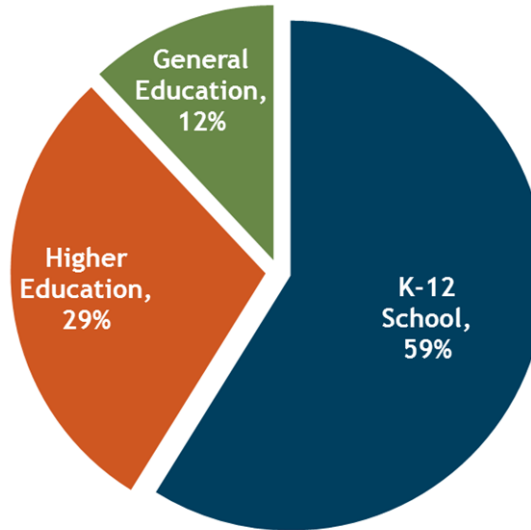


# Schools are Leading

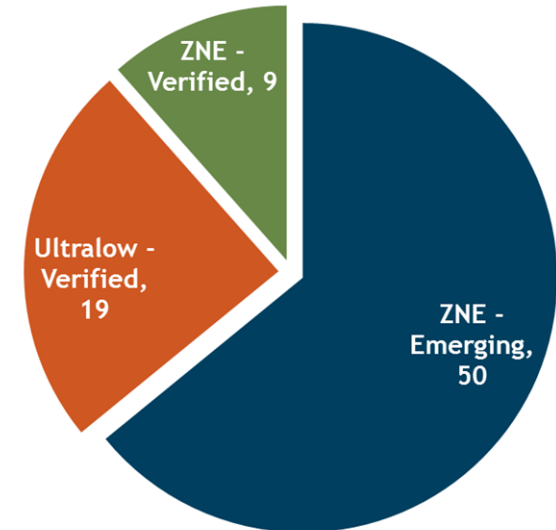
ZNE and Ultra-low Energy Building Types



Breakdown of Education Building Types



K-12 School Building Count



# ZNE and Ultra-Low Energy in Education



**K-12 Schools**



**Community Colleges**



**Higher Education**



**Libraries**

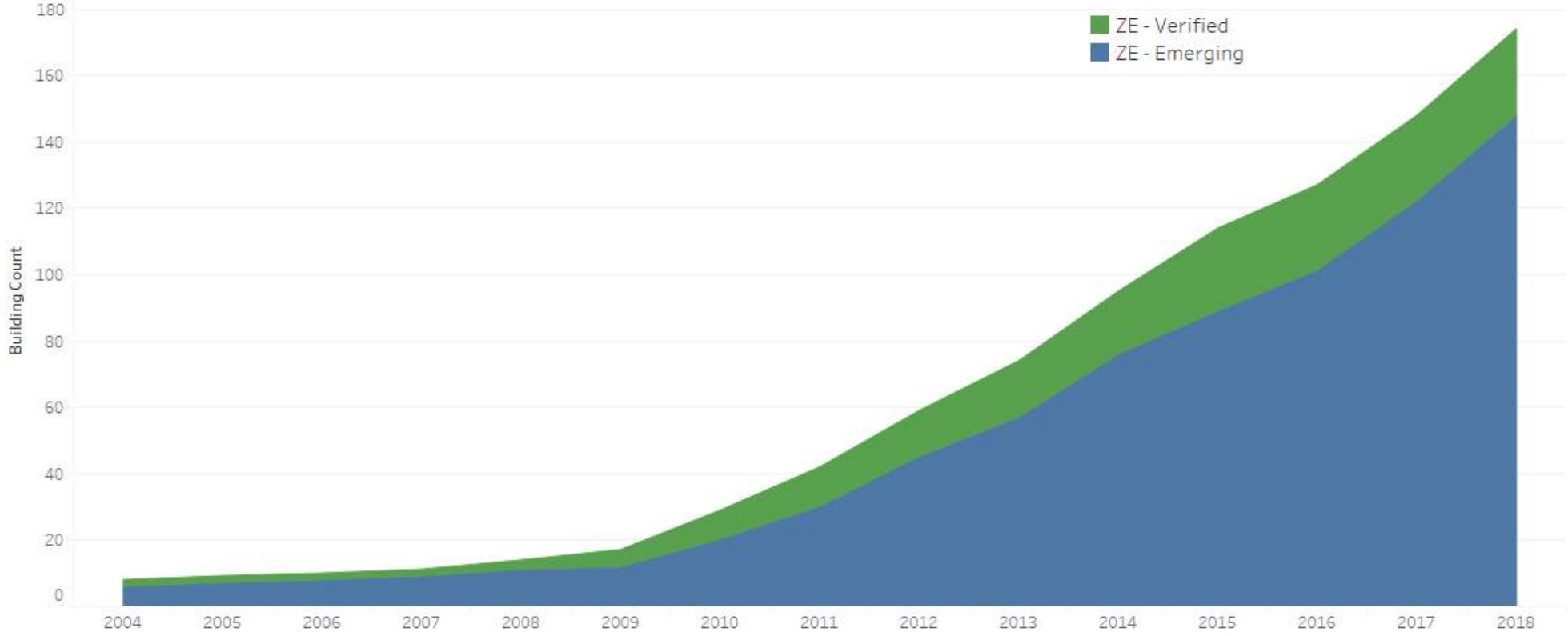


**Science Centers**

# 2017 ZE Schools: Top Five States

State	ZE Verified	ZE Emerging	Ultra-Low Energy Verified	Grand Total
CA	2	27	6	35
KY	2	3	4	9
NC	1	4	2	7
TX	0	5	1	6
SC	0	5	0	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>94</b>

# Growth of ZNE Educational Buildings



# Why Schools?

Why not?! Reverse the argument/conversation - Start from ground up with educating students about ZNE + sustainability - Set an example for ZNE/Env. Leadership - Current path is unsustainable - Need a more financially sustainable route - Also spreading the message to school + broader community - Healthier buildings (e.g., daylighting, or relating to higher test scores) - Schools can be resilient resource centers - Wise use of public funds - Increased savings in operations, brings more money for programs - Showing students what is possible - Demonstrating how schools play a part in meeting state and city goals - Demonstrating good stewardship and leaving a positive legacy for future generations - Students are good advocates with parents - Owner occupied buildings have best payback over long term - Not an unlimited amount of energy - Carbon footprint - Next generation of leaders - Energy savings goes back to programs - Mandate is looming - Next step after LEED - Cost savings - School district as model for community - As a building type, it is ideal – low occupancy, sufficient land, owner-occupied - Greenhouse gas reductions and climate goals - Fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars - Better financing terms - Education next generation of leaders - Better financing terms - Education next generation of leaders - Increased population, increased need for more schools, will be more cost-effective to build now - Learning/teaching benefits: daylighting enhances student performance and wellbeing, biophilia (connection to nature) - Easier to operate - Maintenance - Energy savings - Retention rates - School as teaching tool - Save planet one building at a time - Necessity - Electricity is expensive - Reinvest savings for other programs - Set a good example for kids - see us doing this - demonstrate leadership - Technology creates a better, more convenient building - Attract and retain students and faculty - Quantitative benefits - Integrate into curriculum - Building awareness - Stay with them whole lives - Change expectations of students - We are doing our part - Better test scores and health

# **SCE – SCG Prop 39 ZNE Pilot**

**Efren Villasenor P.E. – SCE Engineering Project Management  
Robert Arredondo – SCE Program/Contracts Management**

# Prop 39 ZNE Pilot Overview

- Program Goals

- Leverage Prop 39 funds
- Retrofitting “existing” buildings in public schools & community colleges
- Establish “Proof of Concept” of feasibility across California
- Document findings & Best Practices
- Future Program Development

- Prop 39 ZNE Value to the Schools

- Socialize awareness to Stakeholders
  - District staff members, students, parents, & community
- Design Assistance
- Training
  - Implementation & on-going maintenance of these retrofits

# Prop 39 ZNE Rounds 1 and 2 Screening

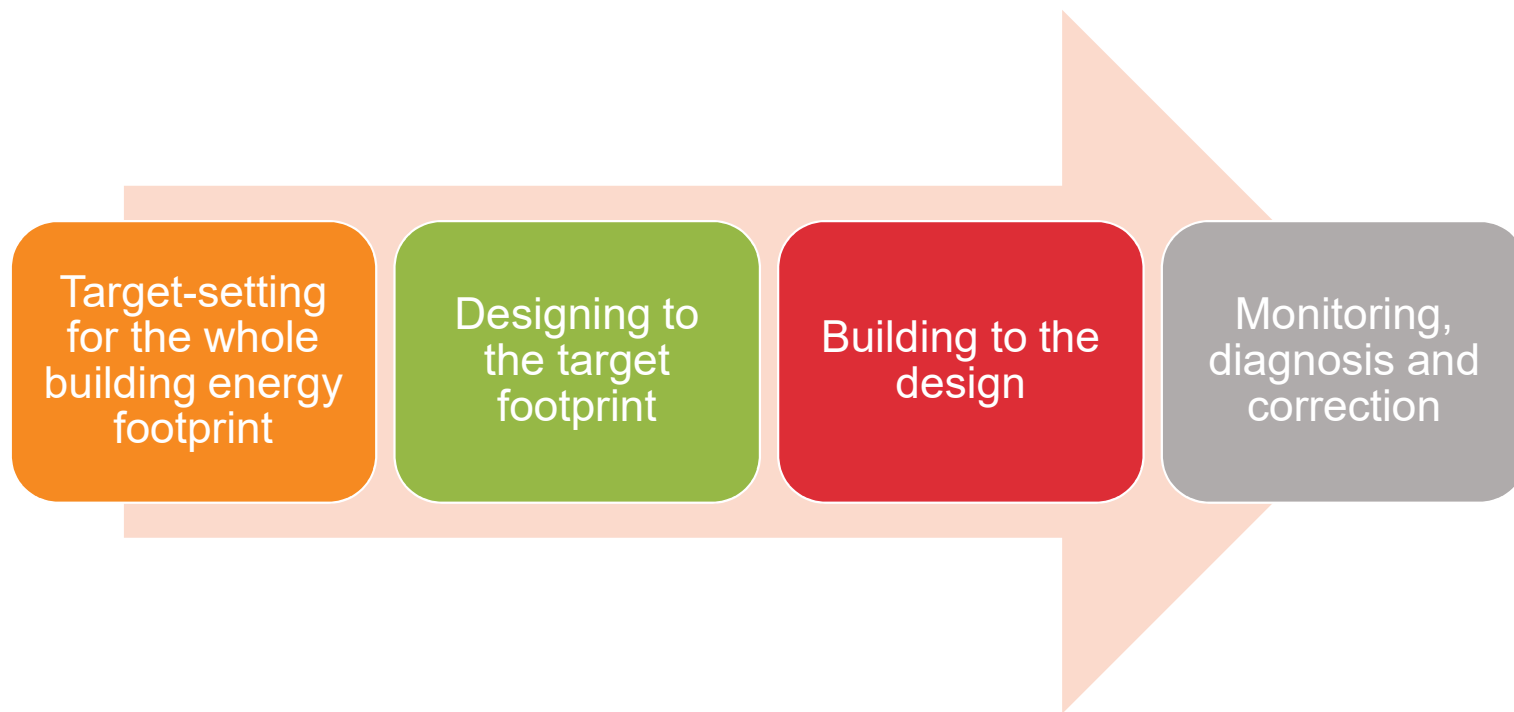
- Selection Criteria

- Potential to reach an EUI of 16-22 kBtu/sqft/year after measures are applied
- Project currently has Prop 39 funding or other Non-Prop 39 funds
- Onsite renewable will be installed at the site.
  - Funded separately from ZNE Pilot
- Must meet Prop 39 ZNE Pilot Schedule



# Achieving ZNE

Utilities have observed that ZNE buildings can be achieved only by way of an integrated, multidisciplinary design process that includes:



# Utility Support

Design  
Consultation

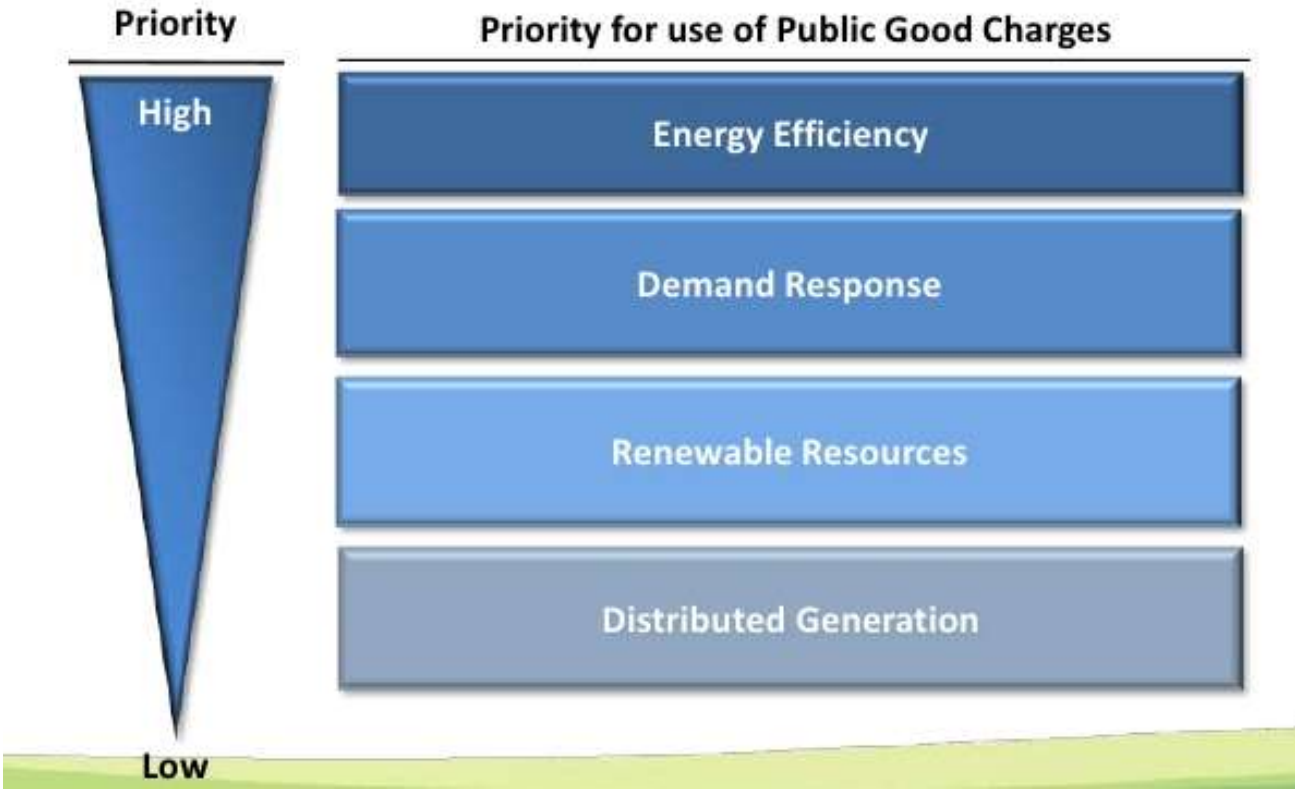
Construction  
Inspection and  
Commissioning  
Support

Incremental  
Cost Buy Down

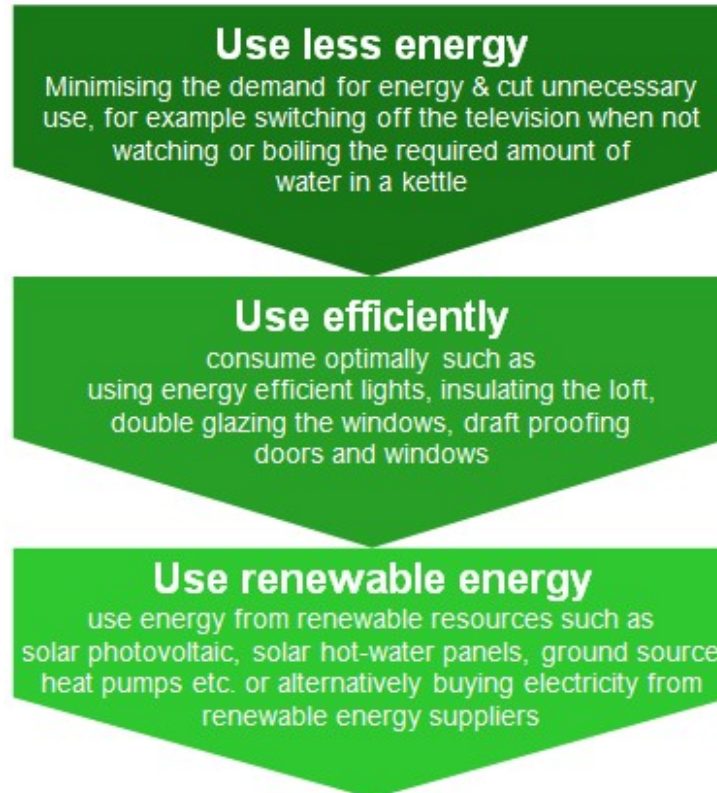
Monitoring,  
Diagnosis,  
Correction and  
Validation

Coordination  
with Prop 39

# CEC Loading Order



# Energy Hierarchy



## Prop 39 ZNE Pilot Status – Southern California

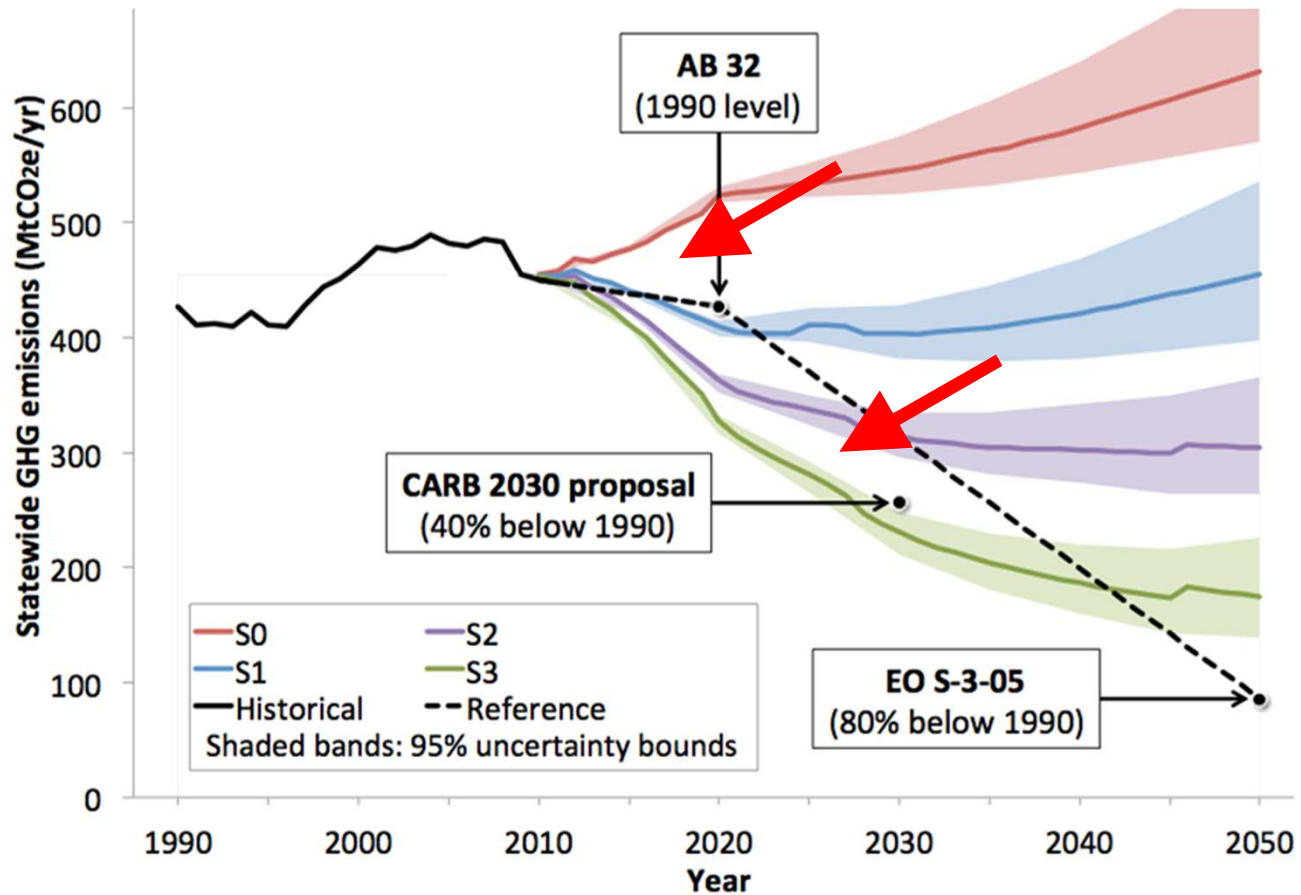
<b>Milestone</b>	<b>Date</b>
Site Visit, ZNE Viability Test, Selection	<b>Completed</b>
Agreement in Place	<b>Completed</b>
Project Kick-Off Meeting	<b>Completed</b>
Design Report / Enhanced Design Report	<b>Feb 2016 – Nov 2017</b>
Construction/M&V	<b>July 2017- September 2018</b>
Final Design Report	<b>December 2019</b>

# **Retrofit Case Study:**

## **San Francisco Unified School District**

**Nik Kaestner, Director of Sustainability**

# BOLD ACTION



Source: Berkeley Labs

# STEPPING UP

*An Integrated Plan for Addressing Climate Change*



## VISION

**Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions  
to 40% Below 1990 Levels by 2030**

## GOALS



**50%  
renewable  
electricity**



**50%  
reduction  
in petroleum  
use in vehicles**



**Double energy  
efficiency savings  
at existing buildings**



**Carbon  
sequestration  
in the land base**



**Reduce  
short-lived  
climate pollutants**



**Safeguard  
California**

Source: CARB





# California's ZNE Building Goals

- *All new residential construction and all new commercial construction in California will be zero net energy by 2020 and 2030, respectively*
- *50% of existing commercial buildings will be retrofit to ZNE by 2030*
- *All new state buildings and major renovations shall be ZNE (2025)*
  - *50% of existing state-owned building area by 2025 shall be ZNE*
- *IOUs shall launch and ramp a ZNE K-12 Schools and Community College Pilot Program in 2015-18*



DPR Construction San Diego Corporate Office , Chip Fox, DG&E, renovation



IBEW ZNE Center, San Leandro, renovation

Source: CPUC



# AT A GLANCE

Dense/Urban

7<sup>th</sup> Largest

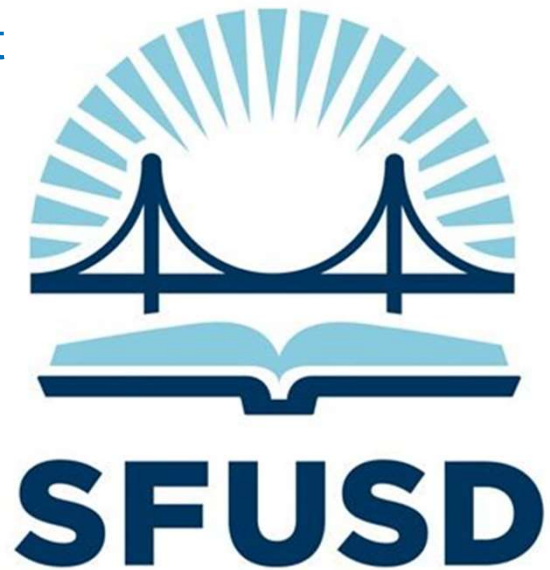
57K Students

Diverse

Poor

Renters

Private



# THE JOURNEY BEGINS



Source: Harley Ellis  
Devereaux

# ZNE SCHOOLS



Source: SOM

# BUILDING STOCK



# 7 x 7 x 7 CHALLENGE



Transforming California's  
historic schools

An approach to stepping into  
the future

Case Study: Santa Barbara  
High School

**7x7x7** | DESIGN ENERGY WATER  
7 ARCHITECTS 7 SCHOOLS 7 INNOVATIONS

**CAPITAL**  
ENGINEERING CONSULTANTS, INC.

HAMILTON+AITKEN  
Architects



# HOW IS SFUSD DOING?



# Sustainability Lite

## Initial Strategies for Increasing CHPS 2009 Compatibility

### Resolution

- CHPS 2009 Resolution
- T-24 15% Energy Perf.
- Staged Reviews

### Specifications

- Commissioning
- Construction storm water (SWPPP)
- *Plumbing Fixtures*
- *LEM Materials*
- *Lighting Controls*

### PSG Update

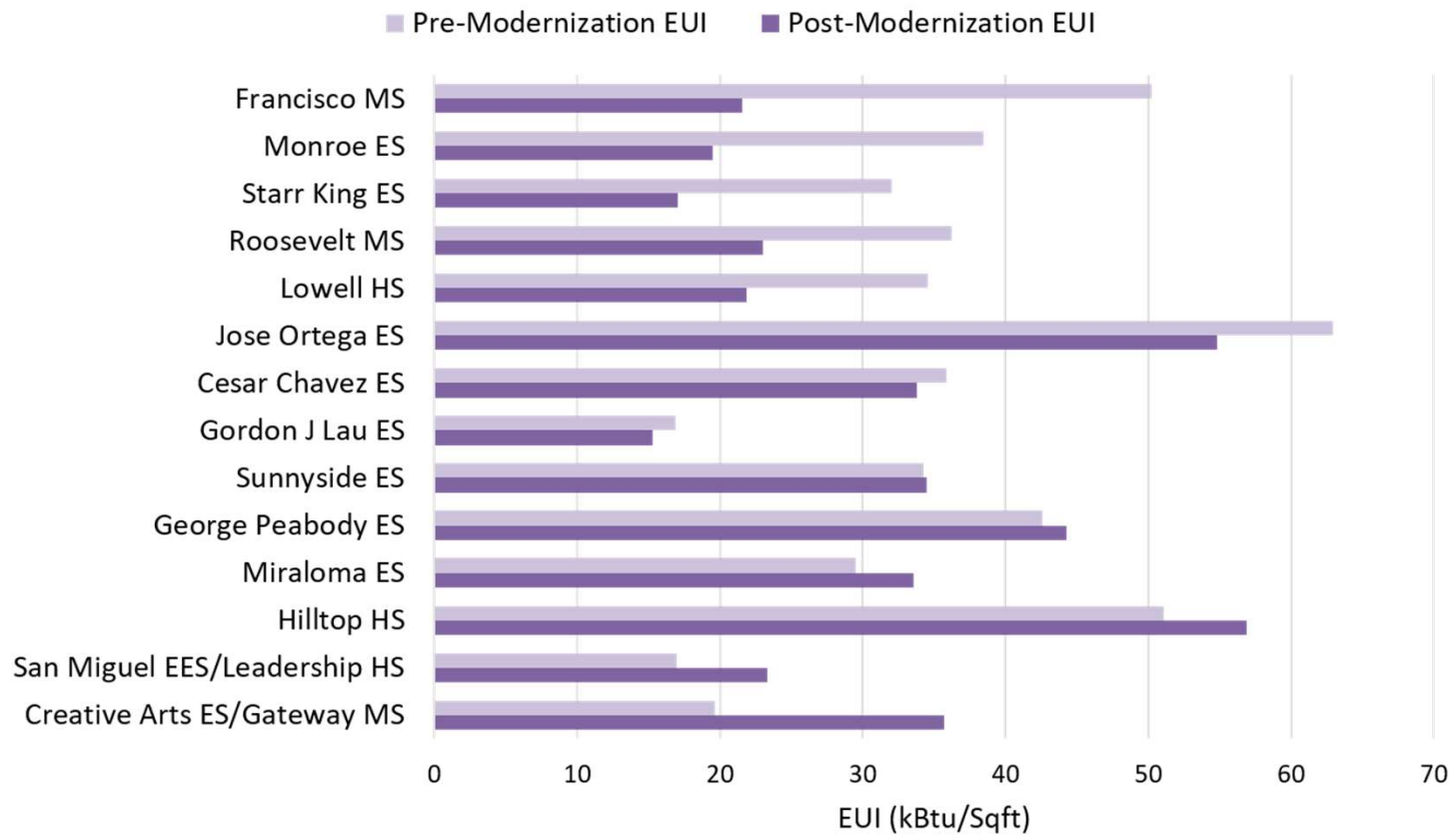
- T-24 15% Energy Perf.
- Landscape irrigation stds.
- Require ASHRAE 62.1-2007
- Require ASHRAE 55-2007
- Require recycling areas

### Process

- PM Responsibility for CHPS process



# Pre- vs. Post- Modernization ENERGY

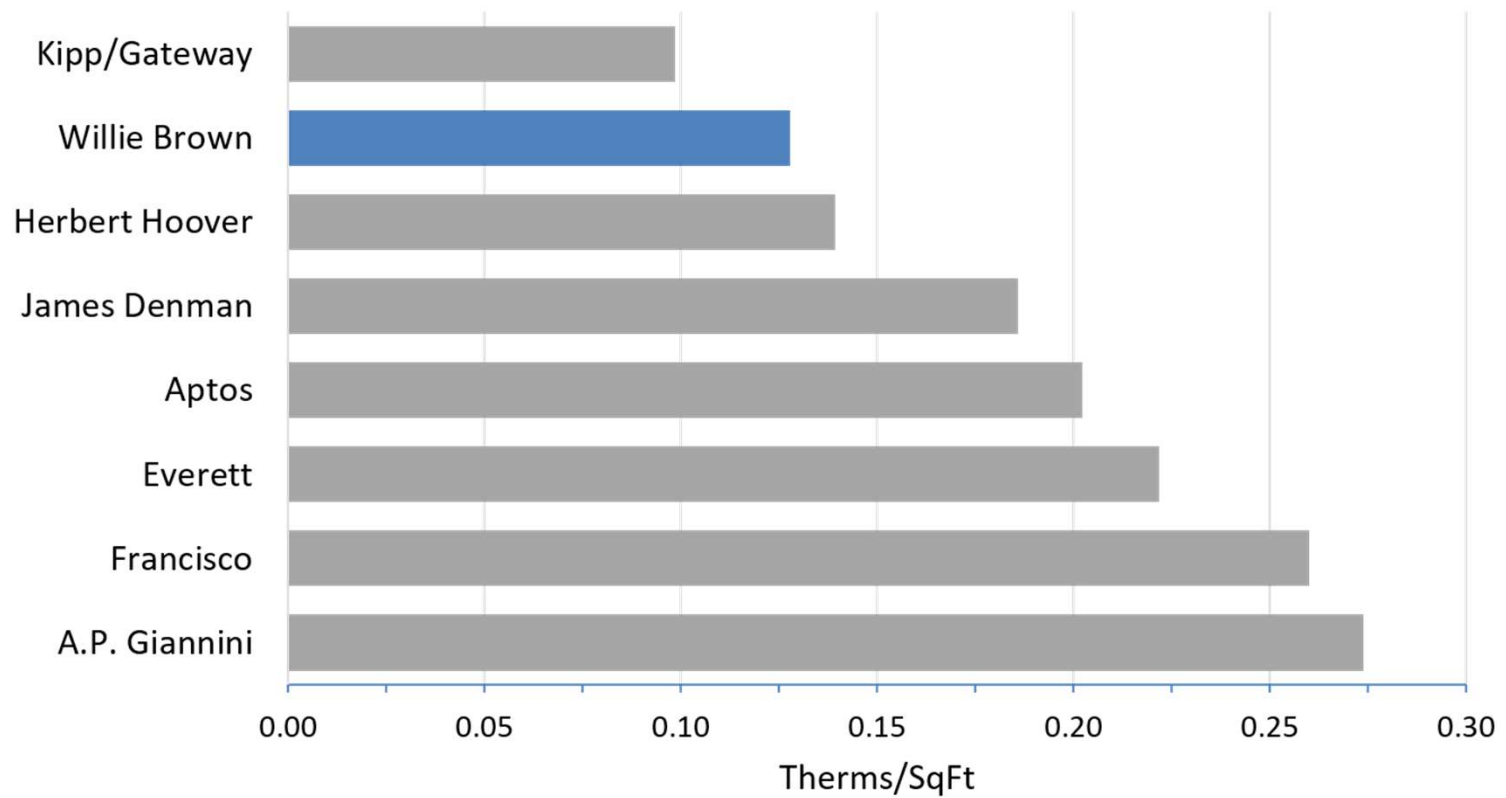


# WHAT ABOUT NEW SCHOOLS?

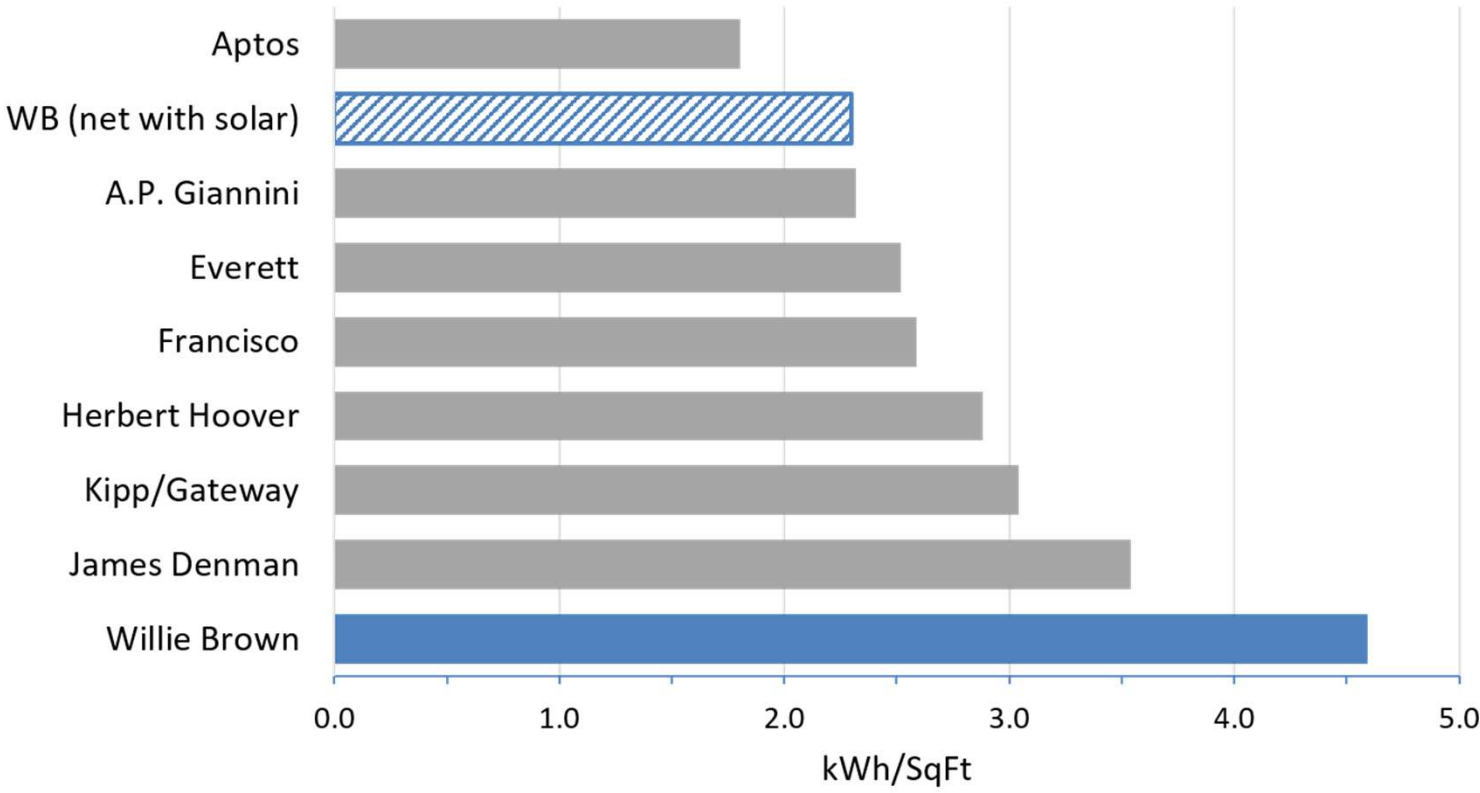


# Therms Per Square Foot

## NATURAL GAS



# kWh Per Square Foot ELECTRICITY



# BEATING CODE IS NOT ENOUGH



# KICK-OFF



Source: WRNS  
Architects

# WORKING GROUP



**Source:** Tarus  
Expert

# ROLE MODELS



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- Alternative Transportation (leaves greenBVSD)
- greenBVSD News
- 2014 Eco Champions

## Sustainability Management System

The Boulder Valley School District is building on 20 plus years of environmental stewardship and further embracing environmental sustainability. The district hired a Sustainability Coordinator in the summer of 2008 and launched its first version of the Sustainability Management System in 2009. The SMS is a comprehensive approach for identifying and coordinating existing efforts, establishing baselines, defining sustainability for BVSD, and creating plans to integrate sustainability into our operations and curriculum. The SMS is used as a roadmap for future years and is reviewed annually. The SMS also has an annual public reporting measure which leads to accountable actions and future goal setting.

In 2015, BVSD released the updated Sustainability Management System to reflect new 5-year goals and updated visions.

[2015 Sustainability Management System - Updated](#)

[2012 Sustainability Management System Progress Report](#)

[2009 Sustainability Management System](#)



BVSD is striving toward net zero energy\* buildings with 100 percent reuse of indoor water and no potable water used for irrigation.

- [New Sustainable Energy Plan](#)
- [2012 SMS Report on 5-year goals related to buildings \(page 3\)](#)
- [Green building in BVSD](#)
- Check out the [green features and live data](#) for LEED Platinum Casey Middle School!

**Source:**  
BVSD





# SITE VISITS



Source: ZNE  
Training Center

# SITE VISITS



# TECHNOLOGIES



Source:  
Kadva Corp

# STATUS QUO



# YESTERDAY



Source: Lochinvar

# PURE JOY



Source: NY  
Times

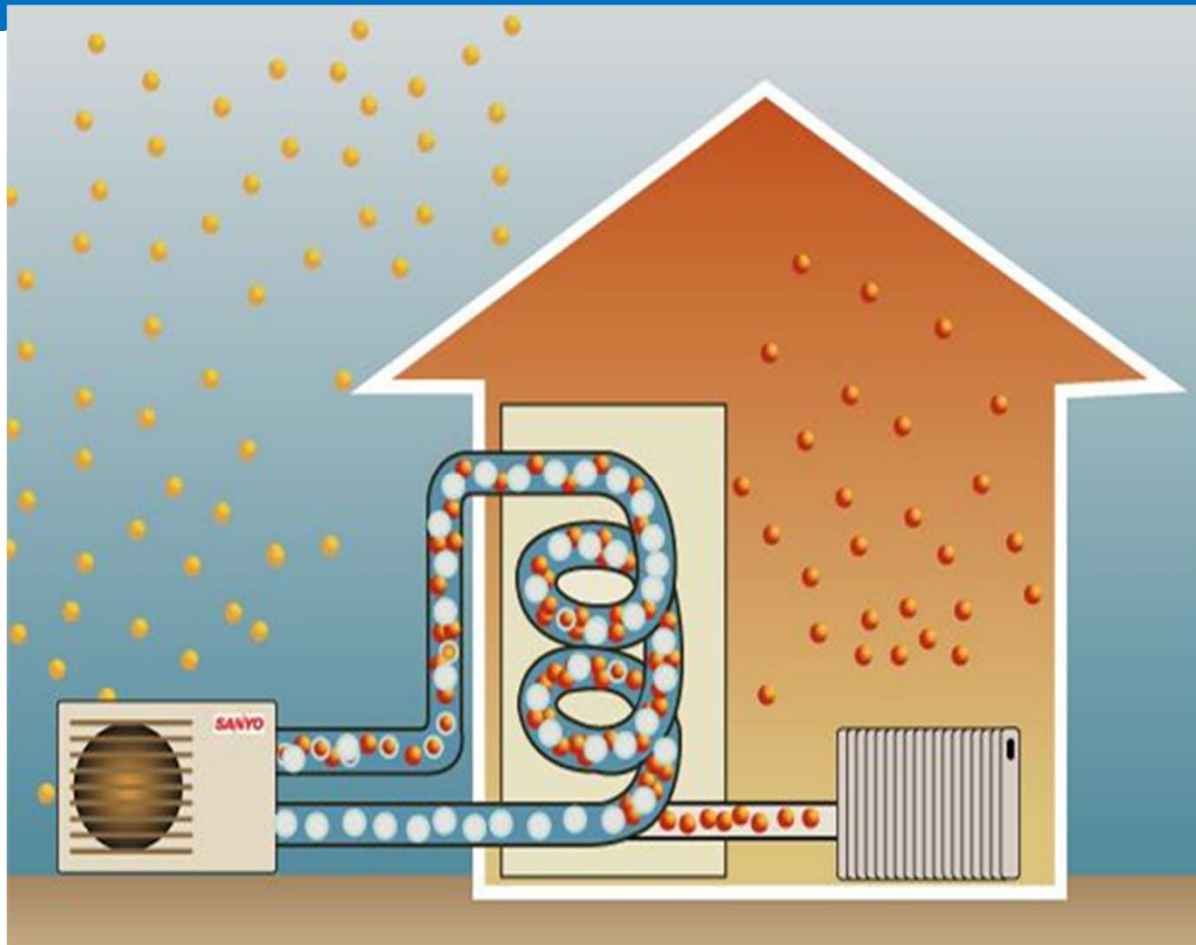
# UTILITY PERKS

GHG-Free  
Power



**Source:** SF  
Public Utilities  
Commission

# TODAY



Source: Sanyo

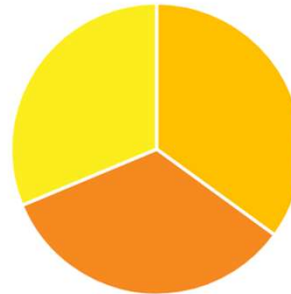


# POTENTIAL RISKS

Water Rates  
\$/CCF



Utility Costs By Type  
FY 14-16: Average \$5.5M



Electricity Rates  
\$/kWh



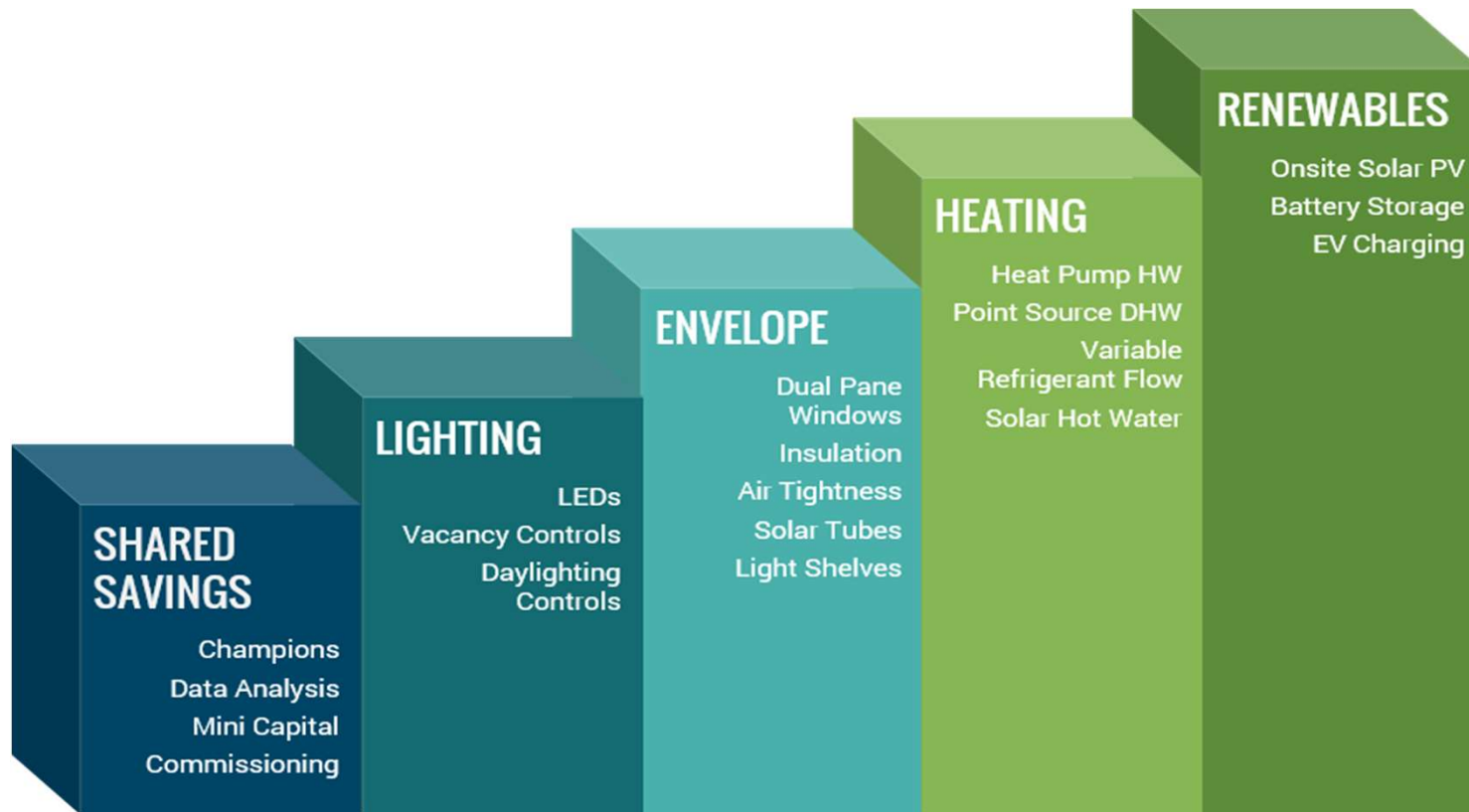
Natural Gas Rates  
\$/therm



# KNOW YOUR RATES



# LABOR ISSUES



# Process of ZNE: Stakeholder Engagement

# Gain Support for your ZNE Vision

- **Stakeholder mapping:**
  - Who are the stakeholders?
  - What are their drivers?
  - What are the key messages?
- Share case studies, fact sheets and other ZE materials
- Attend webinars and trainings
- **Identify sources to support your efforts**
  - Prop 39 & California IOU's
  - NBI Getting to Zero Project Guide
- **Visit a ZE school!**



# Six Key Messages for Communicating Zero Net Energy

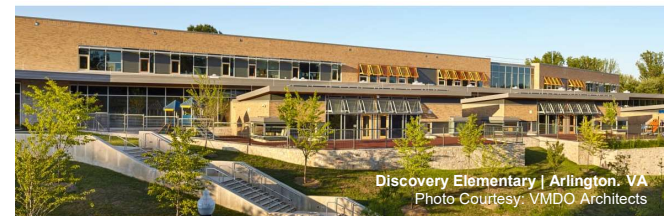


Redding School for the Arts | Redding, CA  
Photo Courtesy: TRILOGY Architecture

1. Zero net energy is possible in new construction and existing building retrofits.
2. ZNE lowers operating costs.
3. High performance, ZNE schools improve student performance and occupant satisfaction.
4. ZNE schools are living laboratories, stimulating learning and innovation.
5. ZNE schools are also more resilient and serve as safe havens for the community during emergencies.
6. While ZNE is the end game, the path to zero is a process and will take time to accomplish. School districts can start now with policies, plans and practices to get to zero.

# Focus on the Benefits of High Performance Schools

- Occupants in ventilated spaces with low CO2 and low volatile organic compounds (VOCs) had improved scores in crisis response, information usage, and strategy ranging from 100 to 300%.<sup>1</sup>
- Students in daylit environments showed a 20-26% improvement on test scores compared to traditionally lit environments<sup>2</sup>.
- Students with operable windows progressed 7-8% faster than those without operable windows<sup>2</sup>.
- Students with the most daylighting performed 7-18% better in math and reading than those without<sup>2</sup>.
- Students exposed to daylight attended school 3.2 to 3.810 more days per year<sup>3</sup>



1. Bakó-Biró, Zs., Kochhar, N., Clements-Croome, D.J., Awbi, H.B. & Williams, M. (2007, January). Ventilation Rates in Schools and Learning Performance. <https://www.researchgate.net/publication>  
2. Heshong Mahone Group. (1999, August 20). Daylighting in Schools: An Investigation into the Relationship Between Daylighting and Human Performance. <http://h-m-g.com/downloads/Daylighting/schoolc.pdf>  
3. Healthy Schools Network, Inc. (2012) Daylighting. <http://www.healthyschools.org/downloads/Daylighting.pdf>

# Use the Building as an Opportunity for Education

- Hands on learning opportunities increase student performance and lesson retention.
- Use daily building operations as educational opportunities.
- Adapts students to a knowledge-based technologically advanced society.
- Students grasp 21st century skills like teamwork, research gathering, time management, information synthesizing, independence and utilizing high tech tools.
- Schools house the next generation of environmental leaders.

**Watt Does it Cost to Use It?**

Directions: Using the key on the back of this sheet, your group members and a calculator, complete this energy usage table. Then in the rank column; rank each energy user from highest to lowest "energy hog".

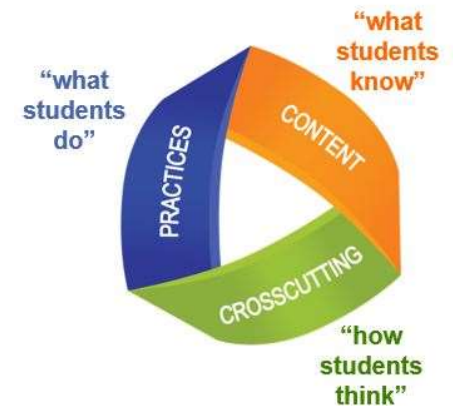
Names: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Wattage (Watt hours, Wh)	Hours used/day	Hours used/month (20 school days/month)	Power needs per month (Wh)	Power needs per month (kWh)	Cost per month (\$0.10 per kWh)	Cost per school year (Based on 9 month school yr)	Rank
Fluorescent lights	32 Wh	10 hrs	200 hrs	6,400 Wh	6.4 kWh	\$0.6	\$6	
Gymnasium high intensity lights	300	24 hrs**	744 hrs					
copy machine	330	24 hrs**	744 hrs					
printer	50	2 hrs	40 hrs					
computers	200	6 hrs	120 hrs	2,000	2.0	\$0.2	\$2	
refrigerator	350	6 hrs**	186 hrs					
vending machine	400	6 hrs**	186 hrs	65,100	65.1	\$6.5	\$59	
TV's	200	4 hrs	80 hrs					
smartboards	175	6 hrs	120 hrs	21,000	21.0	\$2.1	\$19	
Microwave	1000	1 hr	20 hrs	20,000	20.0	\$2.0	\$18	

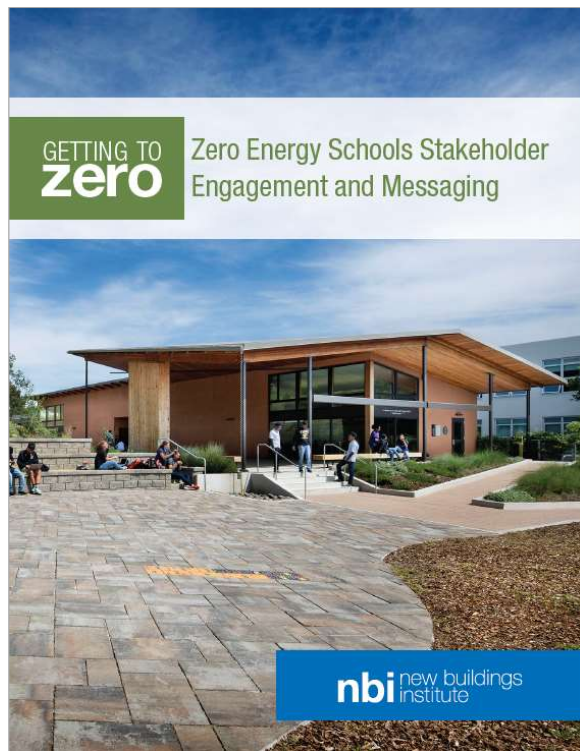


# ZNE Supports Next Generation Science Standards & Skills

- **Analyzing and Interpreting Data**  
Engineering Design and Human Impacts  
Energy
  - **Influence of Science, Engineering, and Technology on Society and the Natural World**  
Engineering Design
  - **ESS3.C: Human Impacts on Earth Systems**  
Human Impacts
  - **Science Addresses Questions About the Natural and Material World**  
Human Impacts
  - **Constructing Explanations and Designing Solutions**  
Energy
  - **Engaging in Argument from Evidence**  
Energy
  - **ETS1.B: Developing Possible Solutions**  
Energy
- ... among others!



# Zero Energy Schools Stakeholder Messaging Guide



## Zero Energy Schools Stakeholder Engagement and Messaging

Effective communication is critical to successfully engage your audience and ultimately achieve your goal of designing, constructing, and operating a zero energy (ZE) school. This document will help you to address key questions around your communication effort and engage stakeholders in the integrated ZE process.

Effective communication revolves around understanding the drivers that motivate decisions made by each stakeholder. In the school market, student educational outcomes are the primary driver of stakeholders. Framing messages with this driver in mind is key to communicating with them on a level that they understand and that motivates them. In addition, most audiences are not very technical so focusing on outcomes rather than the technical way ZE will be achieved may be a more successful strategy.

### How to Use This Document

Below is a list of overarching messages about ZE schools. The Stakeholders and Drivers table that follows identifies key market actors and their drivers. Finally, the Supporting Facts for Key Messages table outlines key messages and provides supporting research and facts that might appeal to the various audiences. This information is helpful when honing messages to gain support your overall ZE implementation plan, depending on drivers of particular stakeholders.

### Six Key Messages for Communicating ZE

- ZERO ENERGY:** Zero energy (ZE) schools are low energy buildings coupled with renewables that provide a ready generation resource. A school achieves zero when the energy produced meets or exceeds the energy used over the course of a year. Schools are early leaders in ZE and serve as hubs to educate others.
- LOWER OPERATING COSTS:** K-12 schools spend \$8 billion on energy, more than is spent on computers and textbooks combined. Schools built to ZE performance have lower operating costs and over time, save money on energy bills that can be spent on educating students. ZE also reduces exposure of school budgets to the volatility of shifting energy prices.
- INCREASED STUDENT PERFORMANCE:** Occupants of ZE schools benefit from heightened student performance, increased average attendance, better occupant health and improved teacher satisfaction and retention.
- EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS:** ZE schools are living laboratories, stimulating learning and innovation. Occupant engagement in ZE schools can provide additional energy savings and serve as a teaching tool for students, STEM programs and the larger community. This greater understanding and deeper knowledge of concepts like science, math, and technology in relation to their surroundings give students the confidence to take leadership roles in their schools as advocates for environmental sustainability and their own learning needs.
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Audience	School Board & Board Overlap Committee	Superintendent & Assistant Superintendent	Capital Projects & Planning Department	Director of Facilities & Grounds	Sustainability & Energy Managers	Principal	Construction & Education Planners	Building Operations: Teachers, School Staff & Students	Design Team: Architects, Engineers & Other Consultants	PTA & School Community	County or State Dept. of Education	News & Community Organizations	Utility Companies	Other Public Interest Groups
<b>1. Zero energy</b>														
The ZE market is growing rapidly—nearly doubling every year in the numbers of verified and emerging projects. Since 2015—the number of ZE verified, emerging and ultra-low schools has grown by almost 40%. <sup>1</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
The education sector—particularly K-12 schools—are leading with 86 projects across the U.S. that are achieving ZE or have a stated goal of ZE performance. <sup>2</sup>	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Those who have visited a ZE school came back and reported they were enthused and that this idea of a living breathing interactive school is a feasible and achievable reality.	X			X				X			X		X	X
<b>2. LOWER OPERATING COSTS</b>														
Annually in the U.S., K-12 schools spend \$8 billion on energy—more than is spent on computers and textbooks combined. <sup>3</sup>	X	X												
ZE is fiscally responsible with taxpayer dollars - it puts more money back into the schools because of lower utility & building operating costs.	X									X	X	X		
Given that the educational sector consumes over 2,000 trillion BTUs of energy for all types per year, savings across a district could mean hundreds of thousands of dollars that can go back into the classroom or building itself. <sup>4</sup>	X	X	X		X									
Owner occupied buildings (like schools) have the best payback over the long term. <sup>4</sup>	X	X								X	X	X		X

1. New Buildings Institute (2016, October). 2016 List of Zero Energy Buildings. <http://newbuildings.org/newsroom/2016/list-of-zero-buildings/>  
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# Energy Benchmarking

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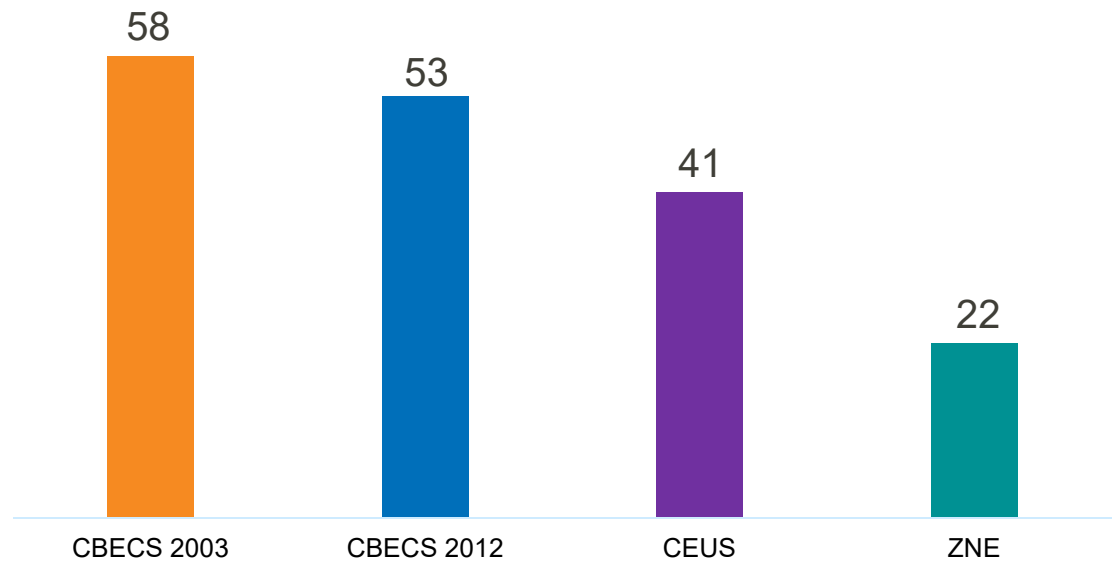
## Benchmarking

is the practice of comparing the measured performance of a facility, or organization to itself, its peers, or established norms, with the goal of informing and motivating performance improvement.

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Energy use per square foot

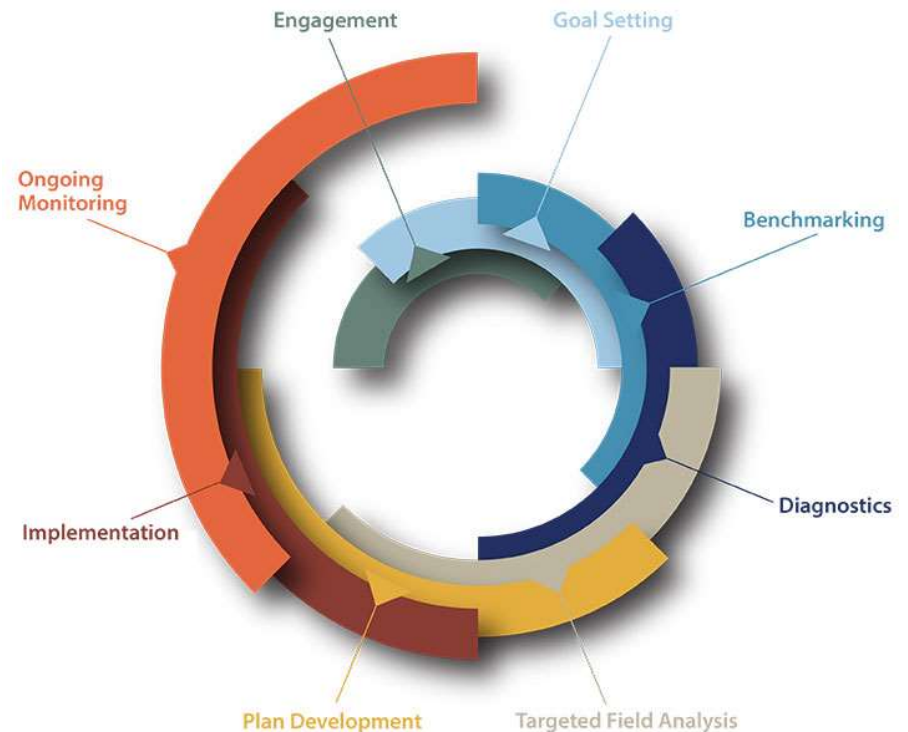
School Energy Use Intensity in kBtu/sf-year



# Portfolio Benchmarking

Benchmark and analyze data to prioritize opportunities for:

- Selecting which buildings warrant in-field assessments
- Uncovering performance issues and opportunities for operational improvements
- Identifying candidates for deep energy retrofits and ZNE pilot projects



# Energy Targets

# Define your Energy Target



CA Schools EUI target  
is **15-25 kBtu/sf-year!**

Sources of data for absolute energy target goals include:

- Portfolio Analysis
- Solar budget
- Modeling analysis
- ZNE building comparisons

# In Practice: Benchmarking and Targets

- Consistently collect and analyze data
- Use information to make decisions
- Use targets in request for proposals and building procurement process
- Combine targets with other programs to set goals (for ex. CHPS, LEED)
- Document targets in plans and policies (like Owners Project Requirements)
- Ongoing benchmarking, monitoring of metrics and evaluation of performance





# Getting to Zero Resources HUB



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# SFUSD GOAL

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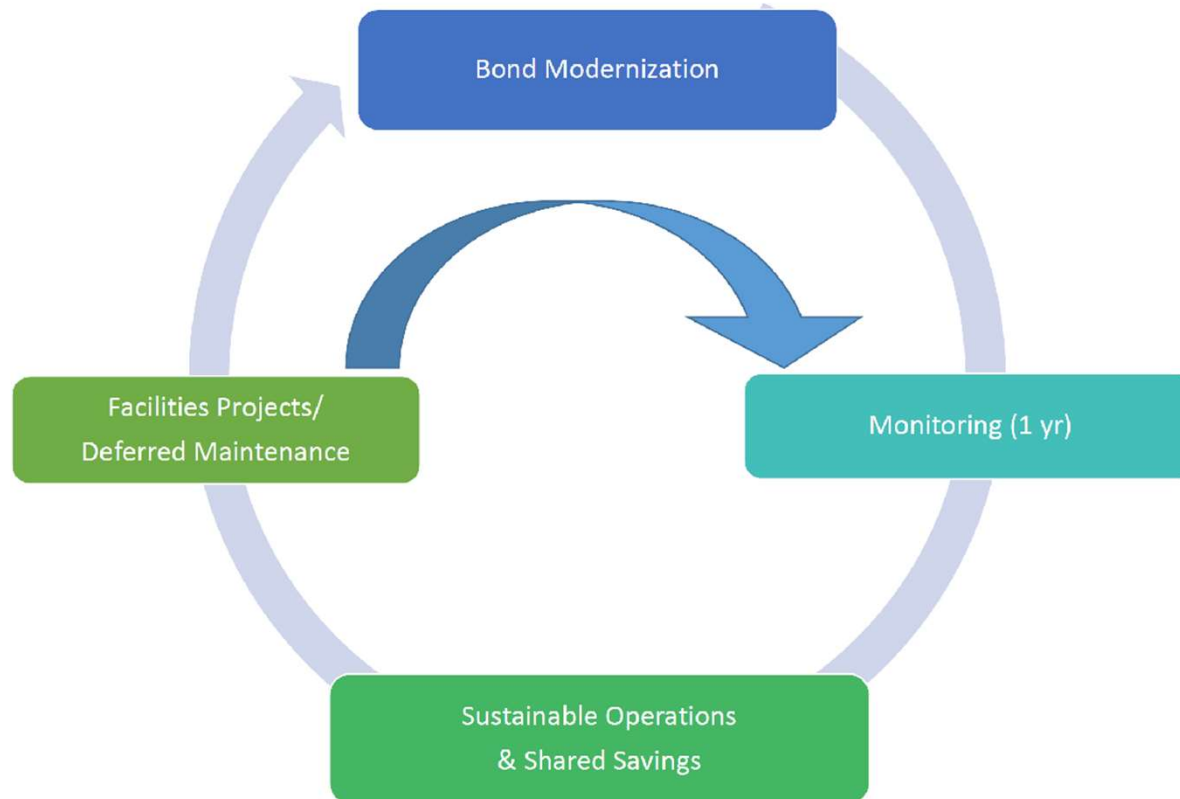
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6A	Burlington, VT	24.5	70.1	21.6	61.9
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7	Duluth, MN	25.9	74.1	22.8	65.1
8	Fairbanks, AL	28.7	82.5	25.0	71.5

Source: DOE

# NO POT LYING AROUND



# OPPORTUNITIES



# BUILDING STRATEGY

## NEW SCHOOLS

→ ZNE Ready

## MODERNIZATION

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# THE RULES

## ZNE GUIDELINES

Design teams working with SFUSD are asked to design buildings that are:

**HEALTHY**... maximizing daylight and air quality and minimizing harmful pollutants.

**BEAUTIFUL**... encouraging pride and engagement among families and the community.

**EFFICIENT**... reducing energy use to a minimum to facilitate achievement of ZNE.

**VALUABLE**... minimizing lifecycle costs and reducing maintenance as much as possible.

In order to achieve adequate levels of efficiency in San Francisco, design teams should consult the Department of Energy's (DOE) [Technical Feasibility Study for Zero Energy K-12 Schools](#) and follow the *ZNE Guidelines* below. While these guidelines are most easily implemented in new construction, they should also be utilized where applicable in bond modernization and facilities projects.

**ENERGY:** New buildings should be designed to achieve a modeled **Energy Use Intensity (EUI)** of **15-20 kBtu/sf/yr**, a value that allows rooftop solar to offset yearly energy usage for a typical 2-3 story San Francisco school. Building systems should be "**designed for off**", meaning that they will shut down without user intervention. **Solar analysis** during **Schematic Design (SD)** should confirm that rooftop solar potential will be adequate to cover modeled energy usage.

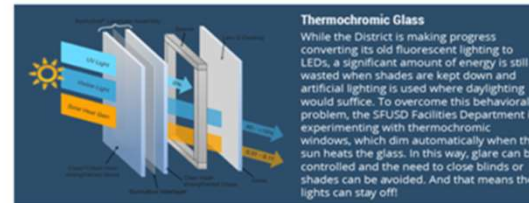
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**MAINTENANCE:** Every effort should be made to **facilitate maintenance access** to building systems (without ladders/lifts and without disturbing classes), materials should be chosen that are **easy to clean** and **inexpensive to maintain**, and design teams are encouraged to **expose the functional elements** of the building for students to see.

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**WINDOWS:** Windows size and specifications should be tuned based on building **orientation**, with north and shaded, south-facing glass being larger and/or having higher **Solar Heat Gain Coefficients (SHGC)** than east or west-facing glass. **U-values** should be **less than 0.30** on all sides (including roof). Where budget allows, glare and heat control should be provided via **heat-responsive glass** and/or **exterior shading**. In addition, **interior shades** should always be provided.



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**Interior** lighting shall be **100% LED**, with **vacancy sensors** (not occupancy) and **daylighting controls per Title 24** (see the DSSG for guidance on shut-off delays). Classroom light levels of **35 foot-candles** are sufficient. **Skylights**, **sun tubes**, or **light wells** should be included in sufficient quantity to allow zero artificial lighting in **common areas** during daytime hours. **Exterior** lighting should incorporate **bi-level control** and **astronomical time clocks**.

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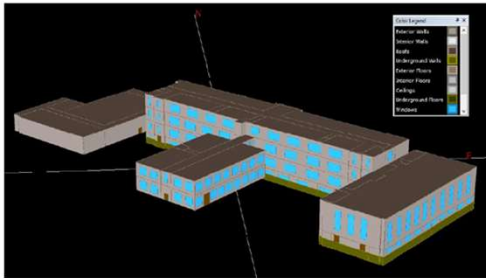
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# 1<sup>st</sup> ZNE BUILDING



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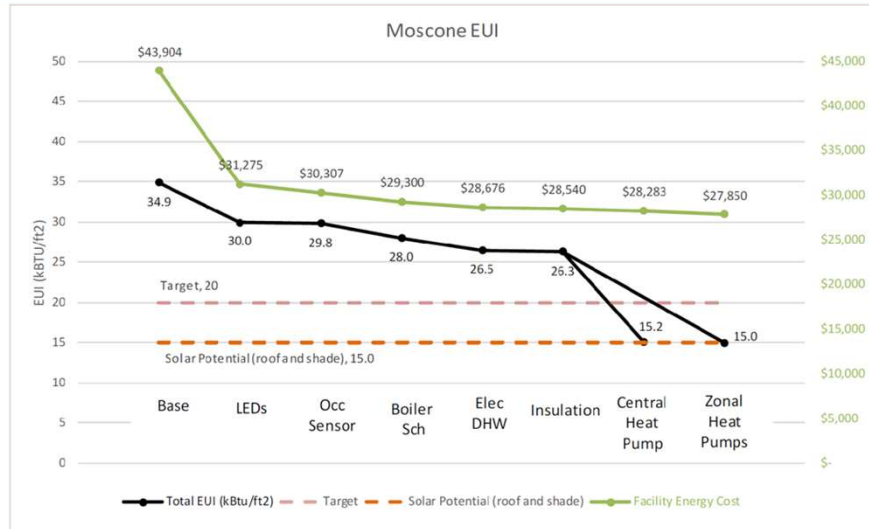


## Zero Net Energy Study for James Denman Middle School

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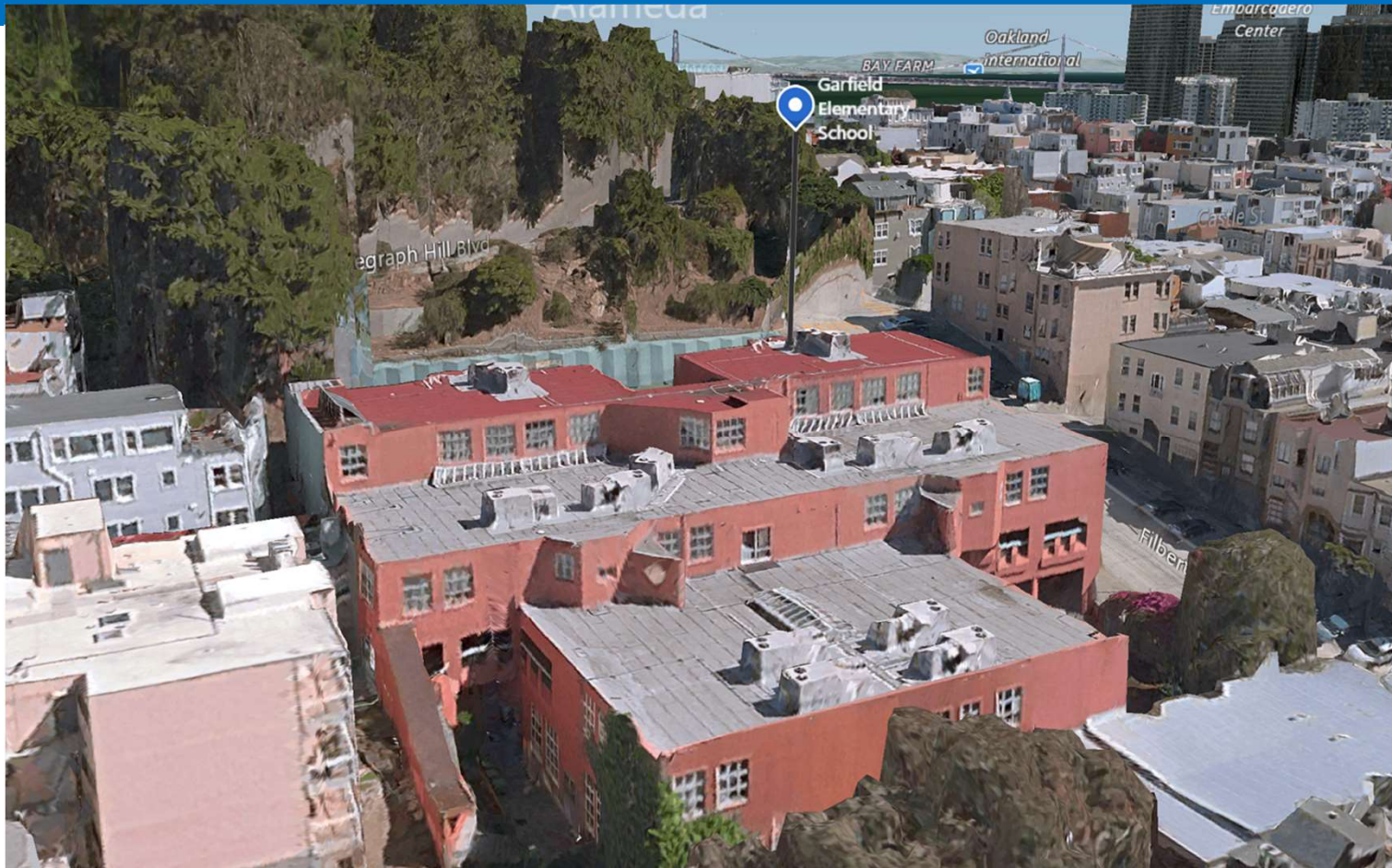


to be spread out over multiple bond cycles, recognizing that there generally are not enough funds assigned to each site to do all necessary work in one round of modernization. In cases where unique opportunities arise to replace an entire heating system, bond sustainability funds, Prop 39 funding, and/or support from the SF Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) may allow a quicker approach.

The chart below summarizes which elements will be incorporated into each 2016 bond project and which will only be included on a case-by-case basis. Design teams will consider recommendations from the ZNE audit, synergies with other scope, available funding, and site-specific design parameters to determine which of the latter to include.

SCOPE	MODERNIZATION		FUNDING			
	Mandatory	Case-by-case	Bond	Sustainability	Prop 39	Utility
<b>Air sealing</b> weather-stripping around all doors/windows	✓		✓			
<b>Window replacements</b> if windows deteriorating		✓	✓			
<b>Insulation</b> cost-effective (res roofing, attics, open walls)	✓		✓			
<b>LED lighting</b> with daylighting and vacancy controls	✓		✓			
<b>Solar tubes/skylights</b> common areas		✓		✓		
<b>Light shelves/shading</b> classrooms and offices		✓	✓	✓		
<b>EMS upgrades</b> latest standard; connect all spaces	✓		✓			
<b>Building dashboard</b> site usage & solar (if applicable)	✓			✓		
<b>Fuel switch/transformer</b> when replacing end-of-life heating/DHW systems		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Heating optimization</b> (CA, USA, 600 pumps, pipe insulation, steam traps, radiator bypass)	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
<b>Solar readiness</b> roofing, conduit, space		✓	✓	✓		✓
<b>Piping</b> leak repairs and pipe insulation	✓		✓			
<b>DHW reconfiguration</b> close to use; eliminate piping		✓	✓	✓	✓	
<b>Water fixture upgrades</b> high-flow fixtures	✓		✓			
<b>Shut-off valves</b> at all upgraded bathrooms	✓		✓			
<b>RWH pre-plumbing</b> where wall cavity accessible		✓		✓		
<b>Irrigation</b> as identified in SFPUC Landscape Technical Assistance Program (LTAP)		✓		✓		
<b>Turf replacement</b> where existing lawn sports field		✓		✓		✓
<b>Stormwater control</b> where > 500sqft disturbance		✓	✓	✓		
<b>Bottle fillers</b> cafeteria & one per floor	✓		✓			
<b>Washing machines</b> shut-out and appliance, no dryer	✓		✓			
<b>Hand dryers</b> upon approval of spec	✓		✓			
<b>Trash sorting</b> outdoor/indoor sorting areas where space		✓	✓			
<b>Walking &amp; biking infrastructure</b> striping, bike racks	✓			✓		

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Source: Google Maps

# WHAT ABOUT A POLICY?

## SFUSD CARBON REDUCTION PLAN

July 1, 2017



### GOALS

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- The District will reduce its water usage 30% by 2020 and 50% by 2030.

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#### Renewables

- The District will strive to generate all of its own power on site by 2050.
- The District will provide 50% of water demand via rainwater.



# Design for Education: The Process for ZNE Schools



VMDO Architects

# ZNE Building Assessments

## Perform in-field evaluations:

- Address known comfort issues
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- HVAC schedules, replacement cycles
- Kitchen equipment
- Solar access and location
- Consider unusual circumstances that may be relevant on site
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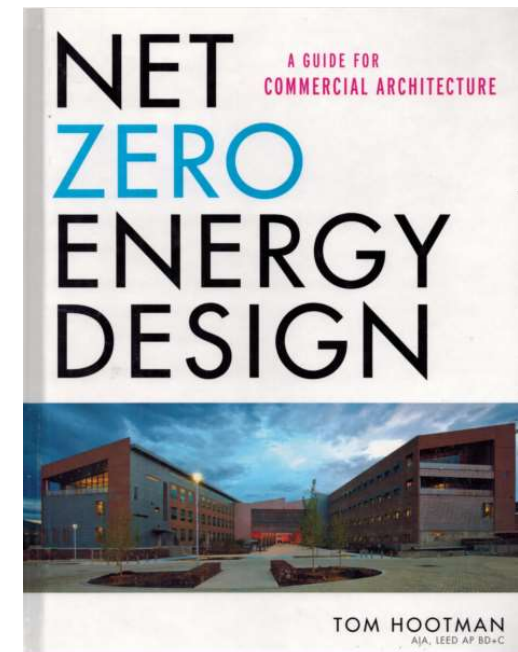




# Request for Proposals & Qualifications (RFPs & RFQs)

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Net Zero Energy Design: Tom Hootman

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- During interviews ask about ultra-low energy experience
  - NBI has a list of questions to ask
- Performance based procurement
- Pre-bid and pre-construction conferences
- Clarify how renewables will be addressed



# Performance Based Procurement

## Make Energy Performance Targets Part of the Contract:

- Influences the scope of work:
  - Engage the entire team for design through operations
  - Use “shoebox” energy modeling to inform the design
  - Include building commissioning and post-construction team involvement
  - Include controls integration

# Whole Building, Integrated Design

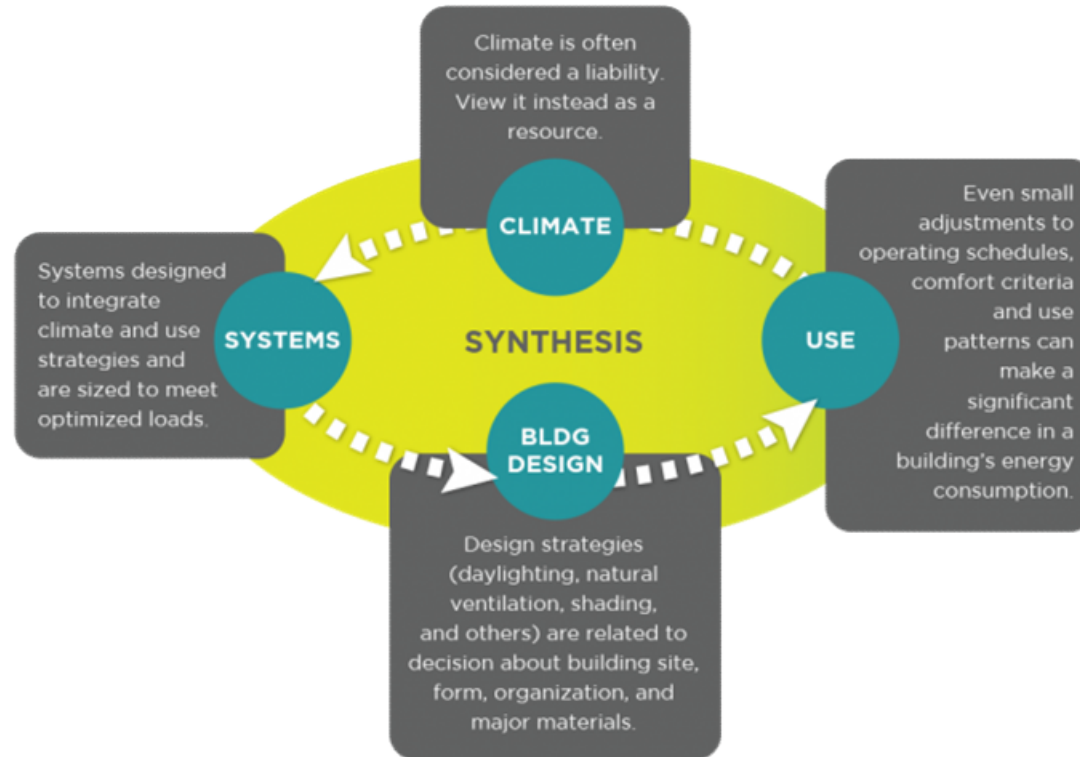
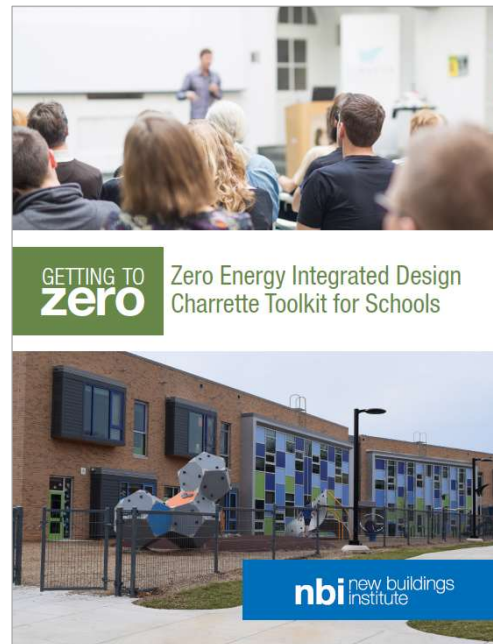


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# Integrated Design Charrette

Early Design Team meeting to:

- Establish common understanding of project goals and energy targets
- Engage stakeholders
- Foster teamwork
- Examine options and constraints
- Solicit feedback from decision makers, operators and occupants
- Define next steps



SAMPLE CHARRETTE AGENDA

**Sample Charrette Agenda**  
Below is a sample agenda for an Integrated Design Charrette. A more detailed, Facilitator's Version of the Agenda is located at the end of this document.

**Event Title**  
**Day of the Week, Date, Year**  
**Time (four AM - Hour PM)**  
**Address: Street**  
**City, State Zip**  
**XX Room Number**

**Map**

Time	Content	Who
8:30-9:00 am	GATHER AND SETTLE IN	All
9:00-9:10 am	Welcome & Introductions	All
9:10-9:15 am	Purpose and Introductions	Facilitator Owner
9:15-9:20 am	Agenda and Expectations	Facilitator
9:20-9:30 am	Overview of Sustainable, ZE Schools	Facilitator
9:30-9:50 am	Activity: What is Your Vision of a Sustainable, ZE School?	All
9:50-10:05 am	Project Overview and Goals	Architect
10:05-10:45 am	Site, Stormwater, and Water Strategies	Civil & Plumbing Engineers
10:45-11:00 am	BREAK	All
11:00-11:40 am	Energy Strategies to Achieve ZE	Architect, Mechanical
11:40 am-noon	Strategies to Support Superior Indoor Environmental Quality	Architect
12:00-12:20 pm	Designing & Operating to ZE	Facilitator, All
12:20-12:40 pm	Review Sustainability & Energy Targets and Identify Action Items	Facilitator, All
12:40-12:45 pm	Wrap Up and Conclusion	Facilitator

6 Getting to Zero: Zero Energy Integrated Design Charrette Toolkit for Schools

# (Example) ZNE Retrofit Energy Efficiency Measures (EEM)

<b>Measure 1: Reduced Building Equipment Energy Use</b>
Strategy 1a. Receptacle Controls
Strategy 1b. Plug Load Management
Strategy 1c. Plug Load Equipment
<b>Measure 2: Heating and Cooling Strategies</b>
Strategy 2a. Dedicated Outdoor Air System (DOAS)
Strategy 2b. HVAC Zone Control
<b>Measure 3: Improved Overall Building Envelope Performance</b>
Strategy 3a. Thermal Load Intensity
Strategy 3b. Air Infiltration Testing
<b>Measure 4: Reduced Lighting Energy</b>
Strategy 4a. Luminaire Level Lighting Control
Strategy 4b. Interior LPDs and Exterior Lighting Efficacies Based on Solid-state Lighting

# Elementary School ZNE Retrofit





# Design to the Target

## Owner's Project Requirements (OPR)

template revised November 2009

17.1	<a href="#">Introduction</a>
17.2	<a href="#">Owner Requirements Covered Elsewhere</a>
17.3	<a href="#">Project-Specific Design Goals</a>
17.4	<a href="#">Occupancy &amp; Use</a>
17.5	<a href="#">Sustainability and Energy Efficiency</a>
17.6	<a href="#">Building Site</a>
17.7	<a href="#">Transportation &amp; Parking</a>
17.8	<a href="#">Building Envelope</a>
17.9	<a href="#">Indoor Environmental Quality</a>
17.10	<a href="#">Emergency or Backup Power</a>
17.11	<a href="#">Telecommunications and A/V Systems</a>
17.12	<a href="#">Security</a>
17.13	<a href="#">Hazardous Materials</a>
17.14	<a href="#">Furnishings &amp; Equipment</a>
17.15	<a href="#">Commissioning, Inspection, and Q.A.</a>
17.16	<a href="#">Construction Completion &amp; Turnover</a>
17.17	<a href="#">Operation &amp; Maintenance</a>
17.18	<a href="#">Owner Training</a>
17.19	<a href="#">Post-Occupancy and Warranty</a>

*NOTE to PM/Author: Enter the project # in the footer, left side ... delete this + other notes-to-author)*

### 17.1 INTRODUCTION

Along with the other sections of this Facilities Program, this Owner's Project Requirements (OPR) document outlines functional requirements of the project and expectations of how the facility and its systems will be used and operated. The OPR is required for LEED certification of the project, but also serves three broader vital purposes:

## Use the Owners Project Requirements to guide the ZNE process:

- Define Owner's Project Requirements (OPR)
- Establish the Basis of Design (BoD) (The BoD is the design team's response to the OPR)

# Design to the Target

Building automation and controls integration

## Making It All Work Together: Key Points

- Use the **Owners Project Requirements (OPR's)** to guide the ZNE process
- **Plan for Measurement and Verification**
- **Beware of Value Engineering!**
- **Controls considered from design through operation**
- **Keep the Operators and Occupants in mind**



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# Controls

- User-friendly/intuitive
- Over-rides contribute to the confusion
- Consistent – across an institution if possible
- Organized



# Common Technologies for ZNE and Ultra-low Energy

- Building Orientation, Window to Wall Ratio, and Glazing Location/Optimization
- Highly Efficient Thermal Envelope
- Ventilation: Natural, Dedicated Outdoor Air Systems (DOAS), Demand Control Ventilation (DCV)
- Conditioning: Ground Source, Radiant, Chilled Beams
- Controls Integration
- Daylighting Access and Controls
- Solar and Glare Control - shading
- Energy Recovery Systems
- Plug Load Reductions
- Energy Management Systems
- Building Dashboards



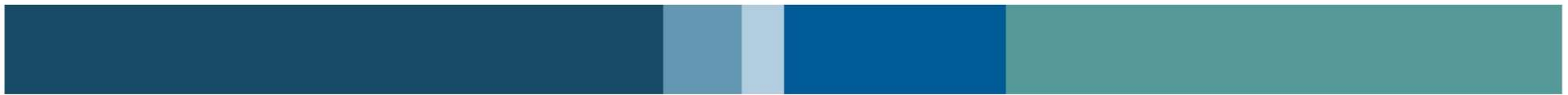
# The Influence of Systems on ZNE

Energy Use For Community College Buildings Before And After Upgrade

Community College

Best EUI: 28.7 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>

Baseline EUI: 67.9 kBtu/ft<sup>2</sup>



- Savings Range from HVAC
- Savings Range from Internal Gains
- Savings Range from Envelope
- Savings Range from DHW
- Best Case

# Manage Plug Loads

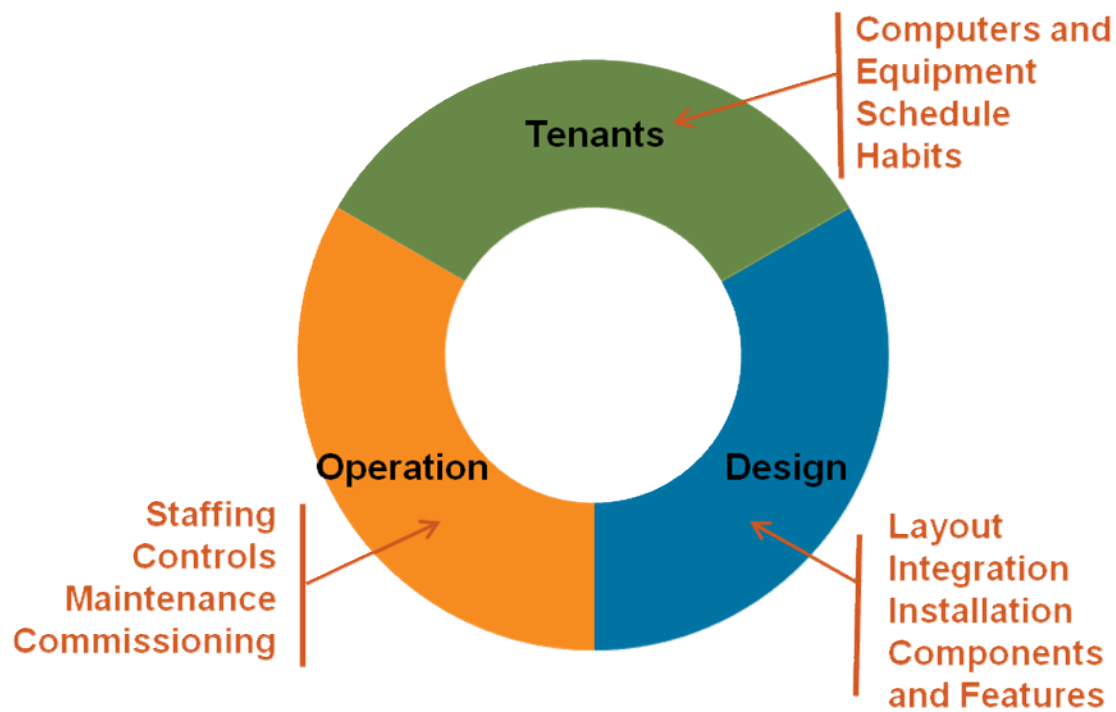


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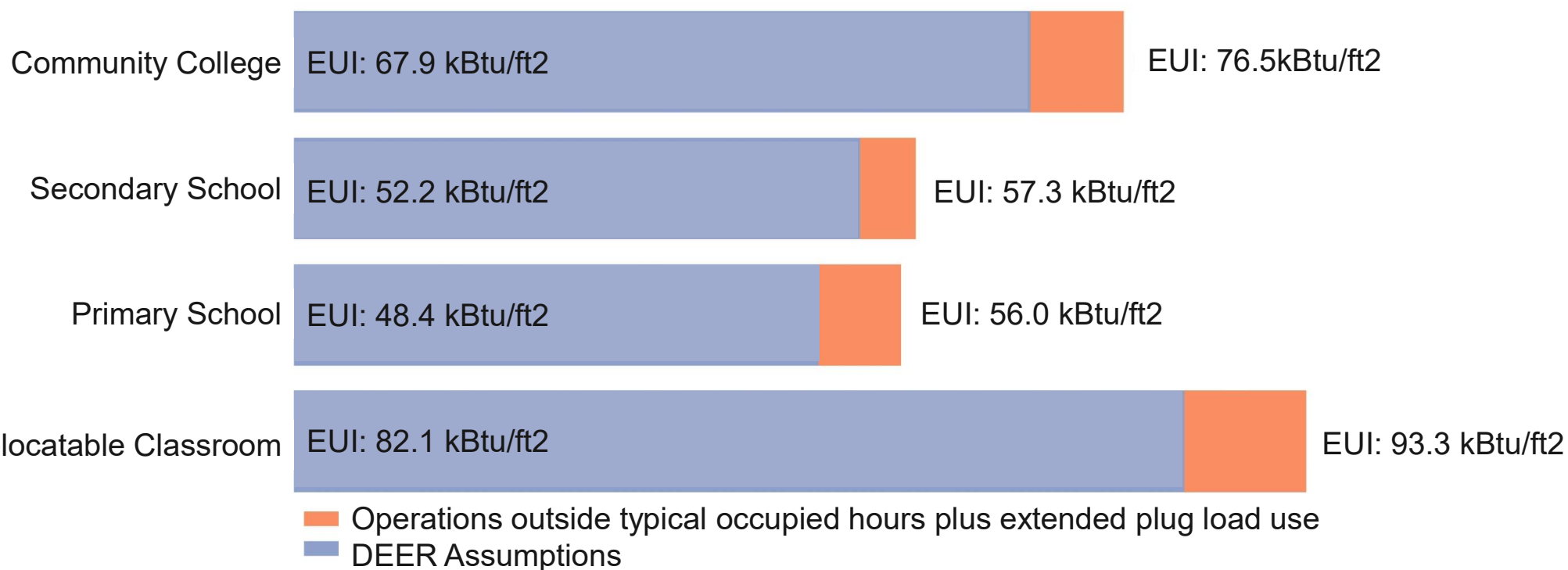
# Operate to the Target



- Operator training & guides
- Monitor & benchmark energy use
- Engage occupants
- Plug load management
- Seek continuous improvement & performance data review
- Use operator, occupant & public feedback

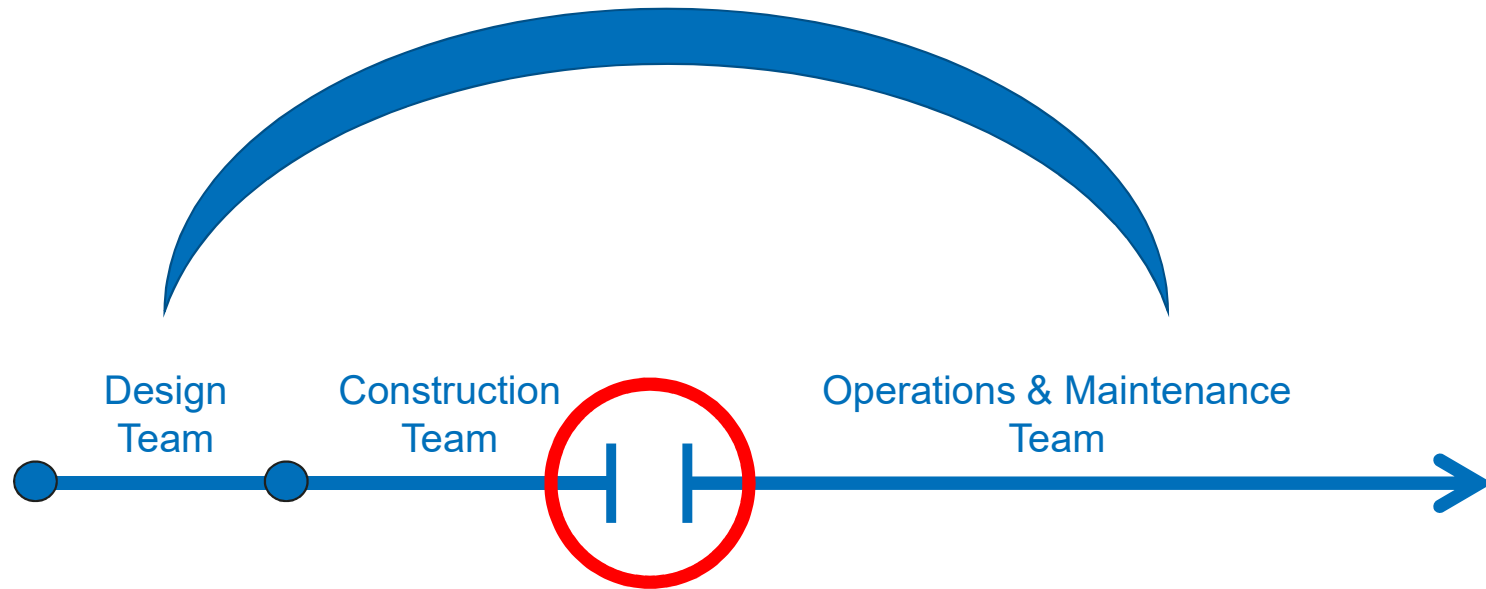
# Operations Matter!

Marginal Energy Impact of Operational Assumptions, By Building Type, Weighted





# Arch of Continuity



# Engage Students & Verify Performance



# Recommendations for School Districts

## San Francisco USD Sustainability Goals

### ZERO NET ENERGY



All buildings will use less than  
20 kBTU/sf/yr by 2040

<https://www.earthdayeverydaysf.com/district-goals>

- Inform stakeholders
- Integrate energy and facilities into learning
- Incorporate energy into policies and plans
  - CHPS policies with energy targets
  - Owners Project Requirements
  - Facilities Master Plans
- Consider energy in contracting methods
  - Performance based procurement
- Support staff in advanced energy practices
  - Benchmarking
  - Strategic Energy Management (SEM)

# **Activity: Pursuing the Roadmap to ZNE**

# Pursuing the Roadmap to ZNE

## Instructions:

1. On your sheet, put in order which of the Roads to ZNE make the most sense to you and your district.
2. Identify which Road to ZNE you are either currently pursuing or would like to pursue. This is your “First Road”.
3. Find your group.
4. Take 10 minutes to discuss/identify 2-3 goals and targets to successfully achieve your chosen path to ZNE.

# Paths to ZNE

- Creating Policy/Mandates
- Setting Energy Targets
- Benchmarking Energy Use
- Designing ZNE Curriculum
- Planning ZNE Pilot Project(s)
- Identifying Financing/Incentive Opportunities
- Operating and Maintaining to ZNE
- Recognition for ZNE Efforts
- Educate Yourself and Stakeholders on ZNE



# ZNE Resources

# Join us!

## The Second Annual ZNE Recognition Awards!

Tomorrow, November 28 from 4:30-6:00 PM  
Ballroom D & E at the Pasadena Convention Center

### Recognition Categories

#### ZNE Leadership Award

Honoring the leaders, both **individuals** who inspire others on the path to ZNE and **project teams** that work effectively together to achieve ZNE goals.

#### Outstanding Buildings Award


Spotlighting **ZNE verified**, **ZNE emerging** and **ultra-low projects** at K-12 schools and community college campuses.

#### Visionary School District Award

Recognizing both **large** and **small districts** that have utilized policies, programs or plans that results in larger scale advancement of zero energy buildings.



# CASE STUDIES



**Zero Net Energy Project Profile**  
K-12 School

**OVERVIEW**

**Site Details**  
**Building Size:** 77,000 SF  
**Location:** Redding, California  
**Construction Type:** New  
**Construction Year:** 2011  
**Building Type:** Education  
**CA Climate Zone:** 11

**Measured Energy Stats**

**16 - 8 = 8**

BUILDING'S TOTAL EUI	RENEWABLE PRODUCTION PER	BUILDING'S NET EUI
16	8	8

**Site Energy Use Index (EUI) kWh/SF/year**  
 The Energy Equation: the building energy use minus the renewables production equals the net energy of the building. Buildings may be "getting to zero" and have a net EUI above zero. If renewable production exceeds energy use the net EUI is below zero (negative) and it is creating surplus energy.

**REDDING SCHOOL OF THE ARTS**

Redding School for the Arts in Northern California connects education and arts for K-8 students in a community of 90,000 people. The school was originally created in August 1999 in response to the rapid decline of arts programs in local schools. In 2011, the charter school opened a new facility with an ambitious goal of zero net energy, while dedicating only 2% of the budget to renewable energy systems. In this project, these systems were characterized as photovoltaic solar panels, wind generation and included geothermal bore fields. The two-story, 77,000 square feet building includes classrooms, art rooms, music and dance spaces, a library and information center, a cooking classroom and a technology room.

**Planning & Design Approach**

Overarching project goals were:

- Use the facility as a teaching tool
- Connect the indoor and outdoor environments to create a series of continuous learning spaces
- Use appropriate solar orientation strategies to maximize daylighting opportunities and take advantage of outside views
- Significantly reduce energy use by locating 39,000 SF of learning space in protected outdoor areas

**Energy Efficiency Strategies & Features**

**Daylighting:** The design orients classrooms to the north to maximize daylighting

**Verified Zero Net Energy Building Case Study**



**OVERVIEW**

**Location:** Sacramento, CA  
**Project Size:** 63,000 SF  
**Construction Type:** Retrofit  
**Construction Date:** 1969, Retrofit in 2008, additional PVs added 2012  
**Building Type:** Manufacturing facility  
**CA Climate Zone:** 12  
**Total Building Cost:** \$2,000,000  
**Cost/Sq. Ft.:** \$32  
**Hard costs:** \$2,000,000

**Measured Energy Stats**

**17.1 - 17.5 = -0.4**

BUILDING'S TOTAL EUI	RENEWABLE PRODUCTION PER	BUILDING'S NET EUI
17.1	17.5	-0.4

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**BAGATELOS ARCHITECTURAL GLASS SYSTEMS MANUFACTURING FACILITY**

The Bagatelos Architectural Glass Systems (BAGS) manufacturing facility is a zero net energy (ZNE) building. The 63,000-square-foot Bagatelos Architectural Glass Systems manufacturing facility produces custom glass curtain wall systems for buildings throughout the state of California. Approximately 80% of the facility is dedicated to the manufacturing of glass and aluminum components, while the remaining space houses offices. After the company's production increased, in 2012 an installation of additional photovoltaic (PV) panels was necessary to return the 50-person operation to ZNE. Efficient lighting and mechanical systems reduced the energy consumption of the facility by 40% of the average for comparable building types, and the PV panels produce enough electricity to offset the remaining energy load.

**Planning & Design Approach**

The first step of the project was to design an ultra-efficient building. Because budget was a primary concern, Bagatelos gave strong preference to highly efficient systems, and deployed technologies that are commonly used in construction, rather than higher cost advanced technologies. Bagatelos used building energy modeling and daylighting modeling to estimate the building's energy performance and provided valuable studies to identify opportunities for additional efficiency improvements. Energy consumption that could not be economically reduced further was offset with PV panels.

**Ultra-Low Energy School Case Study**



**OVERVIEW**

**Building Size:** 102,000 SF  
**Location:** San Francisco, CA  
**Construction Type:** New Construction  
**Completion Date:** 2010  
**Building Type:** Education  
**CA Climate Zone:** 3  
**Energy Use:** Electric, Gas

**Measured Energy Stats**

**28 - 0 = 28**

BUILDING'S TOTAL EUI	RENEWABLE PRODUCTION PER	BUILDING'S NET EUI
28	0	28

**Site Energy Use Index (EUI) kWh/SF/year**  
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**SAN FRANCISCO CITY COLLEGE MULTI-USE BUILDING**

The San Francisco City College (SFCC) Multi-Use Building (MUB) is a pioneering project for large, low-energy facilities. At 102,000 square feet, the building is one of the largest in the United States to rely nearly entirely on natural ventilation to meet fresh air and cooling requirements.

The SFCC Multi-Use Building houses classrooms, laboratories, a childcare center, cafe, meeting rooms, administrative offices, and other miscellaneous spaces. Considering that these types of end uses tend to use relatively more energy per area than an average building, the overall energy usage of this building is notably small compared to similar buildings.

**Planning & Design Approach**

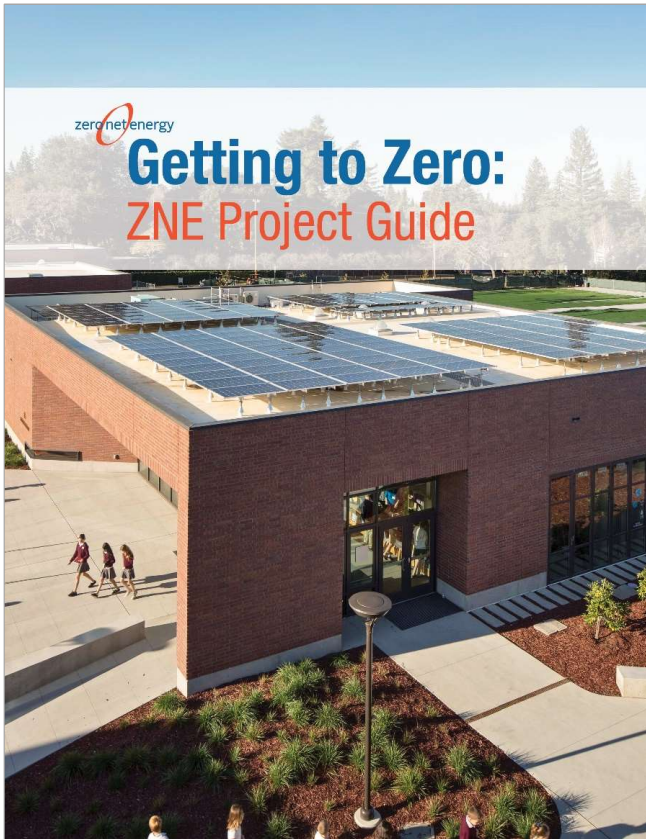
**Policy**  
 In 2006, the San Francisco City College Board of Trustees passed a resolution to create a Campus Sustainability Plan<sup>1</sup>. In 2007, a Governance Sustainability Committee was formed with faculty, students, staff and administrators which then developed a sustainability initiative that would address environmental, social and economic goals. They later developed the *Sustainability Plan for Design, Construction and Operations* as a roadmap for an expanded incorporation of sustainable practices in planning, design, and construction. The Sustainability Plan emphasized energy conservation and onsite and off-site renewable energy opportunities and noted a focus on educating faculty, staff and administrators on

**Getting to Zero Case Studies:** <https://gettingtozeroforum.org/case-studies/>

**Getting to Zero Database:** <http://newbuildings.org/getting-to-zero-buildings-database>

**PG&E Case Studies:** <http://energydesignresources.com/resources/publications/case-studies/case-studies-ZE-non-residential-buildings.aspx>

# NBI Stakeholder Resources



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## ZNE Communications Toolkit

zeronetenergy

## ZNE Design Fundamentals

*A ZNE building produces as much energy as it consumes over the course of a year*

**Integrated Design and Advanced Technologies = High Performance**

National Renewable Energy Laboratory | Golden, CO  
Photo: Dennis Schroeder, courtesy of NREL/DOE

Achieving a zero net energy (ZNE) goal for any new commercial construction or deep renovation project requires a commitment by the design team to a fully integrated process where the interrelationships between the building and its systems, surroundings and occupants make efficient and effective use of all resources. For example, many of the completed ZNE buildings located in the coastal marine areas of California are able to greatly reduce or even eliminate the need for mechanical cooling by prioritizing natural ventilation as part of their design scheme.

Integrated project delivery involves making all members of the design team aware of the project goals and outcomes including setting energy performance targets such as EUI (energy use intensity) at the onset. It also requires engaging project participants early in the design process, so each member can understand how their role contributes to the greater design of the whole project.

This team-oriented approach ensures the proper design strategies and high performance technologies that are so critical to the outcome of ZNE buildings are selected and implemented in a way that maximizes effectiveness and efficiency.

“The traditional approach, where the architect designs the building shape, orientation and envelope and then transmits the drawings to the mechanical and electrical engineers for their design, is a sequential approach that misses the rich opportunities for optimizing building performance through a collaborative approach throughout the design process.”

Lynn G. Belonger, PE, ASHRAE Fellow  
2010-2011 ASHRAE President

**The Four Major Components of Integrated Design**

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## What is Zero Energy (ZE)?

Year	ZNE Verified Buildings and Districts	ZNE Emerging Buildings and Districts	Ultra-low Energy Buildings
2012	127	33	0
2014	279	33	0
2016	53	279	0

## Gain Support for your ZNE Vision




- Stakeholder mapping:
  - Who are the stakeholders?
  - What are their drivers?
  - What are the key messages?
- Share case studies, fact sheets and other ZE materials
- Attend webinars and trainings
- Identify sources to support your efforts
  - Prox 39 & California IOUs
- Visit

## Where are ZNE Projects?

# Number of ZNE Verified Buildings  
States and Provinces with ZNE Emerging or Verified Buildings (44)

# Getting to Zero Resources HUB



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STATE POLICIES & PROGRAMS

SCHOOL & DISTRICT LEADERSHIP

RESEARCH & TOOLS

<https://gettingtozeroforum.org/zero-energy-schools-resources/>

# Other Resources

- **Energy Star Portfolio Manager:** <https://www.energystar.gov/buildings/facility-owners-and-managers/existing-buildings/use-portfolio-manager>
- **NEEP High Performance Schools:** <http://www.neep.org/initiatives/energy-efficient-buildings/high-performance-schools>
- **Collaborative for High Performance Schools (CHPS) Criteria:** <http://www.chps.net/dev/Drupal/node/212>
- **Green Ribbon Schools:** <https://www2.ed.gov/programs/green-ribbon-schools/index.html>
- **NCEF School Buildings Assessment Methods:** <http://www.ncef.org/pubs/sanoffassess.pdf>
- **U.S. DOE Zero Energy School Accelerator:** [www.zeroenergy.org](http://www.zeroenergy.org)
- **NREL Technical Feasibility for K-12 Schools:** <http://www.nrel.gov/docs/fy17osti/67233.pdf>
- **DOE Toolkit: K-12 Solutions for Building Energy Excellence:** <https://betterbuildingsinitiative.energy.gov/toolkits/k-12-solutions-building-energy-excellence>



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- Share perspectives on the growth of ZE
- Build knowledge on policies driving projects, and design and operation best practices
- Collaborate on opportunities for ZNE to transform the built environment



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A photograph of the Marin Country Day School building at dusk. The building is a two-story structure with a prominent wooden facade and large glass windows. The interior lights are on, and the sky is a deep twilight blue. A large tree is on the left side of the frame. The overall atmosphere is warm and modern.

# Thank You!

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**Marin Country Day School**  
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