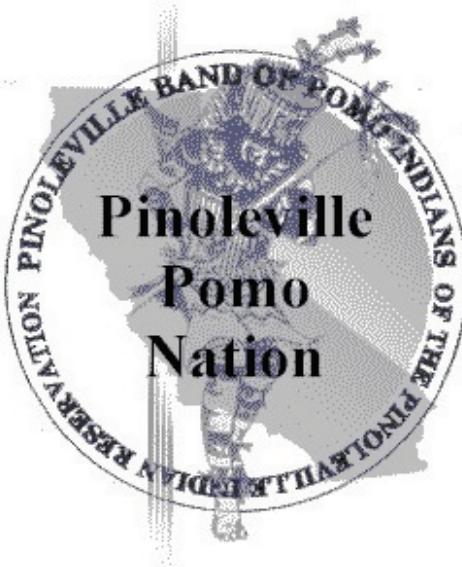


# **Pinoleville Pomo Nation**

## **Renewable Energy Feasibility Study Status**

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# Strategic Plan

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- 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
- Support local projects first
- Sell enough to cover perhaps 50% of costs

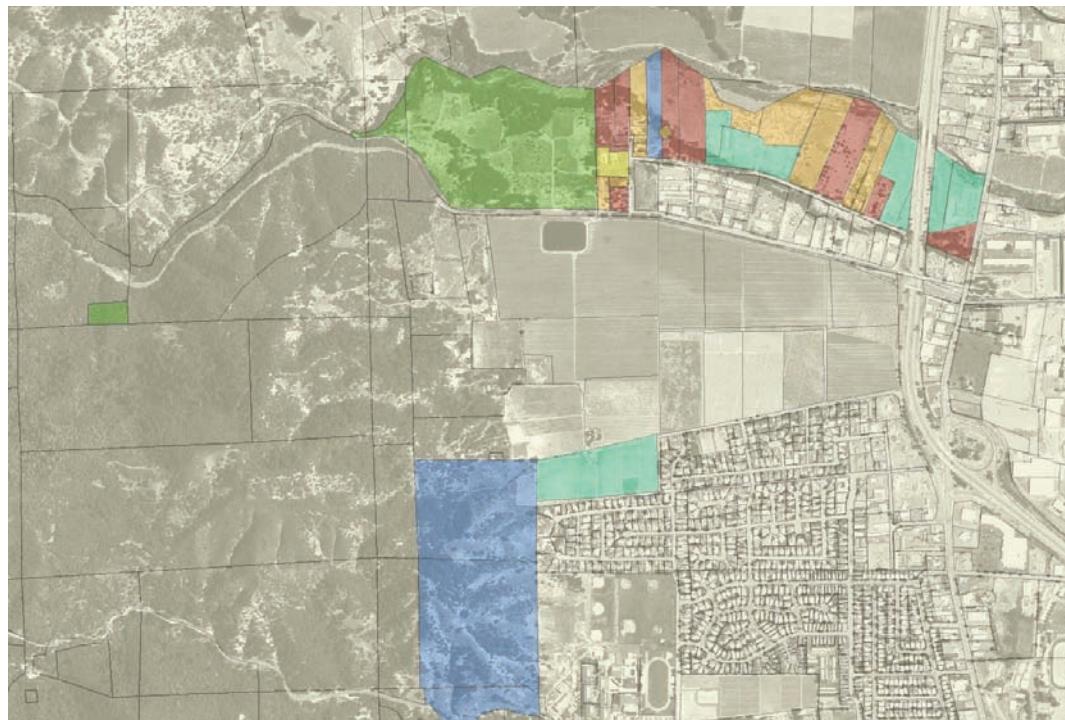


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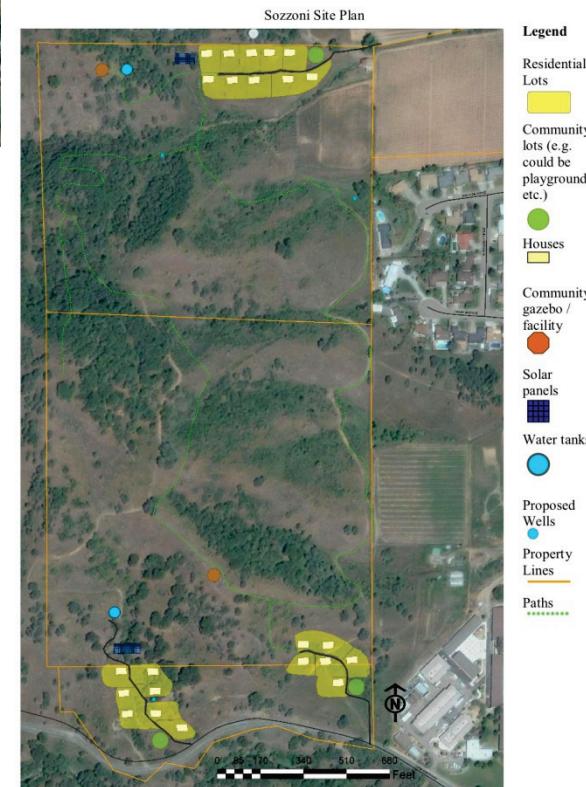
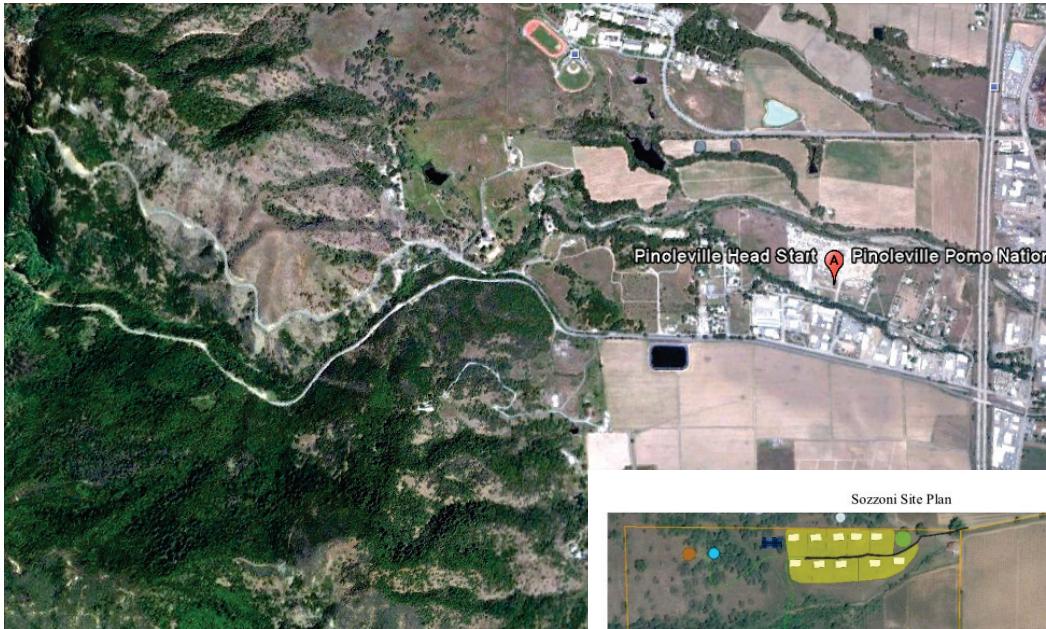
# Constraints

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

# Opportunities



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

# Approach

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- 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

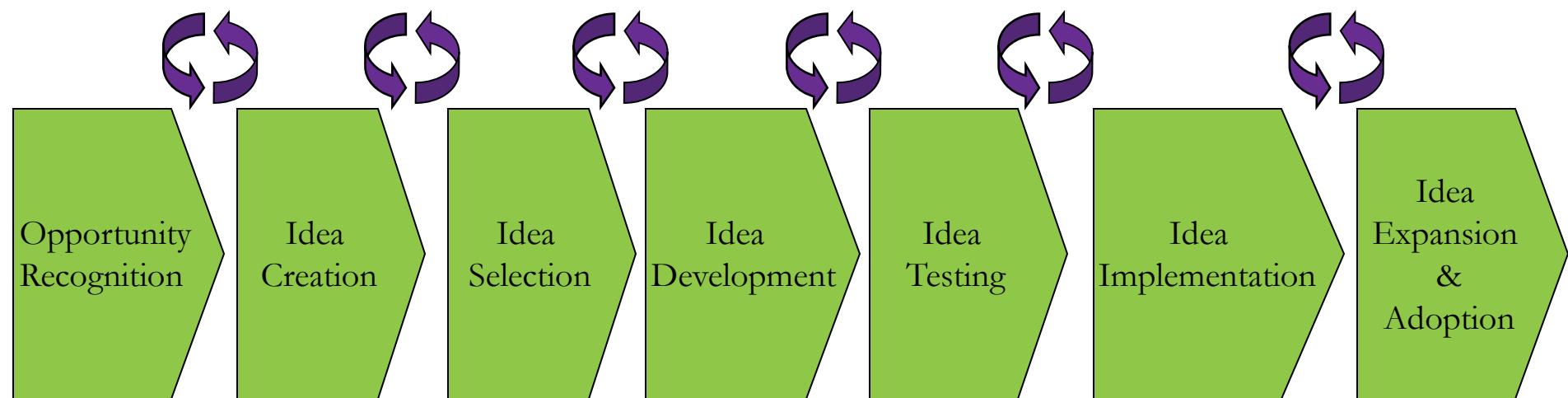
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- Enable consumers and stakeholders to make informed decisions about sustainability and renewable energy technologies
- Co-design and implement solutions that meet end user needs



# New Product Development (NPD) Process

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# Central Tenets: Technology Driven Design Methodology

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- Technology Centered Design focus:

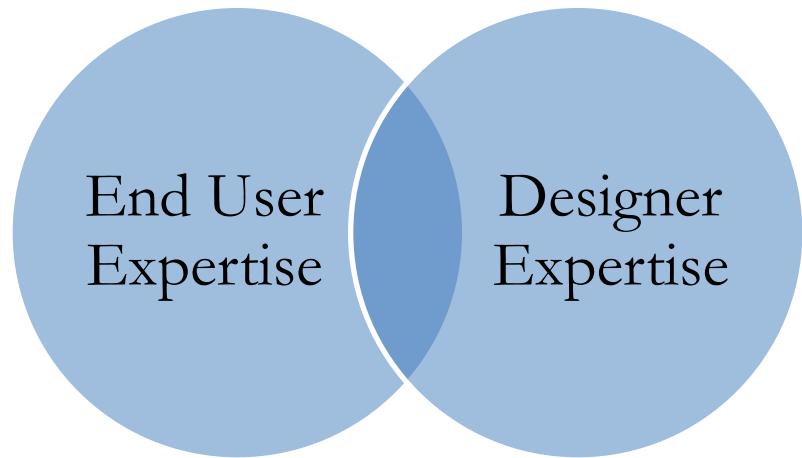
- I. Performance
- II. Reliability
- III. Manufacturability
- IV. Price Points
- V. Time to Market



# Central Tenets: Co-Design Methodology

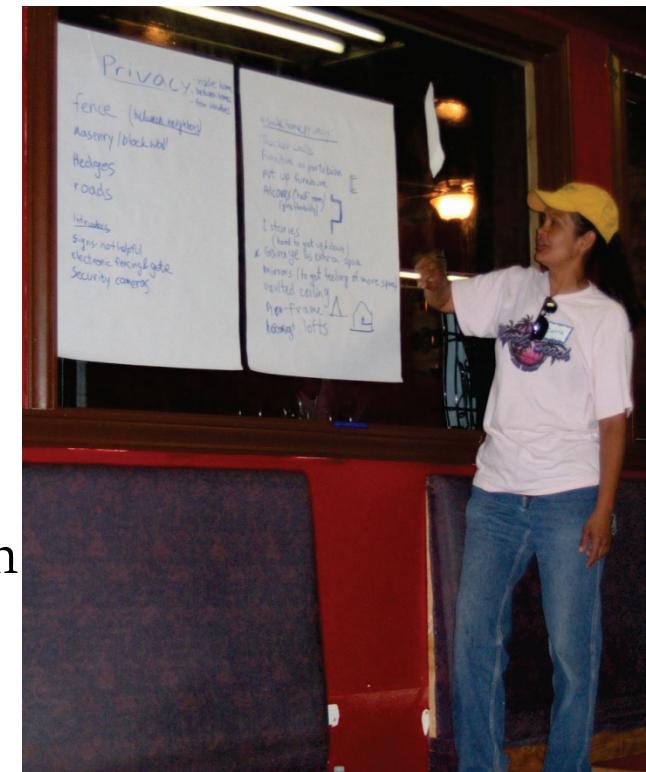
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- Co-Design focus:
  - I. End user is expert on needs
  - II. End users and designers both control idea creation
  - III. Idea creation is done in the usage environment



# 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



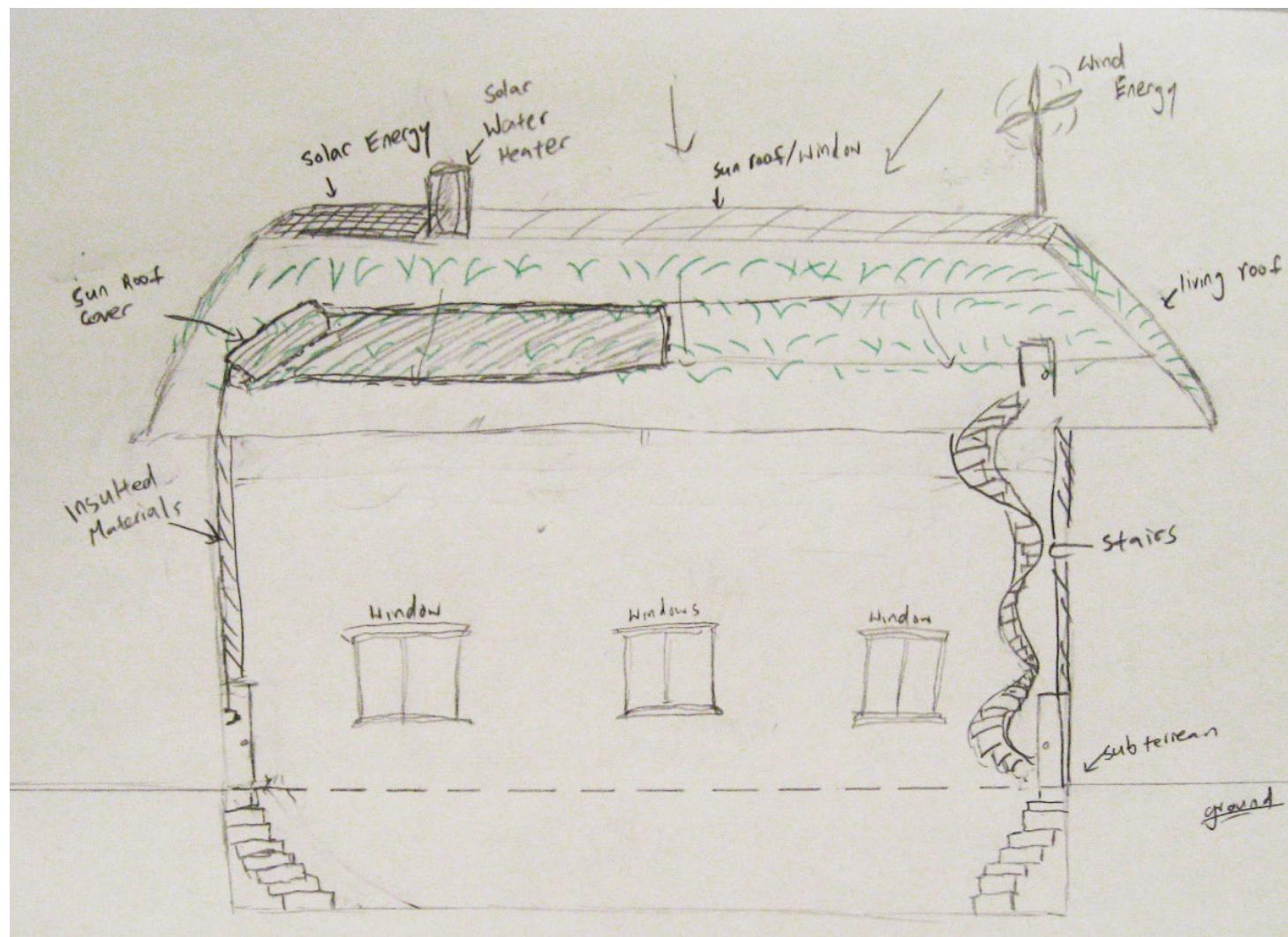
# Innovation Workshop 2008: Top Needs and Metrics

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- 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

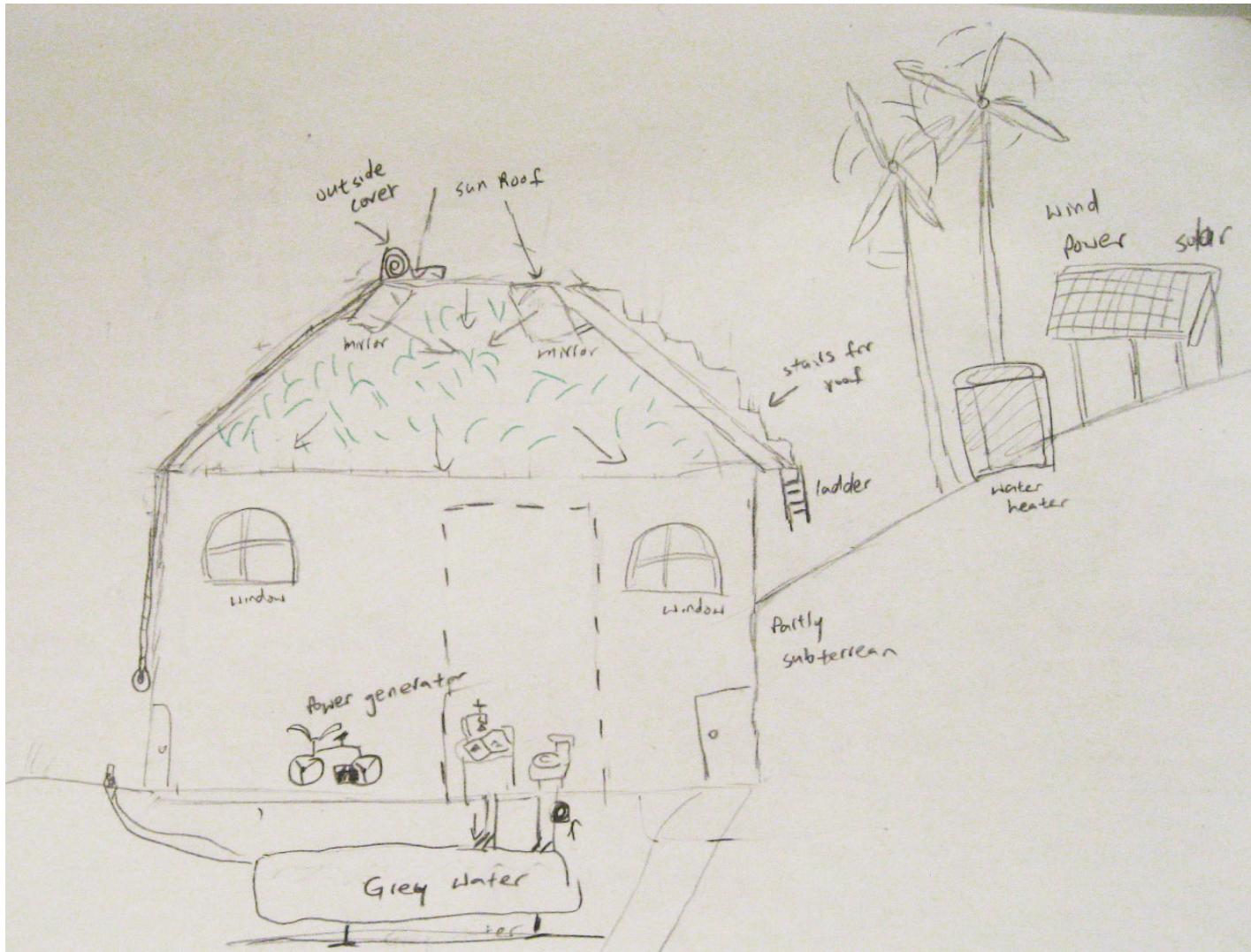
# Innovation Workshop 2008: Co-designed Concepts



Conceptual Home Design 2 Wind Power Generation and Grey Water

# Innovation Workshop 2008: Co-designed Concepts

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

# Pomo-inspired Housing Prototype

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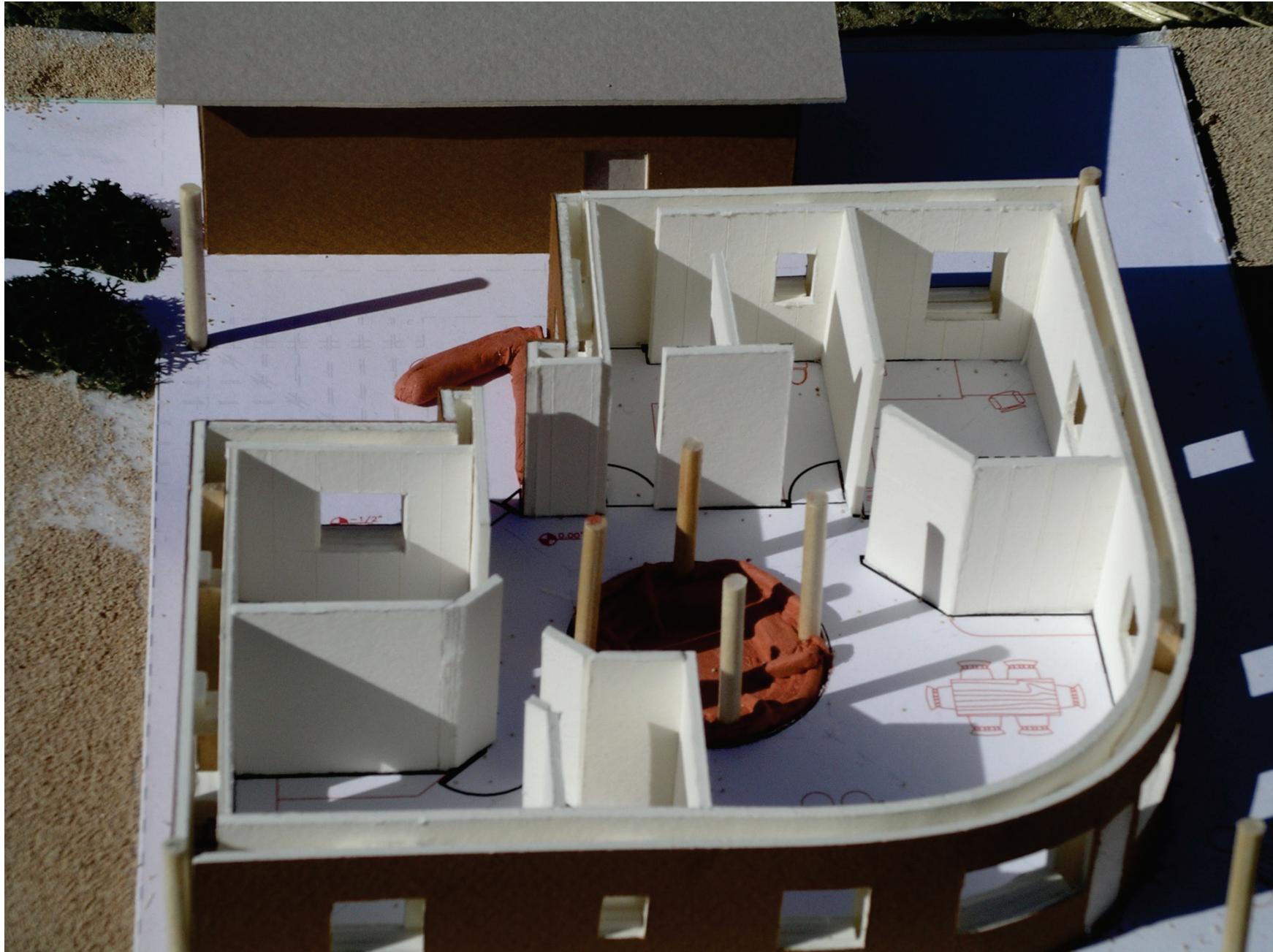


# Final Housing Design: Innovation Workshop 2009



# Final Housing Design I: Summer 2009

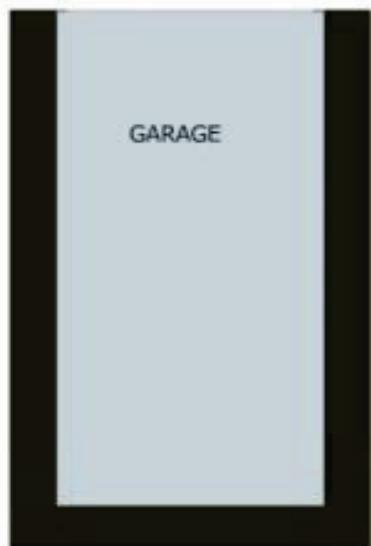
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## Draft Plan 'A' for PPN Sustainable Home

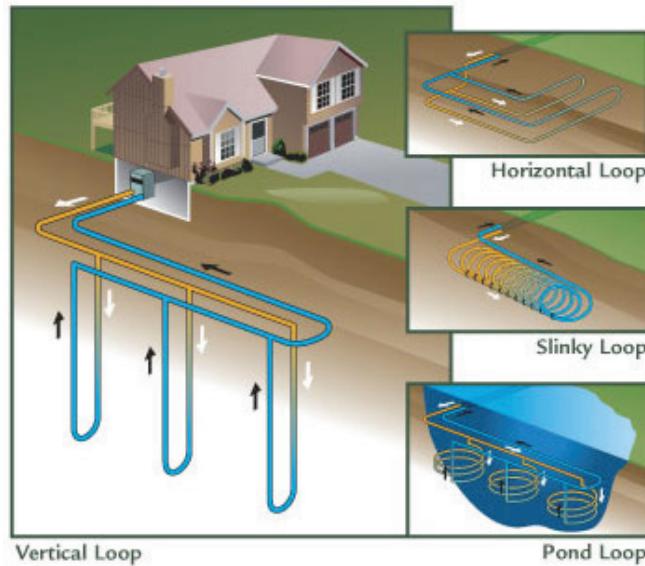
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# Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Overview

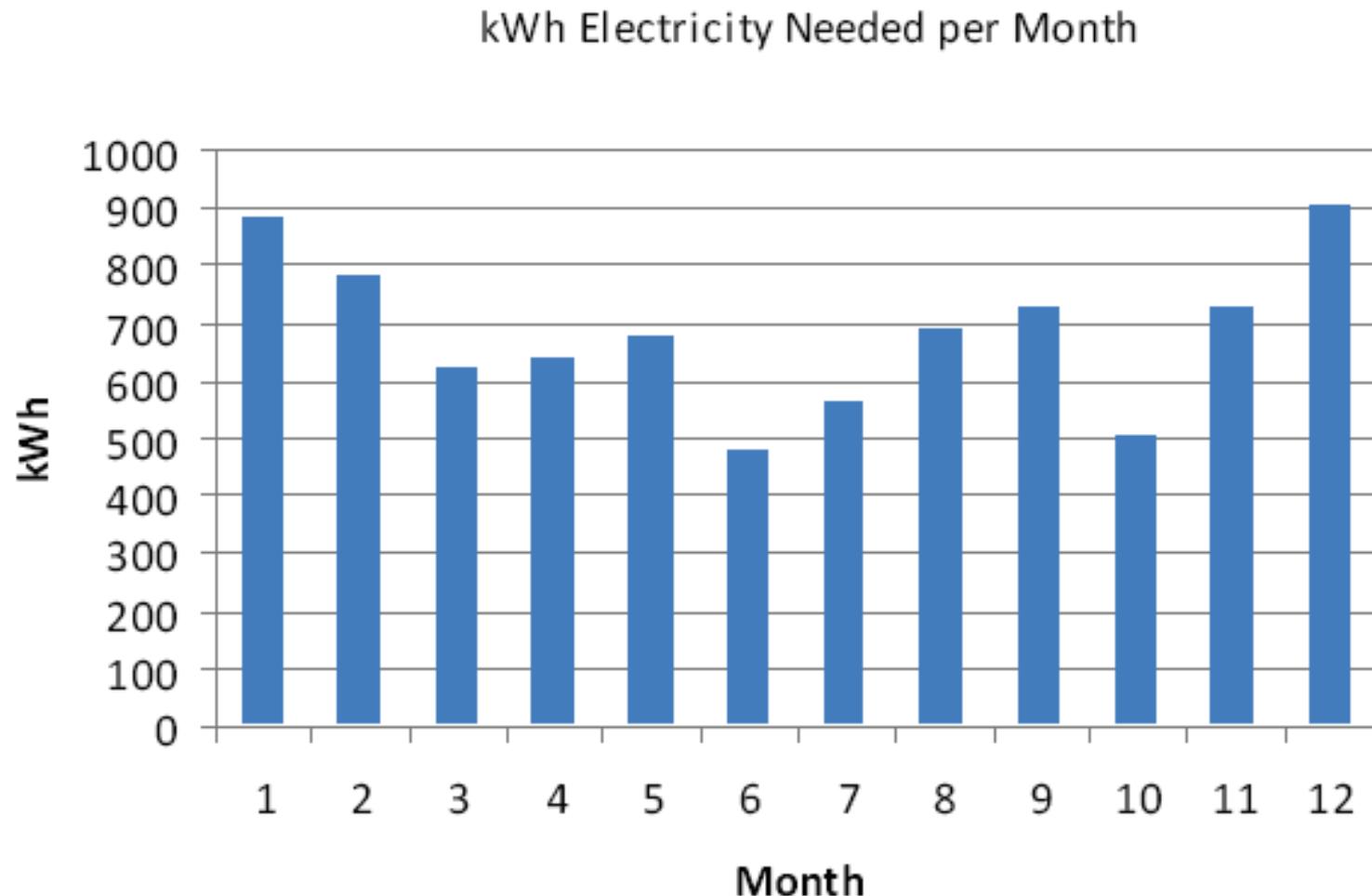
- Focus areas:
  - micro-hydroelectric,
  - moderate-temperate geothermal electrical,
  - geothermal heat pumps,
  - biomass,
  - biogas,
  - wind,
  - solar electric,
  - solar thermal



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

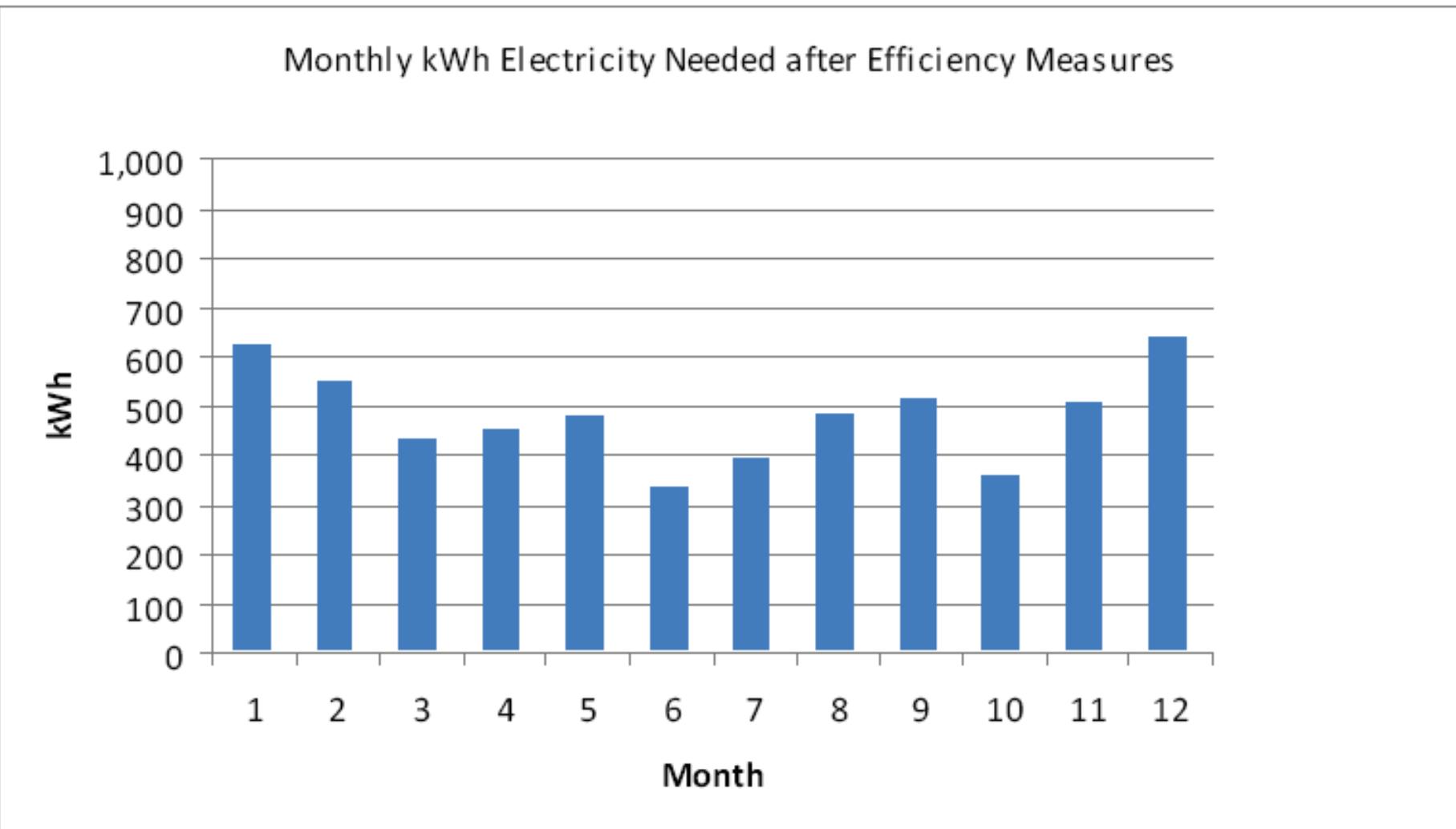
# Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

- Historical Avg. Electricity Consumption of PPN Homes



# Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

- Estimated Avg. Electricity Consumption of PPN Homes after Efficiency

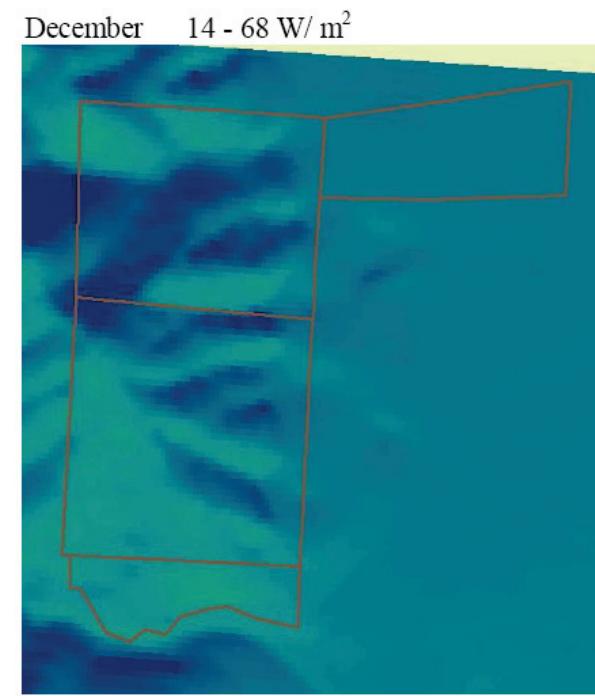
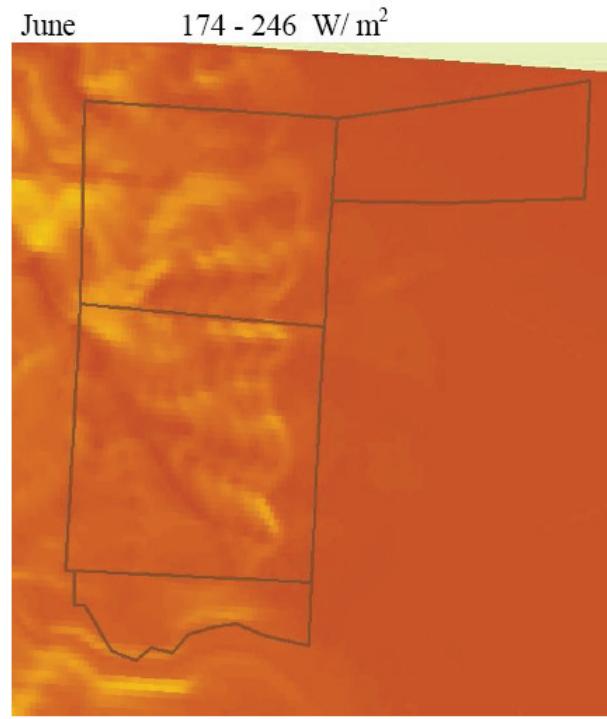
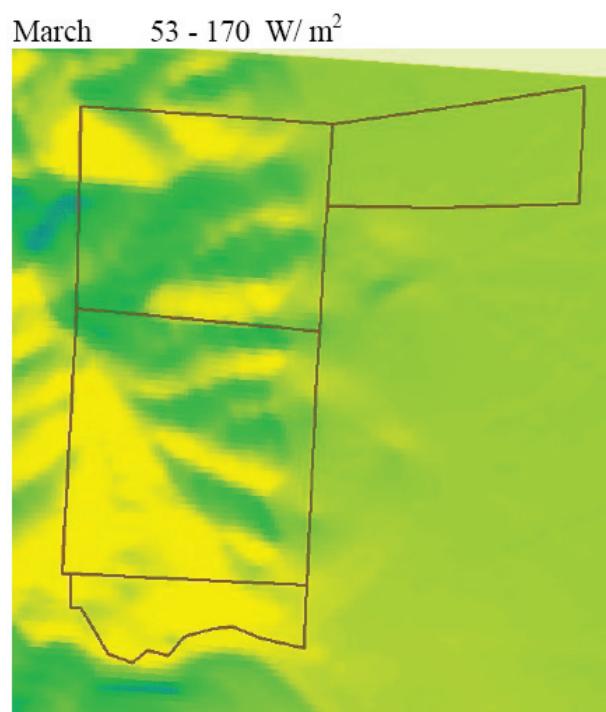
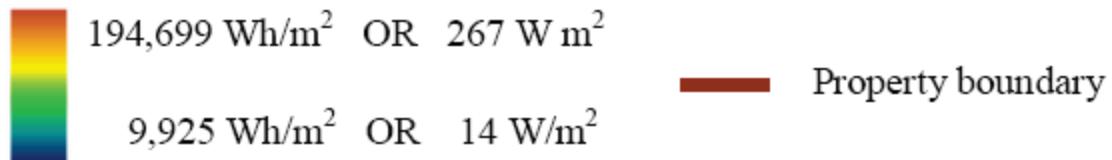


20 – 30% electricity savings projected

# Renewable Energy Feasibility Study: Work Done So Far

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

Figure \_\_\_\_ Solar Radiation  
(Watt-hours/m<sup>2</sup>)  
January – April 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

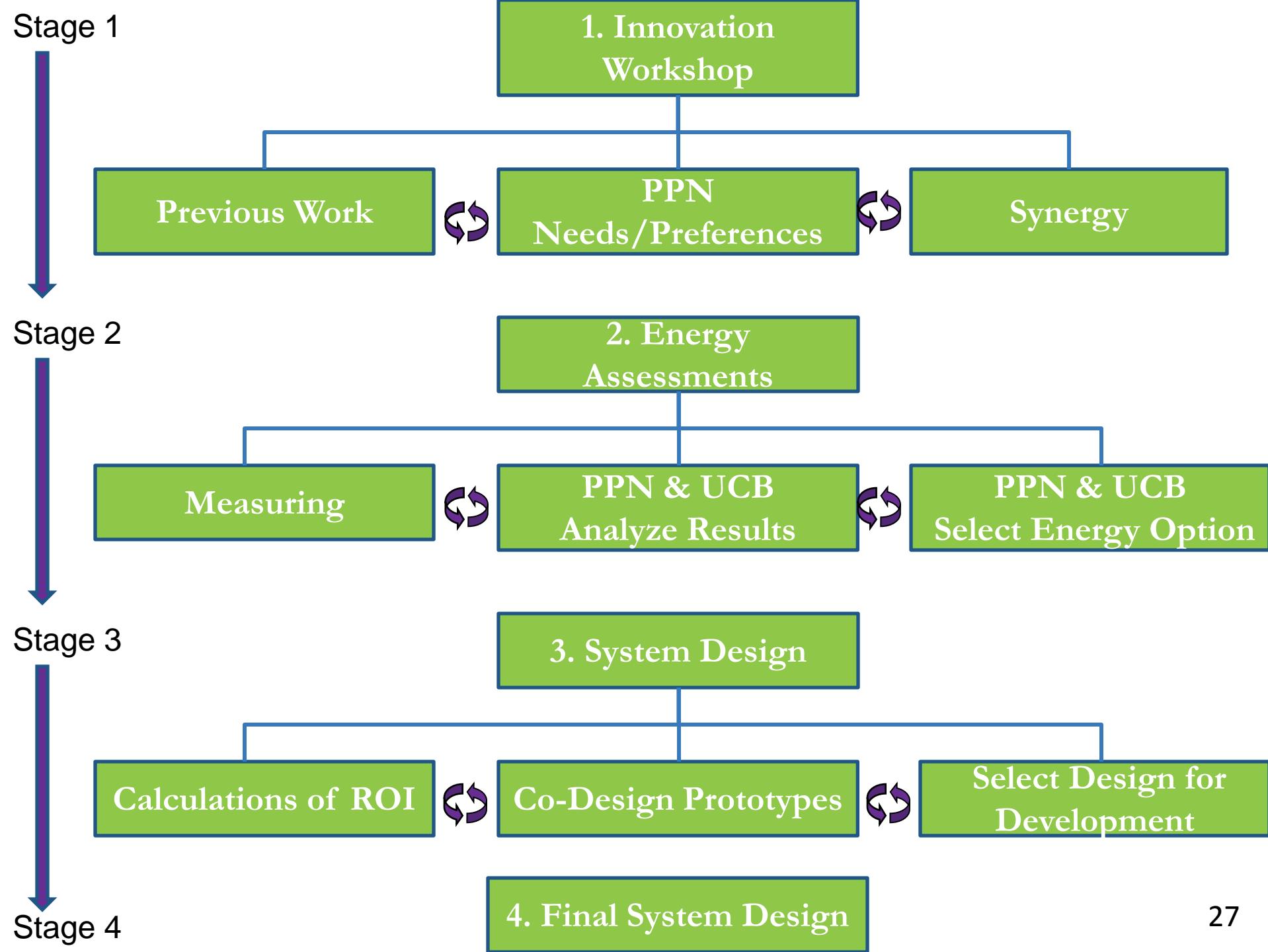
- Solar insolation
- Volume flow rates
- Wind speeds at varying heights (30 m, 50 m, 70 m, 100 m)
- Yamobida (Pomo for wind hole creek)
- Biomass potential from local forest companies
- Biogas potential from local waste

# 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

## A Note on Engineering Support.

- 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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