Pinoleville Pomo Nation Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Status



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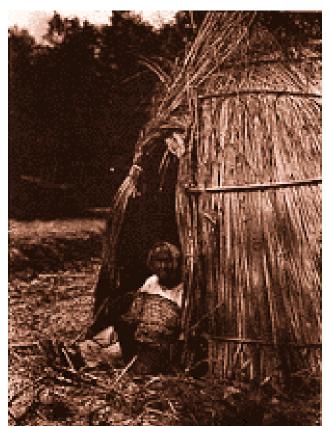
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Strategic Plan

- Self-sufficiency
- Job creation
- Revenue creation
- Cultural integrity





Strategy Into Energy Goals

- Choose energy technologies that reflect cultural values
- Small-scale, multi-source energy to maintain flexibility and resilience
- Potential to be off-grid
- Local M & O capability to generate jobs



• Sell enough to cover perhaps 50% of costs



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- •Small land base
- •Checkerboard
- •Small population
- •Few in-house tech skills
- •Newly back on the land
- •Little money

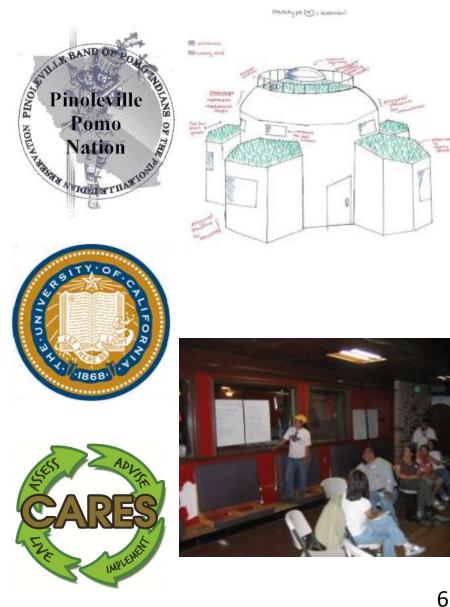
Opportunities



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- New projects coming
- Access to potential markets
- Access to technical support
- Access to biomass
- Favorable microgeography

- Multi-tribal
- Small pilot projects to test principles, build support, develop capacity
- Tied to other projects (prototype house)
- Co-design process
 - Tribal citizens as experts/designers
 - Centering cultural values
 - Providing educational opportunities



Introduction to CARES

- CARES is an engineering and sustainability assessment organization based at UCB
- Participants include community, industry, academia, and government reps
- Team members disciplines:
 - Engineering (Mechanical, Electrical, Civil)
 - Architecture
 - Business
 - Environmental Design and Planning

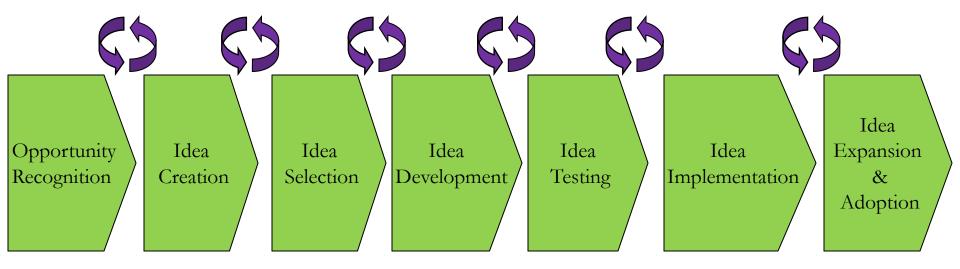


Mission of CARES

- Enable consumers and stakeholders to make informed decisions about sustainability and renewable energy technologies
- Co-design and implement solutions that meet end user needs



New Product Development (NPD) Process



Central Tenets: Technology Driven Design Methodology

• Technology Centered Design focus:

I. Performance II. Reliability III. Manufacturability IV. Price Points V. Time to Market







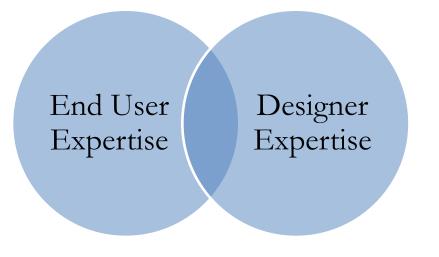
Central Tenets: Co-Design Methodology

• Co-Design focus:

I. End user is expert on needs

II. End users and designers both control idea creation

III. Idea creation is done in the usage environment





Codesign: Innovation Workshop 2008

- Workshop held to understand needs and brainstorm concepts with PPN.
- Focus on is on the principles and goals of end user
- Good and Bad Technology Round Robin Session
- Split Group User Needs Assessment Session
 - Elders
 - Adults
 - Youth
- Brainstorming on Conceptual Designs Session



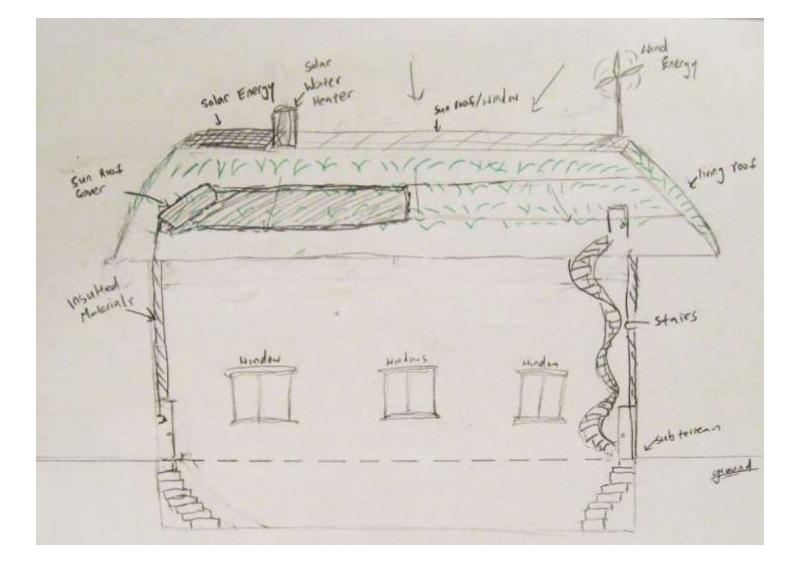
Innovation Workshop 2008: Top Needs and Metrics

- Learn and Use Traditional Techniques (Cultural Values)
 - Round Shape
 - Natural Materials
- Energy Conservation
- Water Conservation
- Privacy
- Exercise
- Storage
- Safety
- Comfort
- Lower Energy Costs



• Space

Innovation Workshop 2008: Co-designed Concepts



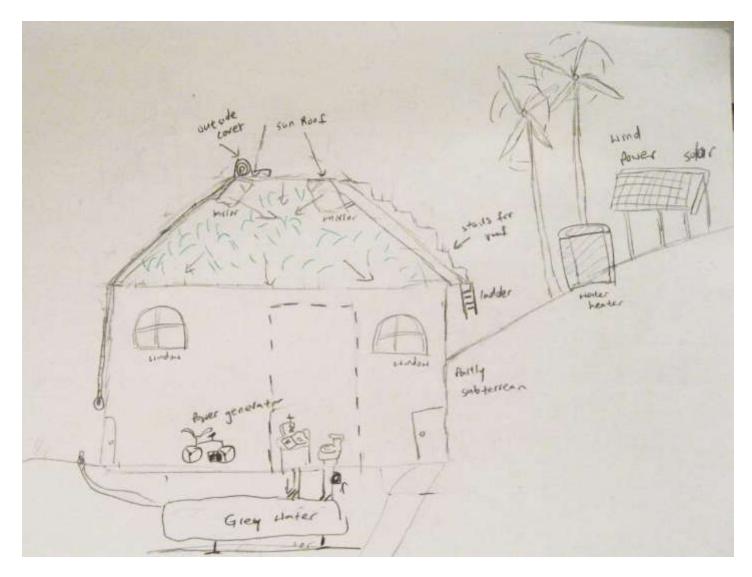
Conceptual Home Design 1 with Solar and Wind Power Generation

Innovation Workshop 2008: Co-designed Concepts



Conceptual Home Design 2 Wind Power Generation and Grey Water

Innovation Workshop 2008: Co-designed Concepts



Conceptual Home Design 3 with Grey Water, Wind, and Solar Power Generation

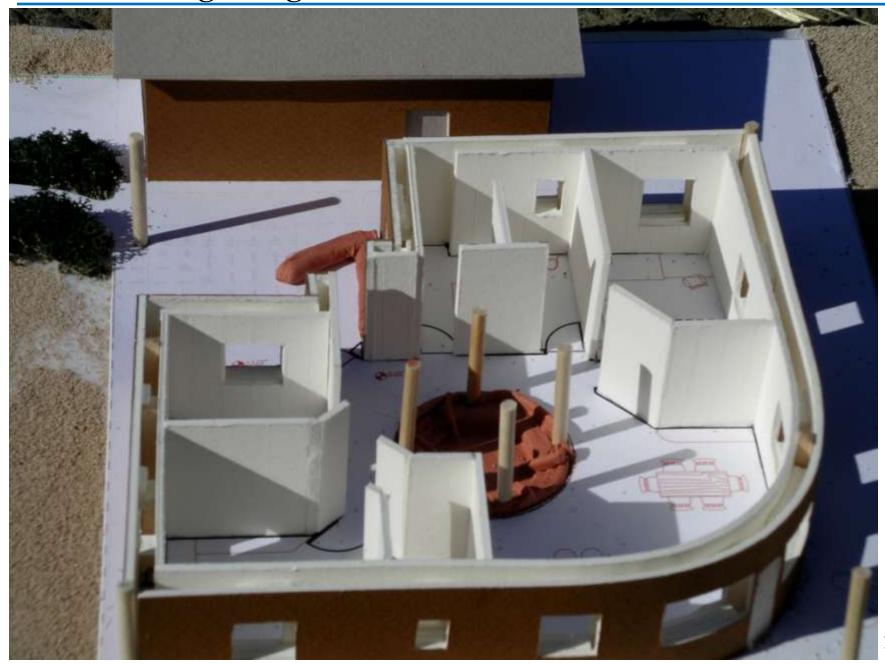
Pomo-inspired Housing Prototype



Final Housing Design: Innovation Workshop 2009



Final Housing Design I: Summer 2009

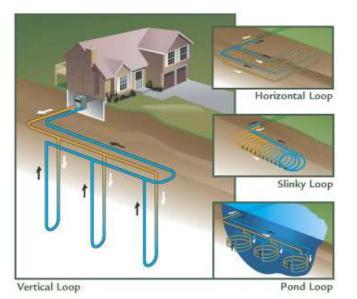


Final Housing Design II: Summer 2009



Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Overview

- Focus areas:
 - micro-hydroelectric,
 - moderate-temperate geothermal electrical,
 - geothermal heat pumps,
 - biomass,
 - biogas,
 - wind,
 - solar electric,
 - solar thermal



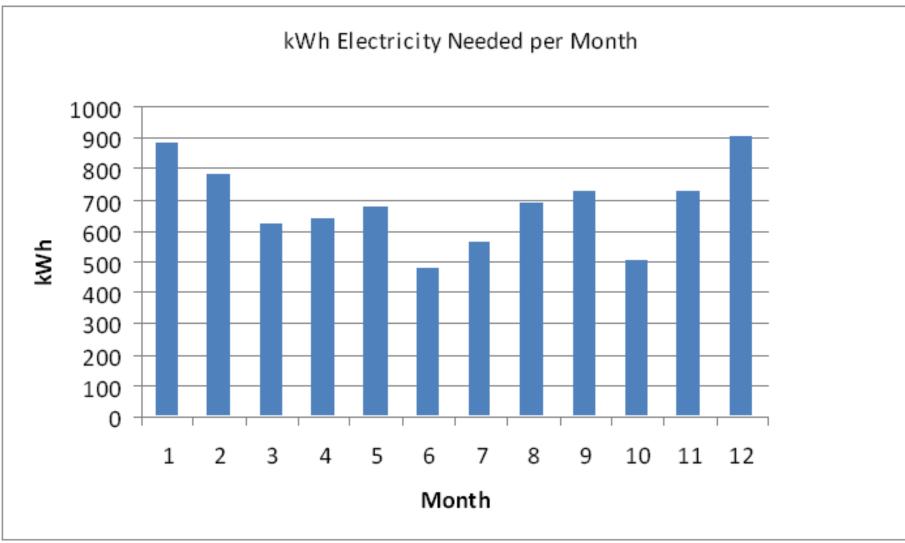




- Deliverables:
 - Deployment and development plan that has the renewable energy options and designs that meets the PPN's cultural, environmental, and economic requirements

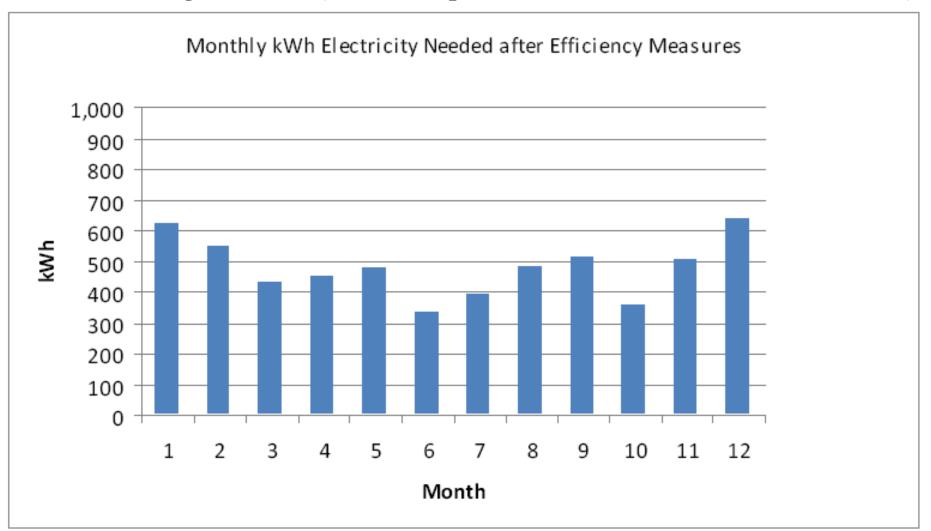
Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

• Historical Avg. Electricity Consumption of PPN Homes



Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

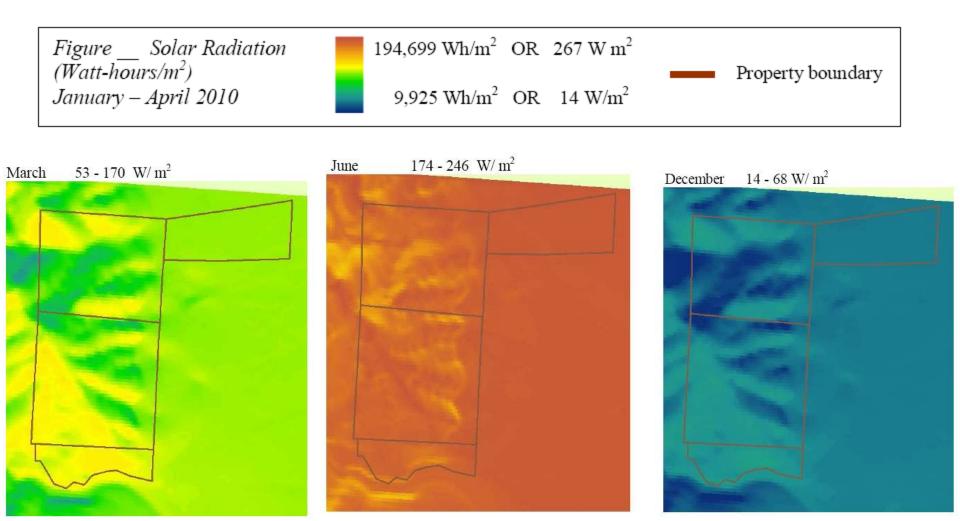
• Estimated Avg. Electricity Consumption of PPN Homes after Efficiency



20 – 30% electricity savings projected

Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

• Determined the solar insolation potential of the Sozzoni property for 2010



Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Methodology

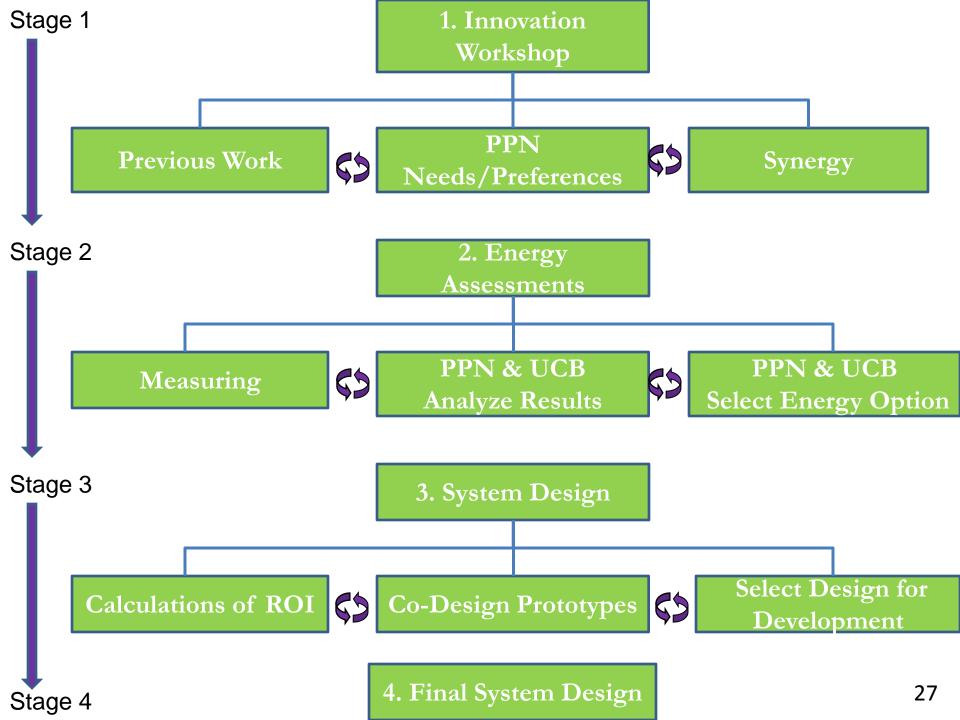
- I. Conduct Series of Innovation Workshops
 - Understand previous work done
 - Identify fundamental needs and preferences of Pinoleville Pomo Nation
 - Prioritize focus areas and determine product specifications
 - Establish synergy with other Native American Nations
- II. Assessing energy potential of resources
 - Solar insolation
 - Volume flow rates
 - Wind speeds at varying heights (30 m, 50 m, 70 m, 100 m)
 - Yamobida (Pomo for wind hole creek)
 - Biomass potential from local forest companies
 - Biogas potential from local waste

Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Methodology, contd.

III. Co-design energy systems for deployment

- Reconvene with PPN to analyze data and design system
- Culturally appropriate
- Multi-source, resilient
- Power Generation Capacity
- Economic ROI
- Job Creation Potential
- Maintenance and Operation by PPN
- GHG emissions production and ROI
- Reliability of Supply
- Market for Sale (i.e. sell back to grid)





Final Thoughts: Lessons Learned

- There is no one standard for sustainability; merely frameworks
- Sustainability is personal; must be defined by the end user
- Key is to harness the local knowledge within end user group
- Co-design changes the power dynamics to utilize expertise of all
- Co-designing Solutions Willingness to Adopt

- How can small tribal nations meet engineering needs?
 - Need to have technical partners worthy of trust
 - Need to work with other tribes
 - Need to control costs
 - Prefer iterative, co-design process to assure social structures and cultural values honored
- Creating an innovation hub with CARES
 - Available and accessible to tribal nations
 - Responding to a wide range of tribal needs
 - Committed to building tribal capacity, educating youth
 - Associated with university, but responsible to tribal nations

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