



ROLE OF CLEAN ENERGY UTILITY PROJECTS IN SUPPORTING HAWAI'I PANDEMIC RECOVERY

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Who we are and what we do



- Founded in 1904
- Hawaii's only gas utility
- ~340 employees
- ~70,000 customers
- Supply clean energy to all islands

We aim to safely provide Hawai'i with <u>clean energy</u> that is <u>sustainable</u>, <u>affordable</u>, & <u>resilient!</u>

Produce synthetic natural gas (SNG) locally, a mixture with up to 15% mol utility Hydrogen, from recycled water and what some may consider refinery byproduct or waste



https://youtu.be/gYgJfsUpROA



Produce renewable natural gas (RNG) locally, such as Honouliuli, In partnership with City & County of Honolulu, from wastewater

Largest propane supply in Hawaii, with storage on all islands, ensuring statewide resiliency

Further utilize <u>small-scale</u> LNG in limited quantities to provide Affordability and Flexibility for RNG integration





Distribute affordable clean energy through 1,100-mile underground utility pipeline system



Ongoing Pandemic Impact – Hawai'i is our home



Ongoing Economic Impact

- Loss of jobs
- Loss of income
- Some sectors deeply affected
- Renewed focus on local, affordable & reliable clean energy

Ongoing Social Impact

- Feeling remote/isolated
- Some areas are underserved/less resilient
- Staying at home
- Positive community response (together/supporting one another)

Areas of focus / change

- Maintain and create "good" jobs
- Reach underserved communities
- Focus on local, affordable & reliable clean energy
- Revitalize local economy
- Improve Hawaii resiliency
- Continue the "fight" against climate change (decrease GHG)







Ongoing Pandemic Impact – Serving Hawai'i with Aloha







- Commercial and industrial volumes decreased significantly (~40-60%). Besides this, HG Ohana was able to:
 - Maintain statewide operations
 - Maintain employment
 - Continue to support our customers
 - o Provide the same clean, affordable, resilient energy to Hawai'i
- Can this pandemic become a catalyst for change? We believe our Clean Energy Plan can support Hawai'i recovery and:
 - Maintain and create jobs
 - Connect underserved communities
 - Help revitalize key sectors in Hawaii
 - Continue transformation to more utility RNG and Hydrogen
 - Continue to provide clean energy that is sustainable and affordable
 - Improve Hawai'i resiliency

Current and potential local jobs are "well-paying" jobs, above the minimum wages, supporting employees, their families and communities statewide!



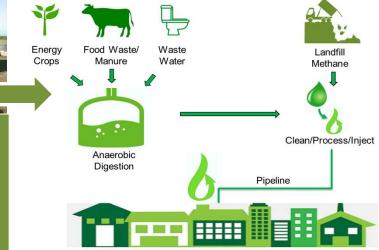
Clean Energy Plan - Support Recovery & "Well-paying" Local Jobs





- Extend existing <u>partnership with</u>
 City and County of Honolulu
- Develop more Waste to Energy
- ✓ Diversify (local) RNG supply

RNG Phased Integration



Green House Gas Program
Clean Energy Assets
Energy Efficiency/Back-up





- ✓ Efficiently utilize existing fuels in order to enable:
- ✓ Affordable resilient clean energy statewide
- Renewable integration flexibility

State Reliability/Affordability, Flexibility for Renewables





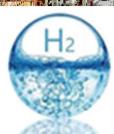


Transmission & Distribution

- ✓ Reach underserved community & RNG sources
- ✓ provide affordable resilient clean energy
- ✓ Protect & create jobs

Connect Local Communities & Renewables, Create Local Jobs & Increase Resiliency









- ✓ Extend existing utility partnership
- ✓ Develop & diversify utility hydrogen supply
- ✓ Utility hydrogen Integration feasibility

Utility Hydrogen Phased Integration





Example: City & County Of Honolulu Honouliuli WWTP







Collaboration

- Award winning partnership with City & County of Honolulu
- Support Hawai'i carbon neutrality by providing renewable energy to our customers

Affordability

- Payment to City & County of Honolulu for otherwise flared (no revenue) biogas. Provided equipment & operations of the facility
- Provides affordable RNG to utility customers

Sustainability

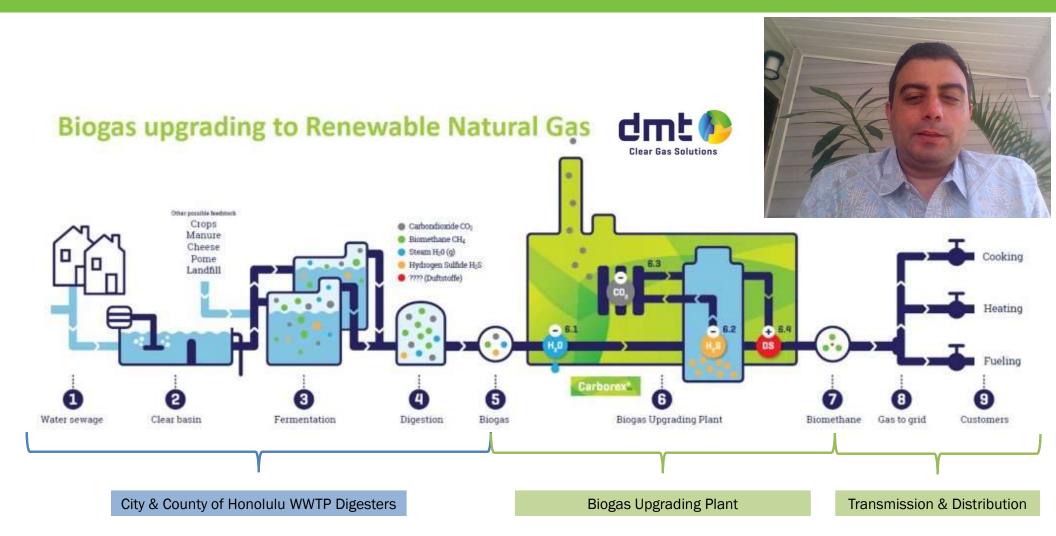
- Up to 800,000 therms per year of renewable energy
- ~4,280 metric tons of CO2 eliminated annually (the equivalent of removing 915 from the road or 10,500,000 miles driven by an average car every year)
- Capture flared gas, use local waste to generate clean energy (Less CO2 from fossil fuel sources)
- Use recycled wastewater at SNG

Resiliency

- Utility gas back-up (underground distribution)
- Local supply (consistent & reliable)

Example: Honouliuli WWTP Process





Example: Honouliuli Biogas Upgrading Virtual Tour









1 Water Removal System

2 Activated Carbon Vessel

3 Compressor









6 RNG to T&D



4 2-stage membranes

5 Gas analyzers

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Doing More: Carbon Negative Utility RNG Local Projects that Support Recovery & "Well-paying" Local Jobs





Waste Water



- ✓ Predictable & consistent
- ✓ Honouliuli success
- ✓ Recycle local waste, capture flare

Limitations

- Limited local resources
- o 3rd party owned & Controlled



Landfill Waste



- ✓ Some waste "in place"
- ✓ Different technology available
- ✓ Honouliuli success
- ✓ Recycle local waste, capture flare

Limitations

- Limited local resources
- o 3rd party owned & Controlled
- Contaminants (complex/expensive)







- ✓ Scalable & Sizeable
- ✓ Technology available
- ✓ Revitalize Hawaii Agriculture
- ✓ Use local green crops, capture CO2

Limitations

- Limited land available
- o Requires irrigation
- Requires farmers (crop type)

Utility Infrastructure Projects that Support Recovery & "Well-paying" Local Jobs





Underground Pipe extension



- ✓ Retain and create well-paying local jobs
- ✓ Prepare for transition to renewables
- ✓ Connect communities
- ✓ Improve Hawai'i resiliency
- ✓ Leverage existing T&D (Oahu)
- ✓ Provide storage for reliability

Limitations

- Need support Potential upfront cost
- Limited outside Oahu



Energy back-up & Efficiency



- ✓ Retain and create well-paying local jobs
- ✓ Energy efficient (recycled heat)
- ✓ Improved resiliency
- ✓ Support sectors devastated by pandemic & critical facilities

Limitations

- Need support Potential upfront cost
- o Minimum system size may be needed





Utility Hydrogen



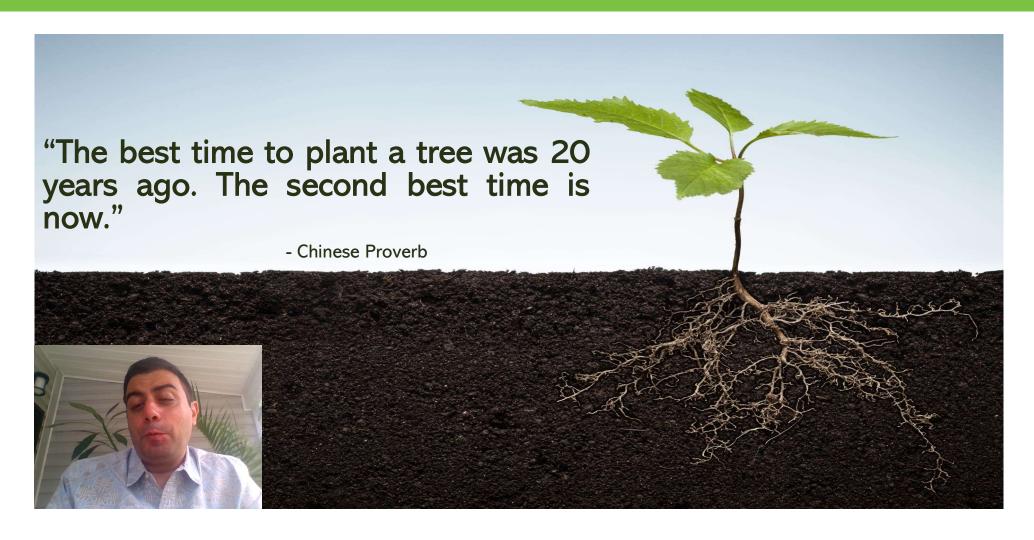
- ✓ Retain and create well-paying local jobs
- ✓ Zero-Carbon/ Carbon-offset
- ✓ Leverage utility system
- ✓ Cost-effective long-term utility clean energy storage and distribution
- ✓ Lead nation (H2 in utility)

Limitations

- Study increased utility hydrogen concentration
- Develop utility hydrogen supply technologies
- Need access to resources

Time for change is Now





Mahalo









