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### Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating Facility

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# Ivanpah Project Facts

#### **IVANPAH Project Facts**

A BRIGHTSOURCE ENERGY CONCENTRATING SOLAR POWER PROJECT



### IVANPAH AT A GLANCE

The world's largest solar thermal project

- Size: 3,600 acres
- Power Production: 370 MW (nominal)
- Homes Served Annually: 140,000
- Customers: PG&E and SCE
- Owners: NRG, Google, BrightSource
- DOE Loan Guarantee: \$1.6B
- Project Financing: \$2.2B
- Construction Commenced: Oct 2010
- Construction Status: 50% + complete
- Construction workers: 2,000
- Expected Completion: 2013 (Q2 Q4)

### **Concentrated Solar Power Overview**





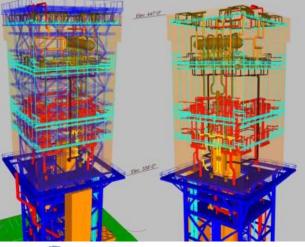
#### **IVANPAH PROJECT SITE**



### Heliostat



SRSG (Boiler)



RILEYPower
 A Babcock Power Inc. Company



### **Concentrated Solar Power Main Components**

#### **SOLAR RECEIVER / BOILER**

Concentrated sunlight converts water in a boiler to high-temperature steam.

#### **HELIOSTATS**

Software-controlled field of mirrors concentrate sunlight on a boiler mounted on a central tower.

#### **TURBINE** Steam powers turbine to produce electricity – then is converted back to water through an air-cooled condenser.

#### AIR-COOLED CONDENSER

Low-impact design, using over 90% less water than competing solar thermal technologies that use conventional wet-cooling.

#### AUXILIARY GAS-FIRED BOILER Allows for hybridization, increased output and the enabling of more reliable electricity production.

#### OPTIMIZATION / CONTROL SOFTWARE

Proprietary optimization software and Solar Field Integrated Control System manage heliostat positioning to optimize concentrated sunlight on the boiler.

STORAGE

When integrated, cost-effective thermal energy storage extends solar electricity production into later parts of the day after the sun goes down.

# Play "Fly by" of Power Block

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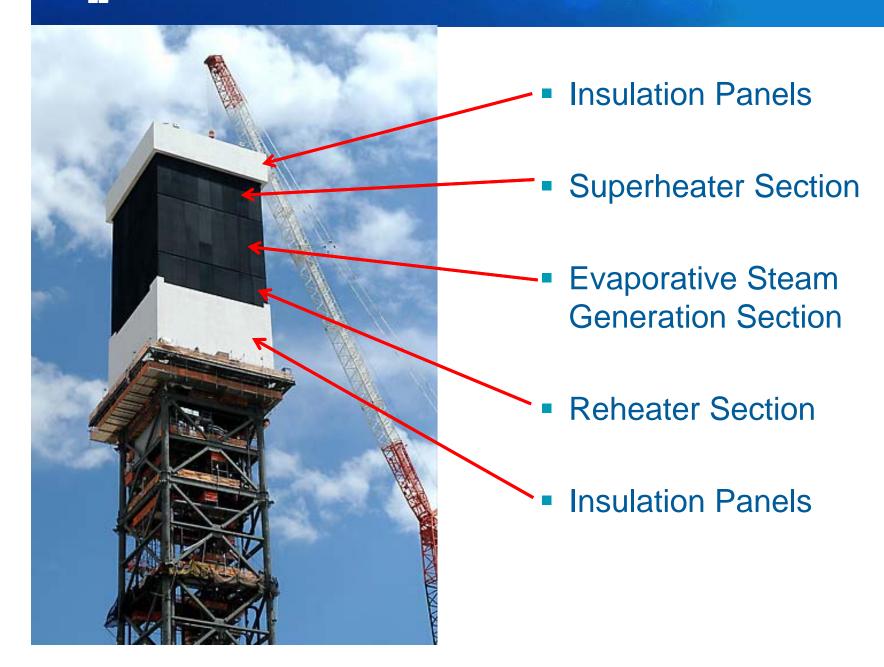


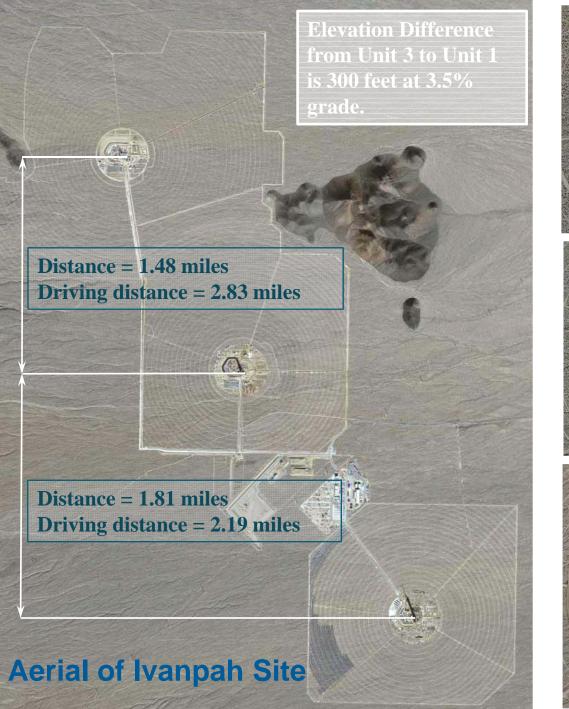
### Solar Tower & SRSG

- Top of Solar Receiving Steam Generator (SRSG)
   = 450 feet
- Top of Steel Structure = 327 feet
- 7,533 tons of steel
- 9 tower tiers
  - Tiers 1 4 = Stick built
  - Tiers 5 9 = Modularized, including pipe & hangers

Tuned Mass Damper to reduce tower movement = 100 tons

### SRSG – Inside out, upside down boiler













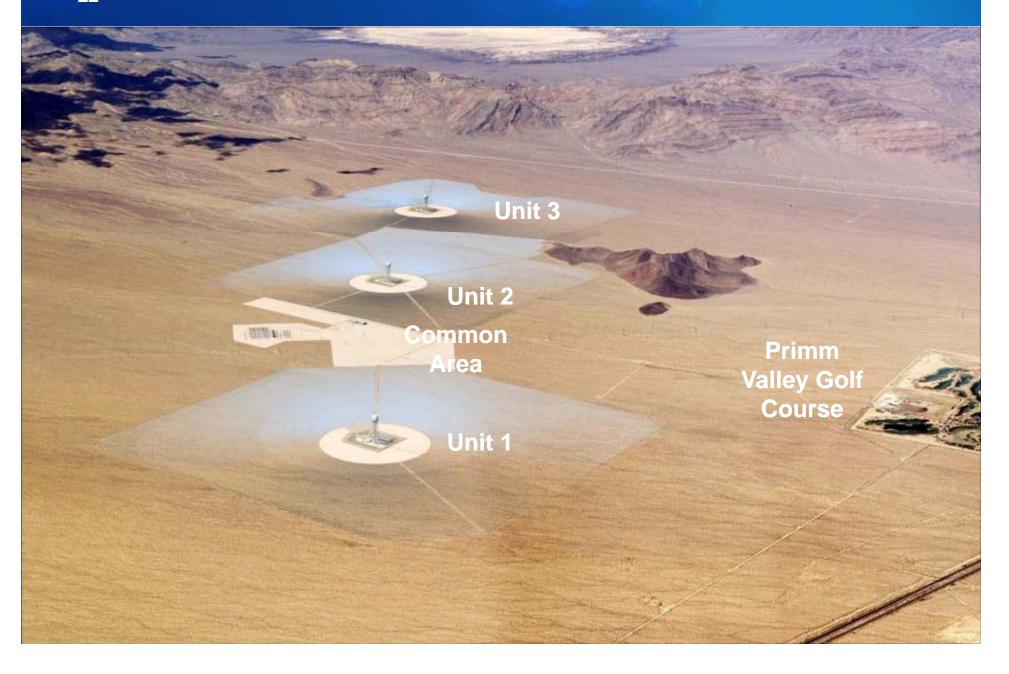


### Unit 1 Construction Progress



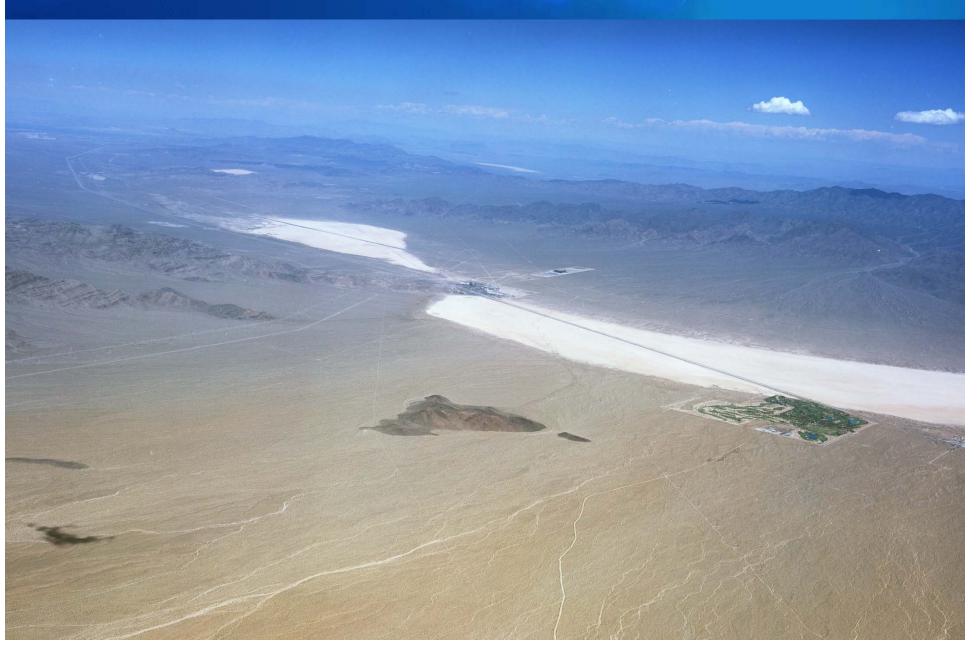
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Milestones	5/14: Main boiler feed-pump	<ul> <li>5/22: SRSG steam drum</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>5/23: WSAC foundation placement</li> <li>5/31: 1<sup>st</sup> SRSG boiler lift</li> <li>5/31: Auxiliary boiler foundation</li> </ul>

### Ivanpah – Original Artist Rendering









### Overview - Ivanpah Site as of Feb 2012

Unit 3 Unit 2 Common Area

Unit 1

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### Overview - Ivanpah Site as of May 2012

### Unit 3

### Unit 2

**Common Area** 

Substation (SCE)

Construction logistics area

Unit 1

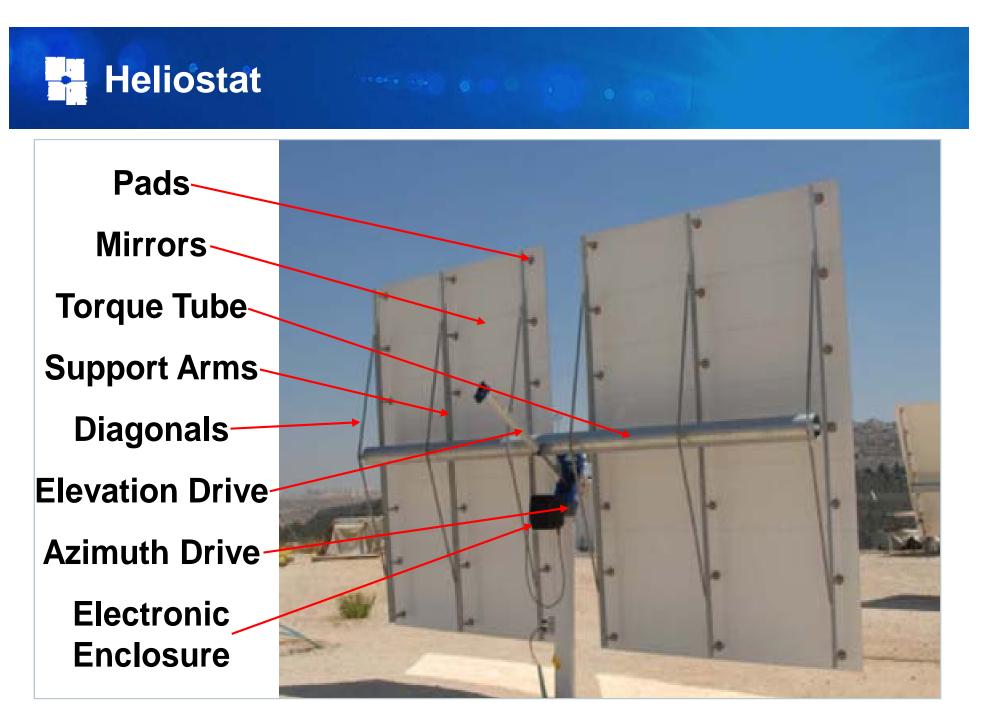
Photo taken May 2012

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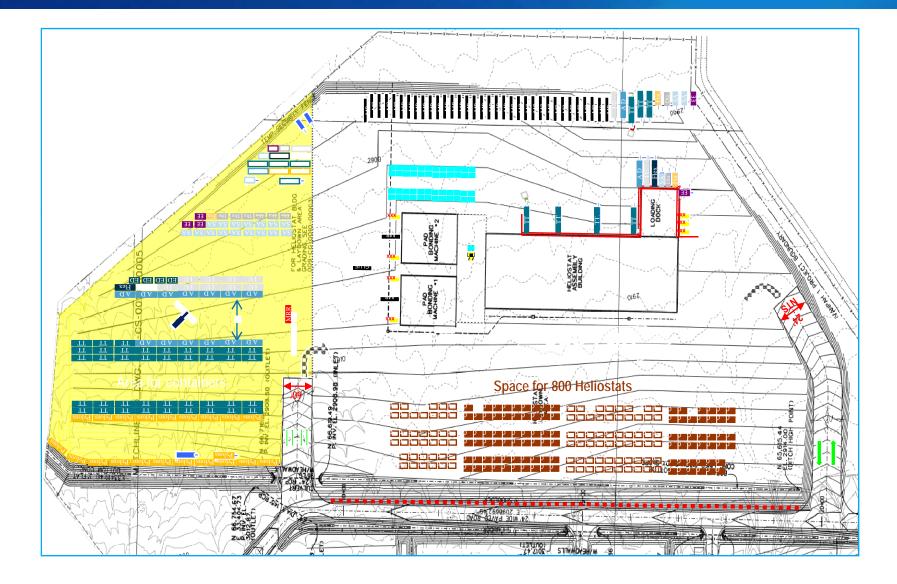


# Overview – Ivanpah Site as of July 2012





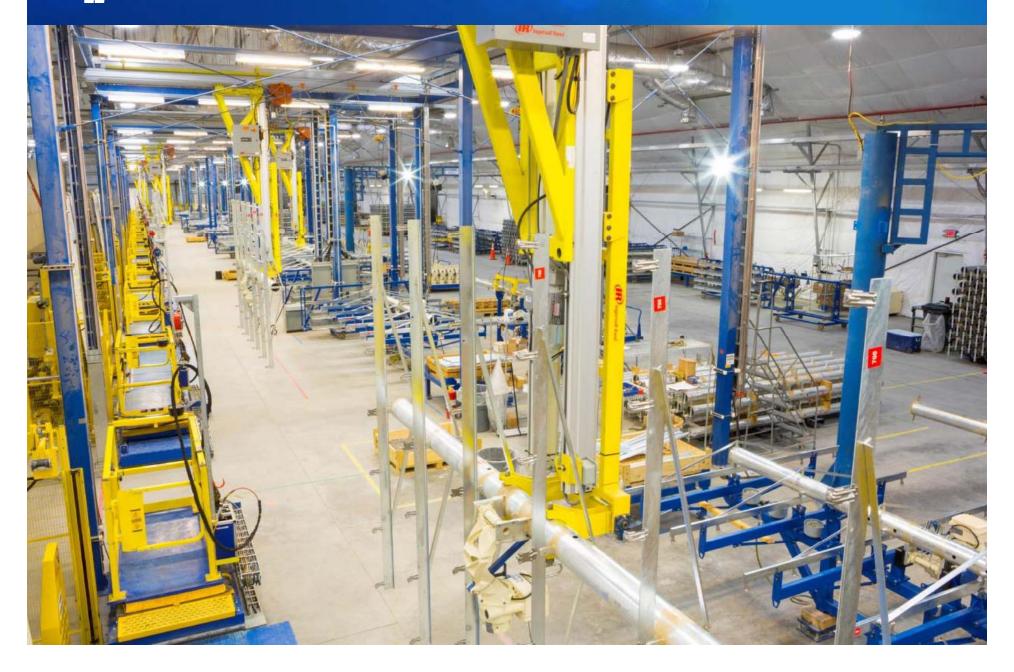
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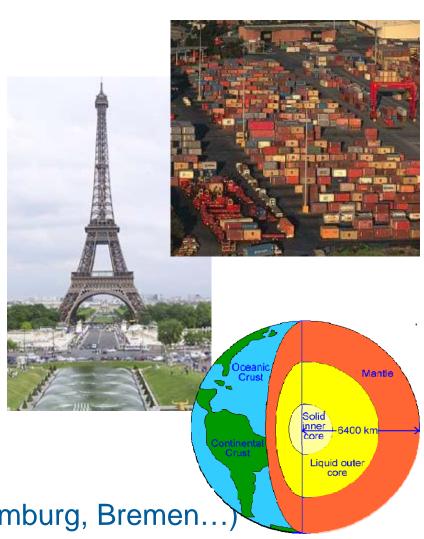


### Integration of Supply and Assembly at Site



### BrightSource Supply Chain Key Figures

- 22,000,000 key Heliostat components
- 30,000 Ton of Heliostat support structural steel (~3 X the total metal in Eiffel Tower)
- 2,000 Km of cables
   (~1/6 of Earth's diameter)
- 4,000 truck loads; average of 55 per week
- Over 7,000 schedule tasks
- Import/Export via ~10 ports (Haifa, Shanghai, Ningbo, Hamburg, Bremen...



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# Pylon Insertion Machine



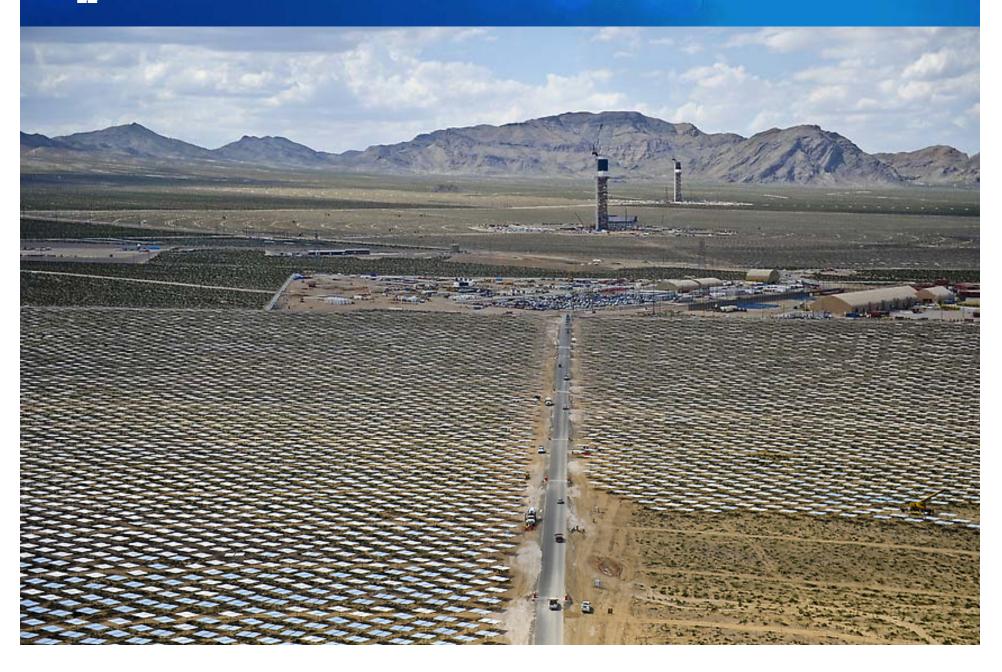
### Transportation of Heliostats to Solar Field



### Installation of heliostats; 500/day



### Unit 1 Solar Field looking at Unit 2 & Unit 3



### Ivanpah – Current Status

- Construction is half-way complete
- Installed 27 miles of plant piping
- Assembled and installed about 100,000 pylon supports and 50,000 heliostats
- Installed 3,000 heliostats a week in the last three weeks "one-a-minute"
- Solar towers for Units 1, 2, 3 are erected
- SRSG for Units 1 and 2 are erected; Unit 3 tops out next month
- Unit 1 to enter testing and commissioning phase

### Solutions for First of a Kind Challenges

- Logistics in assembling and transporting 173,000 heliostats across 3,600acre project site
- Operation and use of 3 tower cranes at 450 feet tall
- Only 22 of these cranes in world
- Lifting 90-ton modules to a height of over 300 feet

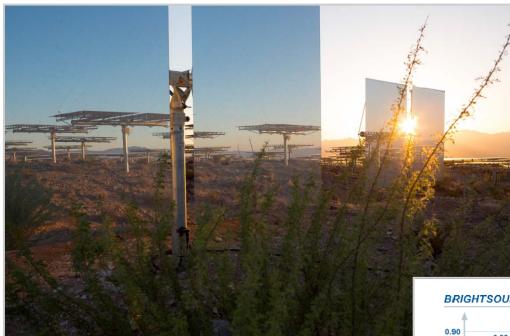


### Labor and Equipment

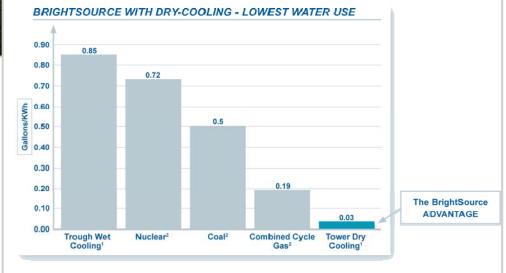
- Peak construction workers = over 2,000
- Project supports additional jobs throughout supply chain
- Local building trades staffing project
- More than 50% of ocean freight is shipped aboard USflagged vessels
- Pay prevailing wages
- Construction equipment selection minimizes environmental impact



### Low Impact Development



- Highly land efficient; 1/3 less land per MWh
- Provides for heliostat placement and flexible plant design to work within natural land contours
- Avoids impacts and costs of extensive land grading and concrete pads



### Key design parameters:

- Water Use: dry-cooling, conservation and closed-loop recycling
  - Uses air instead of water to condense steam
  - Uses over 90% less water than CSP using traditional wet-cooling

### A "Cool Project" – World's Largest CSP

### **Environmental Benefits**

1,000,000	<ul> <li>MWh of electricity per year</li> <li>~300 average sunny days</li> </ul>
140,000	<ul> <li>Typical U.S. homes powered per year</li> </ul>
70,000	<ul> <li>Cars off the road, per year (avoided emissions equivalent)</li> </ul>
12,300,00	<ul> <li>Metric tonnes of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> over 30-year life-cycle (363,000 MT/yr)</li> </ul>
123,350 (100 AF)	<ul> <li>Cubic meters of water used per year (less than 300 U.S. homes)</li> </ul>
Less than 1%	<ul> <li>Concrete surface impacted. None used with pylons. Low impact construction design.</li> </ul>

"Ivanpah is an iconic infrastructure project that will set the course for the future of renewable energy in the US and around the world," said John Woolard, President & CEO, BrightSource Energy. Enough reflective area to cover approximately 600 football fields...enough mirrors to replace all the windows of the Empire State building...54 times



### Solar Thermal Power Tower Technology Solar To Steam

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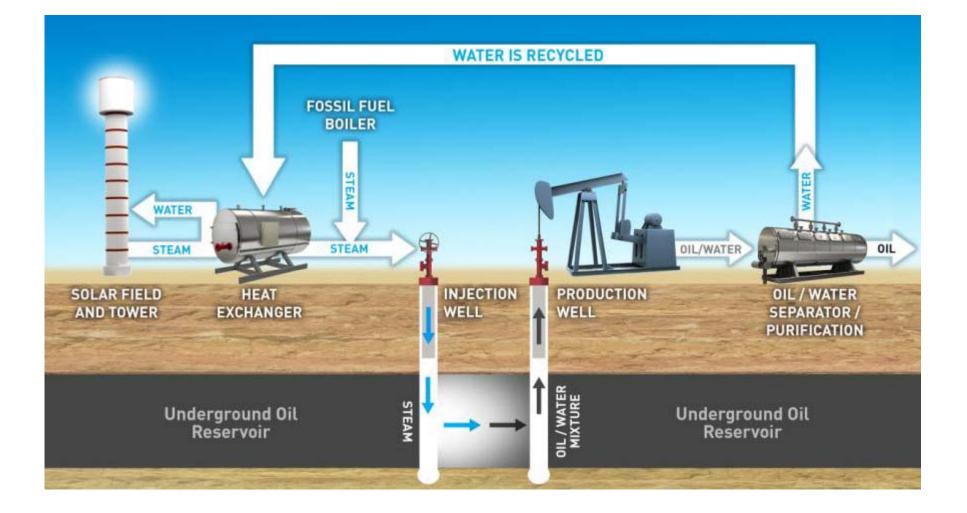
BrightSource Energy designs, develops and deploys concentrating solar thermal technology to produce high-value steam for electric power, petroleum and industrial-process markets worldwide.



# Chevron's Coalinga Project - Solar-to-Steam for Thermal Enhanced Oil Recovery



### Coalinga Solar-to-Steam Flow Diagram



### Coalinga Solar-to-Steam EOR Project



### Key Design Parameters:

- 29MWth for Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)
- 100 acres
- 98.5 meter receiver tower with boiler
- 20.5 meter boiler
- 3,822 heliostats (55,000 m<sup>2</sup> reflecting area)
- Mechanical completion / testing complete







### Selected Technology Features:

- Saturated steam
- Heat exchanger
- Closed loop boiler water feed
- Ties into existing steam injection system

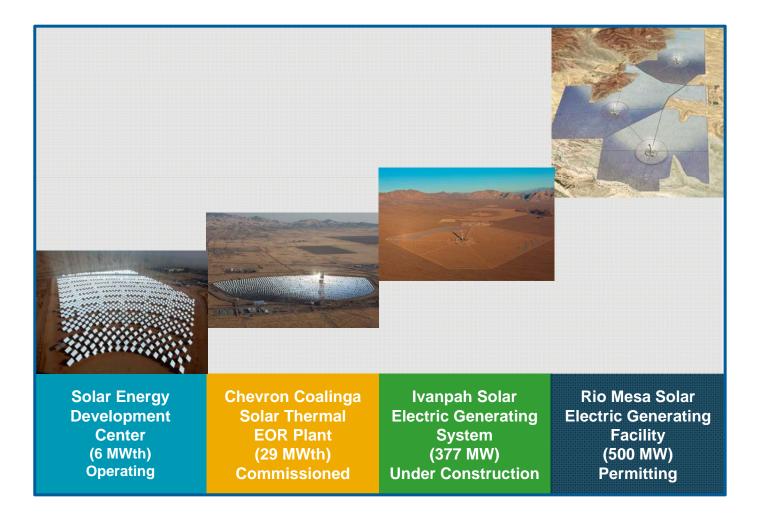
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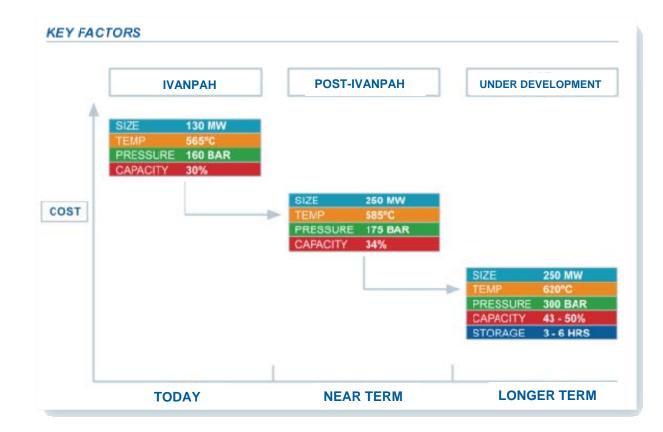
# Power vs. EOR Application Differences

	Power	EOR
Power Block	Power Block	No Power Block
Receiver	Evaporated + Superheated + Re-heater	Evaporator
Steam	Temperature: 560+ °C Injected into the Turbine	Saturated Steam 300+ °C Injected down the reservoir
Pressure	160 + Bar	60-70 Bar
Heat Exchanger	No Heat Exchanger	Heat exchanger between clean water / dirty water loops
Solar Field + Tower	same	same

# Technology Scale-Up



# Industry-Leading Technology Roadmap



- MW Increased size drives power block cost effectiveness
- **C** BAR High temperature and increased pressure drive turbine efficiency and lower costs
- **MRS** Additional capacity and storage yield higher efficiency and increased asset utilization

#### **BrightSource Power Tower Components**



#### OPTIMIZATION/ **CONTROL SOFTWARE**

Proprietary optimization software and Solar Field Integrated Control System (SFINCS) manage heliestat positioning to optimize concentrated sunlight on the boiler



Software-controlled field of mirrors concentrate sunlight on a boiler mounted on a central tower





STORAGE

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(BOILER)

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AIR COOLED CONDENSER



#### **AUXILIARY BOILER**

# Heliostats Overview





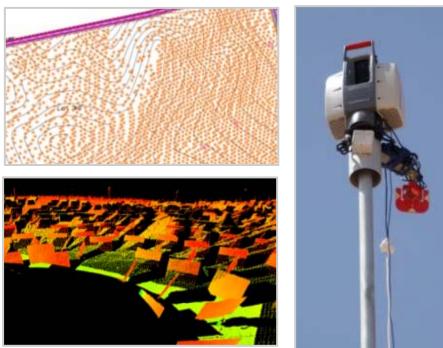
Two flat glass mirrors (2.3m x 3.3m) mounted on a single pylon equipped with a computercontrolled drive system

- Heliostat individually positioned to optimize annual plant output and revenue
- Dual-axis tracking significantly increases plant output, particularly in winter months and late afternoon hours of the day
- Low-impact design avoids costly extensive land grading and concrete pads

### **Proprietary Optimization Control Software Overview**

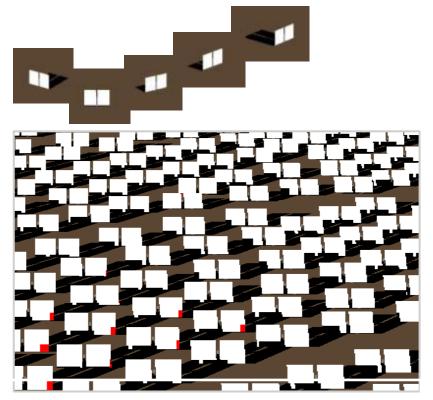
Solar Field Integration and Control System (SFINCS)

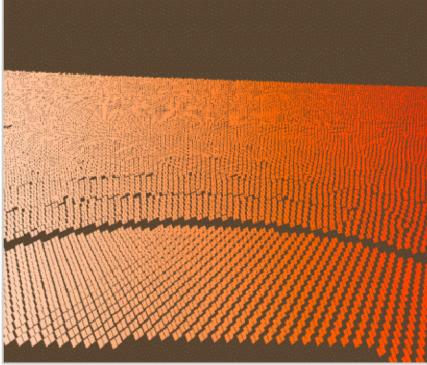




- Algorithmic software determines the optimal position of each heliostat accounting for the unique conditions of each project site
- Infrared Camera System
- The SFINCS control system manages distribution of energy across the solar receiver using real-time heliostat-aiming and closed-loop feedback
- On-site weather systems, and visual and infrared cameras provide real-time feedback into advanced algorithms for solar field management
- Proprietary optimization and control software maximizes project performance and power production efficiencies

# **Solar Field Optimization**



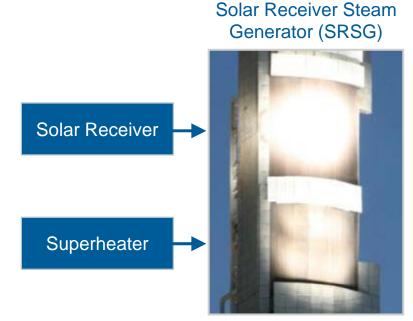


Field layout simulation calculates optimal heliostat positioning to minimize shading, and maximize heat concentration on solar receiver



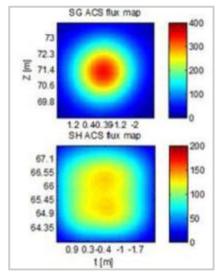
Coordinated field of heliostats enables system to achieve industry-leading steam temperature and pressure levels

# **Solar Receiver Overview**



### SRSG Infrared Image

### SBMS Temperature Measurement



### SOLAR RECEIVER STEAM GENERATOR (SRSG)

- Utility-scale "inside out" boiler heated by reflected solar radiation
- Proprietary coatings for maximum solar energy absorption

#### **SOLAR BOILER MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (SBMS)**

- Matches steam output to load demand
- Camera and sensors transmit real-time heat levels to heliostat control system
- Flexibility to respond rapidly to cloud cover & weather changes

# **CSP Technology: Areas of Focus**

### Solar Field

- Wireless communication and control
- Solar PV powered drives
- Mirror reflectivity, cleaning and anti-fouling
- Heliostat control and accuracy
- Improved measurement devices (flux, tracking)
- Real-time attenuation measurement and cloud coverage
- Weather forecasting, day ahead, hours and immediate

### Receiver

- Advanced "selective" coatings
- Alternative heat transfer fluids
- Secondary reflectors
- Supercritical steam conditions and turbine efficiencies
- High Efficiency Storage Integration



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