



Industrial Energy Innovation in California

NASEO-NARUC Joint Forum on Industrial Demand Flexibility

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Transforming Transportation



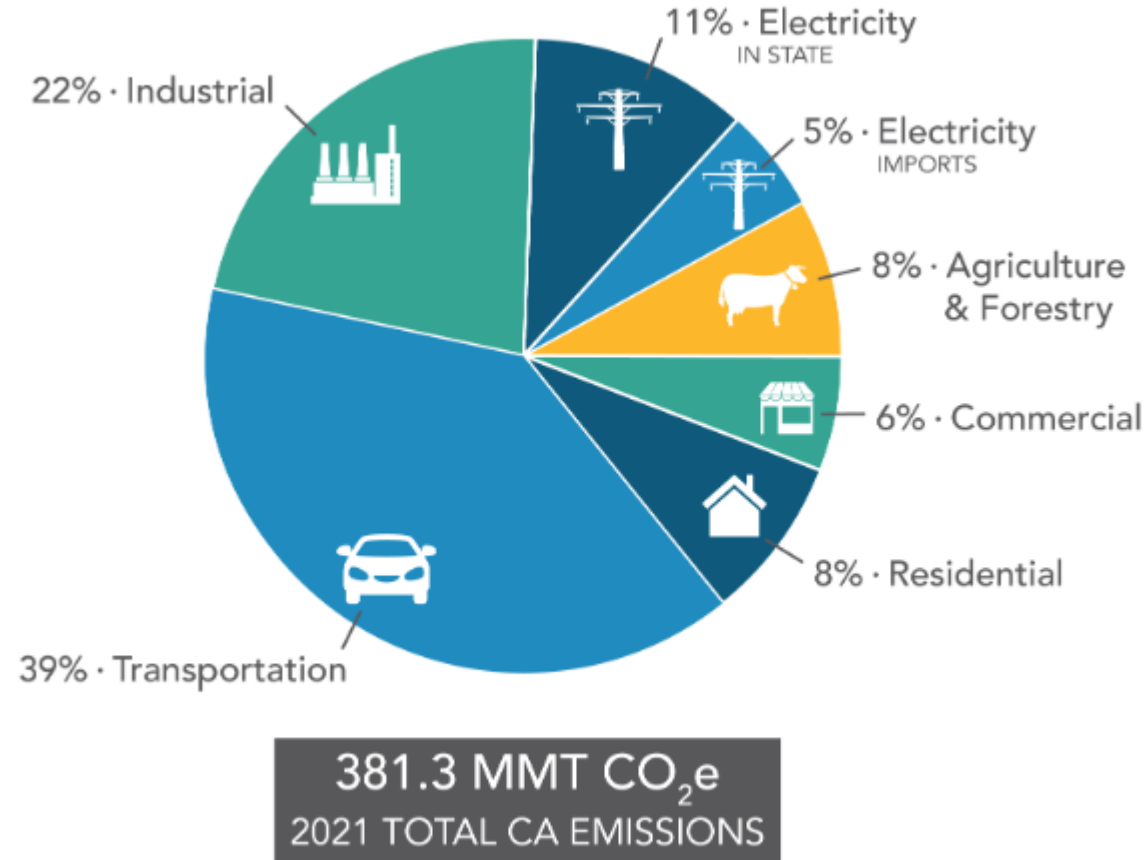
Overseeing Energy Infrastructure



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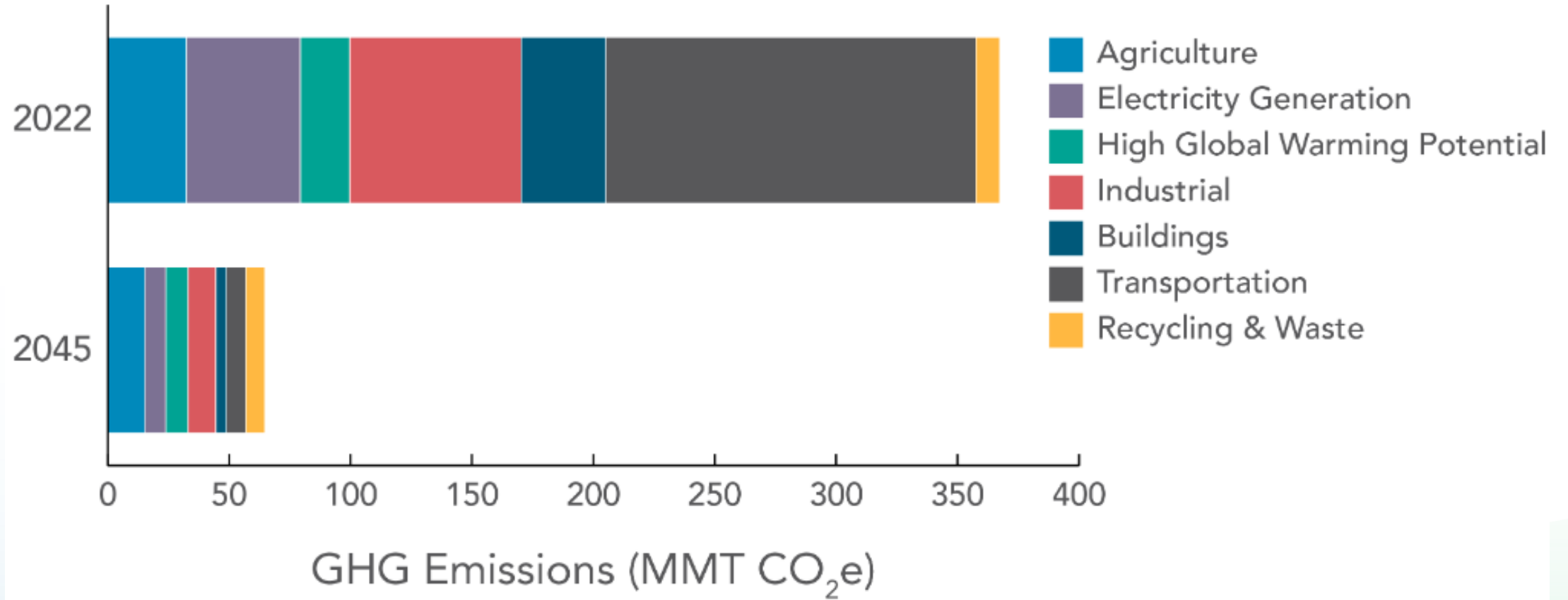
Industrial Sector Contributes Second Highest GHG Emissions



Source: [CARB](#)



Carbon Neutrality in California by 2045



Source: CARB



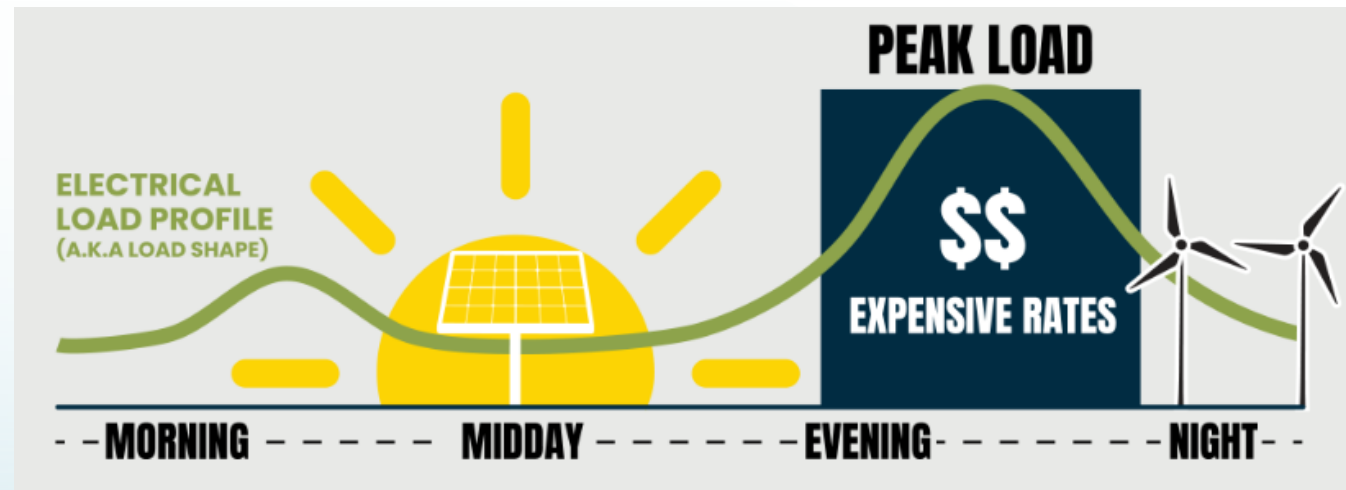
Load Flexibility and the Industrial Sector

Opportunities

- Electric grid benefits
 - Maximize use of surplus renewable energy
 - Increase grid reliability
 - Be a key electricity supply resource
- Cost savings
- Support new load flexibility technologies

Challenges

- Value proposition not well-defined
 - Few viable control strategies
 - Unclear business case
 - Risk averse
- Lack of data on industries with most load shifting potential

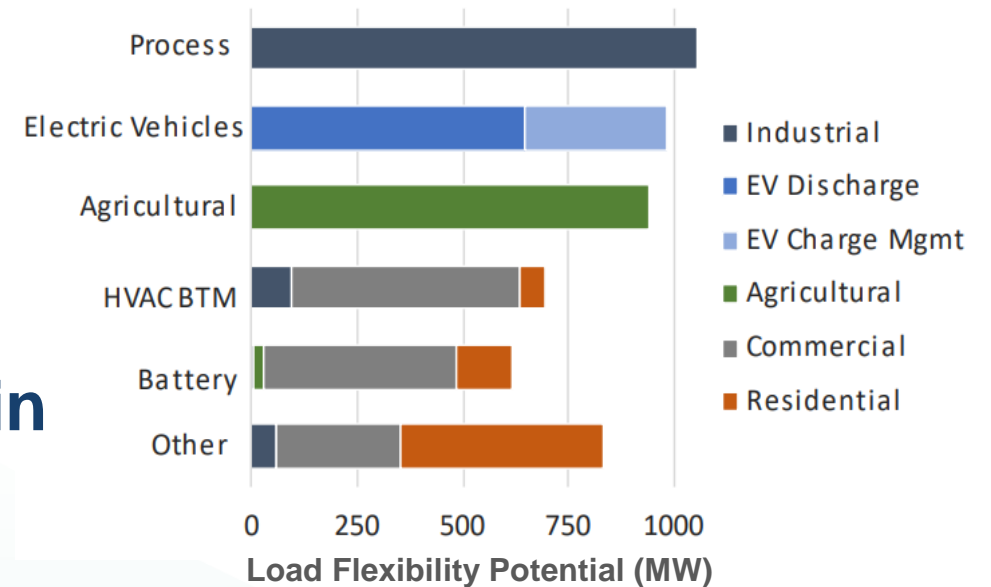




California Demand Flexibility Policy

New CEC Load Shift Target: 7 GW by 2030*

- Require **hourly-varying electric rate options** (CEC Load Management Standards)
- Publish a machine-readable database of time-varying rates (CEC MIDAS)
- Require certain devices to **adjust demand in response to dynamic signals** (CEC Flexible Demand Appliance Standards)**
- Demonstrate **customer response to dynamic price signals** (CPUC CalFUSE Framework)



*[Senate Bill 846 Load-Shift Goal Report, California Energy Commission \(2023\)](#)

** [California Energy Commission, Flexible Demand Appliance Standards Docket Log](#)



CEC'S Grant Programs: Fostering Innovation Across the Energy Sector

Core mission: strategically invest funds to catalyze change and accelerate achievement of policy goals

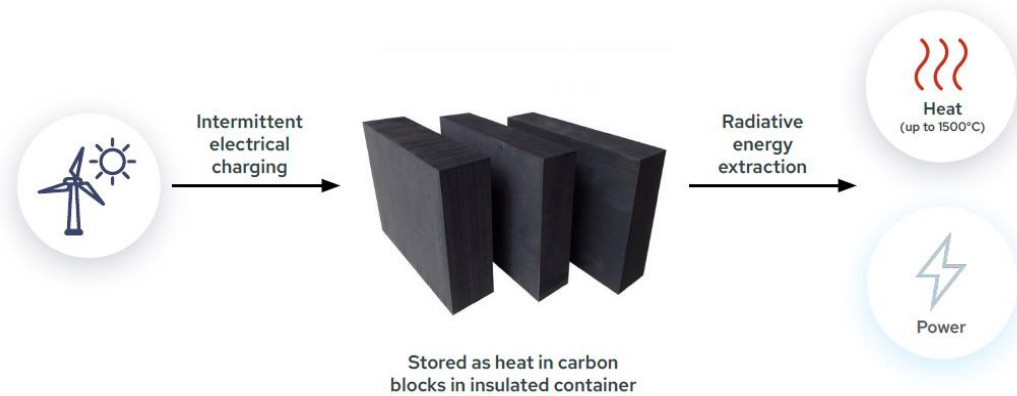
- ✓ Electric Program Investment Charge (EPIC)
- ✓ Gas Research and Development Program
- ✓ Industrial Decarb and Grid Support Program (INDIGO)
- ✓ Food Production Investment Program (FPIP)





Load Flexibility in Industrial Heat

Antora Energy - Long Duration Thermal Storage



Above: Graphical depiction of Antora's storage technology

(Source: Antora Energy)

Right: Installation of Antora's pilot scale system and rendering of Antora's full storage plant

(Source: Antora Energy)

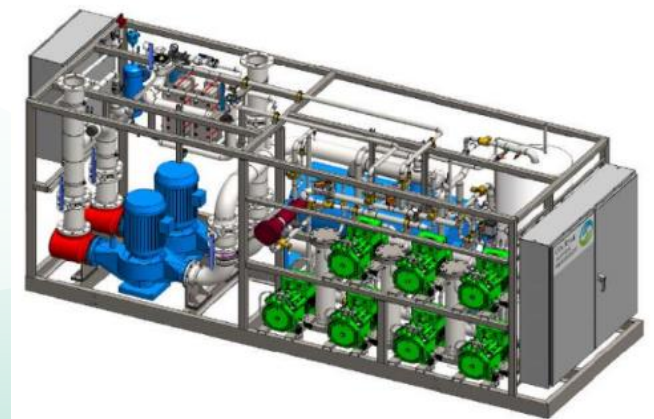


- **1500 Wh/L:** Energy density of carbon – Antora's thermal storage medium
- **1500°C:** Temperature Antora's system can deliver to industrial customers
- **>40%:** Conversion efficiency of Antora's thermophotovoltaic heat engine
- **5 MWh:** Capacity of Antora's pilot-scale system



Load Flexibility in Industrial Cold Storage

- **University of California, Santa Barbara**
 - Harnessing the Potential of AI in Industrial Refrigeration Systems
- **Electric Power Research Institute**
 - IndFlex – Demand Flexibility in Industrial Refrigerated Warehouse
- **Prospect Silicon Valley**
 - Dynamic, Grid-Flexible Cold Storage Refrigeration with Advanced CO2 Heat Pump, Thermal Storage and Defrost Controls
- **Amy's Kitchen**
 - Thermal Ice Energy Storage in Food Processing





Load Flexibility in the Water Sector

- **University of California, Davis**
 - Statewide simulation of 700+ water systems
 - Smart pumping has the statewide potential to:
 - Shift energy demand by up to 1,000 GWh annually, and
 - Reduce peak demand by up to 321 MW.
- Moulton Nigel Water District
 - Developed and demonstrated WaterWatch software to optimize energy use and demand & enable load shift program participation
 - Reduced average energy demand by 4.2%, annual energy use by over 311 MWh and annual carbon dioxide emissions by 48 million MT
 - Response limited by tank storage capacity, pumping capacity, water demands and energy rates



Opportunities





New CEC Funding for Industrial Projects (INDIGO)

- Industrial facilities and others
- Examples of eligible technologies
 - process heat electrification
 - non-thermal separations
 - alternative processes
 - energy efficiency
 - load flexibility
- Priority population benefits





New CEC Funding for Food Processing Facilities (FPIP)

- Food processors
- Examples of eligible technologies
 - energy efficiency
 - refrigeration optimization
 - industrial heat pumps
 - waste heat to power
 - wastewater treatment
 - renewable energy microgrids
 - fuel switching
 - grid support





Industrial, Agricultural, and Water Flexible Load Research Hub*

- Estimated 2 GW of average annual load shifting potential
- Research needed to increase operational load flexibility
 - Address technical barriers and develop technologies to advance flexible demand management
 - Inform future load flexibility policies
 - Respond to GHG and price signals
 - Shed loads during peak hours plus reduce operating costs

* [EPIC Investment Plan Initiative 17](#)



VPP Approaches for Load Flex (VPP-FLEX Solicitation)

- Demonstrate VPPs as long-term, reliable grid resources
- Ensure the resource creates a net benefit to the grid and participants
- Partner with local government or non-profit entities to increase participation by and engagement with customers
- Demonstrate automated load shifting



Additional Information

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Web Resources

- Find a partner and other resources:
 - <https://www.empowerinnovation.net/>

Funding opportunities

- <https://www.energy.ca.gov/funding-opportunities/solicitations>

Project database

- <https://www.energizeinnovation.fund>



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