

# ZEB's: Lessons Learned & Next Steps

Getting To Zero Forum  
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## Early EHDD Zero Energy Buildings



IDeAs Z<sup>2</sup> Office, 2006



Audubon Center, 2001



Packard Foundation, 2010



Exploratorium, 2011

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## Mark Day School

15,000 SF

ILFI NZE certification pending

EUI: 29, all electric







## Lick Wilmerding High School

55,000 SF

ILFI NZE certification pending

EUI: 21, all electric

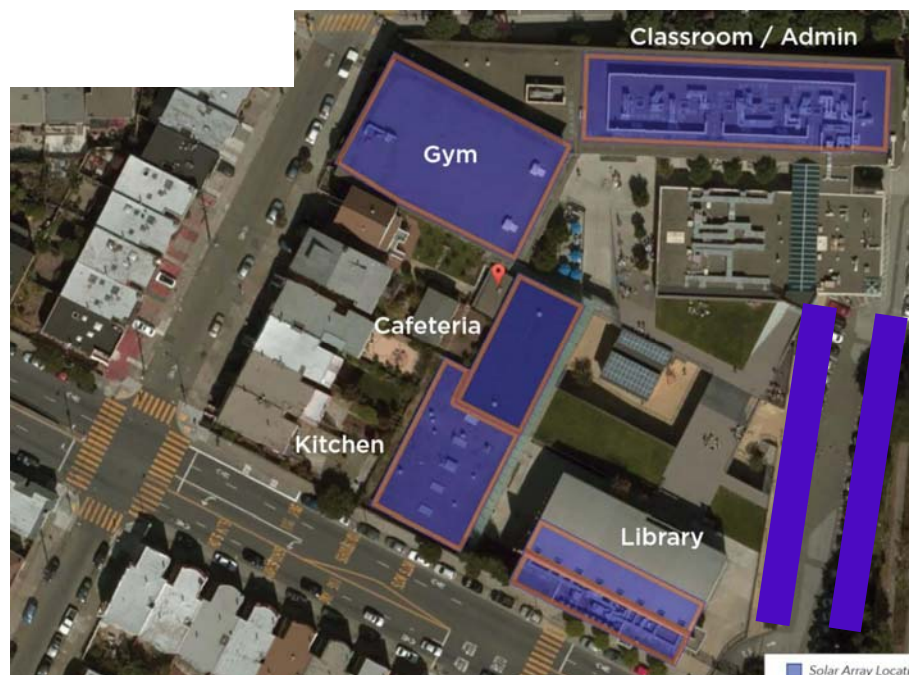






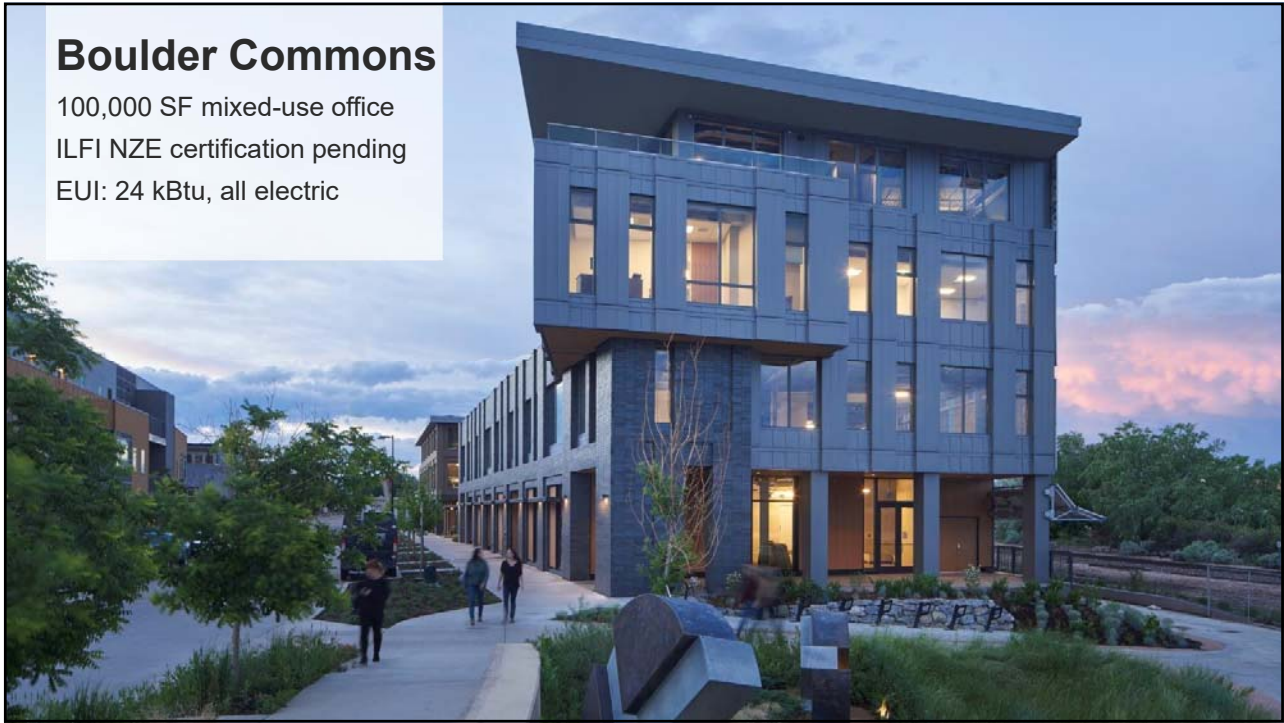
Replace Existing Gas  
Boilers with Heat Pumps

Plan future electrification  
& Campus PV location



## Boulder Commons

100,000 SF mixed-use office  
ILFI NZE certification pending  
EUI: 24 kBtu, all electric







## What does a Developer Want? What's in it for them.....?

- Lease Rates/Sales Price that create a return on invested capital (8-10%)
- Predictability with regard to operating costs and tenants
- Long-term operating costs lower than competitors
- Long-term Value (high occupancy, appreciation, etc.)

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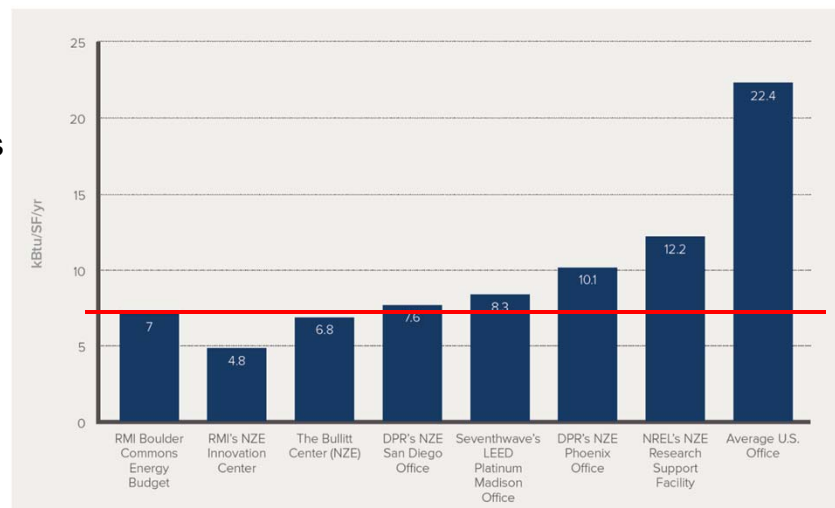
## Creating a Market Rate Return on Solar

- Total Solar Cost including attachment \$2.3M
- Market Rate for Energy (low end) \$1.90/foot/year
- --\$190,000 per year before depreciation/credits
- 8.3% Cash on Cash Return before financing

## Plug Load Budget – 7 kBtu/SF/YR

PLUG LOAD ENERGY USE

- Printer/copier energy save mode
- Laptops
- Energy star appliances
- 1 monitor/person
- Monitoring, continuous reporting
- Power strips w/ timer or occupancy sensors
- Monitor big loads independently



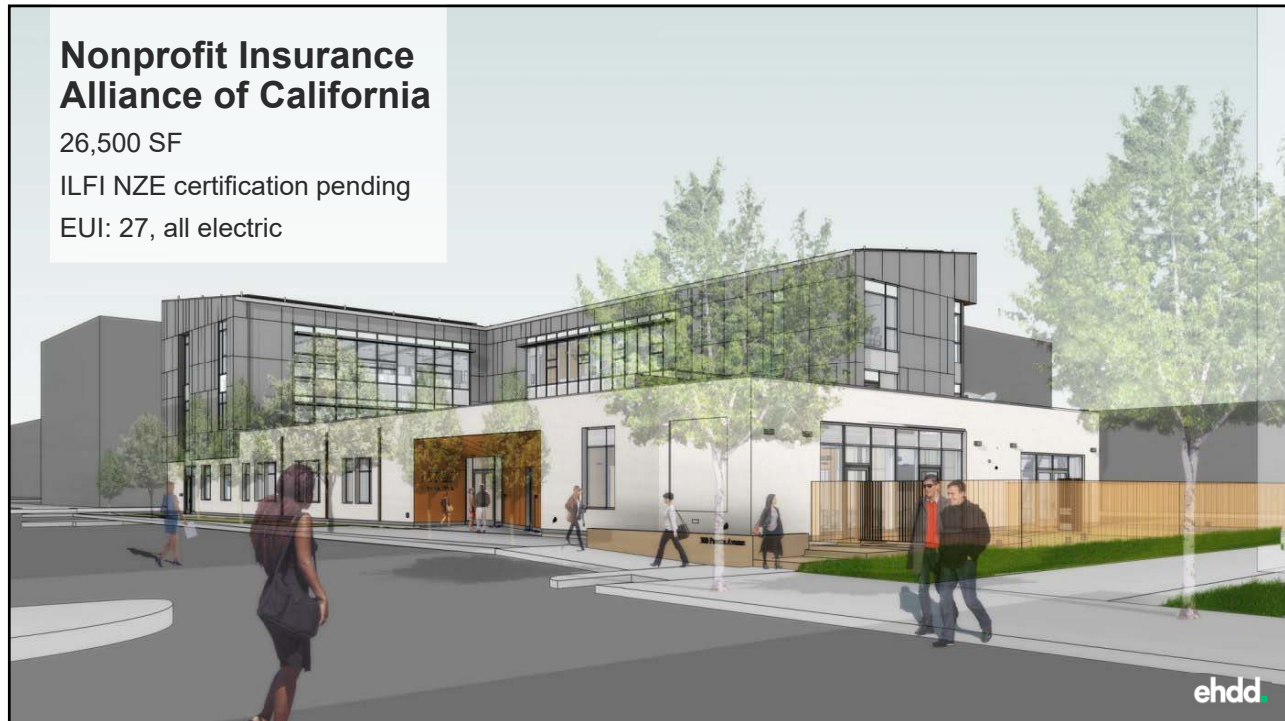


## Nonprofit Insurance Alliance of California

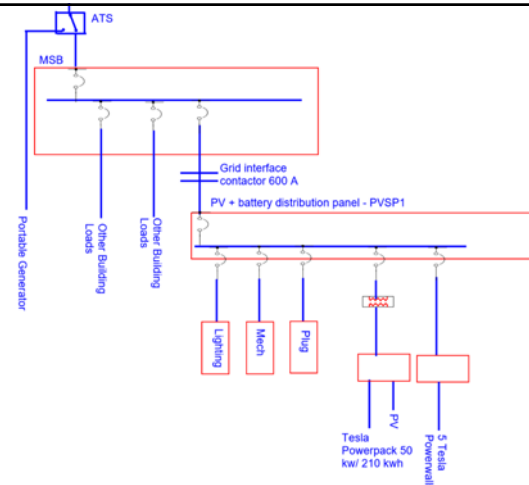
26,500 SF

ILFI NZE certification pending

EUI: 27, all electric



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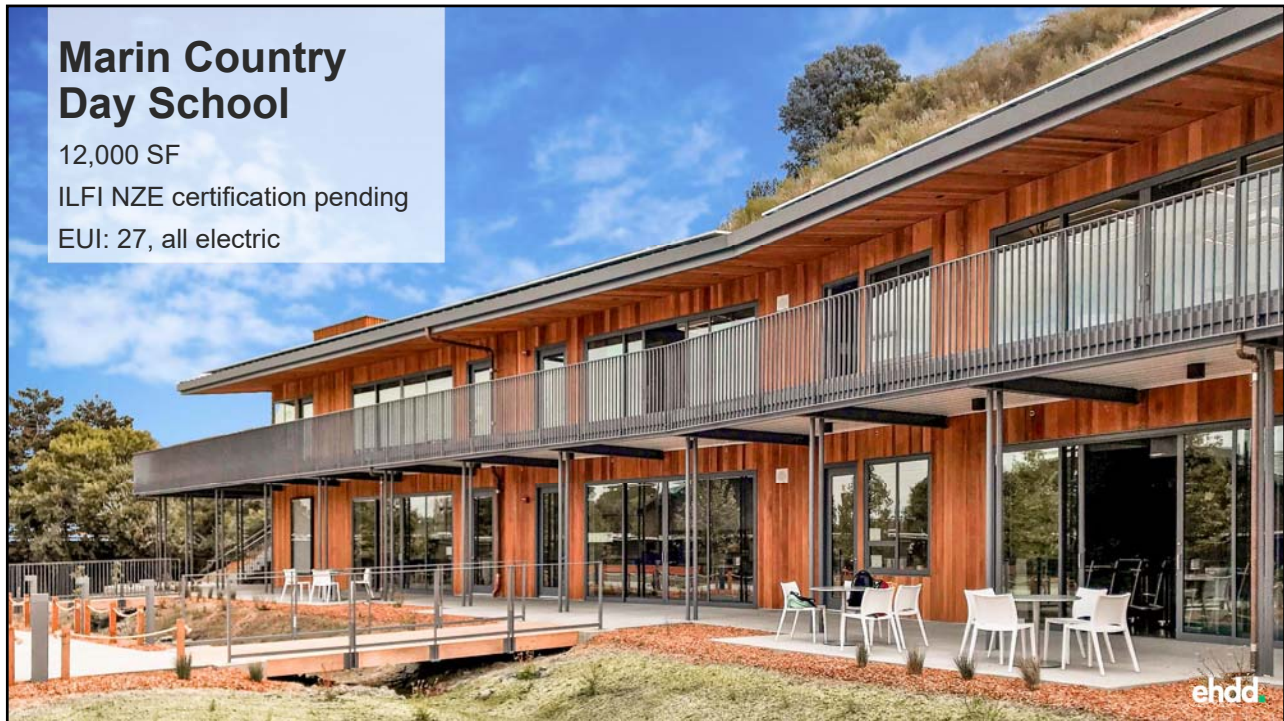
Time Duration	2-hr window	4-hr window	8-hr window	12-hr window	1 day	2 day	3 day	4 day	5 day
Scenario 1 - Battery Size	37 kWh	73 kWh	142 kWh	200 kWh	288 kWh	475 kWh	691 kWh	921 kWh	1152 kWh
Scenario 1 - Cost	\$ 29,900	\$ 51,900	\$ 94,200	\$ 129,300	\$ 183,200	\$ 297,600	\$ 429,800	\$ 570,700	\$ 711,600
Scenario 2 - Battery Size	38 kWh	75 kWh	146 kWh	204 kWh	295 kWh	489 kWh	712 kWh	950 kWh	1187 kWh
Scenario 2 - Cost	\$ 30,300	\$ 52,900	\$ 96,200	\$ 131,900	\$ 187,600	\$ 306,200	\$ 442,800	\$ 588,000	\$ 733,300
Energy Model - Battery Size	230 kWh	448 kWh	562 kWh	792 kWh	901 kWh	1606 kWh	2344 kWh	2794 kWh	3059 kWh
Energy Model - Cost	\$ 147,600	\$ 281,400	\$ 350,600	\$ 491,600	\$ 558,000	\$ 989,700	\$ 1,441,400	\$ 1,716,600	\$ 1,878,500
Scenario 4 - Battery Size	83 kWh	143 kWh	172 kWh	215 kWh	292 kWh	479 kWh	591 kWh	591 kWh	591 kWh
Scenario 4 - Cost	\$ 57,900	\$ 94,600	\$ 112,500	\$ 138,300	\$ 185,800	\$ 300,200	\$ 368,400	\$ 368,400	\$ 368,400
Scenario 4b - Battery Size	104 kWh	184 kWh	254 kWh						
Scenario 4b - Cost	\$ 70,400	\$ 119,600	\$ 162,600						

## Marin Country Day School

12,000 SF

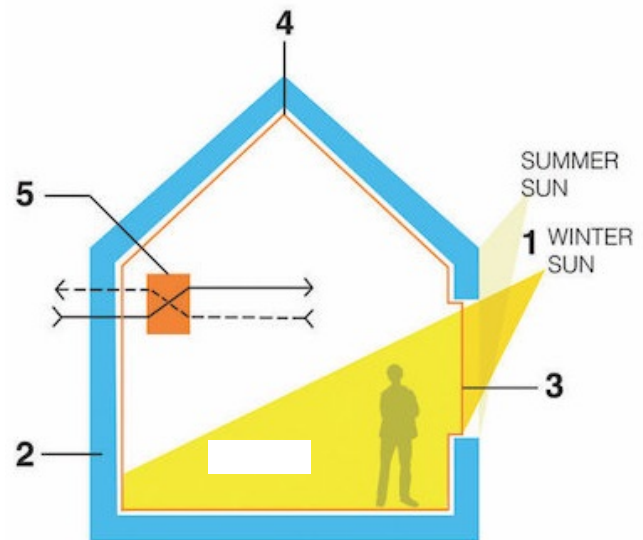
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## Passive House

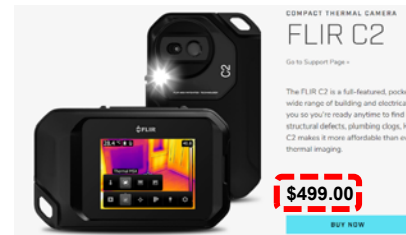
1. Excellent insulation
2. Reduce thermal bridges
3. Air-tight Enclosure
4. High Performance windows
5. Heat Recovery Ventilation



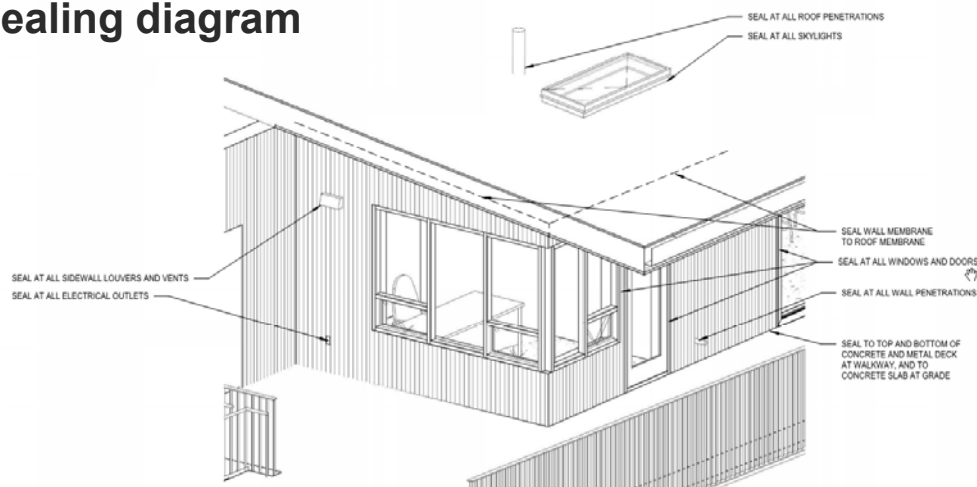
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## Thermal Bridging



## Air-sealing diagram



### AIR-SEALING REQUIREMENTS:

1. THE PROJECT SHALL HAVE A CONTINUOUS AIR-BARRIER AT THE BUILDING ENVELOPE, FROM FOUNDATION TO WALLS TO ROOF.
2. THE SELF-ADHERING SHEET MEMBRANE AIR BARRIER AT THE WALLS AND ROOFING UNDERLAYMENT AT THE ROOF ARE THE PRIMARY AIR BARRIERS.
3. ALL JOINTS AND INTERSECTIONS SHALL BE SEALED, INCLUDING SLAB TO WALL, WALL TO WALKWAY, WINDOWS, AND DOORS, AND WALL TO ROOF.
4. ALL AIR-BARRIER PENETRATIONS SHALL BE SEALED, INCLUDING PIPING, CONDUIT, WIRING, AND ARCHITECTURAL AND STRUCTURAL PENETRATIONS.
5. CONTRACTOR TO CONDUCT A BLOWER-DOOR AIR-TIGHTNESS TEST TO ASSESS AIR-TIGHTNESS PERFORMANCE.
6. BLOWER-DOOR TEST SHALL BE COORDINATED WITH ARCHITECT AND OWNER FOR OBSERVATION.
7. ARCHITECT WILL USE A PORTABLE FOG MACHINE TO IDENTIFY IF THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT LEAKS.
8. A SPECIFIC AIR-TIGHTNESS STANDARD IS NOT SPECIFIED ON THIS PROJECT.

**NOTE:** THIS IS A DIAGRAM OF POSSIBLE OPENINGS, AND MAY NOT REPRESENT THE ACTUAL LOCATIONS OF THE ELEMENTS REPRESENTED.

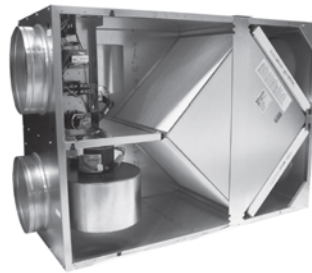
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## Energy Recovery Ventilator

- 65% reduction in heating load (ventilation)
- We can use smaller heat pumps
  - *Used on all my projects in past 3 years*
- 1-2 code cycles until they are mandatory

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Download specification at:  
renewaire.com/specifications

Energy Recovery Ventilator  
Standard & Bypass Economizer

### SPECIFICATIONS

**Ventilation Type:**  
Static plate, heat and humidity transfer

**Typical Airflow Range:** 250-925 CFM

**AHRI 1060 Certified Core:** One L125-G5

**Standard Features:**  
Non-fused disconnect  
24 VAC transformer/relay package

**Filters:**  
Total qty. 2, MERV 8: 20" x 20" x 2"

**Unit Dimensions & Weight:**  
54 3/4" L x 23 3/4" W x 35 3/4" H  
204-275 lbs., varies by option(s)

**Max. Shipping Dimensions & Weight (on pallet):**  
63" L x 30" W x 56" H  
325 lbs.

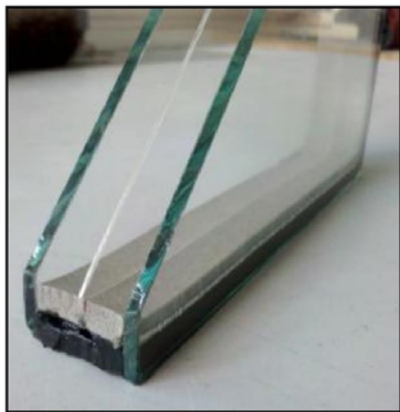
Accessories box shipped loose on top of unit.

**Motor(s):**  
Qty. 2, 0.75 HP ea., Direct drive blower/standard

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## Thin Triple Glazing

### Lawrence Berkeley Labs Andersen Windows



Thin-glass triple IGU

**Drop-in** replacement

High **performance**

**Minimal** weight

**Single** spacer

Same **width** as double

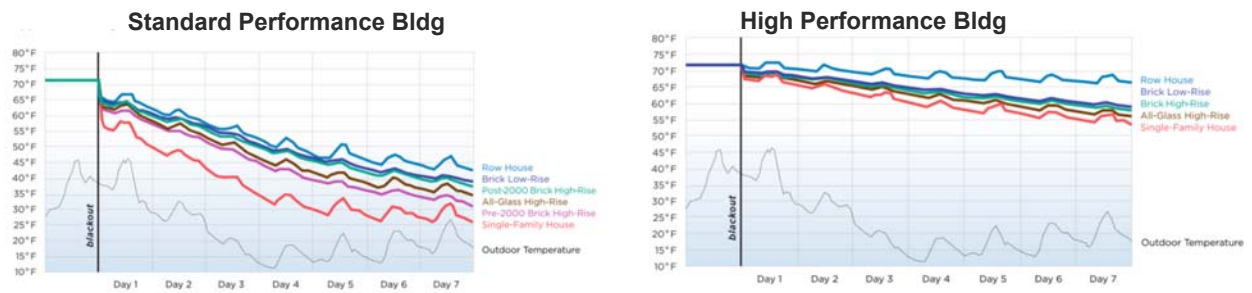
Low entry **cost**

<https://windows.lbl.gov/triple-glazing-thin-non-structural-center-glass>

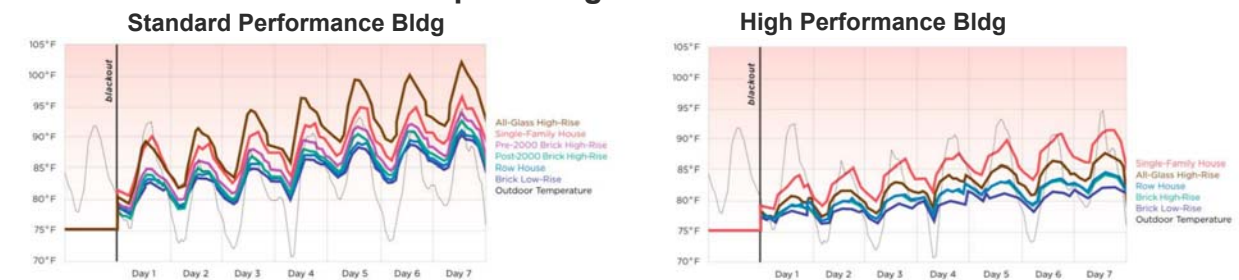
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## Indoor Temps During Winter Blackout



## Indoor Temps During Summer Blackout



## NOT Zero Energy Buildings...

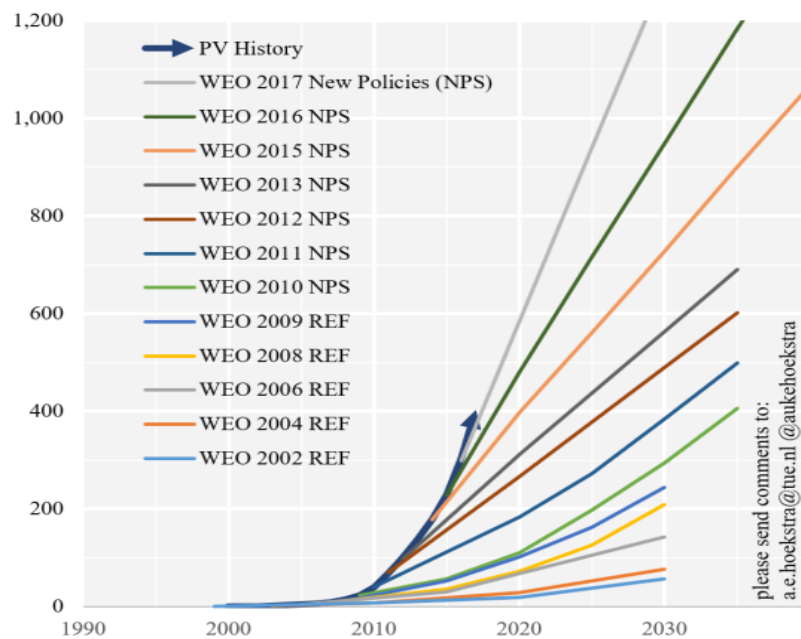


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# Is NZE getting us there fast enough?

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Cummulative PV capacity: historic data vs IEA WEO predictions  
In GW of total installed capacity - source International Energy Agency - World Energy Outlook



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## RE 100 204 companies have committed to 100% renewables



### Utilities with Clean Energy Targets

SEPA members are indicated in **bold**. Utilities with 100% decarbonization goals are indicated with a ✓.

Utility Name	Goal Type	Target	Notes
<b>AEP Ohio</b>	Emission Reduction	2050	80% emissions reduction below 2000 levels by 2050 (2018)
AES Corporation	Carbon Reduction	2030	70% carbon reduction through 2030 (revised its prior goal of 50% reduction from a 2016 baseline) (2018)
<b>Alliant Energy</b>	Emission Reduction/Renewable Energy	2050	40% below 2005 levels by 2030 and 80% of total emissions by 2050 (also eliminating all coal by 2050) - 30% renewable energy by 2024 (2017)
Ameren	Emission Reduction	2050	80% emissions reduction by 2050 compared to 2005 levels (2017)
<b>APS</b>	Carbon Reduction	2032	Reduce CO2 emissions rate to <600lbs/MWh by 2032 (48% reduction from 2005 levels) (2017)
<b>Austin Energy</b> ✓	Renewable Energy/Zero Carbon/Emission Reduction	2027 2050	65% renewable energy by 2027, zero carbon energy target by 2050 (2018) Reduce carbon dioxide (CO2 power plant emissions) 20% below 2005 levels by 2020 (2018) Meet 55% of all energy needs through renewable resources by 2025, including 950 MW of solar power, 200 MW of which will be local solar (2018)
Avangrid	Carbon Reduction	2035	Carbon-neutral by 2035
<b>Avista</b> ✓	Emission Reduction	2027 2045	100% carbon neutral by 2027 and carbon-free by 2045

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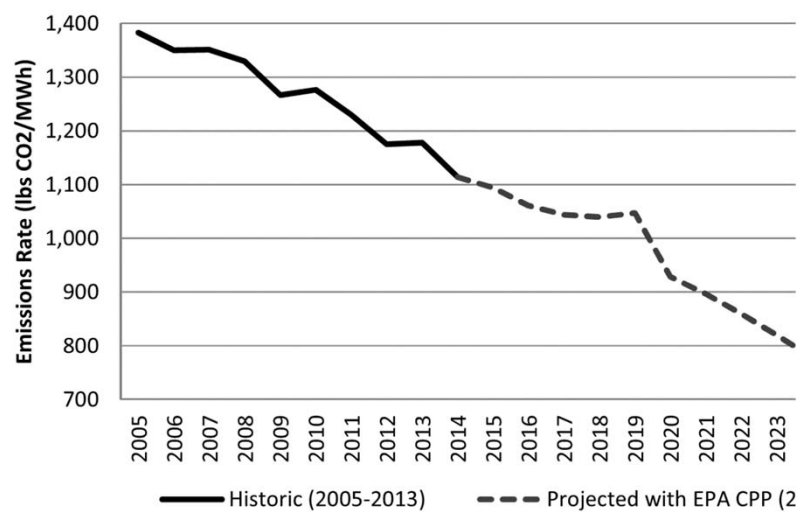


## Green Power Partnership

Partner Name	Annual Green Power Usage (kWh)	GP % of Total Electricity Use*	Green Power Resources
1. <a href="#">University of California</a>	273,347,222	25%	Various
2. <a href="#">University at Buffalo, the State University of New York</a>	224,325,000	100%	Biomass, Solar
3. <a href="#">University of Pennsylvania</a>	200,000,000	71%	Wind
4. <a href="#">Stanford University</a>	159,626,907	57%	Solar
5. <a href="#">Georgetown University</a>	159,499,000	133%	Wind
6. <a href="#">University of Tennessee, Knoxville</a>	158,044,000	67%	Solar, Wind
7. <a href="#">University of Maryland</a>	146,567,825	53%	Various
8. <a href="#">University of Oklahoma</a>	135,692,000	70%	Wind
9. <a href="#">Carnegie Mellon University</a>	132,396,967	100%	Solar, Wind
10. <a href="#">University of North Texas</a>	107,250,000	100%	Solar, Wind
11. <a href="#">Arizona State University</a>	105,000,000	30%	Solar, Wind
12. <a href="#">University of Missouri</a>	104,001,209	42%	Biomass, Solar, Wind
13. <a href="#">Northwestern University</a>	100,370,800	39%	Solar, Wind
14. <a href="#">Oklahoma State University</a>	93,827,563	67%	Wind
15. <a href="#">Drexel University</a>	87,766,000	104%	Solar, Wind
16. <a href="#">The Ohio State University</a>	85,505,575	14%	Wind

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## Carbon Intensity of US Electrical Generation

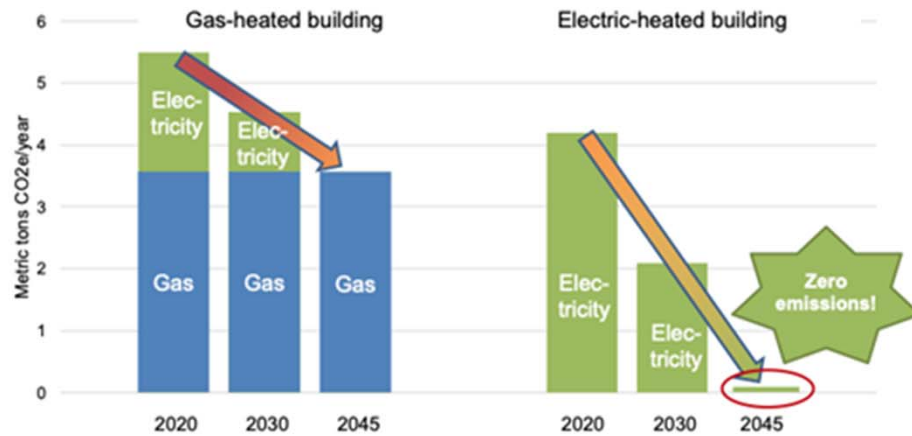


Keith Dennis in The Electricity Journal <http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.tej.2015.09.019>

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## Building Electrification as Pathway to Zero Carbon

Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Energy Use  
of Title 24 2019-Compliant Building

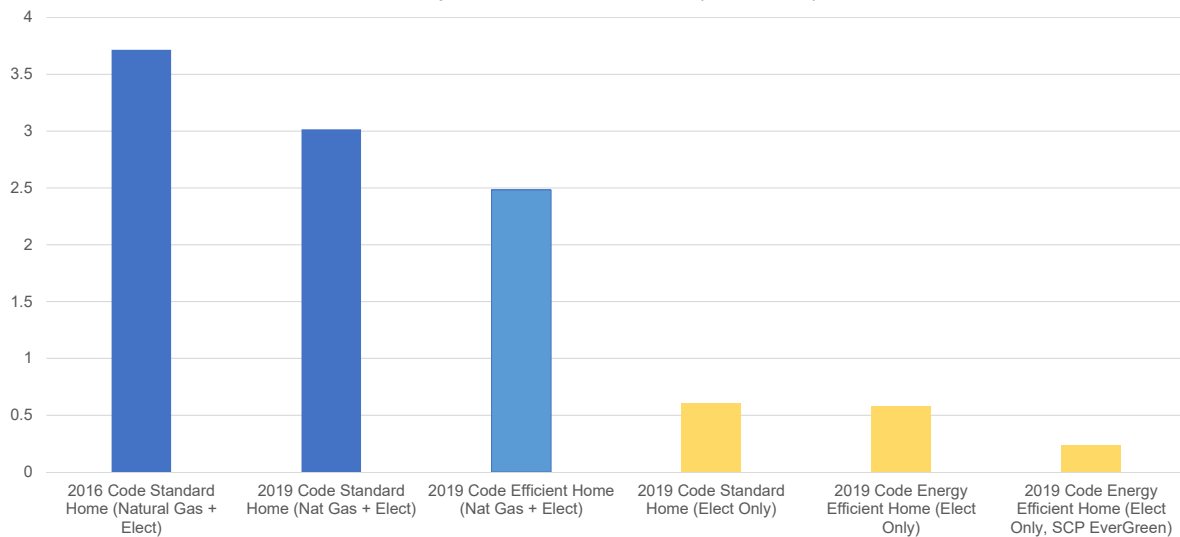


NRDC analysis, climate zone 13 (Fresno)  
with rooftop solar. Including methane leakage

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## Why All Electric?

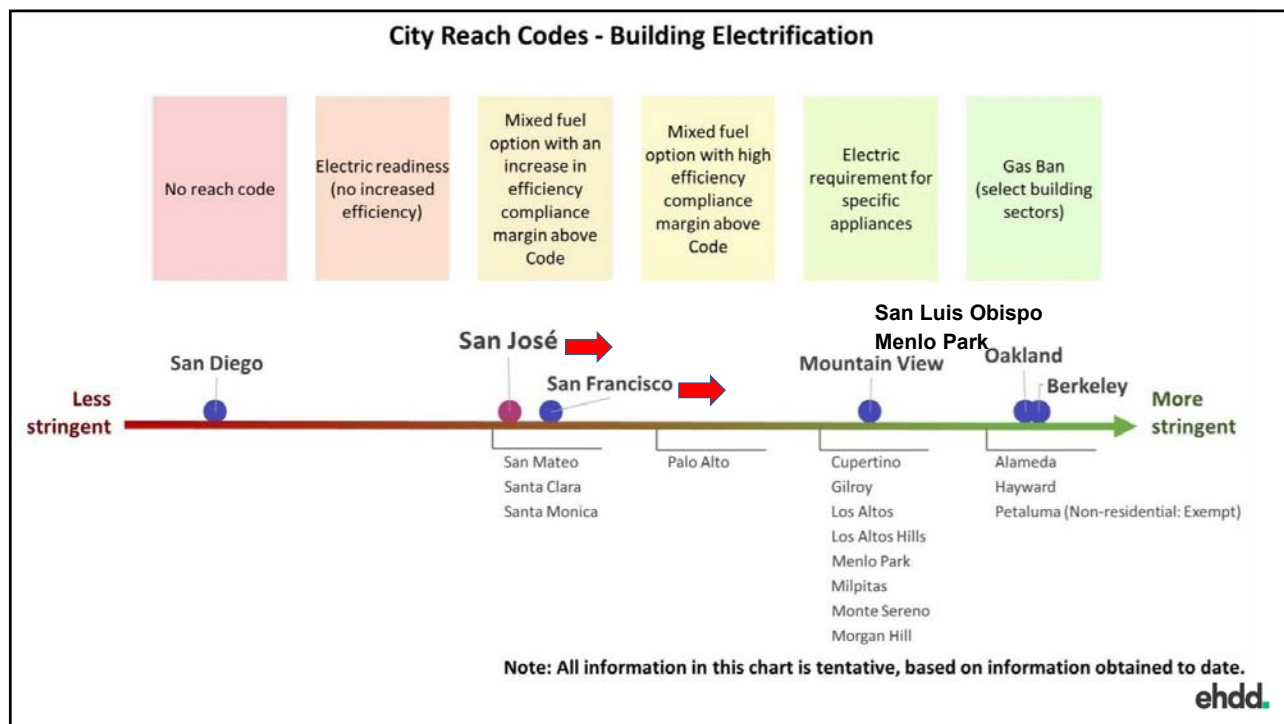
Yearly Per Home Emissions (MT CO<sub>2</sub>e)



Sonoma County, low rise residential. Courtesy Rachel Kuykendall, Sonoma Clean Power

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## California Universities Are Transitioning to All-Electric Buildings

The University of California system and Stanford University are making all-electric buildings the default in new construction.

JUSTIN GERDES | SEPTEMBER 24, 2018



“No new UC buildings or major renovations after June 2019, except in special circumstances, will use on-site fossil fuel combustion, such as natural gas, for space and water heating”

[https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/california-universities-are-transitioning-to-all-electric-buildings#gs.QUr5W\\_E](https://www.greentechmedia.com/articles/read/california-universities-are-transitioning-to-all-electric-buildings#gs.QUr5W_E)

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## In the UK:



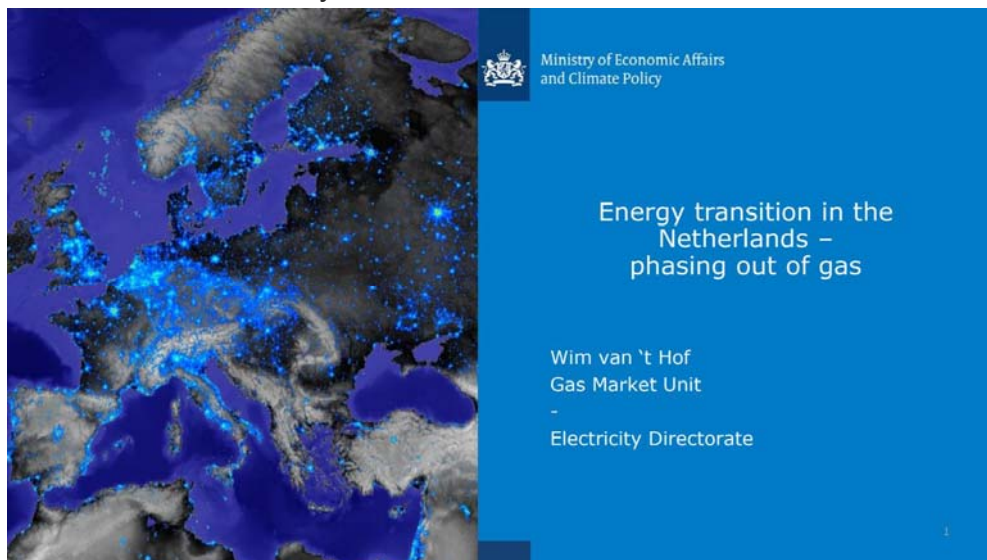
<https://utilityweek.co.uk/gas-connections-new-homes-banned-2025/>

<https://www.ft.com/content/3f50601c-45a5-11e9-b168-96a37d002cd3>

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## The Netherlands

Removing gas from 30,000-50,000 existing homes/year thru 2022  
Then 200,000 homes/year



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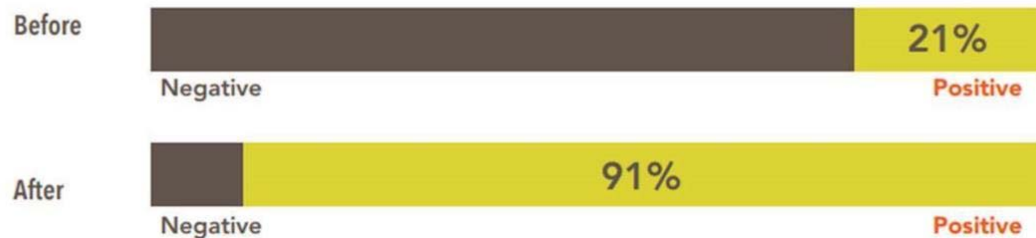
## Induction: SMUD's cooking now



### Customer research



SMUD customer panel: How would you rate your impression of induction cooking before and after trying the induction cooktop?



<http://2019.utilityforum.org/Data/Sites/5/media/posters/smud-induction-infographic-poster2.pdf>

## 👍 Benefits

Boils water  
2X FASTER



**SAFER**  
No open  
flames

Easy to  
clean



**TWICE AS EFFICIENT**

🔥🔥🔥 Low consistent heat



Keeps your  
home cooler

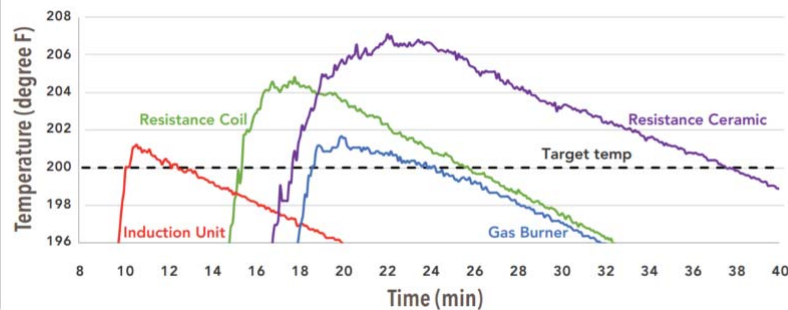


Fast  
temperature  
response



**You're in  
control**  
Precise, digital  
controls take  
the guesswork  
out of cooking.

### 12 lbs. Water Temperature Response



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### 2018 – 10 Top Rated Cooktops

Score	Cooktop
1. 100	Induction - Samsung \$2,000
2. 100	Induction - Dacor \$3,100
3. 99	Induction - GE \$1,800
4. 99	Induction - GE \$1,440
5. 99	Induction - GE \$2,600
6. 99	Induction - Kenmore \$1,600
7. 99	Induction - Bosch \$1,700
8. 97	Induction - Kenmore \$1,200
9. 97	Induction - Frigidaire \$700
10. 97	Induction - Frigidaire \$820
...	
94	top rated Electric cooktop \$900
94	top rated Electric cooktop \$1,400
89	top rated Gas cooktop \$1,350

**CR** Consumer Reports

