

LA100 Equity Strategies
Advisory Committee Meeting #4
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### **Welcome and Opening Remarks**

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# Agenda

Start Time	Item
10:00 a.m.	Welcome
10:05 a.m.	Meeting Purpose and Agenda Overview
10:10 a.m.	Analysis of LADWP Programs and Investments (NREL)
10:35 a.m.	Community Engagement: What We Have Learned So Far (NREL)
11:05 a.m.	Scale of Analysis (Eric Fournier, UCLA)
11:25 a.m.	LADWP's Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan
11:45 a.m.	Q & A
11:55 a.m.	Wrap Up and Next Steps



# Our Guide for Productive Meetings



Raise your hand to join the conversation (less chat entries, more talking)



Help to make sure that everyone has equal time to contribute



Keep input concise and focused so that others have time to participate



Actively listen to others to understand their perspectives



Offer ideas to address others' questions and concerns



# **Analysis of LADWP Programs and Services**

Are certain socio-demographic groups disproportionately receiving (or *not receiving*) investments and benefits from LADWP?



# LADWP Programs and Services

#### **Solar Installation Programs**

Net-energy metering (SIP and NEM)

#### **Energy Efficiency Incentive Programs**

- Commercial Direct Install Program
- Home Energy Improvement Program
- Consumer Rebate Program
- Refrigerator Turn In and Recycle Program
- 14 other energy efficiency incentive programs (Includes one low-income targeted program)

#### Electric Vehicle Incentives

- New commercial/residential chargers/sub-meters
- Used residential vehicles
- Direct current fast charging
- Medium and heavy-duty

#### **Customer Discount Programs**

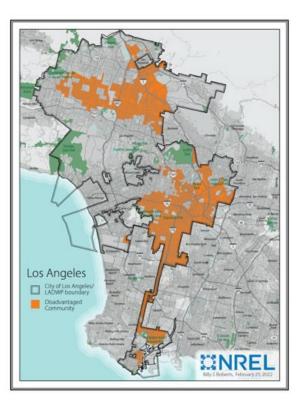
- Low-income
- Lifeline

#### Power Infrastructure Reliability Metrics

- System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI)
- System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI)



# LADWP Programs and Services



Disadvantaged Communities (DAC): Census tracts with the highest 25% <u>CalEnviroScreen 4.0</u> scores.

#### Socio-Demographic Indicators\*

Mostly White/Mostly Non-White\*\*

Mostly Hispanic/Mostly Non-Hispanic

Mostly Renters/Mostly
Owners

Mostly Below/Mostly Above
Median Income\*\*\*

\*Data from the <u>American Community</u> <u>Survey (2019)</u>

\*\*Black or African American, American Indian and Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, Other.

\*\*\*\$66,757.75 annual salary (2019)



# LADWP Programs and Services

NREL evaluated the distribution of incentives across communities for each program by:

- Adjusting benefits by population and comparing dollars spent
- Performing analysis to determine programs with statistically significant uneven distribution of benefits



LADWP INVESTMENTS		OF YEARS	SPENT	Non-DAC	Non-White/White	/Non-Hispanic	Renters/Owners	Median Income	Non-disadvantaged	
SOLAR INSTALLATION		Net Energy Metering Programs	22	\$340,604,541	Non-DAC	White	Non-Hispanic	Owners	Above	communities received on average 70% of the total number of incentive benefits but only make up 56% of the population.  Solar net energy metering and EV incentive programs disproportionately benefited nondisadvantaged communities, majority White, non-Hispanic, owner-occupied, affluent households.
ENERGY EFFICIENCY	Į.	Commercial Direct Install Program	8	\$220,352,003	DAC			Renters	Below	
		Home Energy Improvement Program	3	\$3,378,869	DAC		Hispanic			
		Refrigerator Turn-In and Recycle Program	5	\$2,667,307	Non-DAC	White	Non-Hispanic	Owners	Above	
		Consumer Rebate Program	6	\$93,248,144	Non-DAC	White	Non-Hispanic	Owners	Above	
		Other Non-Low-Income- Targeted Programs	15	\$252,513,659	Non-DAC	White	Non-Hispanic	Owners	Above	
		Low-Income-Targeted Program*	5	\$7,897,260 	DAC	Non-White	Hispanic	Renters	Below	
ELECTRIC VEHICLES		Incentive Programs	8	\$71,239,371	Non-DAC	White	Non-Hispanic	Owners	Above	Low-Income and

Mostly

DAC/

TOTAL AMOUNT

Low-Income and Lifeline programs appropriately provide benefits to disadvantaged communities.

Lifeline Program\*

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Low-Income Program\*

15 \$313,424,782

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\$173,633,204

DAC

DAC

Non-White

Non-White

Hispanic

Hispanic

WHICH COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY BENEFITED FROM PROGRAMS?

Mostly

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Mostly Hispanic

Renters Below

Renters

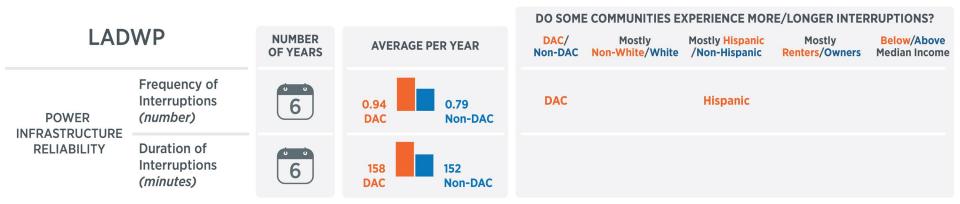
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\* Low-Income Targeted

CUSTOMER

DISCOUNTS

# **LADWP Programs and Services**



Disadvantaged communities (DACs) had marginally higher power interruption frequency than non-DACs, but there was no statistical difference in the duration of interruptions.



### Steering Committee Feedback:

LADWP program investment equity analysis

- Interest in:
  - Data on the scale of inequity
  - Obtaining data and results for review, further analysis
  - Virtual solar net metering program update
  - Aggregating analysis by neighborhood (e.g., South LA, Northeast Valley, etc.)
- Building age/deferred maintenance noted as barrier to efficiency and electrification upgrades
  - Building programming around upgrading electrical panels and roofs prior to installations suggested
- Inequity in frequency of service interruptions
  - Related to infrastructure upgrades to accommodate solar and EVs in non-disadvantaged communities?
  - Suggested equity analysis of grid maintenance





# **Research & Community Engagement**

What We've Done and Learned Thus Far



# **Ongoing Literature Review**

# Includes over **130** sources

#### Search

- academic databases
- official documents
- policy databases

#### **Analyzing Secondary Data**

- academic (e.g., journal articles and books)
- research reports
- policy documents
- newspaper articles
- local communitybased organization (CBO) publications

- press releases
- policies
- reports
- public comments and community impact statements\*

#### With the goal of:

Informing our understanding of structural factors contributing to existing inequities and anticipating potential barriers to equity strategies under consideration by the project team.

# **Ongoing Community Engagement**

# Three Stages of Community Engagement

- Envisioning a just energy future, understanding LA's energy justice problems, and analyzing determinants of energy inequities
- Informing communication of strategy analysis and development
- 3 Sharing analysis, models, and community feedback.



# Primary Social Research & Engagement Efforts

- Steering Committee meetings
- Advisory Committee meetings
- Citywide community meetings
- Neighborhood-specific community listening sessions

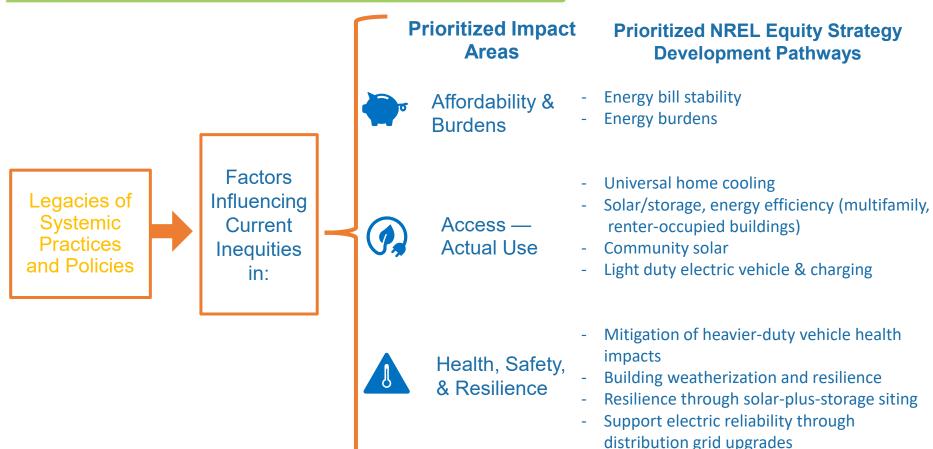


# **Preliminary Results**

Factors influencing **current inequities** based on the first stages of our research and community engagement.



# LA100 EQUITY STRATEGIES



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# Legacies **Factors Systemic** Influencing Practices Current and Inequities Policies

#### Prioritized Impact Areas



Affordability & Burdens



Access — Actual Use



Health, Safety, & Resilience

#### Listening Session: Factors Affecting Energy Inequity (Key Take Aways)

- Low to moderate income (beyond very low income)
- Multimedia outreach, programs, assistance & information
- Low to moderate income
- Culturally Sensitive, Multimedia, Audience-Specific Outreach & Trusted Information
- Transparency, Accountability
- Education & Training
- Affordable and Safe Upgrades
- Agency
- Transparency
- Accountability, lack of enforcement across departments/agencies
- Maintenance
- Affordable and Safe Upgrades
- Illegal dumping, industrial pollution
- Health effects of local air pollution

# This is What We Have Heard on Affordability and Burdens

We examined affordability and energy burdens holistically, including:

- The percentage of income spent on energy
- Inequalities embedded in housing and transportation
- Energy tradeoffs that households may make



## Inequalities in Energy Affordability and Access

**Factor: Low to Moderate Income** 

#### East LA Resident:

"I'm envisioning...a future of carbon free...and I was thinking about like, you know, will it be cheap to buy solar panels for charging my car?

Or like, as of right now, gas prices are so expensive, so...I'm choosing to not...go to certain places, like sometimes even skip work because I work so far away like a cost-benefit is [not going to work], it's really impacting, you know, my financial decisions.

Right? Will it be affordable for everybody?"

## Inequalities in Energy Affordability and Burdens

**Factor: Low to Moderate Income** 

#### **East LA Resident:**

"We [are] often...faced with...a cap on how much money you're supposed to make a year, and if we don't qualify for that, then you don't [gain access to assistance]...then we end up struggling and we don't qualify for anything;

So, we're often living paycheck to paycheck and sometimes when we need like certain things for the family, like even last year paying...the light and gas, it was cut off because we didn't have the money to pay it right then and there.

So, maybe...just really looking into what really we get every check compared to what we get annually would...in some way help."



# This is What We Have Heard on Access or Household's *Actual* Use

Access typically refers to a household's actual use of:

- A minimum level of reliable electricity and service
- Transition technologies
- Safer and more sustainable AC, heating, mobility



## Inequalities in Access / Actual Use

Factor: Culturally Sensitive, Multimedia, Audience-Specific Outreach

#### San Fernando Valley [Pacoima] Resident:

"I'm...helping families to enter the LADWP low-income program...LADWP never contacted them to let them know that they do not qualify for the program or that they were missing some document to access these programs.

So, if we talk about transparency, I'd like that right now, especially in the time we're living in, where many families are going through a difficult economic situation and with very high bills when it comes to electricity and water... I wish LADWP would .. put more effort into providing help for these families who are going through this kind of difficult situation."



## Inequalities in Access / Actual Use

#### Factor: Upgrades & Individual Agency

#### **South LA Resident:**

"I visualize having free solar panels installed...on all the homes...in South Central LA...those people...that are low income because we...have to help those that need help. It is not right that only those that have the money can do this. And we all benefit when everybody is treated equally and fair.

I have solar panels that I installed at the very beginning, and they never worked right to begin with. They never gave me what was promised, .....

Now Tesla took over and I'm going to try to negotiate with them to upgrade because I didn't buy them, because I don't believe in buying something that's going to be obsolete in a few months. So, I'm leasing them, and I would like them to upgrade but I don't know how easy that's going to be."



# This is What We Have Heard on Public Health, Safety, and Community Resilience

Inequalities result from legacies of past practices and policies. These factors:

- Constrain access to environmental amenities
- Determine higher exposure and lower resilience



## Inequalities in Health, Safety, and Community Resilience

#### **Factor: Health Effects of Local Air Pollution**

#### **San Fernando Valley [Pacoima] Resident:**

"We [in Pacoima] don't get a lot of benefits, a lot of resources, a lot of opportunities, because I go to other communities and I've noticed that the parks don't look like the parks where I live, and why? ...

My daughter's godmother lives in Burbank, when I go to leave my daughter there it is totally entering a different world: it smells different, I am not sick there, even when I go to visit her for 2 days I feel as if I were honestly a queen because I can breathe....

My daughter takes photos. Here in Pacoima where I am, we can't even take photos because...the wind carries a lot of garbage, I'm always suffering from asthma..."

## Inequalities in Health, Safety, and Community Resilience

#### **Factor: Health Effects of Local Air Pollution**

What kinds of programs and services would help you have cleaner air in your area?

#### Harbor Area Resident:

"In transportation, access for people to be able to get an electric car ...also [mobility] services for people who are sick with a respiratory problem; also help for those who have health problems because there are already many people affected by the refineries, and many diseases that are around here: cancer and asthma and eczema"



### Inequalities in Health, Safety, and Community Resilience

#### **Factor: Affordable and Safe Upgrade Options**

#### South LA Resident:

"Everyone's talking about "hey, you know, let's get plug-in cars."...but...looking in an area that people don't have a lot of money, you're saying, so homeowners should get this, homeowners should get new HVAC systems, you should get new appliances...those all come with new electrical panels. You can't get those safely. You can get them, you can burn down your house because your panels aren't upgraded, your house isn't upgraded, your wiring isn't there, so what are the people going to do to actually get that? ... If you're talking about [all] that, you can't use them because it's going to make your house unsafe...

It's great that you [LADWP] can give it to people and help them, but if they can't afford to actually do the upgrades that are needed to have it done safely, then there's no point."

# Steering Committee Feedback

# **Breakout Groups**

#### **SC Meeting Overall Highlights**

- Need for transparency
  - Members valued hearing from the voices of community members
  - Special programs need their own follow-up teams to help applicants
  - More public information, i.e., to protect consumers from scams
- Ensure funding for long-term maintenance of infrastructure

#### **Breakout: Affordability & Burdens**

- From beginning, need to co-define what an "equitable scenario" is with:
  - · Steering Committee members
  - · Community members
- Transparency & collaboration
  - Actual community feedback is key
  - · Work with the SLTRP, not siloed

#### **Breakout: Access / Actual Use**

- Realistic scope of work for DACs
  - Upgrades possible given existing conditions of home/neighborhood
  - Promote existing and proposed programs to ensure greater customer participation
- Investing in public spaces in DACs
  - For municipal utilities/government to be initial investors in DACs in order to attract private investments in DACs

#### Breakout: Health, Safety & Resilience

- Equity involved to reach a level playing field
  - Extreme remediation must happen before certain interventions begin
  - DACs may need to use more energy rather than less
- · Infrastructural Investments targeting:
  - Multi-family buildings
  - · Air-conditioned community spaces



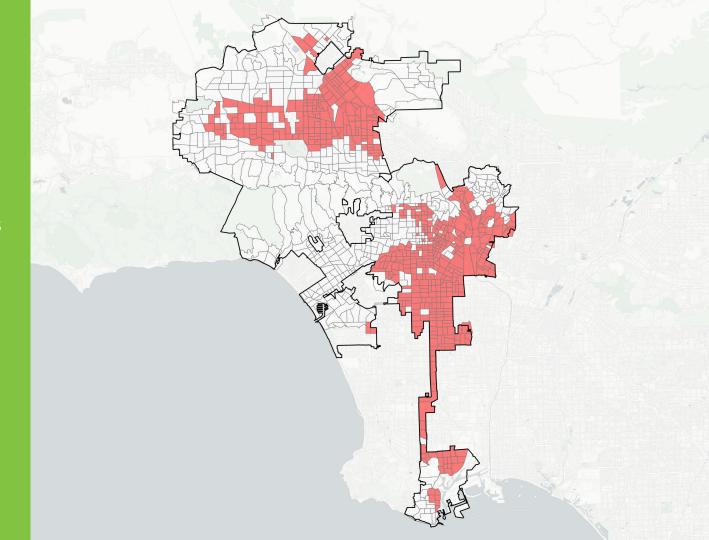
# **Scale of Analysis**



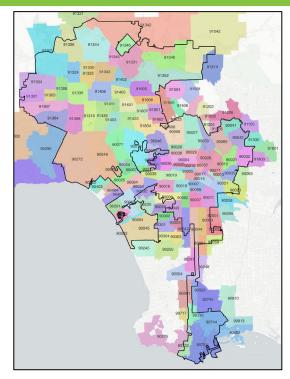
# Scale of Analysis

We are all familiar with how CalEnviroScreen uses census tract boundaries to define disadvantaged communities.

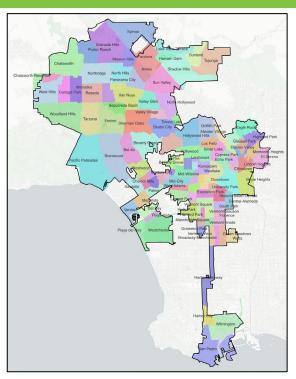
But many people do not know which census tract they live in.



### Which geographies are the most meaningful?



Zip Codes 158

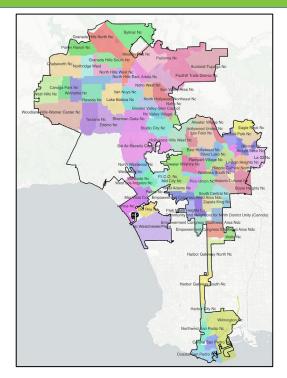


Neighborhoods 114

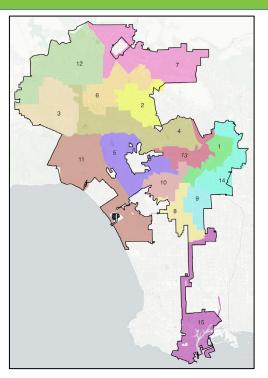
Zip codes are familiar to many people but vary widely in size and don't align well with LADWP's service area.

Neighborhood boundaries are available but come from an LA-Times crowd sourced mapping project.

## Which geographies are the most meaningful?



Neighborhood Councils
111



Council Districts
15

Neighborhood councils are well established, but some areas are not represented.

Council districts are also familiar and politically relevant but tend to be quite large by comparison.



### Steering Committee Feedback

- Steering Committee members indicated that the "Neighborhood" geographies would be useful to consider as these were familiar and readily identifiable to many.
- Concerns were also expressed about the potential sensitivity of data that might be reported at the Zipcode level because of the large variability in the size and composition patterns of customers within those geographies.
- What other feedback do you have?





# LADWP's Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan

Roadmap to an Equitable Carbon-Free Future



# LIA100

ACHIEVING 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY IN LOS ANGELES





### LA100 Study

#### Completed

Unprecedented analysis ID'd multiple paths to achieve 100% target

### Considers reliability, equity, sustainability and affordability

- · Confirmed 100% by 2035 achievable
- · Community & stakeholder input

#### Common Investments Across All Scenarios





### **LA100 Equity Strategies**

#### Fall 2021-23

Community-driven, objective to achieve equity

#### Robust community engagement

Areas of Focus



Improve air quality



Solar access



Energy Efficiency



Affordable rates



Demand management



Debt relief





#### **2022 SLTRP**

#### Fall 2021-2022 | 2035 & 2045 Targets

Our comprehensive integrated power plan

#### Recommends path forward to achieve our goals

- Integrates findings of LA100
- Community & stakeholder input
- Prioritizes reliability, resiliency, equity, affordability, sustainability

#### Considerations



Workforce



Building, Operating & Maintaining



Cost to customers



Supply Chain Risk



Implementation and Feasibility

# Interdependency between SLTRP and Equity Study



2017 2021 2022 2023 2024 2035

# LA100 ACHIEVING 100% RENEWABLE ENERGY IN LOS ANGELES

Identified pathways to get to 100% renewable & carbon-free energy, along with job creation, environmental benefits, equity implications, and costs & rate impacts.

Based on LA100 findings, Mayor and City Council set accelerated targets and requirements for developing the 2022 SLTRP

# City Council Motion (No. 21-0352):

- New target to achieve 100% carbon free by 2035 (with equitable and minimal adverse impact on ratepayers) with interim goals of 80% renewables and 97% carbon free by 2030.
- Prioritize equity in SLTRP for EJ communities. Ensure no increase in emissions at EJ communities.
- Report on "no-regrets" projects, accelerated pathway, and "shovel-ready" projects.
- Report on community engagement strategies.
- Six-month report card to ECCEJR, including challenges and barriers.

# LA100 Study Caveats for SLTRP

- Scenarios to achieve 100% by 2035 assume ability to quickly scale up hydrogen infrastructure.
- Major new and expanded transmission are among the most uncertain inputs to modeling the pathways to 100% renewable energy.
- The evolution of the power system outside of LADWP could impact LADWP's opportunities.
- The potential role of the customer has not been fully explored.
- Climate change could impact the ability of LADWP to maintain resource adequacy.
- The study did not fully assess the feasibility of the accelerated deployment; in particular, the study does not evaluate the availability of manufacturing supply chains and labor forces or detailed construction schedules for the resources identified in each scenario.

# Overview: What is LADWP's SLTRP?

The Power Strategic Long-Term Resource Plan (SLTRP) is a roadmap to meet our future energy needs, comply with regulatory mandates, meet reliability requirements, and reduce emissions in a cost-effective manner.

### **Goals:**

Develop a recommended scenario that guides our near-term actions and future energy planning through 2045.

Provide a recommended path to achieve 100% carbon free by 2035.

# SLTRP Framework

Guided by an Advisory Group of stakeholders from community, businesses, local government, homeowners and customers

Updated annually with major stakeholder engagement every 2 years

Paused after 2017 while LA100 Study was underway

Resuming annual updates with the 2022 SLTRP

# 2022 SLTRP Key Elements (Planning)

### **Public Engagement:**

- Advisory Group input
- Equity Strategies engagement
- Community & stakeholder outreach

### **Planning Considerations:**

- Future resource mix
- Legislative and Regulatory Mandates
- Resource Adequacy
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Program Revenue Requirements
- Rate Impacts
- Minimizing Usage of Valley
- Resiliency

# 2022 SLTRP Key Considerations (Implementation)

How long do projects take to build?

- California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) timeline

How much power do we need for local neighborhoods?

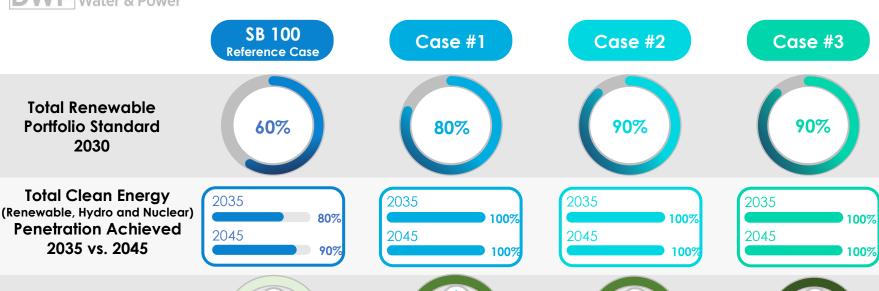
Understanding emerging technologies and maturity (e.g. green hydrogen, energy storage)

Deadlines for retiring ocean-cooled generating units (Scattergood, Haynes & Harbor)

# 2022 STRATEGIC LONG-TERM RESOURCE PLAN (SLTRP) - CORE SCENARIOS



SCENARIOS(100% Carbon Free by 2035)



Distributed Energy Resource Deployments









# 2022 SLTRP Overview - Sensitivities

<b>Commodity Prices</b>	Examples	Price Sensitivity	Scenario to Apply
Fuel Prices*	Natural Gas, Green Hydrogen, etc.	High/low sensitivities	SB100, Case 2, Tentative Recommended Case
GHG Prices*	GHG Allowance Prices	High/low sensitivities	SB100, Case 2, Tentative Recommended Case
Renewables and Energy Storage Prices*	Solar, Wind, Geothermal, Li-lon, flow, etc.	High/low sensitivities	SB100, Case 2, Tentative Recommended Case

\*bookend scenarios to evaluate price sensitivities by matching low and high commodity prices:

- Low Bookend: Low natural gas prices, low hydrogen prices, low GHG prices, low renewable and energy storage prices
- **High Bookend:** High natural gas prices, high hydrogen prices, high GHG prices, high renewable and energy storage prices

Implementation Risk	Description	"What-if" Sensitivities	Scenario to Apply
Emerging Technologies	No In-Basin Combustion Alternatives	Long duration capacity (e.g. Hydrogen Fuel Cells)	Case 1, Case 2, Case 3
Demand Side Resources	Demand Response	Reaching only half of the 576/633 MW of DR by 2035	Case 1, Case 2, Case 3
Transmission	Transmission Upgrades (over 10 projects by 2030)	More difficult in-basin upgrades not completed by 2030	Tentative Recommended Case
Load	Transportation/Building Electrification	Low Load and High Load	Tentative Recommended Case

# **Outcomes of 2022 SLTRP**

- High-level roadmap to 100% carbon free by 2035, driven by LADWP with stakeholder input
- Focus on big buckets of resources (largescale renewables and energy storage, small-scale local solar and storage, EE and demand response, etc.)
- Modeling scenarios to determine best path to meet our mandates based on the guiding principles
- Integrates total Power System costs, infrastructure, resource planning, etc.









# Reducing Use of Valley Generating Station

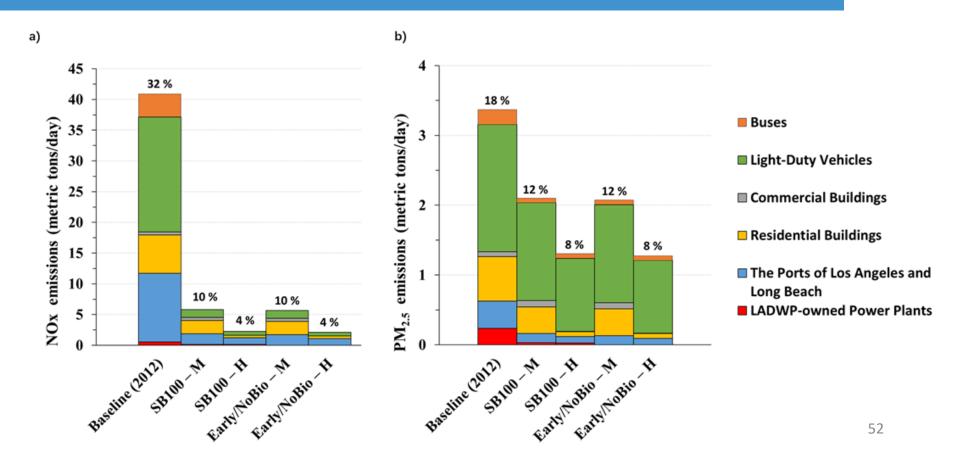
LADWP to dramatically reduce utilization of Valley Generating Station:

- The combination of 80% renewables by 2030, Haynes recycled water cooling, and Scattergood capacity reduces Valley usage
- Valley usage to be reduced from 30% to 5% thereby reducing adverse impacts on the local community

Utilize significant space at Valley Generating Station for future clean energy projects



# Electrification Drives Air Quality and Health Benefits



# Deploying Distributed Energy Resources Equitably

We need: 1,000 MW of local solar, 500 MW of demand response, double energy efficiency, and support 580,000 electric vehicles by 2030.

### **Progress:**

- LA100 Equity Strategies study through 2023
- Expanded FiT from 150 MW to 450 MW
- Launched FiT+ allowing energy storage
- Launched VNEM Pilot Program
- Expanded Power Savers (residential DR program)
- More DER proposals under negotiations





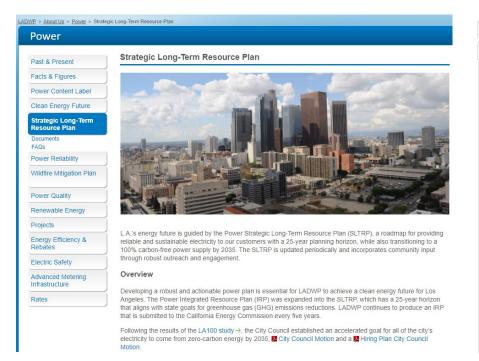
# Key Takeaways on the 2022 SLTRP

- SLTRP is a living document; updated each year with stakeholder engagement every 2 years.
- 2022 SLTRP will identify the buckets for achieving goals. Within these buckets, LADWP will incorporate the LA100 ES findings.
- Expect to fully incorporate LA100 ES recommendations in 2024 SLTRP update.
- LA100 ES recommendations will inform future programs designs and bulk power development

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# Advisory Group AG Meetings and Presentations

#### Advisory Group Meeting #8 (April 28, 2022)

- SLTRP Agenda Meeting #8
- SLTRP Presentation Meeting #8

#### Advisory Group Meeting #7 (December 17, 2021)

- SLTRP Meeting Summary AG #7
- SLTRP Agenda Meeting #7
- SLTRP Presentation Meeting #7
- SLTRP Energy Storage Update
- SLTRP LA100 Equity Strategies Overview

#### Advisory Group Meeting #6 (November 17, 2021)

- SLTRP Meeting Summary AG #6
- SLTRP Agenda Meeting #6
- LA100 Next Steps Scenario Matrix
- SLTRP Presentation Meeting #6
- SLTRP Distribution Automation Meeting #6

#### Advisory Group Meeting #5 (November 10, 2021)

- SLTRP Meeting Summary AG #5
- SLTRP Meeting #5 Agenda
- Z022 SLTRP Presentation
- LA100 SLTRP NREL Presentation

# Recap from LA100 Equity Strategies Steering Committee

# **Questions and Comments from LA100 ES Steering Committee on SLTRP:**

- Streamlining CEQA Process
- Selection of SLTRP recommended case
- Glad to hear SLTRP is evaluating air quality, environmental, and rate impacts



# **Wrap Up and Next Steps**



# Going Forward

# **Advisory Committee Meetings**

#### August 24, 2022 Virtual

- Energy affordability modeling approach
- Equity strategies and metrics synthesis from Steering Committee feedback

### October 26, 2022 Virtual

- Air quality and health impact/medium- and heavy-duty vehicle emissions impact modeling approach
- Workforce development
- Household energy modeling approach

#### **Subsequent Meetings**

- Fourth Wednesday of every other month, 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. PT
- Virtual for near-term

# Thank you!