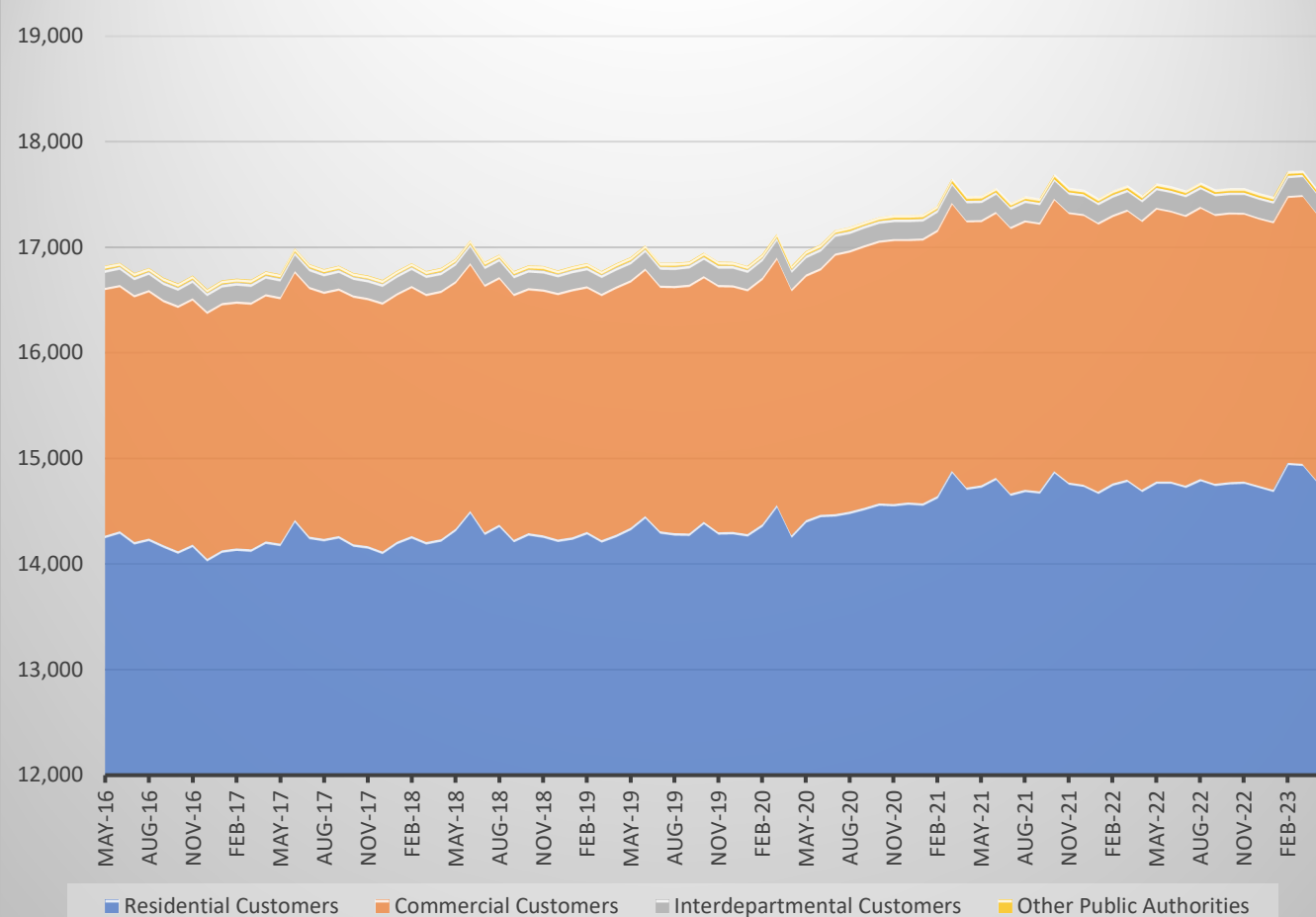


# Power Portfolio Update

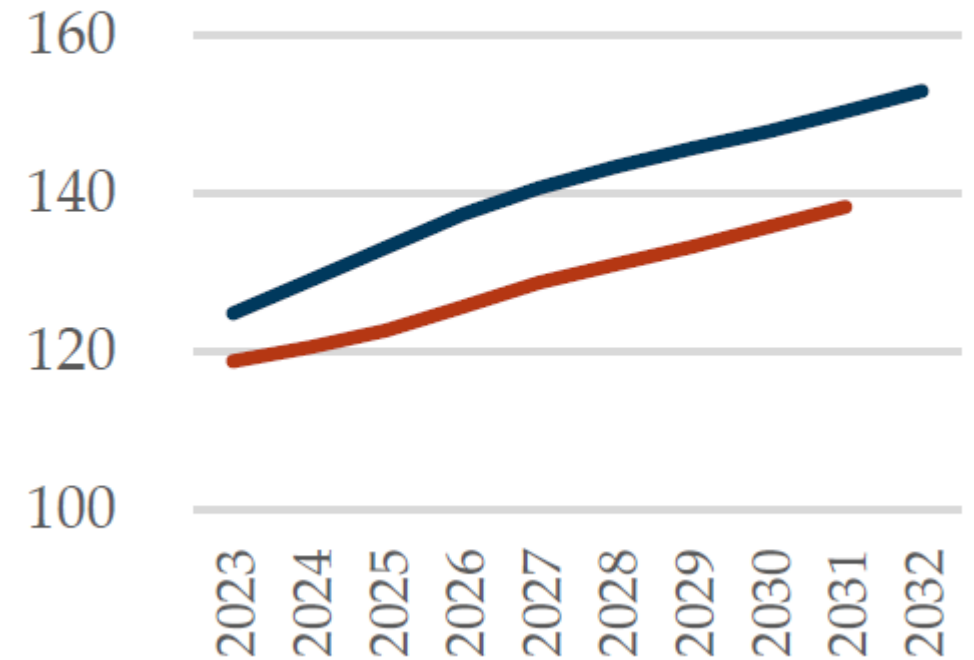
Energy Resources Department, 6/8/2023

# System and Regional Growth

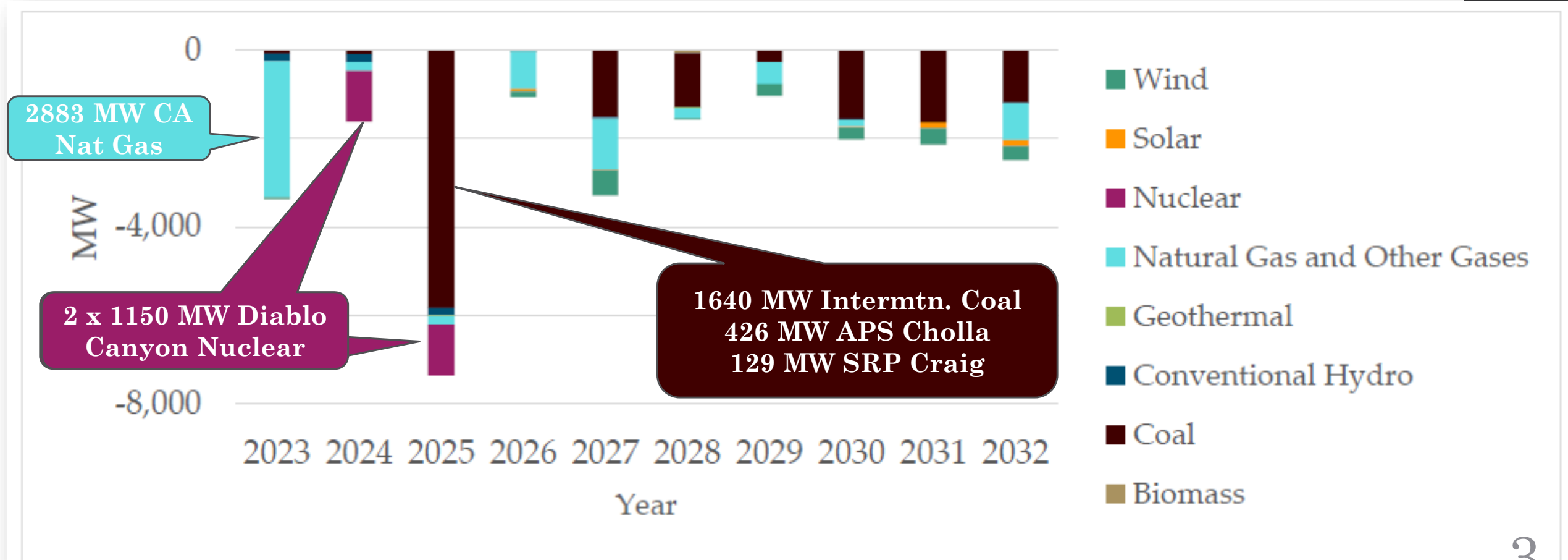
City of Mesa Electric Customer Count



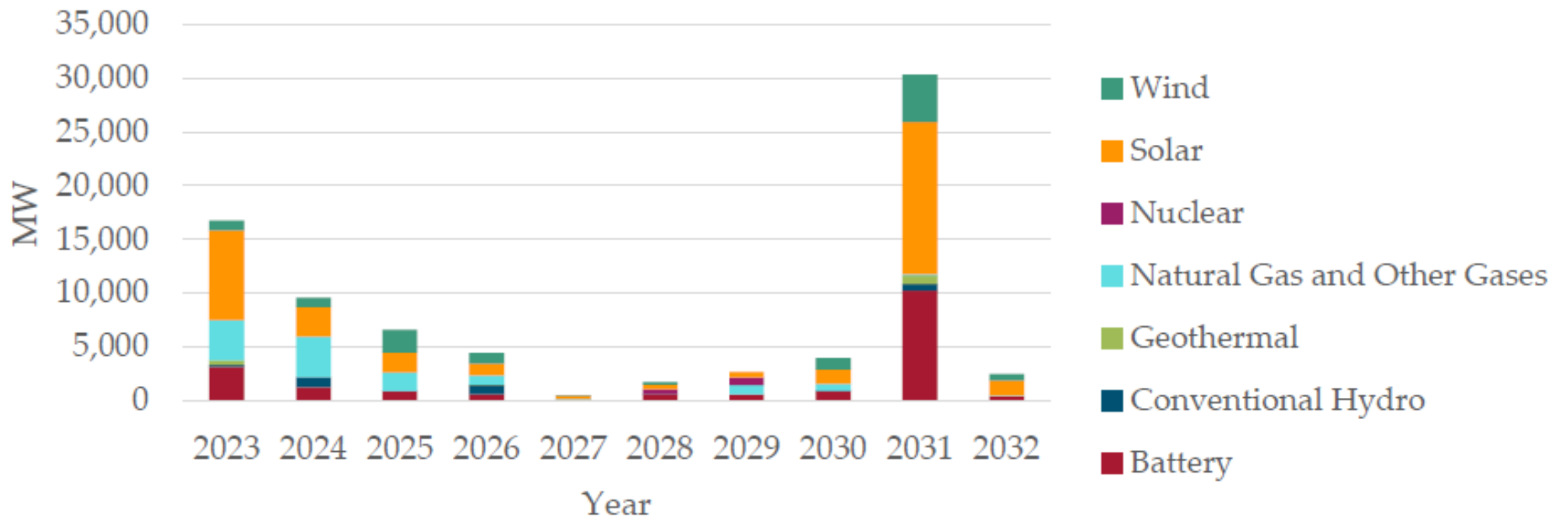
Desert Southwest Load Growth: Peak MW



# Resource Retirements

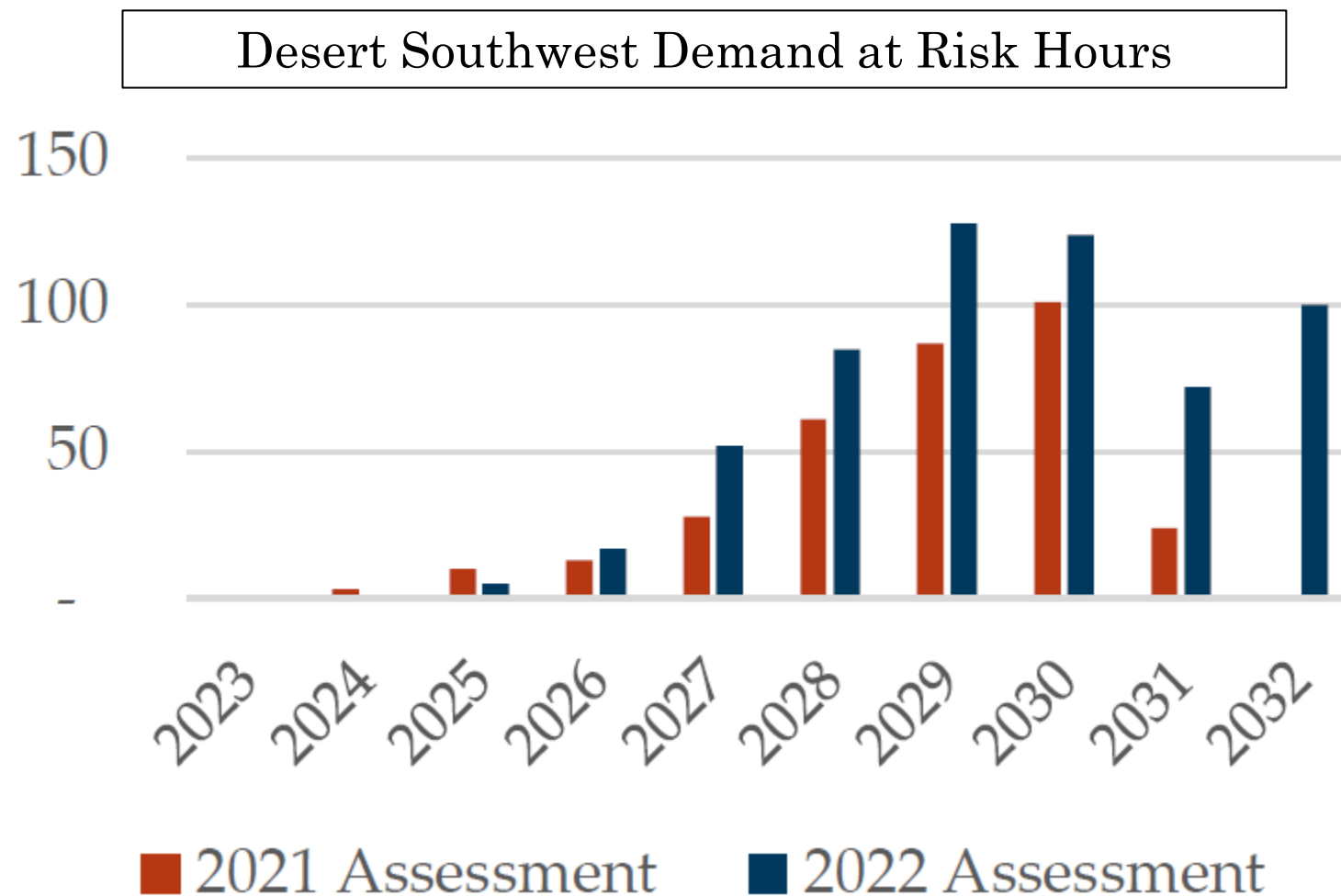


# Resource Additions



**Demand at Risk**  
**Indicator (DRI):**

Number of hours when  
grid stability is at risk  
out of 8,760 total hours  
per year



# SRP and APS 2018-23

- SRP Reduced:
  - Purchased power: 1,399 MW to 0 MW
  - Wholesale sales: 1,151 MW to 88 MW
- SRP Increased:
  - Renewable generation: 591 MW to 1,228 MW
  - Peak load forecast: 7,227 MW to 7,747 MW
- APS Increased:
  - Renewable generation: 512 MW to 669 MW
  - Peak load forecast: 7,165 MW to 8,184 MW

# What does this mean for Mesa?

- The power “market” remains challenging to rely on
- Utilize our strengths
  - Great at contracting for power through competitive RFP
  - Own a natural gas distribution system
- Continue progression towards:
  - Inexpensive renewable resources
  - Flexible, reliable generation resources to supplement renewables

# Power Supply Portfolio

## 1. Utility Scale Renewable Resources



SRP – Mesa Renew.  
Energy Project (16%)



Additional Utility  
Solar via RFP

## 2. Local Renewable Resources



Downtown Solar 1:  
804 kW (0.4%)



Downtown Solar 2:  
~2,500 kW (0.9%)



Customer Solar:  
~1,700 kW (0.9-1.7%)

## 5. Market & Hydro Resources



Colorado  
River Storage  
Project (5%)



Parker-Davis  
Project (15%)



Wholesale  
Market

## 4. Supporting Programs



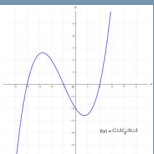
## 3. Local Dynamic Resources



PD Microgrid  
(4-6%)



Rogers  
Generation  
Project



Additional  
Resources/  
Microgrids





# PD Microgrid



## Normal Operation

~ 3 MW Natural Gas  
Generation

2,000 – 6,000 Hours/year

4-6% of Annual Energy

Requirements

## Large Power Outage:

“Backup” Entire PD Campus



# Rogers Generation Project

Esporta Fitness

Battery Energy  
Storage System  
(BESS)?

Electric  
Substation?



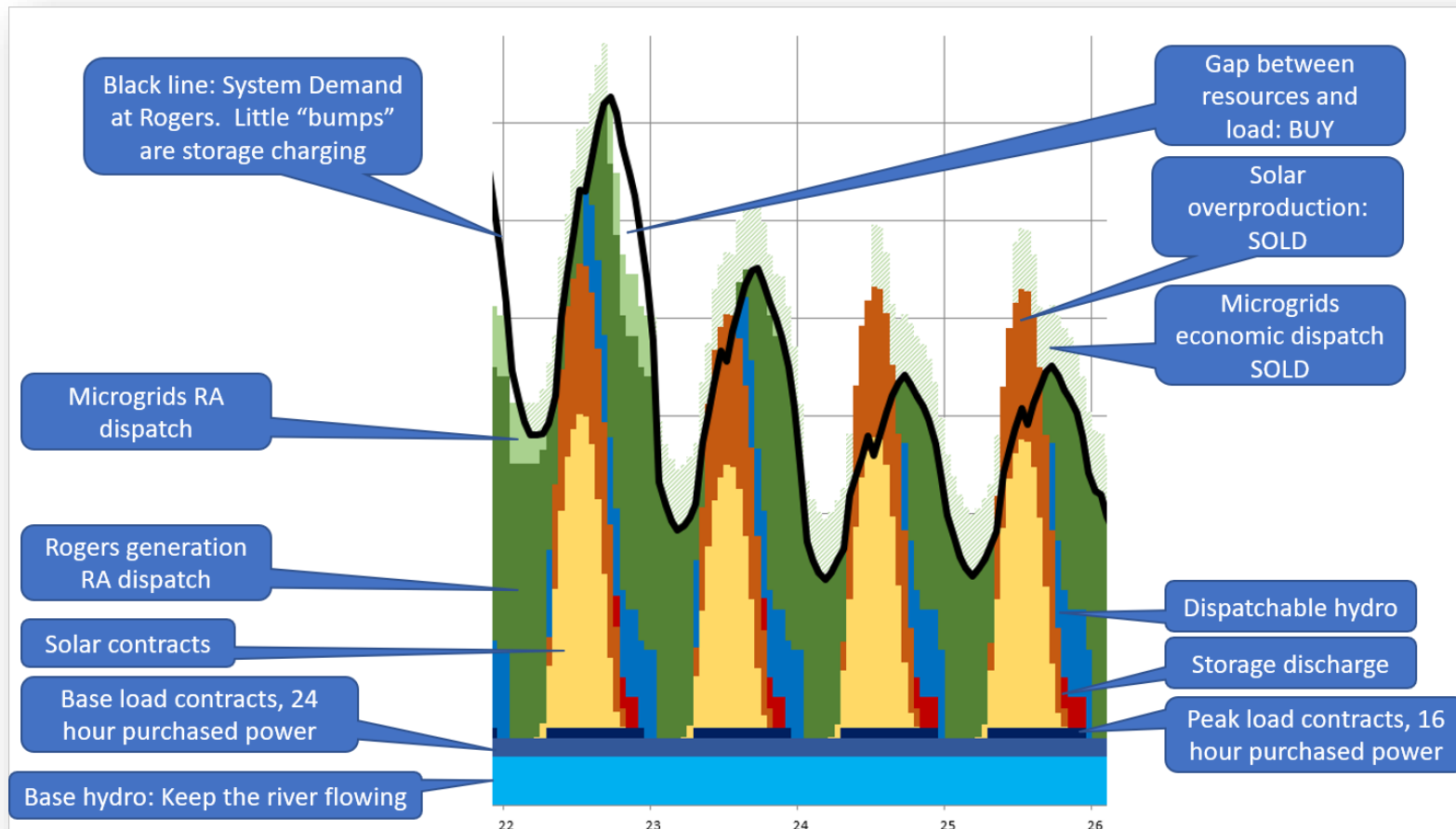
Natural Gas  
Generation?



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# Local Dynamic Resources

- Modeling is very complex, but we're seeking to optimize the portfolio



# Local Dynamic Resources

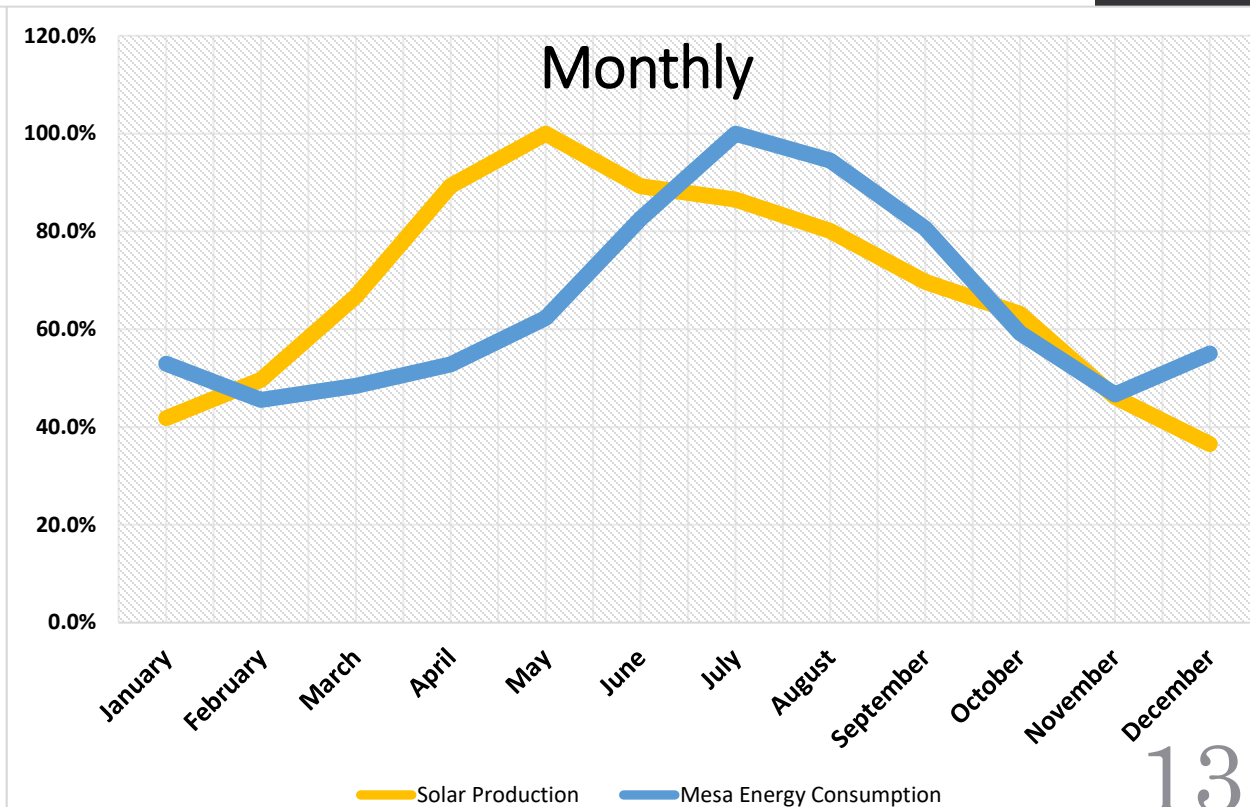
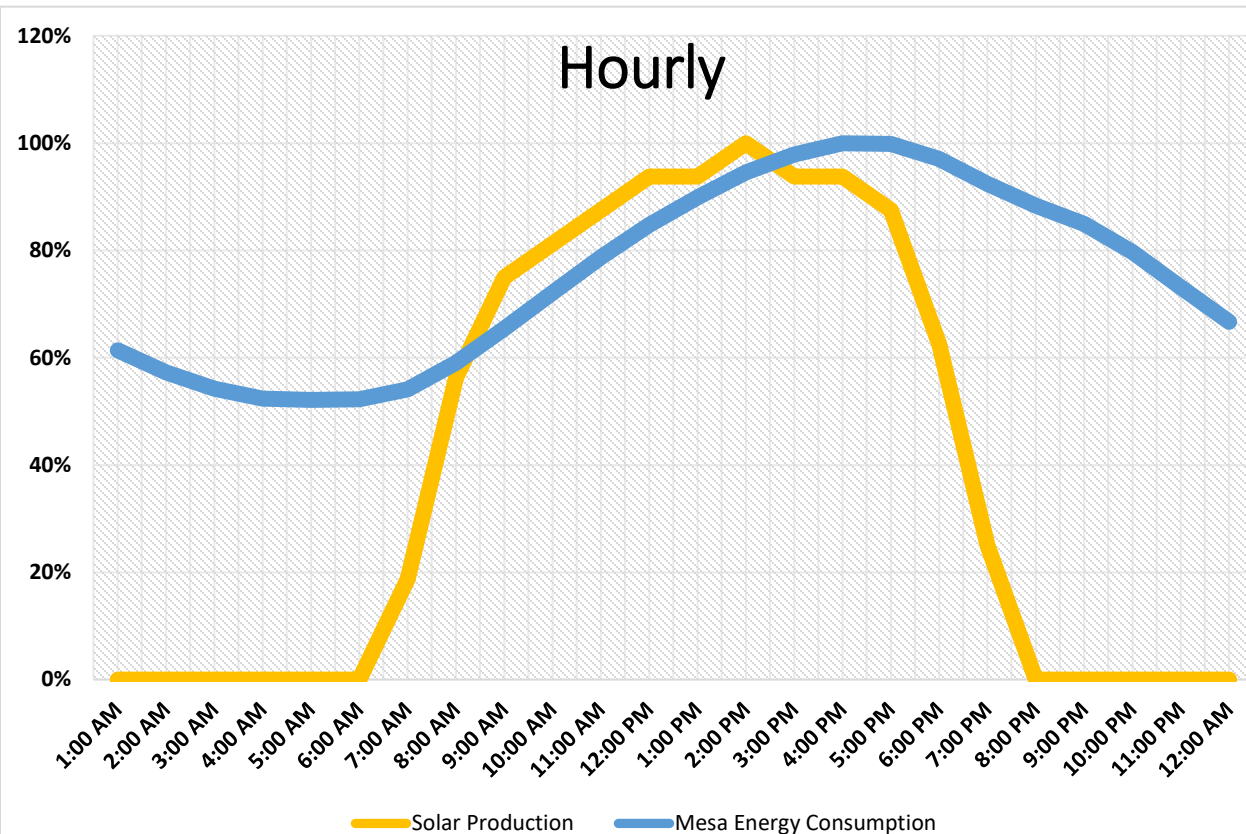
- Modeling results to date:

	No Generation Added	With 30 MW of Generation Added
Amount of Additional Solar to Add to Portfolio	4-7 MW	42 – 46 MW
Amount of Additional Storage Added	12 – 17 MW	4 – 6 MW
Average Total Portfolio Cost	\$75 - \$80/MWh	\$57 – \$62/MWh
% Renewable	~40%	~63%



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- Why?
  - Mismatch of solar





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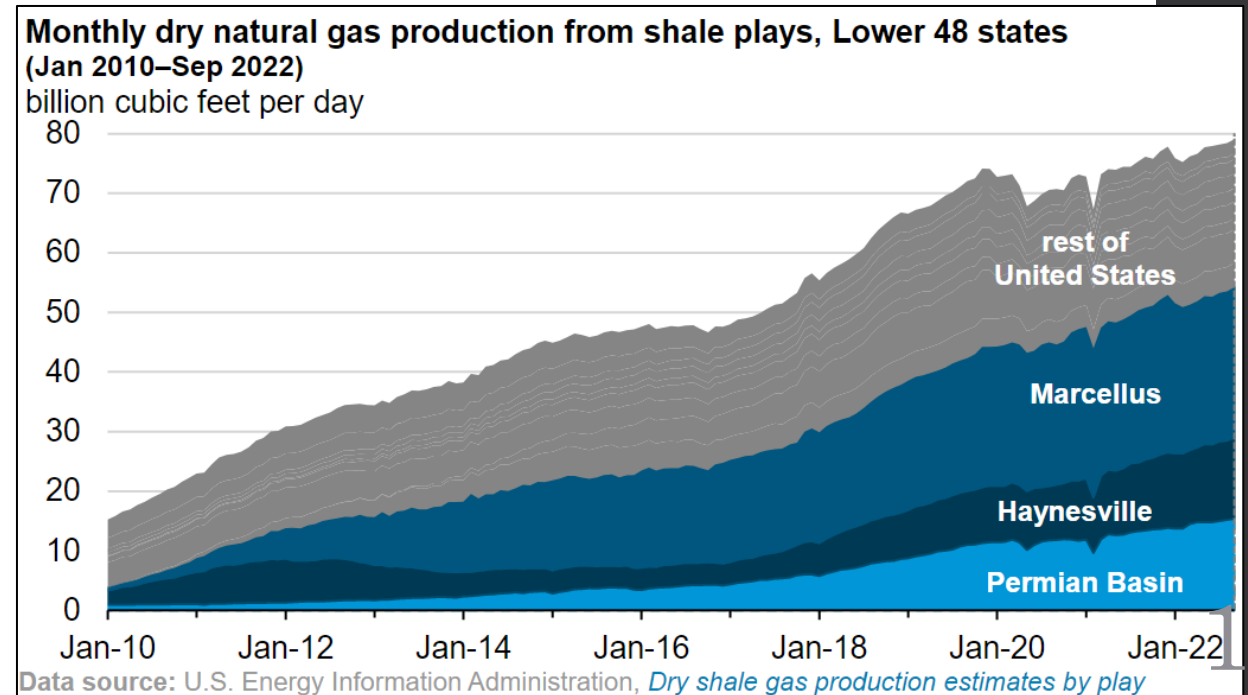
APS Surprise Battery Storage 2020: 9 Fire Personnel Injured



SRP AES Chandler Battery Storage: 2+ Week Fire

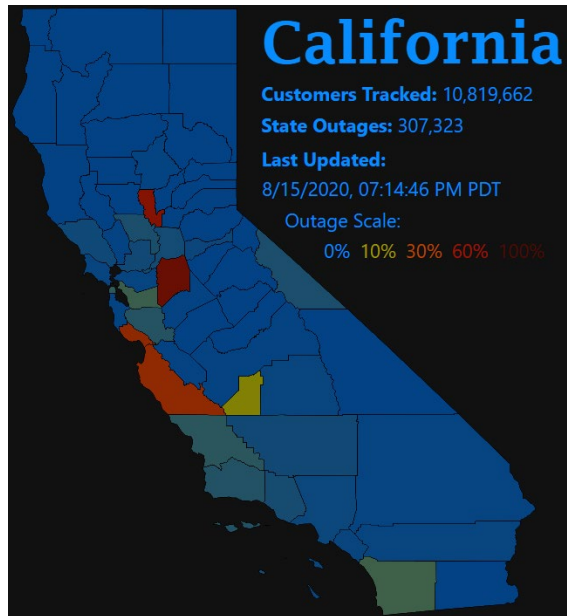
# More Natural Gas Generation?

- Why?
  - Mismatch of solar
  - Storage is (still) very expensive to build
  - Mesa has advantageous access to natural gas
    - Transmission is a challenge
  - Supply is inexpensive and plentiful
    - Permian Basin is second largest gas producer in the country



# More Natural Gas Generation?

- Why?
  - Mismatch of solar
  - Storage is (still) very expensive to build
  - Mesa has advantageous access to natural gas
  - Natural gas provides stability against renewables' variability





# Moving Forward

- PD Microgrid In Progress
  - ~3 MW of natural gas generation
  - 4-6% of annual energy supplies
- Rogers Generation Site Under Study
- Additional Microgrid(s) Under Study





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