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# How PI System Supports CAISO Operations and Grid Reliability

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# California ISO by the numbers

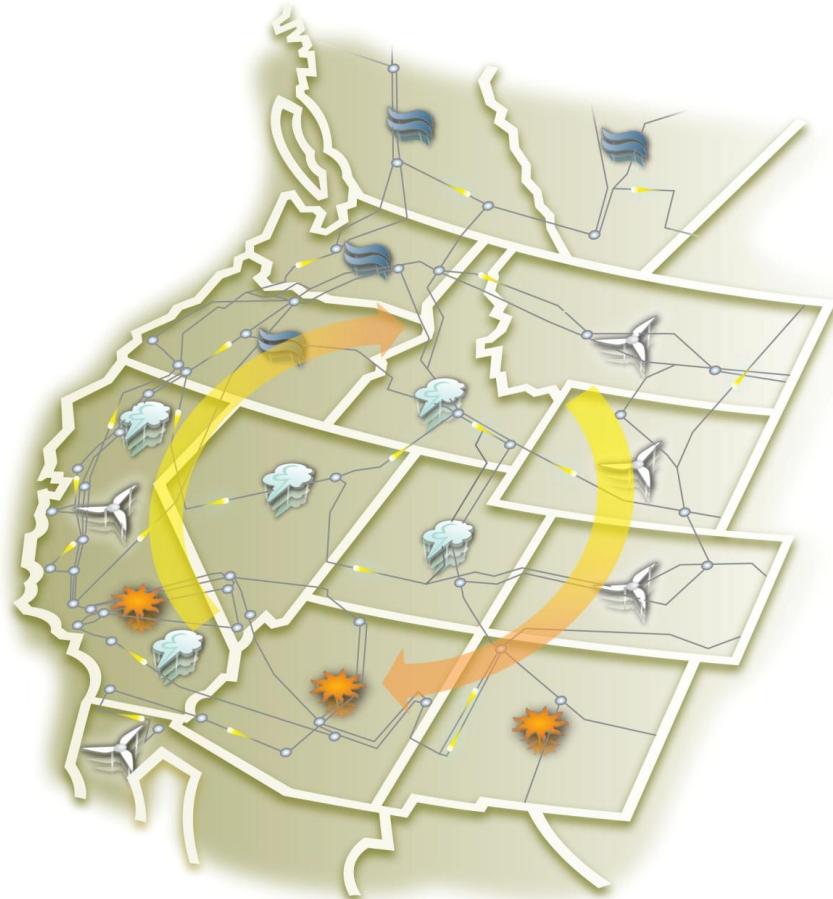


- **55,027 MW** of power plant capacity
- **50,270 MW** record peak demand (July 24, 2006)
- **30,000** market transactions per day
- **25,526** circuit-miles of transmission lines
- **30 million** people served
- **286 million** MW hours of electricity delivered annually

# Resource reciprocity

## Welcome to the Western Grid

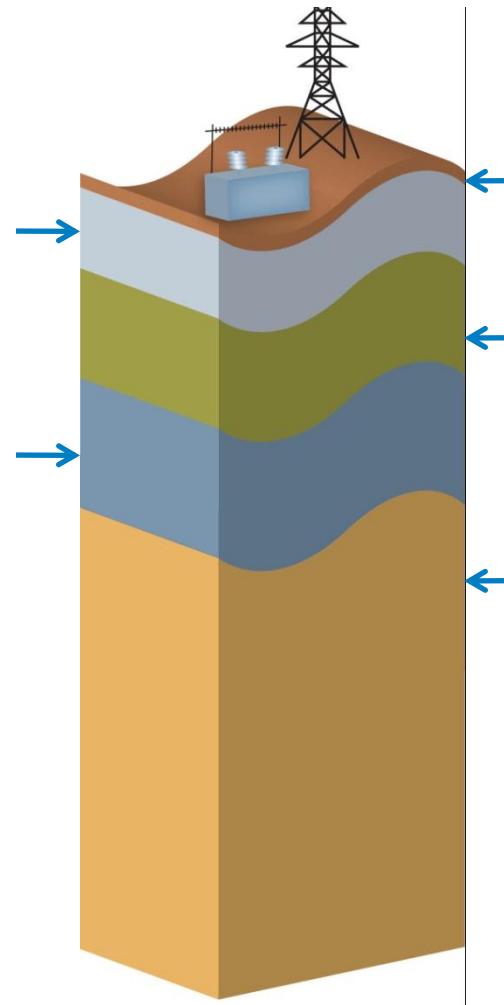
- CA is one of 14 states within **Western Electricity Coordinating Council**
- Resource sharing enhances reliability, helps achieve renewable targets and manages cost
- A quarter of all the electricity that keeps the lights on during the summer comes from other parts of the west including parts of Canada and Mexico



# The power mix

12.2% - large hydro

15.3% - nuclear



1.8% - coal

13.9% - hydro, geothermal,  
biomass, wind, solar

56.7% - natural gas

# CAISO current & future challenges

- Forecasting
- Generation fleet characteristics
- Ramping requirements
- Ambitious environmental goals
- Reliability with fewer gas powered plants
- Cost containment

We need to strike a balance between reliability, renewables and reasonable cost.

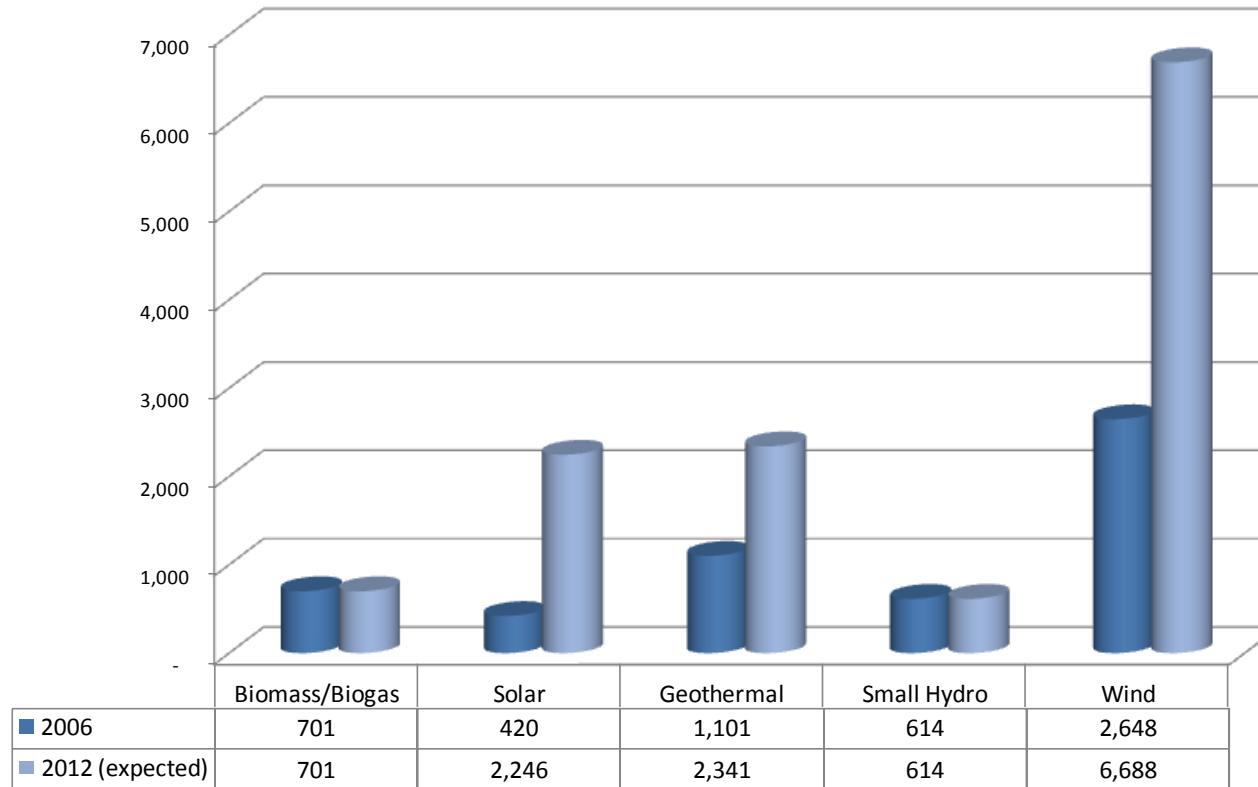
# The ISO grid control room faces significant short- and long-term challenges

- Uncertainty of grid infrastructure development
- Ramping requirements significantly increased
- Continued development of control room tools
- Load and wind forecasting accuracy
- Rapid changes in grid generation fleet, especially wind and solar technologies

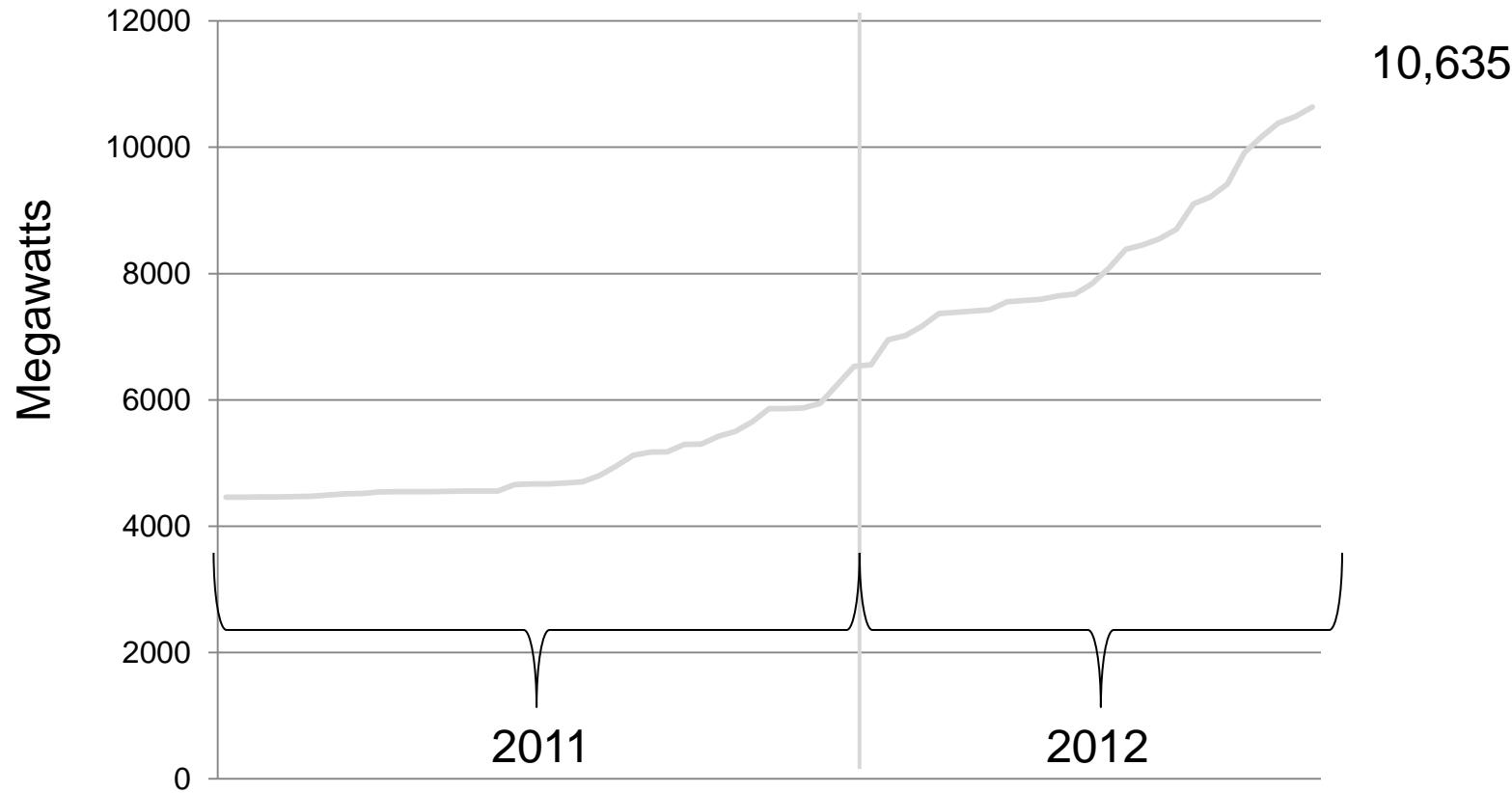
1. Wind and solar variability will be a significant issue by 2012-2013.

2. Synchrophasors are the most significant advancement in control center technology in the last 30 years.

# The 2-3 year look-ahead: renewable resource portfolios in 2006 and 2012 (20% RPS), by capacity (MW)

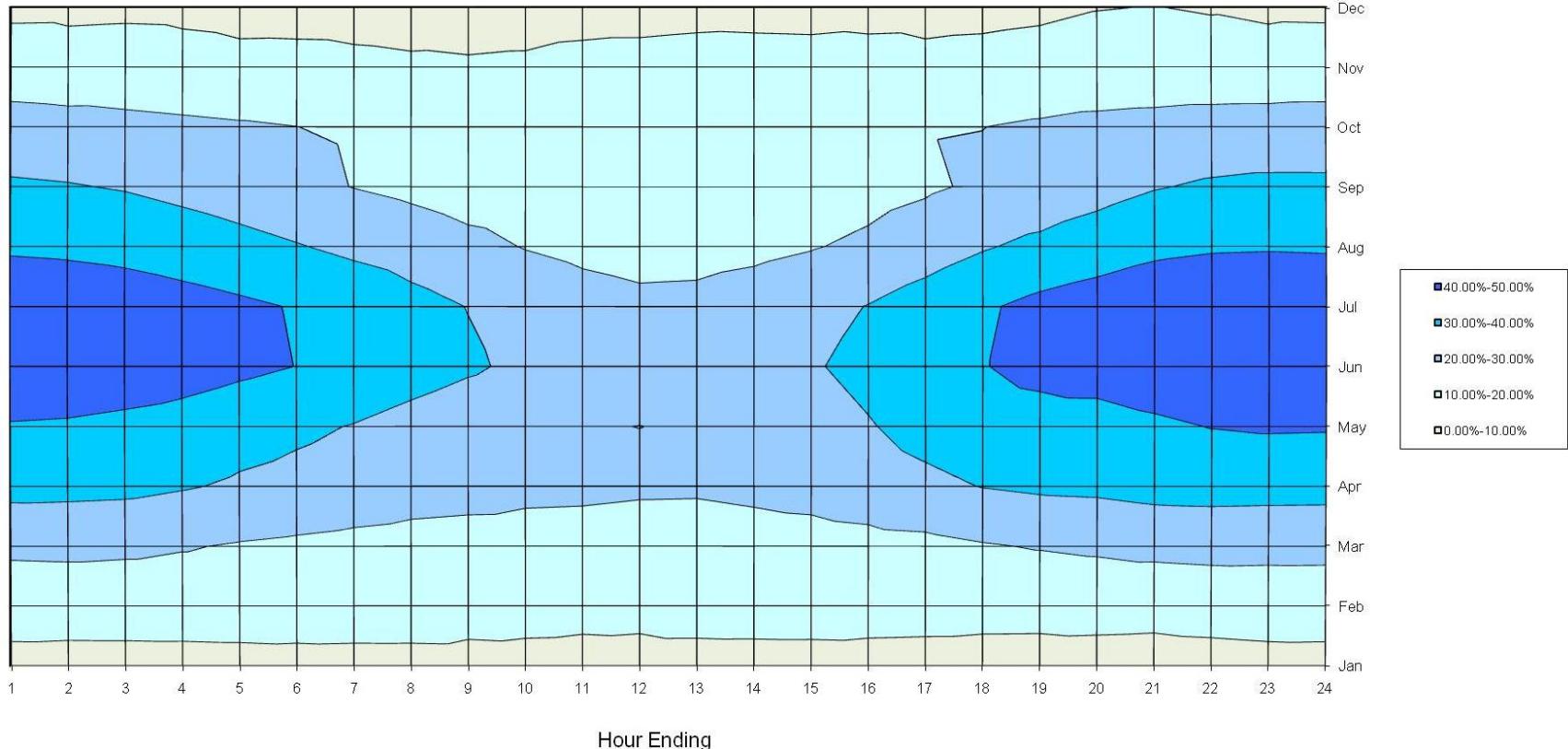


# Projected renewable growth



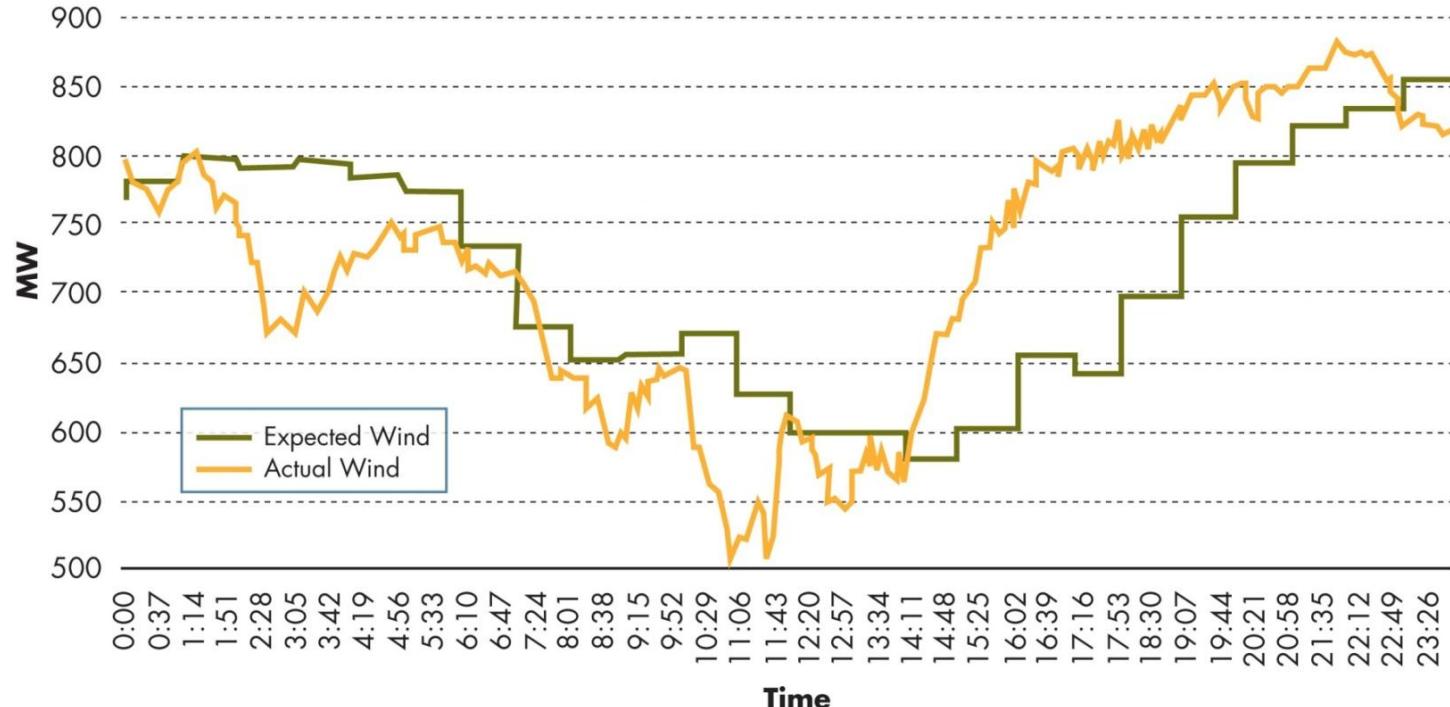
# 2009 CAISO wind profile –

Adjusted for monthly installed capacity average capacity factor = 22.2%



# Forecasted vs. actual wind output

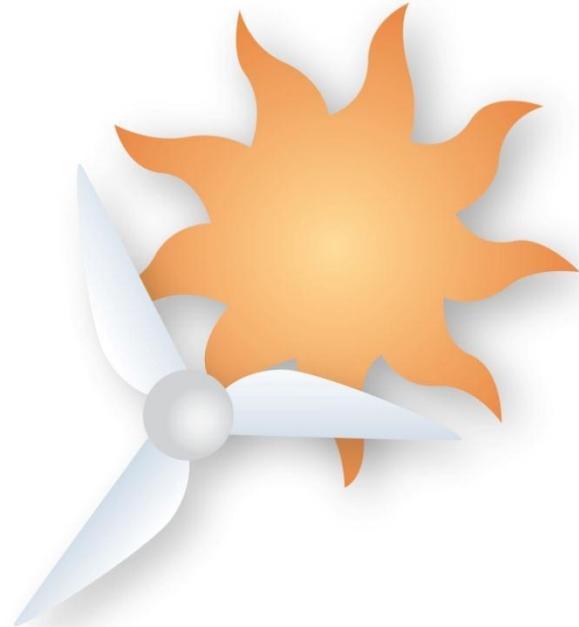
*Simulated spring day in 2012*



# Variable power resources

## Electricity fueled from the wind and the sun

- Wind power often increases overnight, when demand is low
- Some natural gas-fired power plants **must** continue to produce power at night to be ready for morning spike in electricity demand
- Resulting overnight oversupply of electricity from wind power and conventional plants causes utilities to sell power at low prices or even pay generators to dispose of megawatts
- Surplus power mean consumers can pay twice for electricity



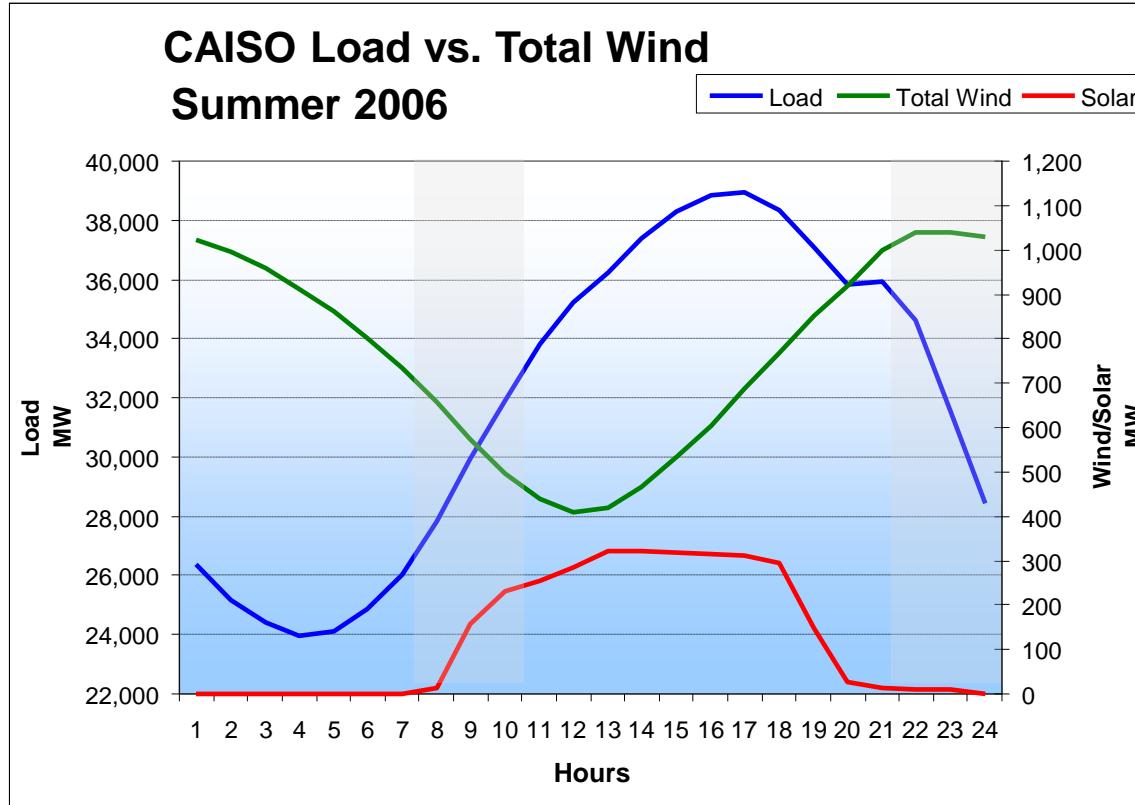
### The Big Question:

How do we prevent over-generation while maintaining grid reliability?

# These challenges can be addressed through improved control room tools (synchrophasors) and training

- Wind and solar modeling & production forecasting
- State estimator solution & accuracy
- Grid reliability & engineering studies
- Network and market modeling
- Awareness of regional disturbances (e.g. 1996 event)
- Dynamically assess the grid (EMS not sufficient)
  - 30 samples per second compared to once every four seconds
  - Can increase COI transfer by 1500 MW
  - Estimated reduction in congestions costs \$250 million
  - Better real time visualization

# Wind generation tends to be inversely correlated to daily load curve, creating ramping impacts



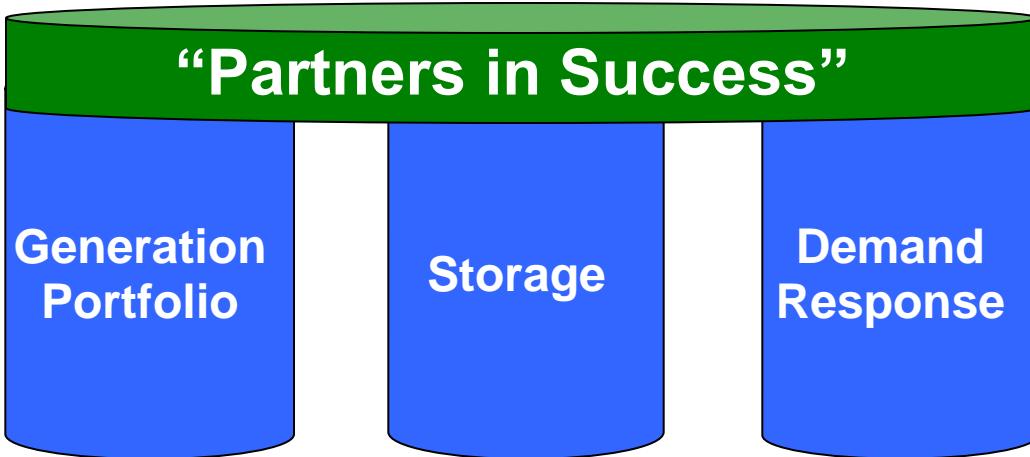
# Resources required for renewables integration



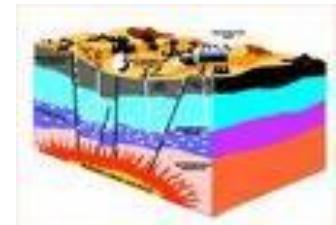
**Wind Generation**



**Solar Generation**



**Hydro Generation**



**Geo-thermal Generation**

# Folsom, CA – Control Room



# Alhambra, CA – Control Room



# CAISO PI System Displays

## Reliability

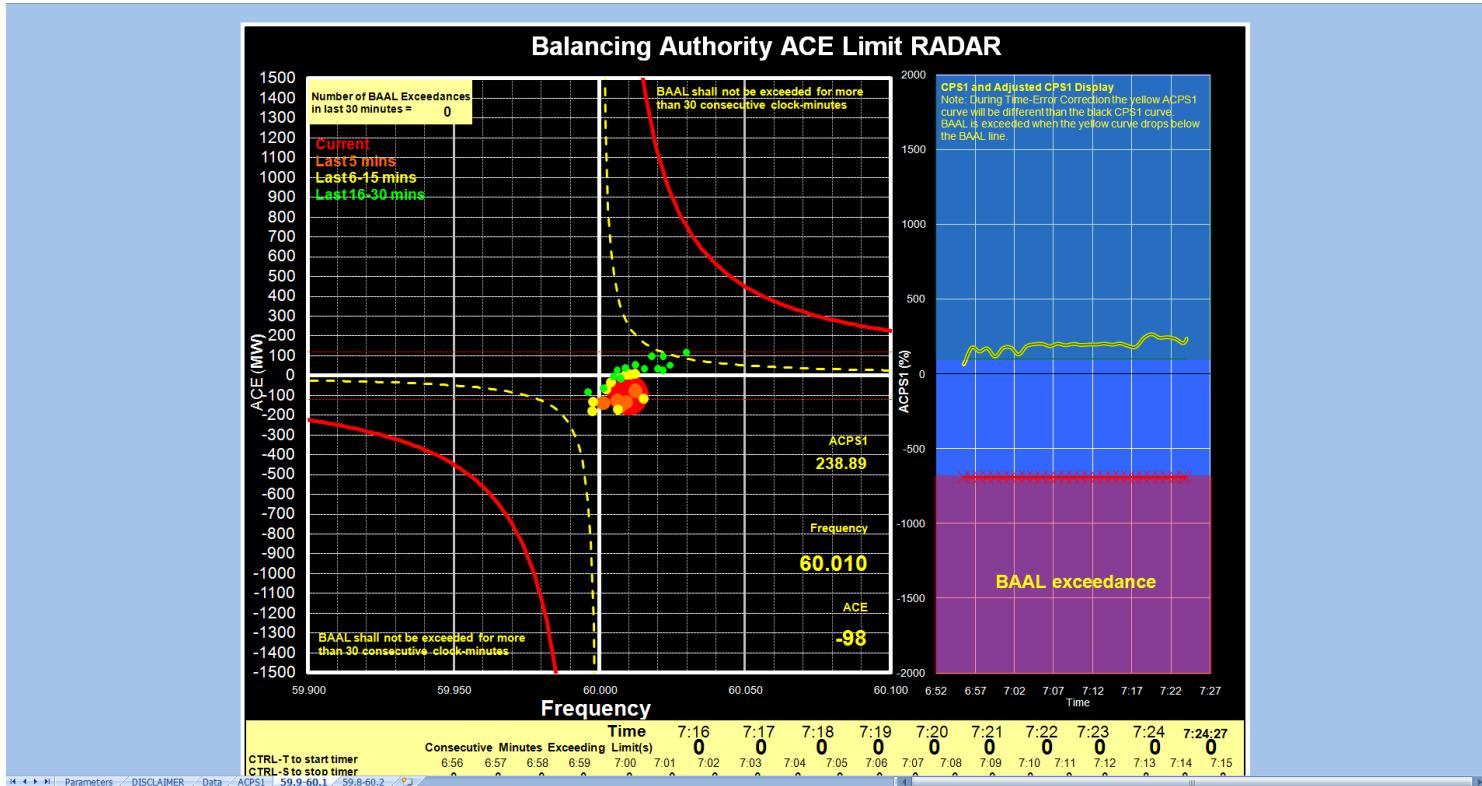
# CAISO PI System Display – reliability back-up tie line display with ACE-Area Control Error/FREQ



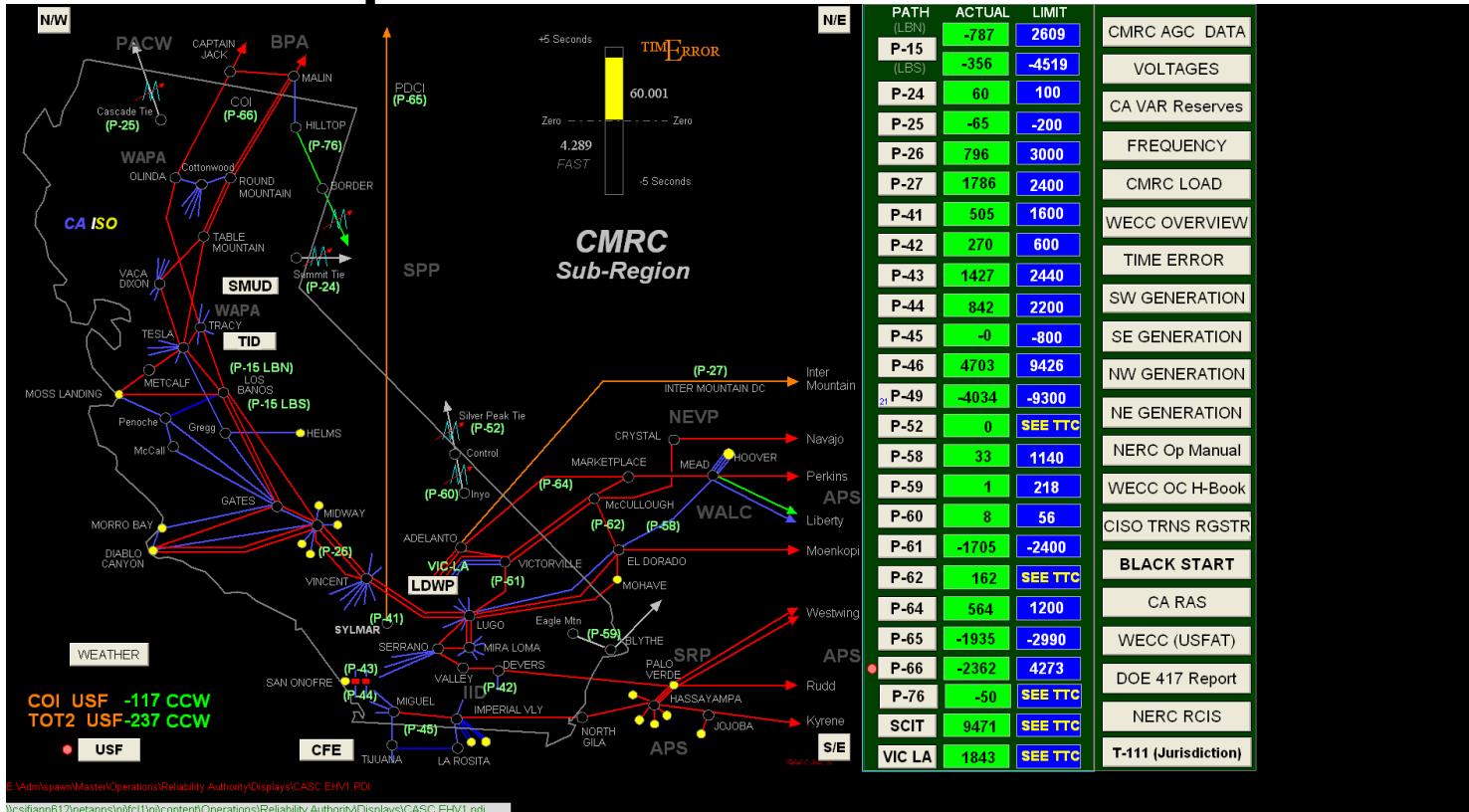
# CAISO PI System Display – reliability CAISO AGC summary



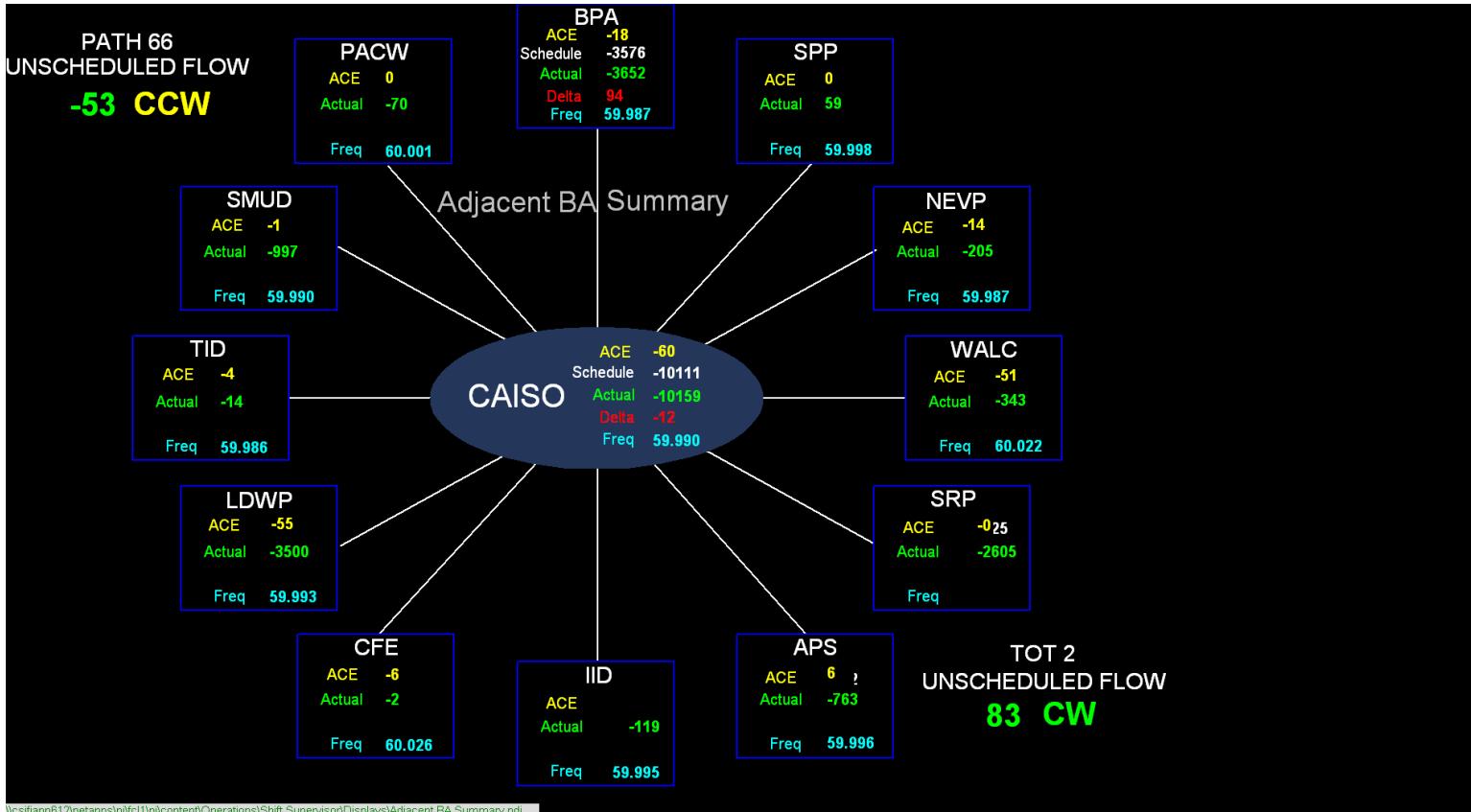
# CAISO PI System Display – reliability balancing authority ACE (Area Control Error) limit radar



# CAISO PI System Display – reliability WECC transmission path overview



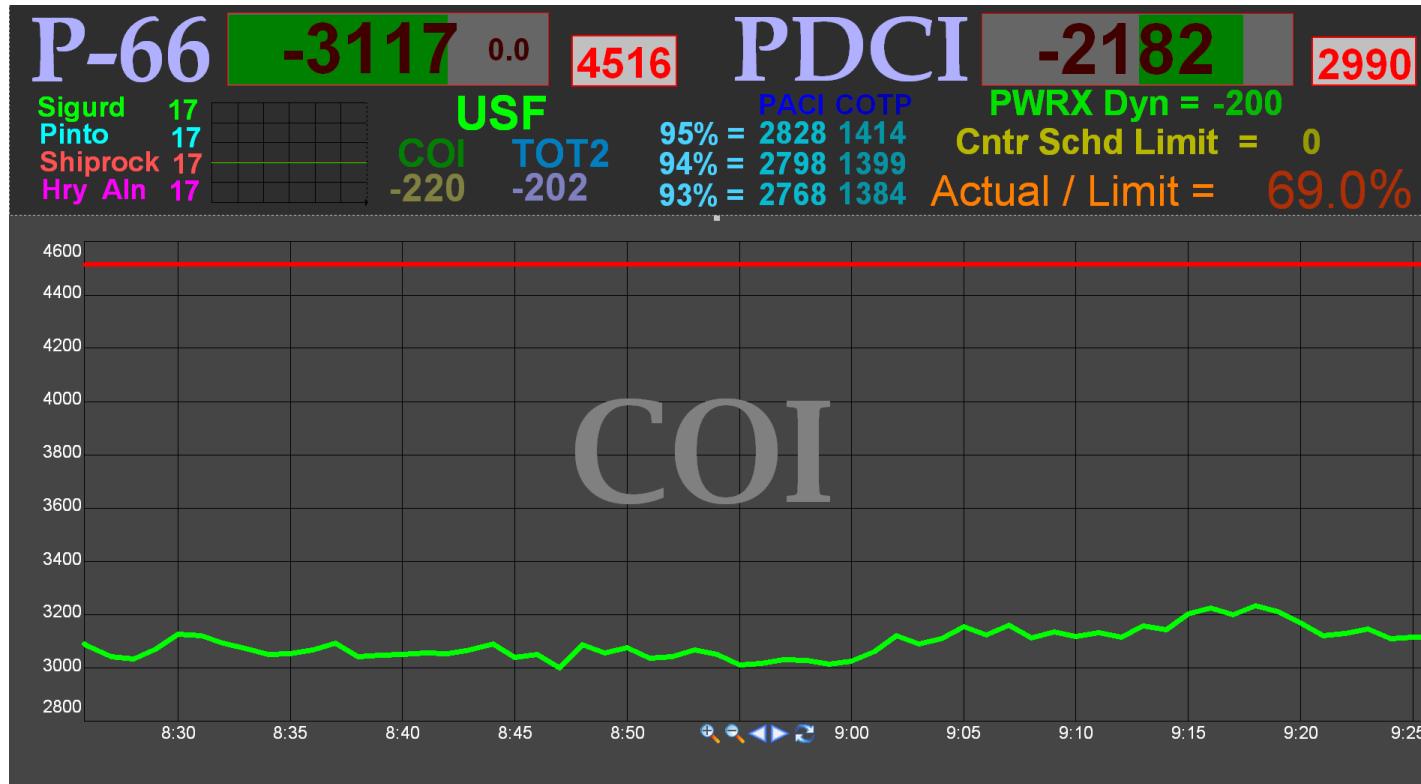
# CAISO PI System Display – reliability adjacent BA summary



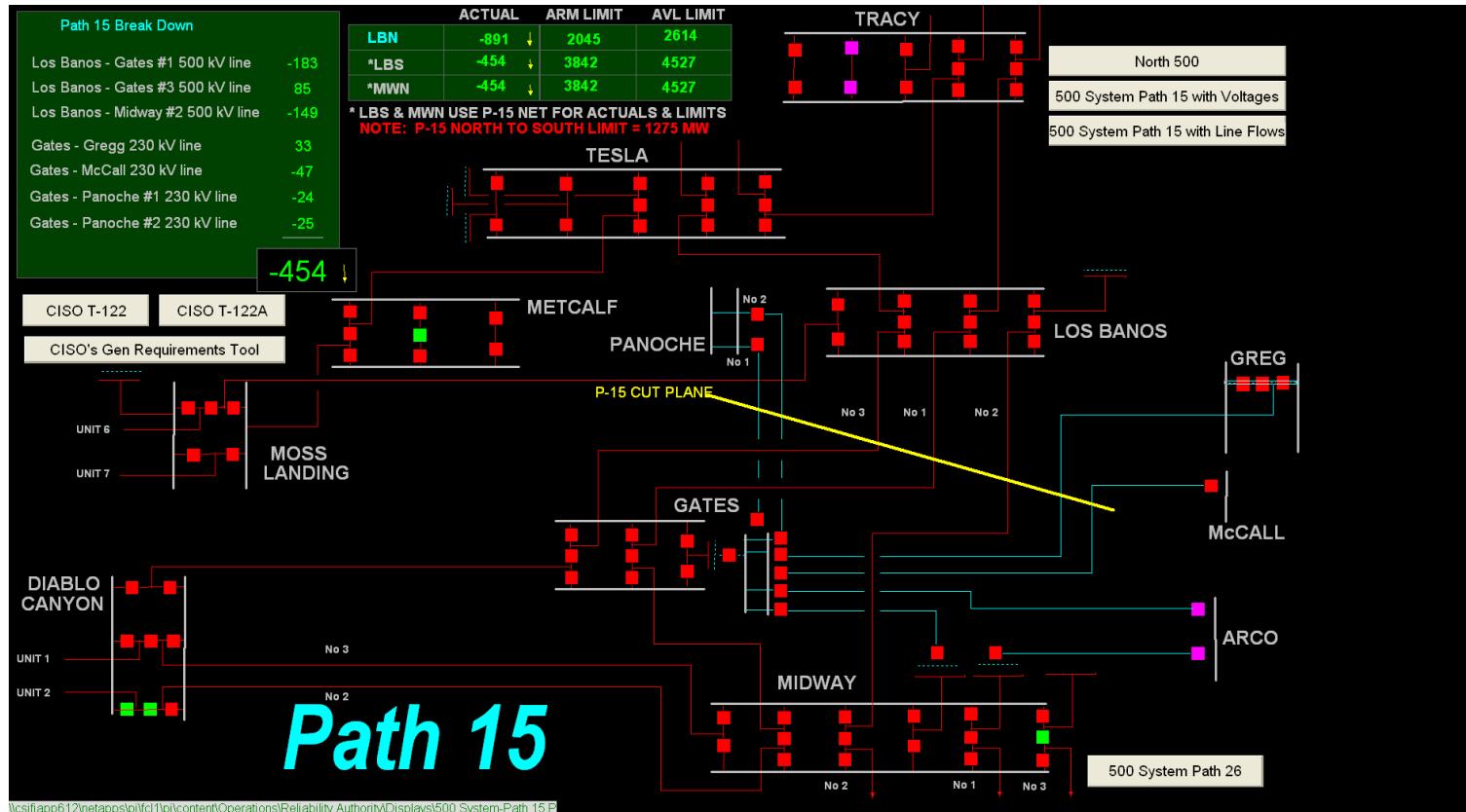
# CAISO PI System Displays

## Transmission

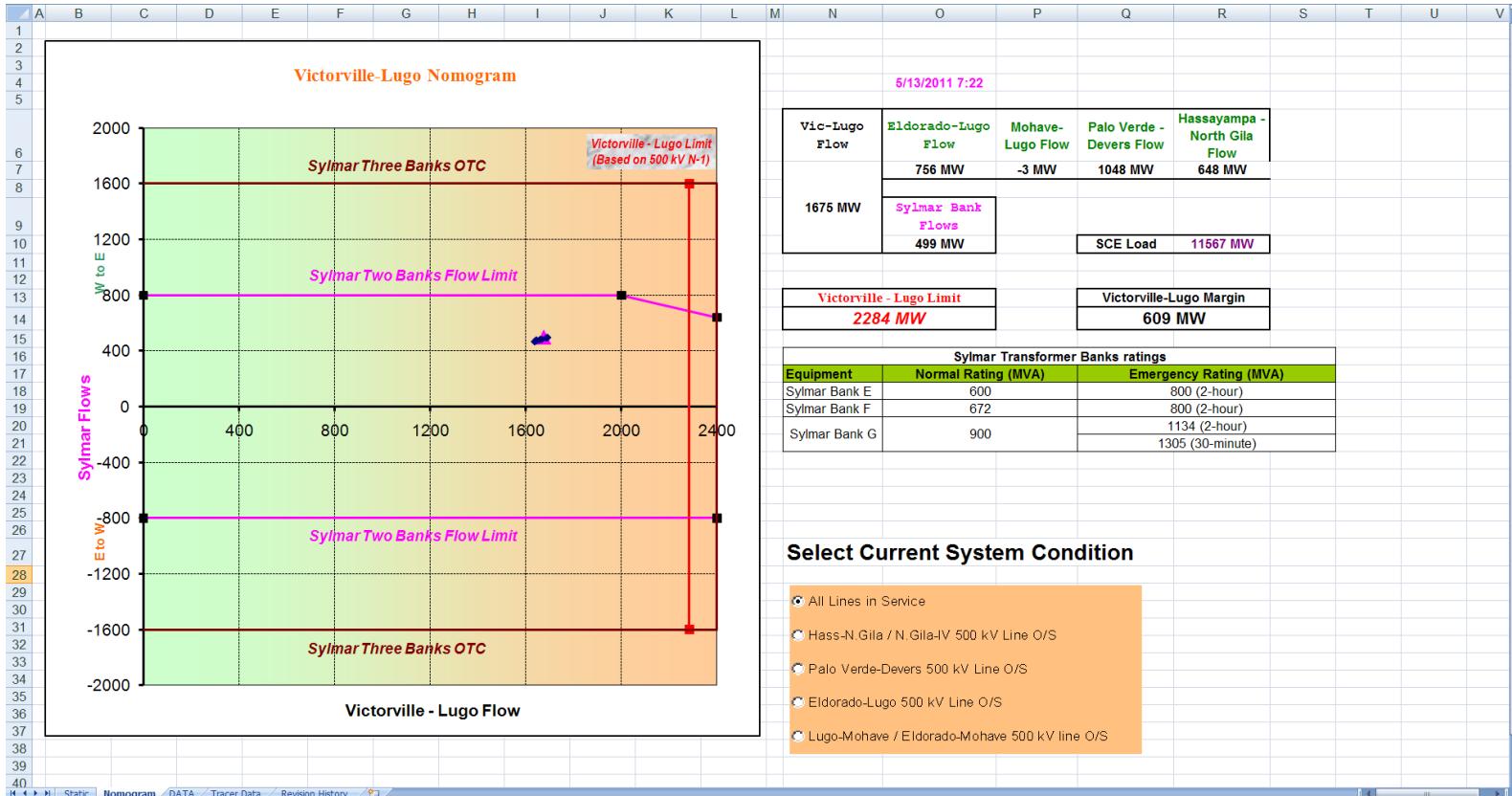
# CAISO PI System Display – transmission California-Oregon Intertie (COI) summary



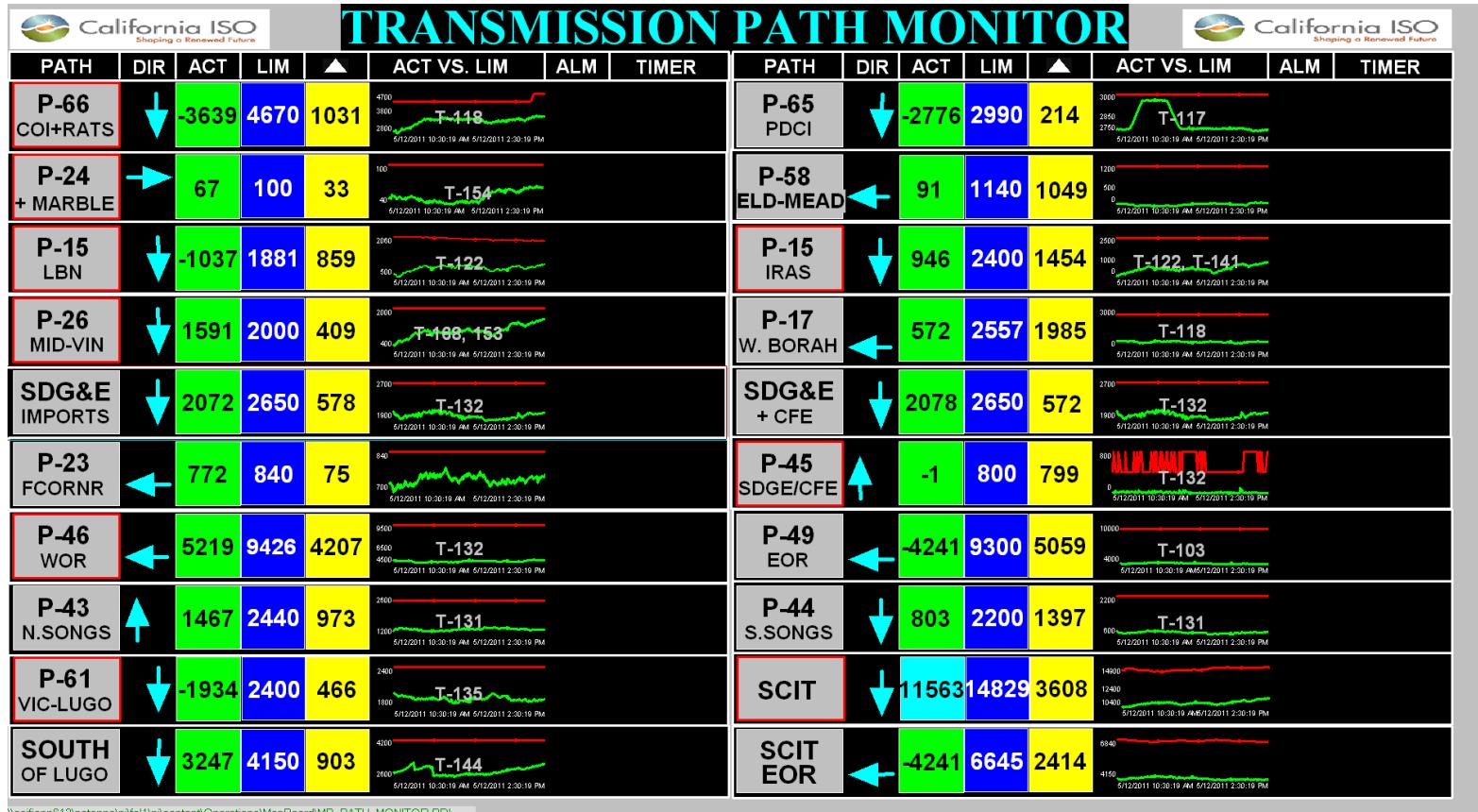
# CAISO PI System Display – transmission path 15 summary



# CAISO PI System Display – transmission nomogram



# CAISO PI System Display – transmission path monitor



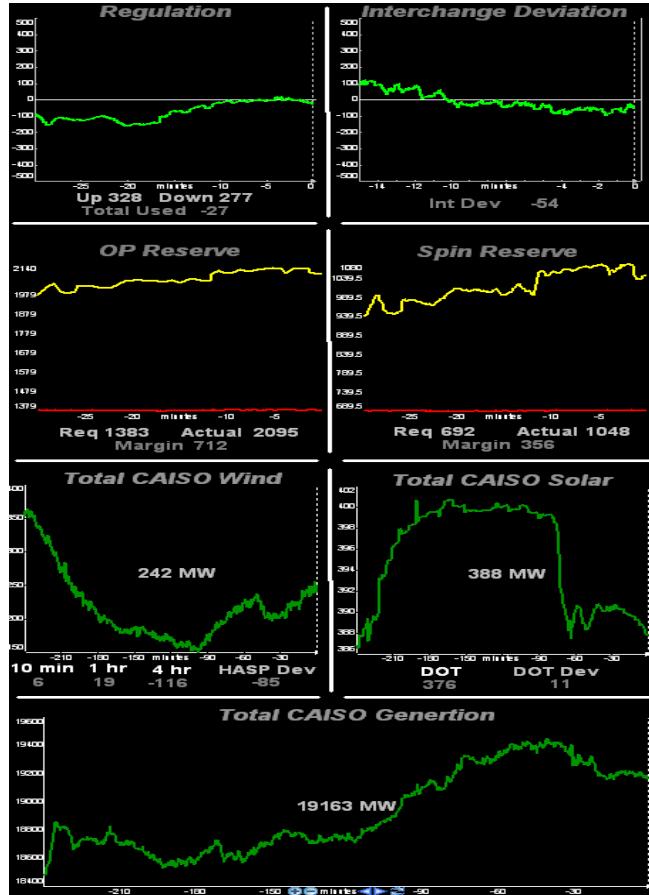


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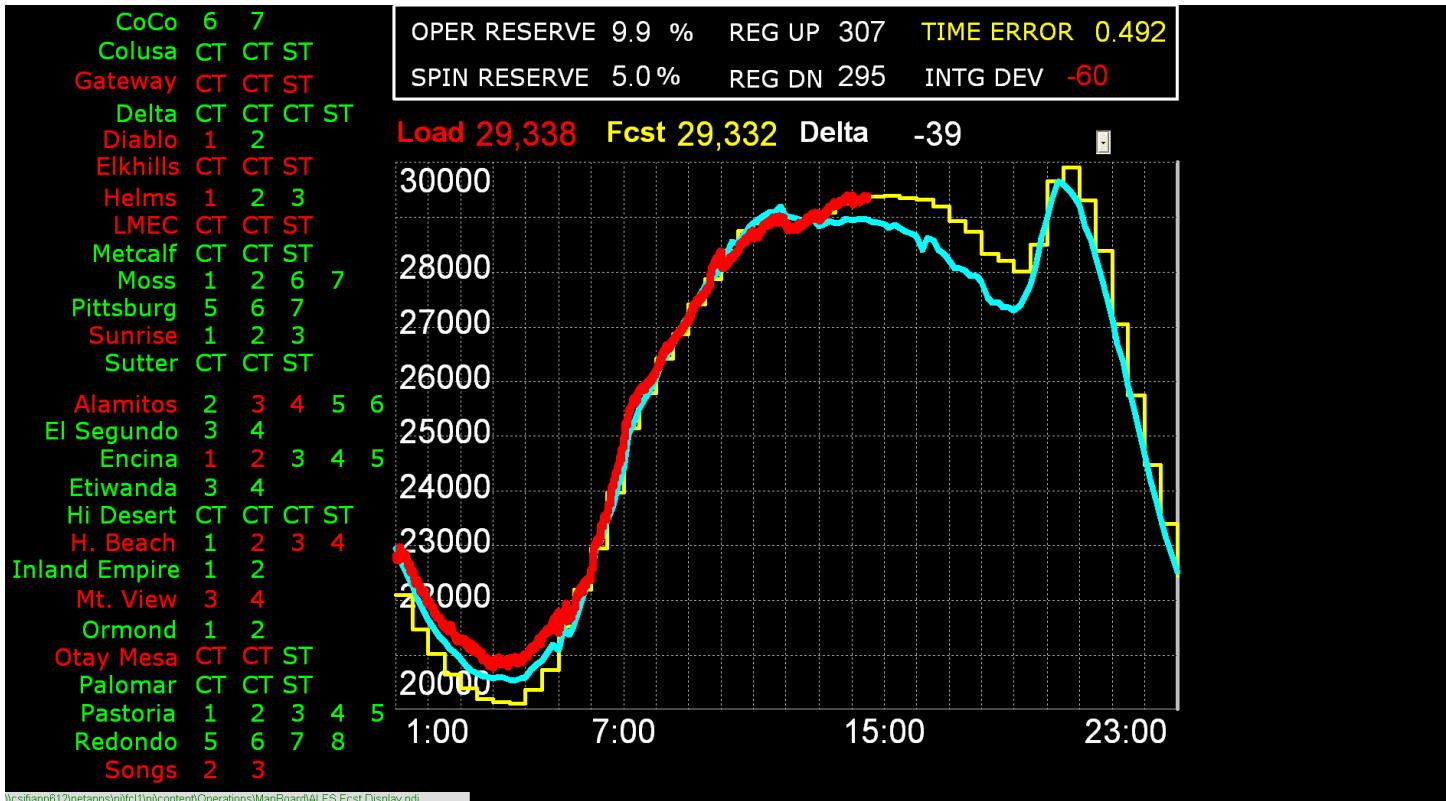
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## Generation

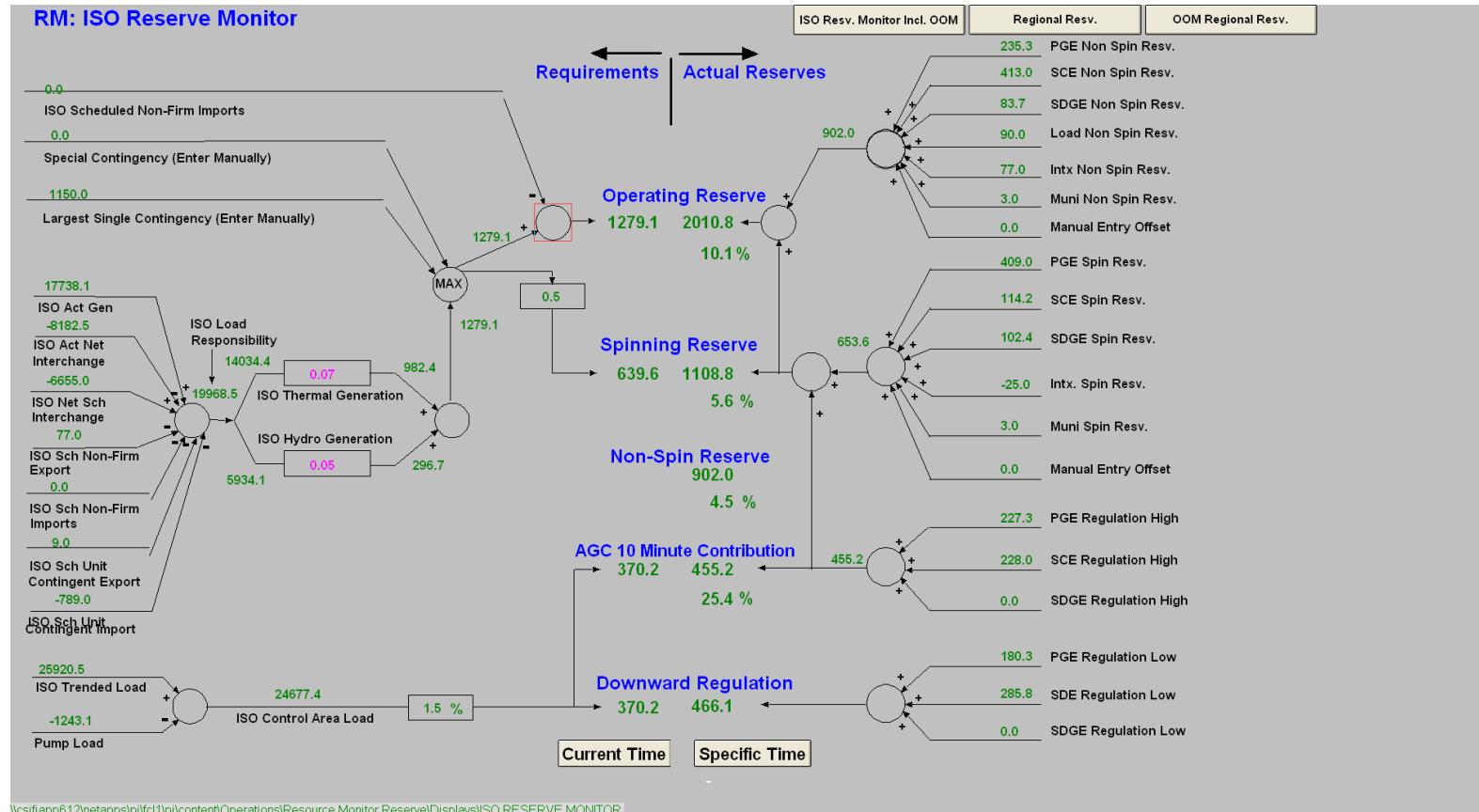
# CAISO PI System Display – generation regulation summary



# CAISO PI System Display – generation load forecast and DCS generator status summary



# CAISO PI System Display – generation CAISO reserve monitor



# CAISO STI/PI System Display – generation – AGC Summary using PI System data

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Fuel Type: BioMass, Cogeneration, Geothermal, Hydro, Nuclear, Peaker, Solar, Thermal, Various, Wind

Generation Output: DOT, Generation Output, Nonspinning Reserves, SLIC Availability, Spinning Reserves

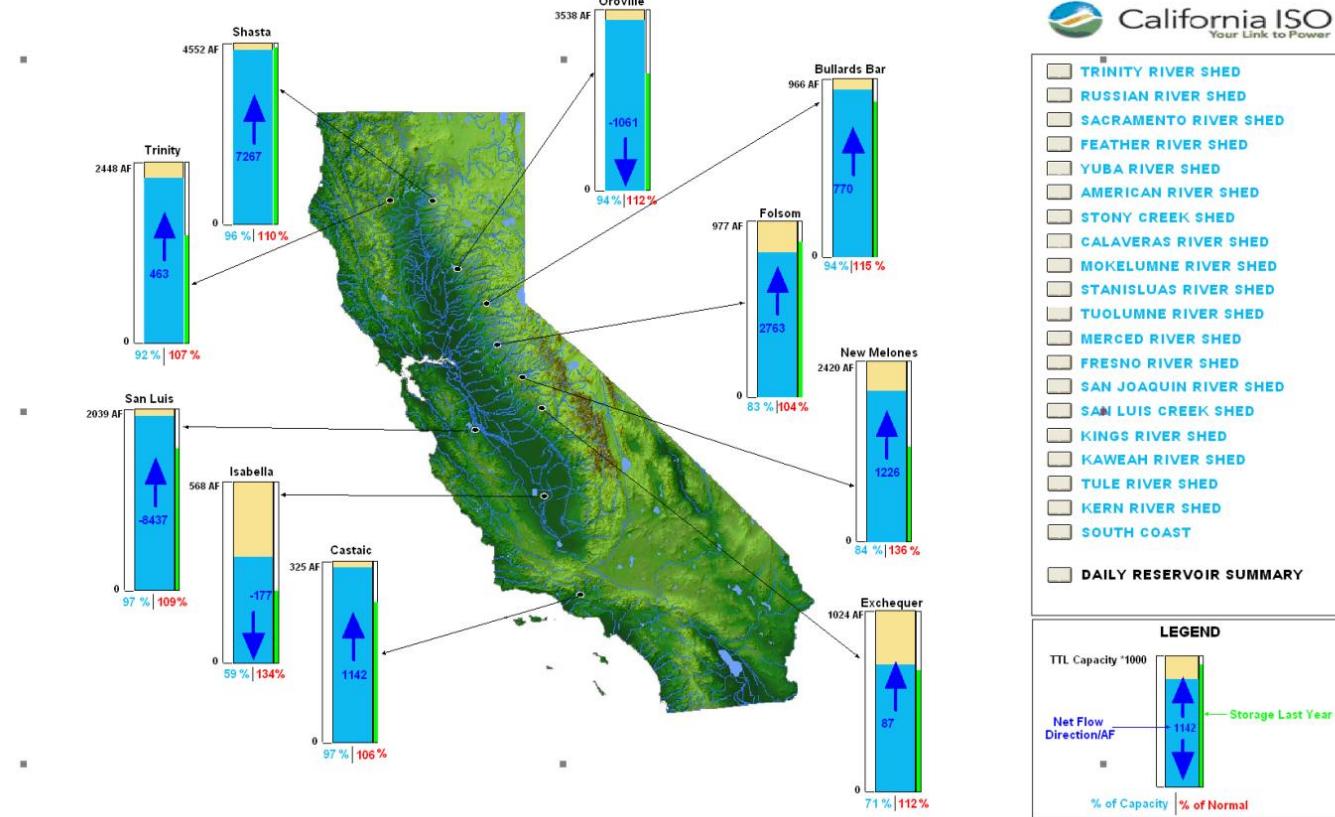
OII: Output vs Availability

Total Generation Output (Sum): 4576.55

OII: Output Summary

Resource Id	SLIC Available	Unit Output	DOT	DOT Deviation	Reactive Res...	Spinning Res...	Non-Spinning Res...
HELMPG_7_UNIT 1	407.00	157.00	83.10	73.90	0.00	243.00	0.00
STANIS_7_UNIT 1	91.00	74.60	61.88	12.71	0.00	0.00	0.00
SYCAMR_2_UNITS	360.00	168.36	156.26	12.10	0.00	0.00	0.00
DVLCYN_1_UNITS	236.80	155.90	170.00	-14.09	0.00	15.00	0.00
ELECTR_7_PLIX3	101.50	85.30	77.00	8.29	0.00	0.00	0.00
COLGAT_7_UNIT 1	168.00	163.30	166.00	-2.69	0.00	0.00	0.00
COLGAT_7_UNIT 2	168.00	166.30	164.00	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00
SBERDO_2_PSP3	525.00	380.10	380.00	0.10	0.00	0.01	0.00
COLVIL_7_PLIX2	246.86	236.90	236.00	0.90	0.00	5.00	0.00
SBERDO_2_PSP4	525.00	380.70	380.00	0.69	0.00	0.01	0.00

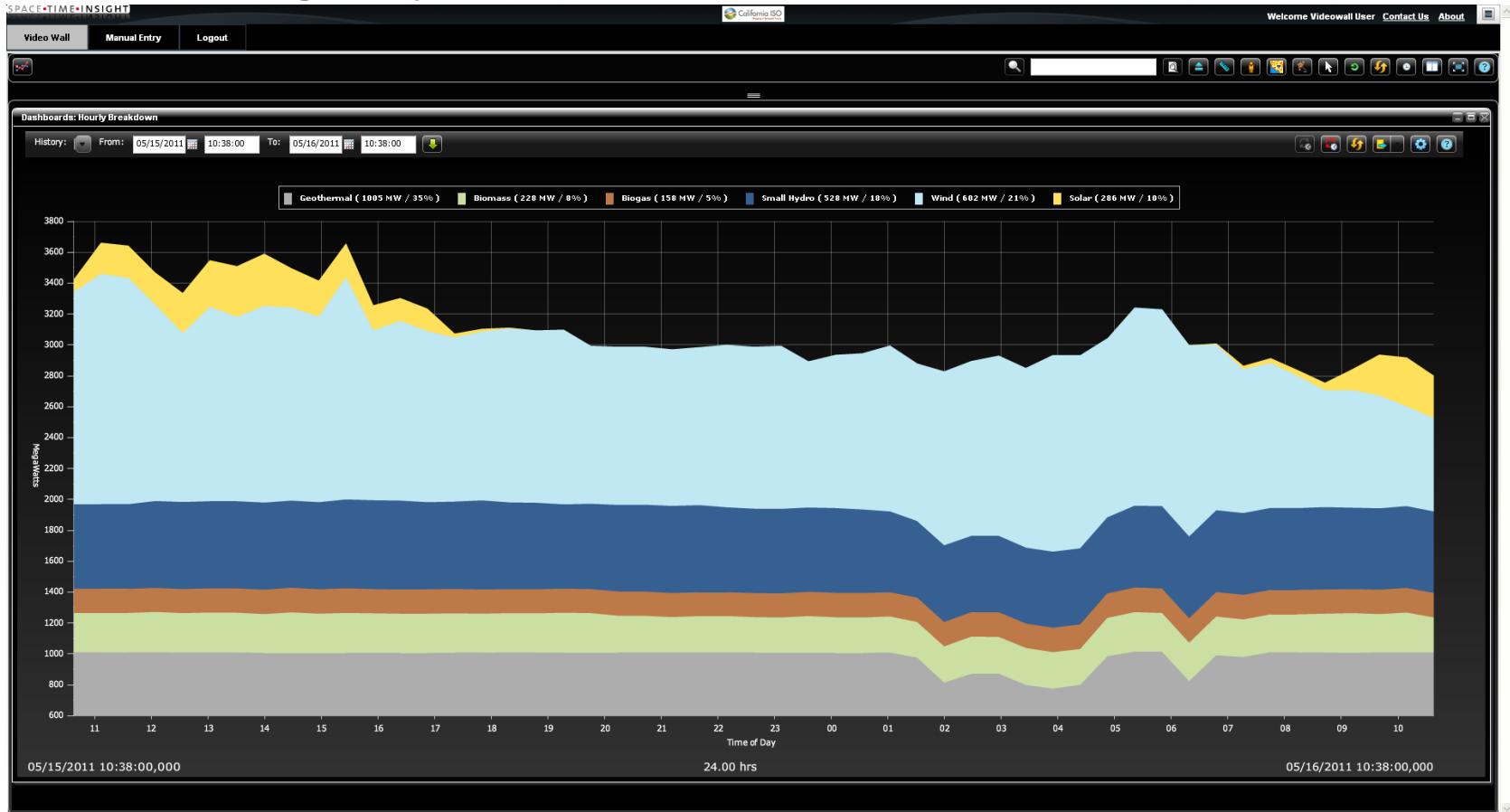
# CAISO PI System Display – generation hydro conditions summary



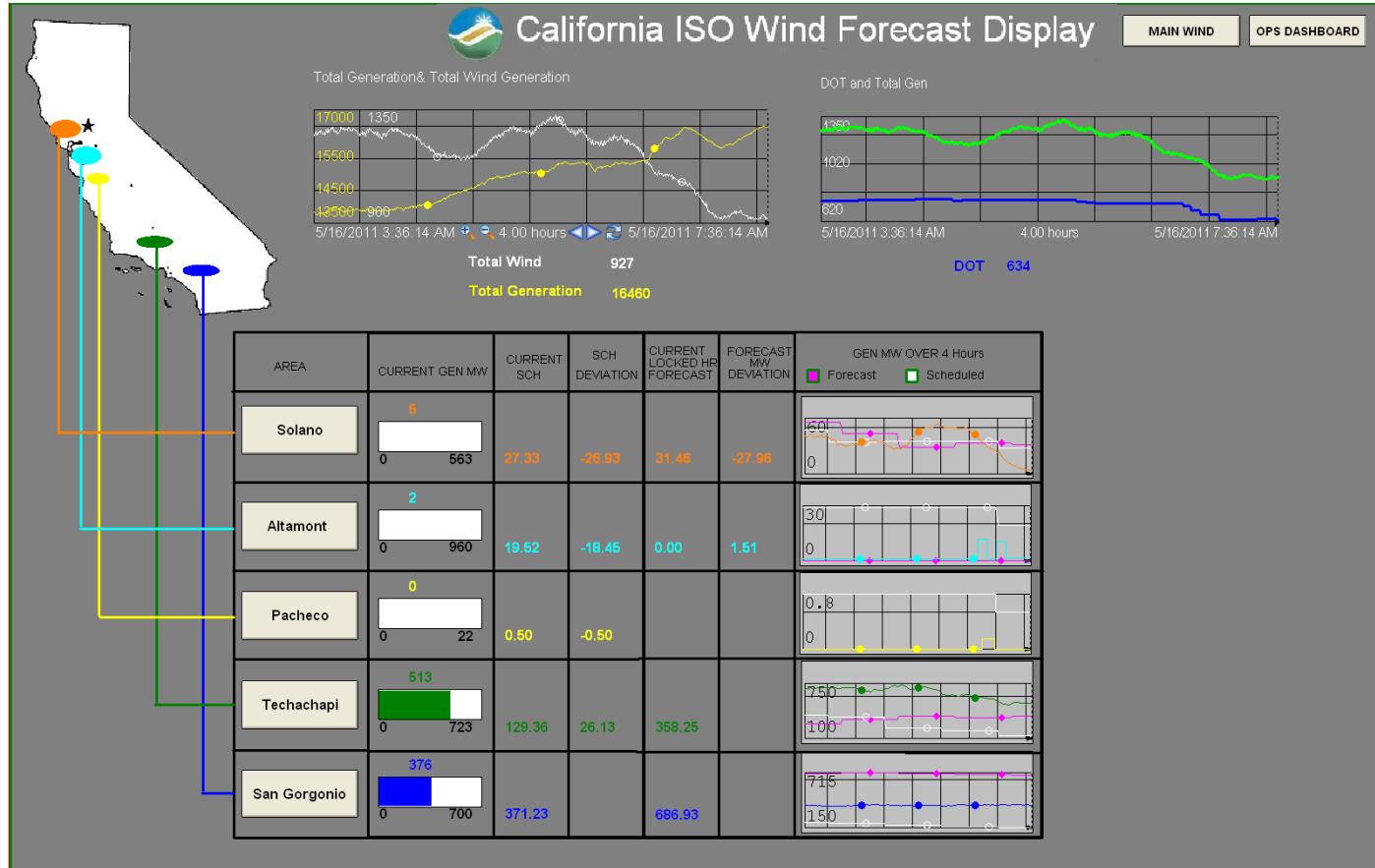
# CAISO PI System Displays

## Renewables

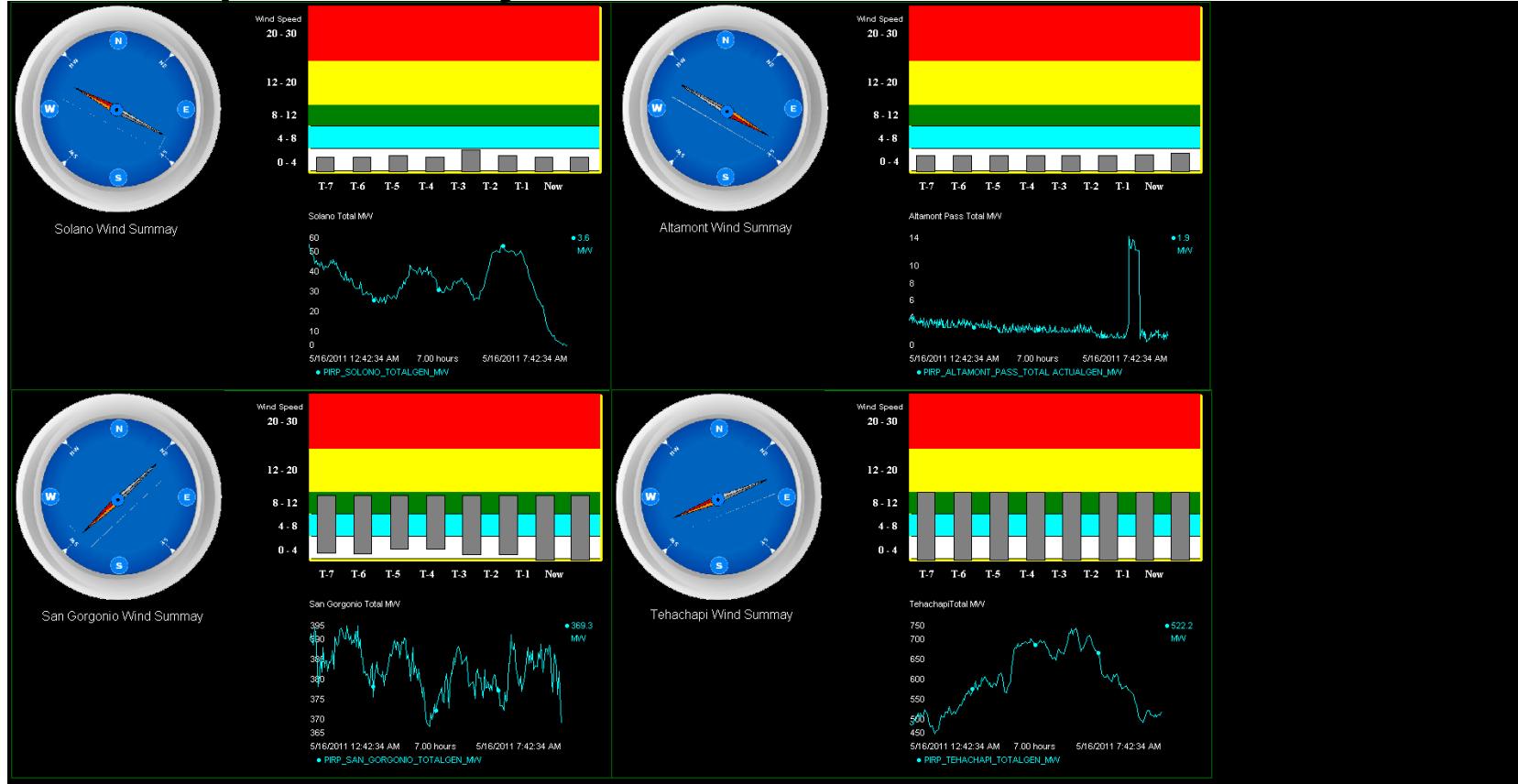
# CAISO STI/PI System Display – 24 hr renewables portfolio using PI System data



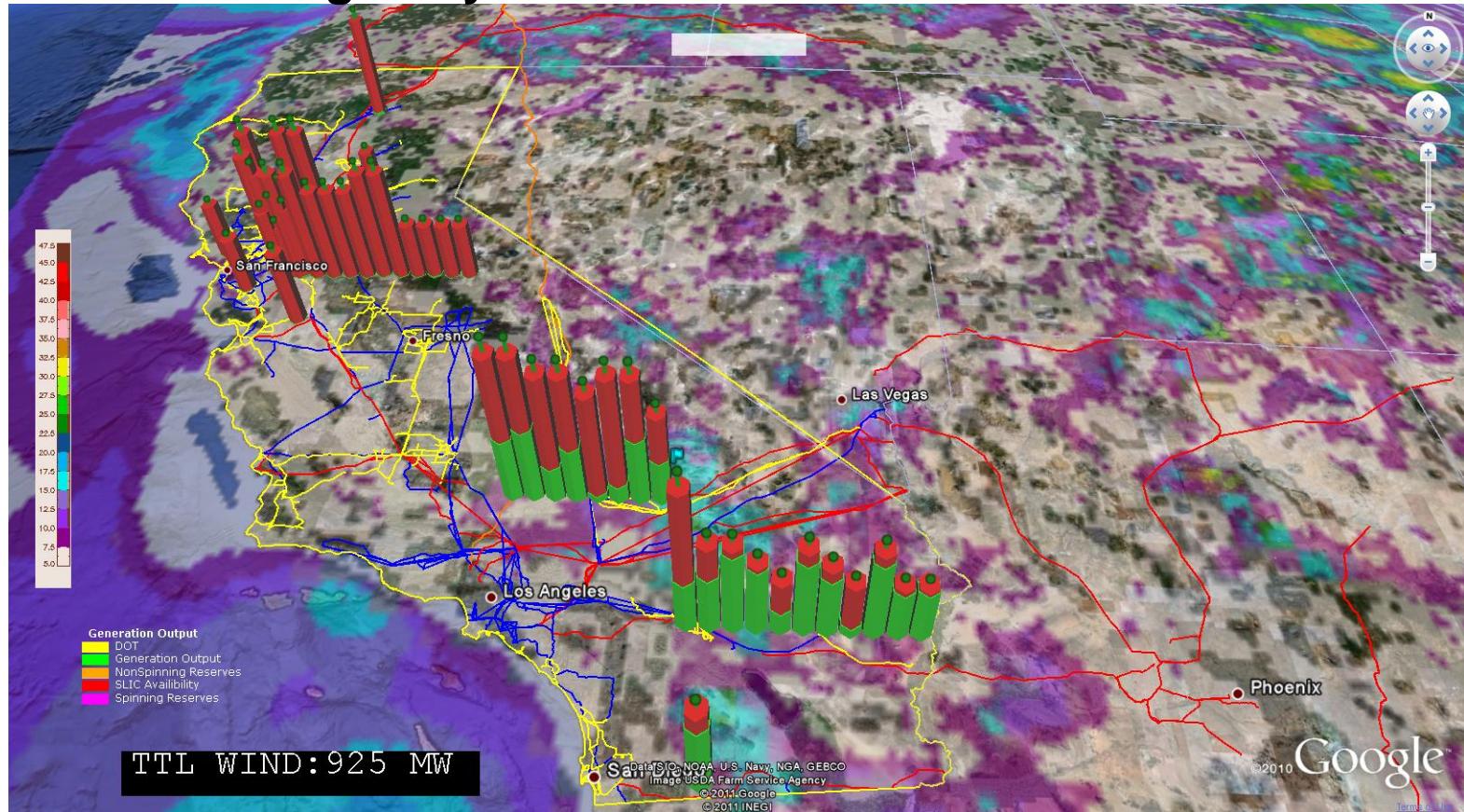
# CAISO PI System Display – wind forecast and generation summary



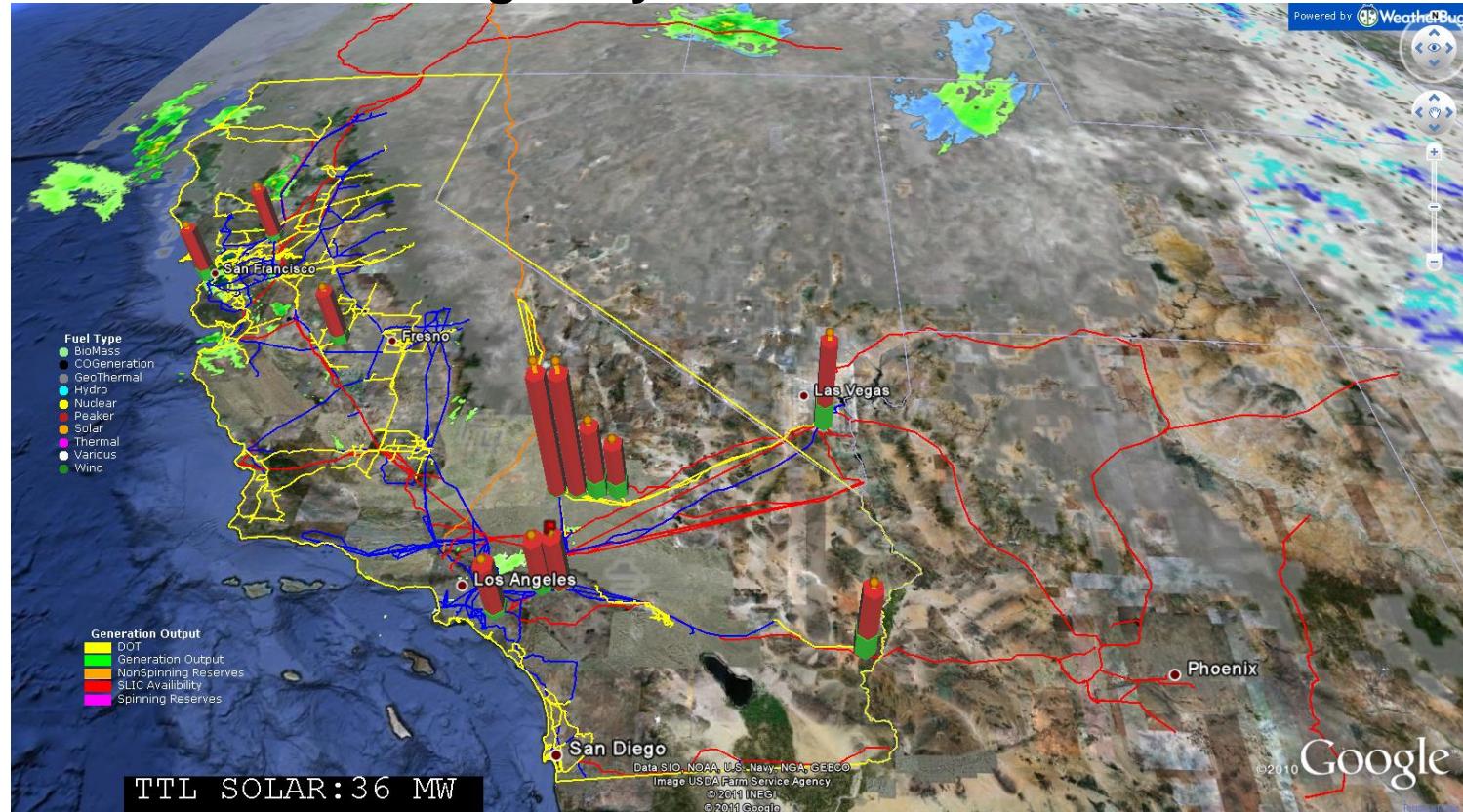
# CAISO PI System Display – wind speed, directions and output summary



# CAISO STI/PI System Display –wind speed contour and wind generation using PI System data



# CAISO STI/PI System Display –solar generation summary with cloud cover using PI System Data



# CAISO Current & Future PI System Projects

- Synchro-Phasor Integration
- Western Interconnection Synchrophasor Project
- 56 PMUs already sending data
- 100 PMUs estimated by December 2011
- 180 PMUs estimated by December 2012
- 250 – 300 PMUs estimated by December 2013

**Questions  
or  
Comments?**



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# Thank you