

# San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians Community Solar Project 1

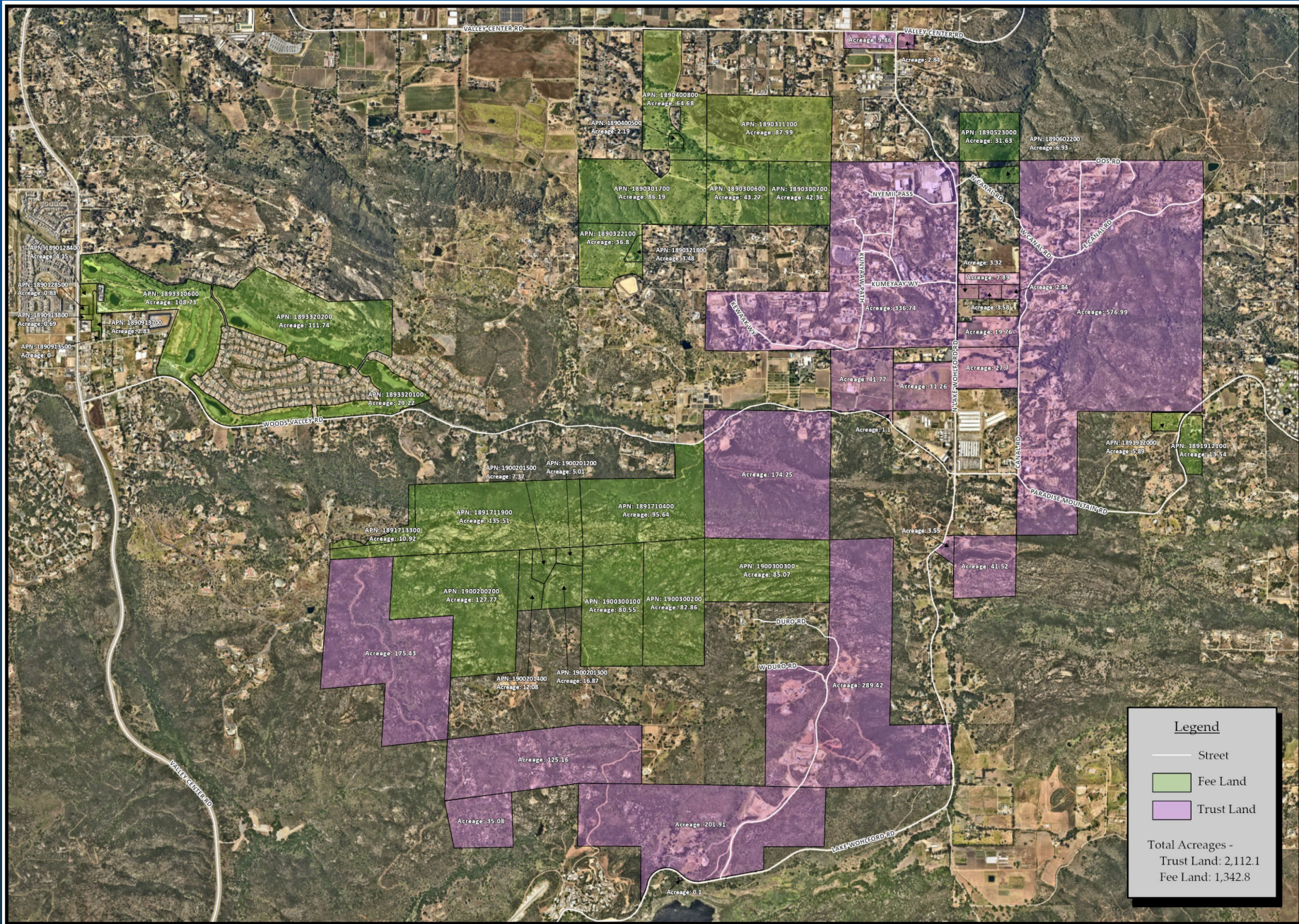
Tribal DOE Conference | November 19, 2024





# San Pasqual General Information

- Reservation was established in 1910
- The Reservation encompasses approximately 3,446 acres
- 146 enrolled tribal members and over 1,400 lineal descendants
- Reservation population is 2,100
- 450 homes on the reservation
- 96 EV Charging Stations (2020 – 2024)
- Government center microgrid installed in 2022, DOE Tribal Energy Grant (2019)
- 118 homes have solar
  - 65 GRID Alternative Installations (CA. SASH funding)
  - 23 DOE Tribal Energy Grant (2016)
  - 30 private solar companies



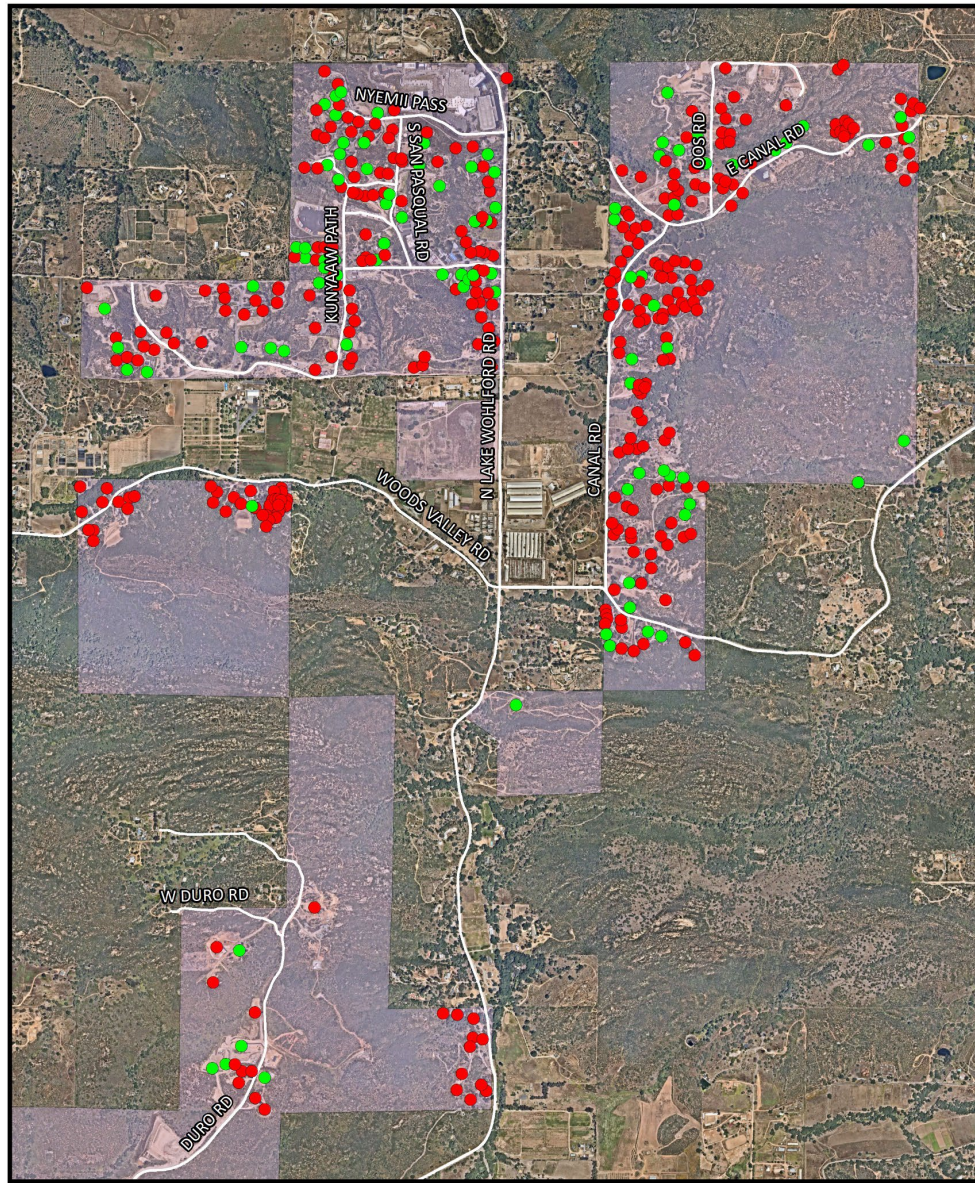
A large solar tower power plant (CSP) is shown under a clear blue sky. The plant consists of numerous heliostats (mirrors) mounted on tall, dark metal towers. The heliostats are arranged in rows and are reflecting sunlight, creating a shimmering effect. The ground is dry and sandy, typical of a desert environment. The text "Past Renewable Energy Accomplishments" is overlaid in the center of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

# Past Renewable Energy Accomplishments

# San Pasqual Solar Homes

Installed Solar on Built Residential Addresses

Source: San Pasqual Band of Mission  
Indians Planning Department  
Date Created: 7/19/2023

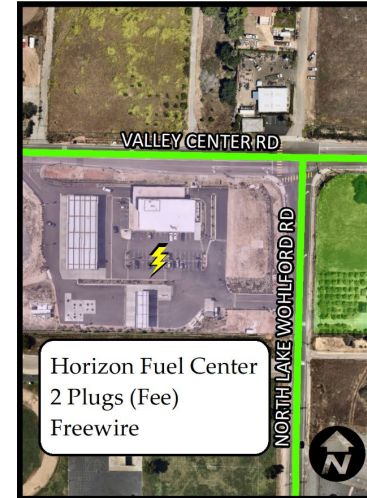
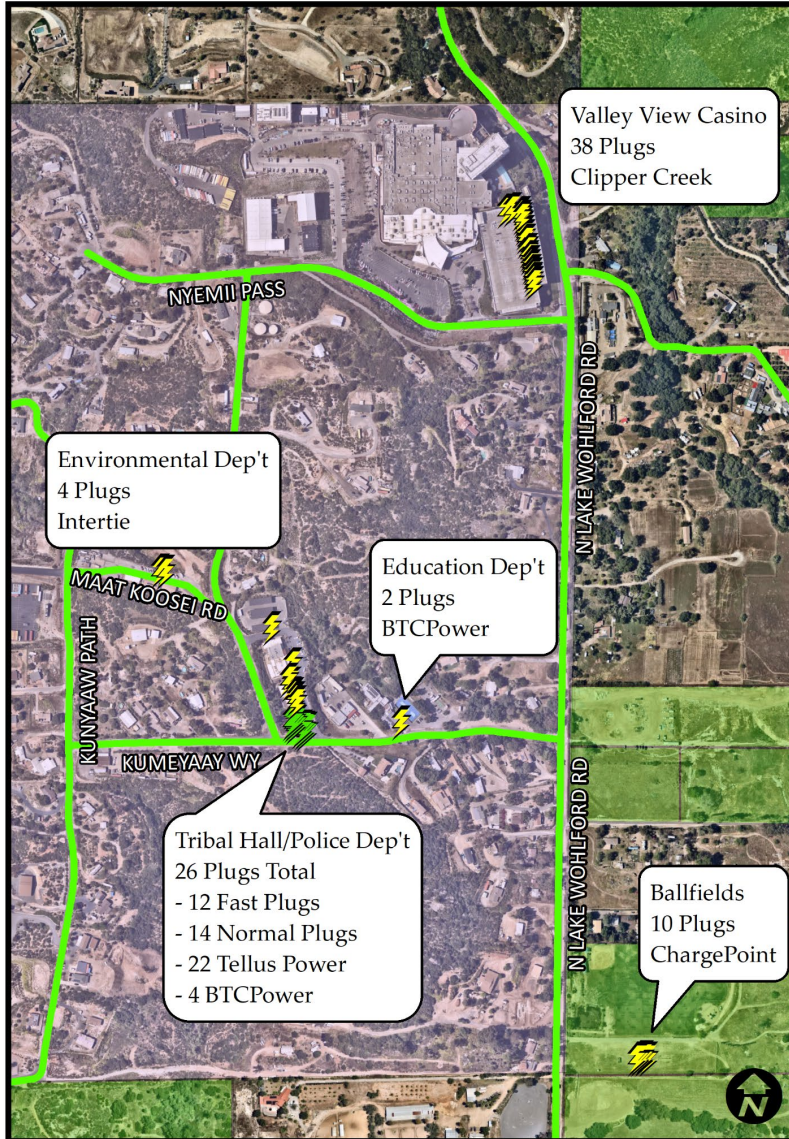


<span style="color: green;">●</span> Installed Solar (93/415)	Street	Feet			
<span style="color: red;">●</span> No Solar (322/415)	Trust Land	0	1,250		2,500

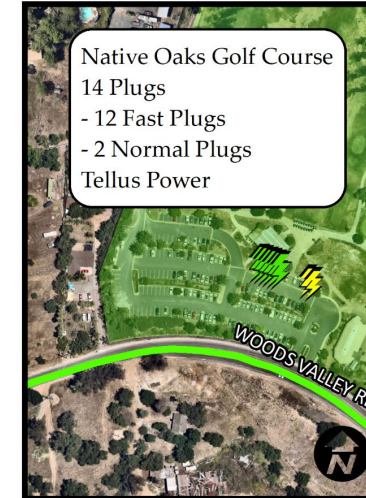
# EV Chargers

## San Pasqual Reservation

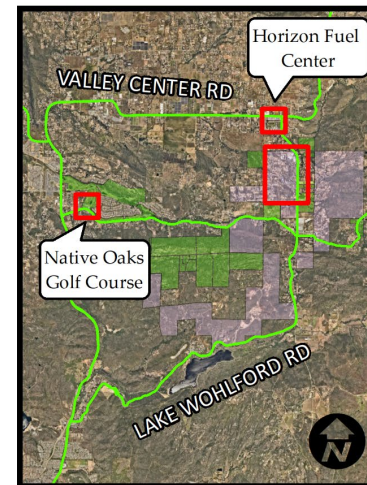
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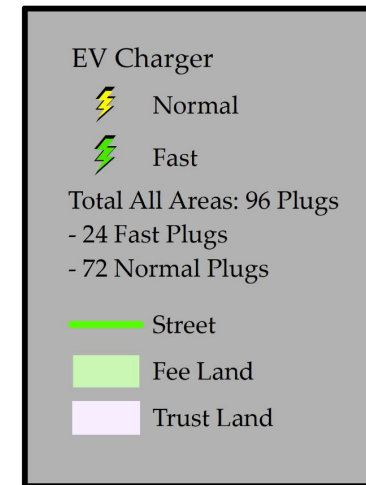
Horizon Fuel Center



Native Oaks Golf Course



Inset Map Context



Legend



## San Pasqual Tribal Government Complex Microgrid Project OVERVIEW

- Master Meter (Added)
- Utility Meters (Removed)
- New Solar PV Carports
- Existing Solar PV Panels
- BESS Location
- LP Genset Location (planned)
- Point of Interconnection
- Underground Cable Run
- Building Cable Run
- Existing Propane Tank
- New Propane Tank



# Solar Canopies

- 156.25 kW DC Peak Output + 24 kW DC (existing rooftop solar on Education Building)
- Capable of charging batteries from 0 to 100% in ~ 3 hours
- 272,000 kWh Year 1 production
- Equivalent to annual electric usage of ~ 37.5 homes



The image shows three large, rectangular battery storage units. Each unit is painted white on the top half and a reddish-brown color on the bottom half. They are mounted on concrete bases and surrounded by several yellow protective bollards. The units are arranged in a row, with the middle one being the most prominent. In the background, there are trees and a chain-link fence. A semi-transparent circular graphic is overlaid on the left side of the image, containing the title and a list of features.

# Battery Storage

- GridScape EnergyScope microgrid in a box system
- Onsite and remote controls
- Lithium ferro-phosphate (LFP) batteries
- 240 kW/ 480 kWh (~4 hours at average load)



# Propane Generator

Installed on July 3, 2023



# Initial Project Goals





# Project Accomplishments



Currently have 50 residents completed through the onboarding process



RFP drafted and distributed, winning vendor selected, contract signed in April 2024



Subscription based model: residents pay a \$25 monthly subscription fee to help pay for all O&M



Worked with SDGE to identify the 55 subscriber accounts to pass on the monthly savings

# Subscriber Prospecting and Framework Governance: Community Engagement



Community energy survey and applications drafted, released, and responses from Tribal Citizens received



Individual household energy use data collected + Residential financial modeling



Community outreach meetings to educate successful



Dual Tribal Government water and electric management structure designed





## Subscriber On-boarding, Governance, and Contractual: Asset Management

Community response and on-boarding for SPBMI Residents and utility data

Contractual templates drafted (Residential Subscribers)

Utility billing software selected: Muni – Link

# Community Benefits

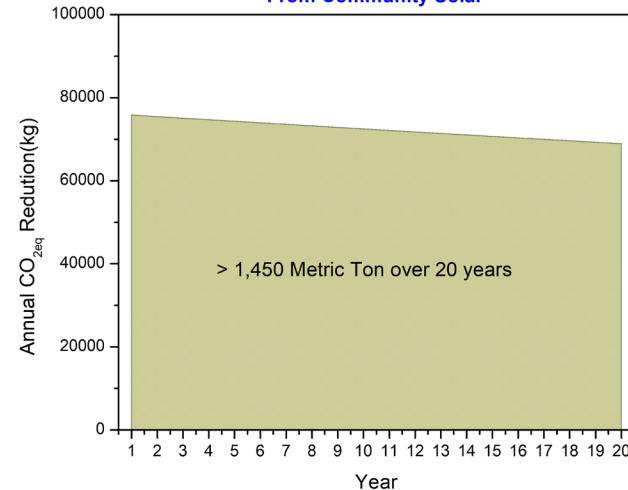
## Cost

- \$350-\$550 annual savings per household
- 25% reduction in energy cost for San Pasqual targeted water utility meters
- O&M partially self supported via subscription fees

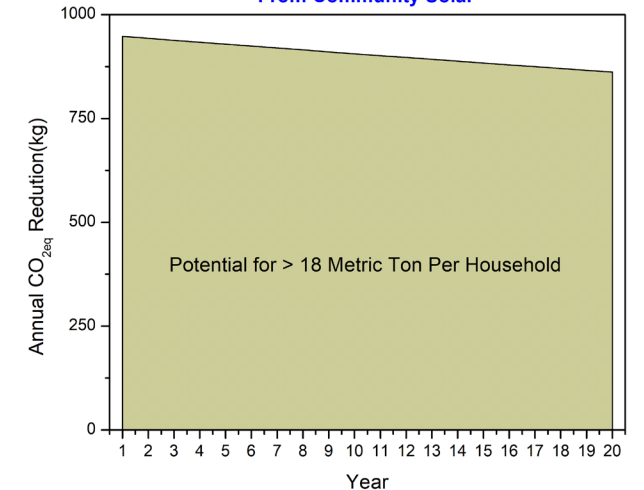
## Climate

- The full subscribing residential households have the potential to reduce Tribal CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by almost 1,500 metric tons over a 20-year period
- Each subscribing household may reduce emissions from energy use by an average of 900 kg annually
- Each Subscribing household may reduce emissions from energy use by as much as 18 metric tons over a 20-year period.

Total Emissions Reduction in San Pasqual Residential Energy From Community Solar



Emissions Reduction Per Household in San Pasqual Residential Energy From Community Solar







## Site Selection and Permitting: Utility Engagement

Asset site approved

Point of Interconnection approved by  
SDG&E

Interconnection application submitted to  
SDG&E

SDG&E engineering invoiced and paid

# Covid – 19 Impacts and Economic Impact

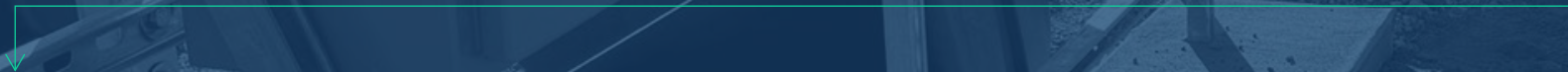
Government priorities shifted to community health and safety: No in person community meetings until spring 2021

Significant Impacts on Community engagement: Number of necessary community engagements more than doubled, energy data gathering slowed significantly, Tribal citizens' lives impacted with Covid

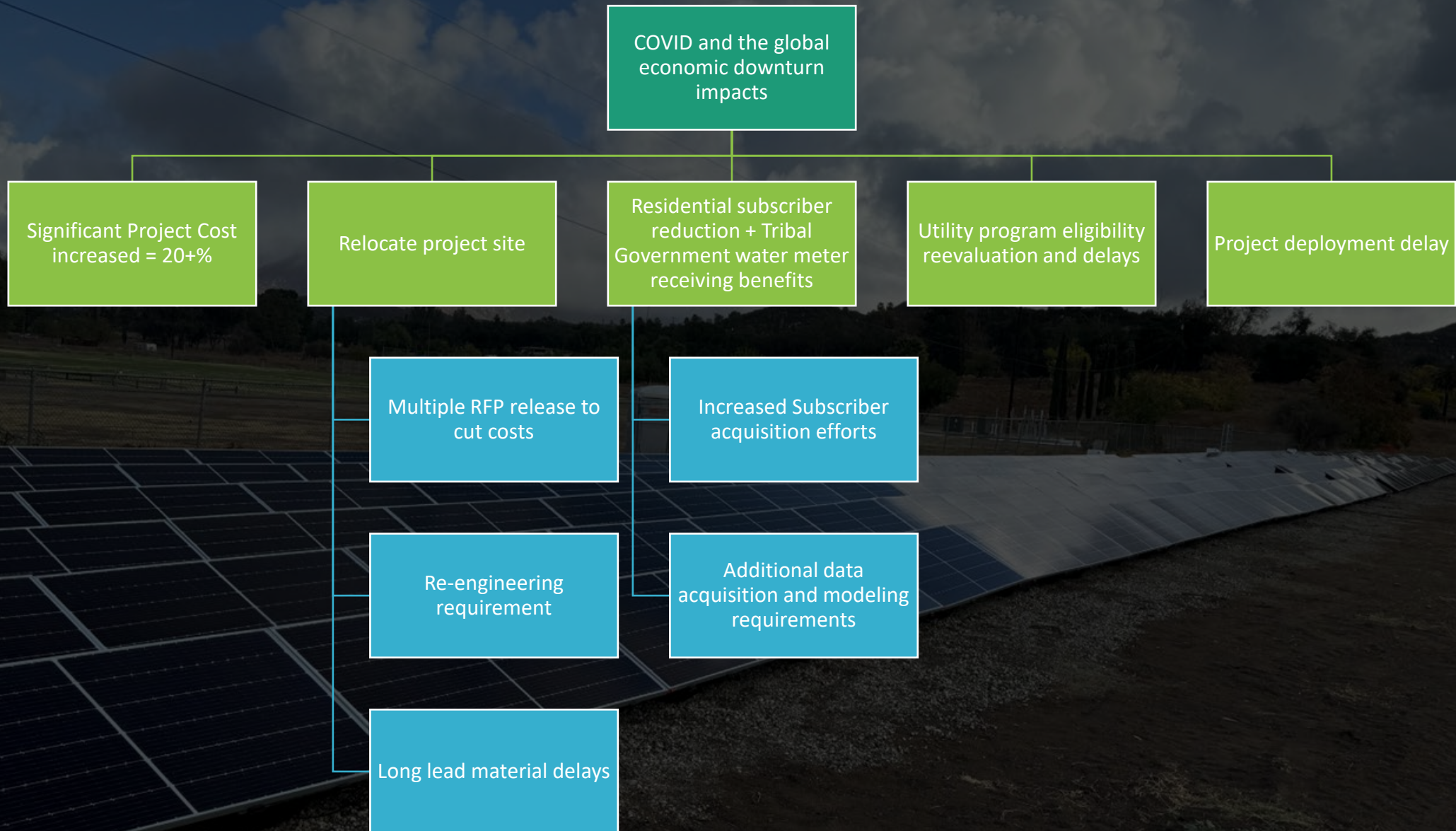
Utility/RFP/EPC/Third-party engagement delayed significantly

Supply chain and utility delays amplified

Inflation and cost of materials increasing beyond original budget (FY20 --- FY22) : Steel, aluminum, panels, and labor have all increased

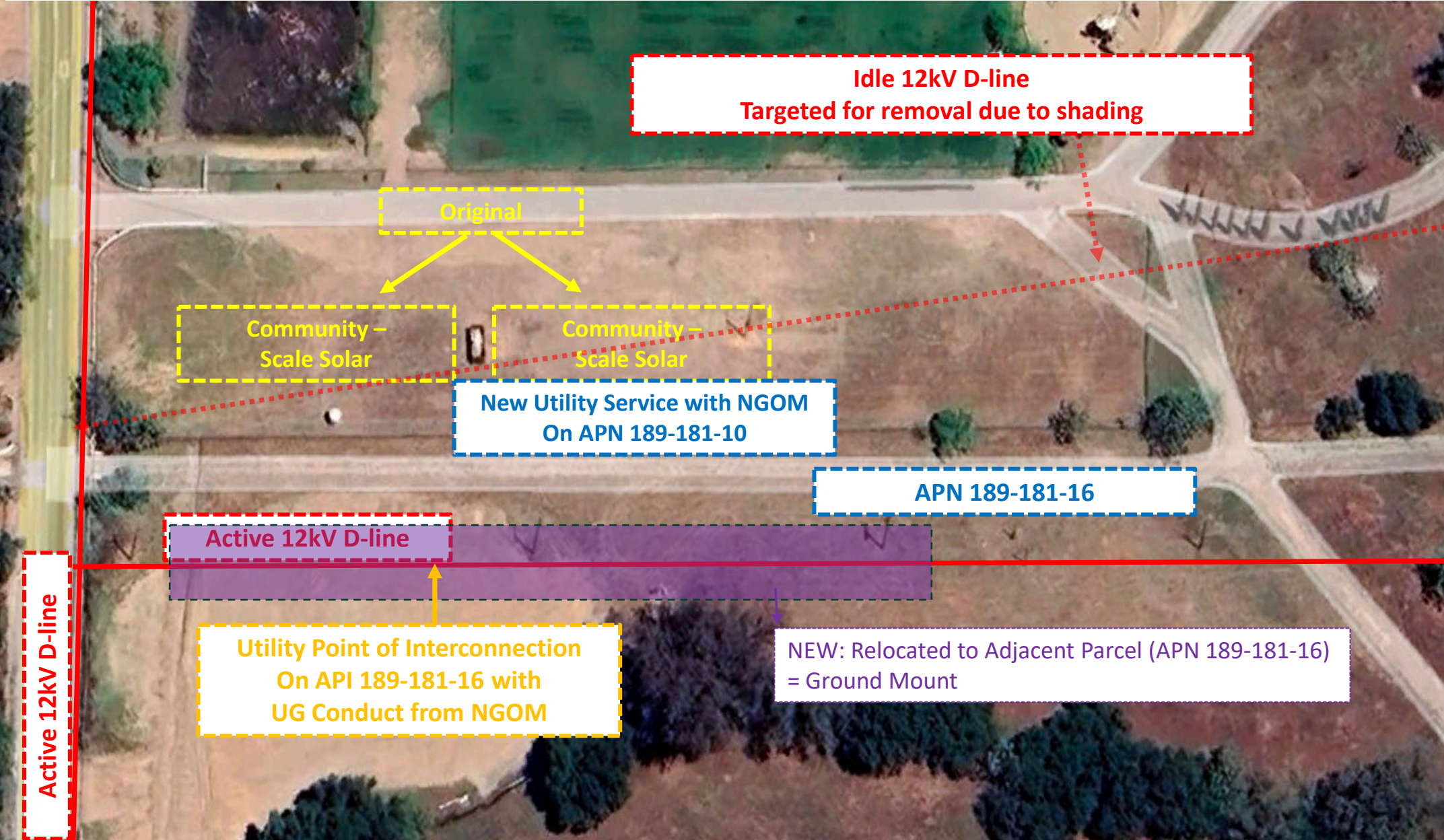


# San Pasqual Community Solar Project Challenges



# Revised Project Timeline

2021	2022				2023				2024				2025				2026
Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1
Original: Execute and Construct					COVID and Financial impacts: Approx. 11 months project pause + Grantor reevaluation + financial impact delays								Year 01 Monitoring & Reporting				



**Idle 12kV D-line**  
Targeted for removal due to shading

Original

Community -  
Scale Solar

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Scale Solar

New Utility Service with NGOM  
On APN 189-181-10

APN 189-181-16

Active 12kV D-line

Active 12kV D-line

Utility Point of Interconnection  
On API 189-181-16 with  
UG Conduct from NGOM

NEW: Relocated to Adjacent Parcel (APN 189-181-16)  
= Ground Mount



# Current Status Summary

New Ground Mount Array versus carport

Relocated to South Parcel Phase 2 Location

Project original size maintained

Residential subscriber acquisition reinitiated and capped at 50 max from original 80

Construction began on September 23, 2024

All solar panels have been installed as of November 8<sup>th</sup>



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# Q&A

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