



# Budget Themes

2015

September 3, 2014

# Renewables Sector Budget Themes 2015

# Current Market

- Market conditions challenging
  - Low avoided cost rates
  - Expired PTC
  - Limited statewide incentives
- Limited Funding





# Budget Themes

- Support a sustainable market for small renewable generation across technologies
- Improve performance of projects across technologies
- Direct incentives where opportunities are available



# Other Renewables

# 2014 Other Renewables Summary

Technology	Completed*	Underway	PDA
Biopower	0	2	2
Hydro	1	4	11
Geothermal	1	0	4
Wind	1	0	2

\*Either already completed or completion expected in 2014

# 2014 Other Renewables Summary

- End of year – 1.2 aMW
- Short of 1.84 aMW budgeted goal
- Two biopower projects at dairies -- cancelled due to challenging market conditions



# 2015 -- Challenges

- Really low wholesale rates
  - Reduced pipeline
  - Better conditions in some other states
  - Transportation fuel market perceived to be attractive



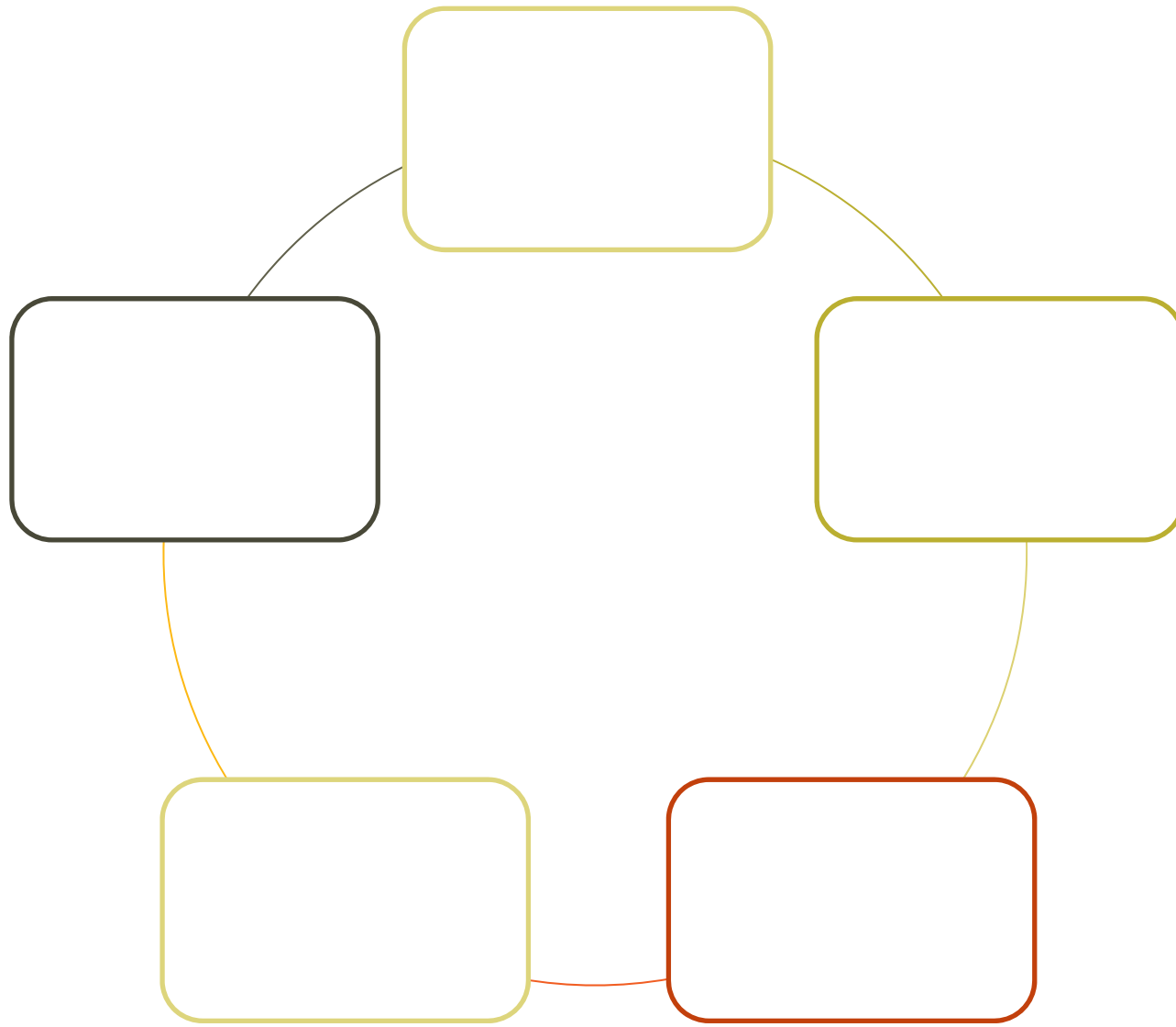
*It's tough out there*



# 2015 -- Opportunities



# Opportunities



# 2015 Key Actions and Initiatives

1) Pipeline development – studies, outreach, resource assessment, & collaboration with other organizations

- Primary focus on hydro and bio
- Remain open to other technologies



# 2015 Key Actions and Initiatives

## 2) Create new development pathways

- Innovative financing models
- Mentoring
- Collaboration with other organizations



# 2015 Key Actions and Initiatives

## 3) Improve project performance

- Examination of O & M costs for biopower projects
- Use information developed from existing projects





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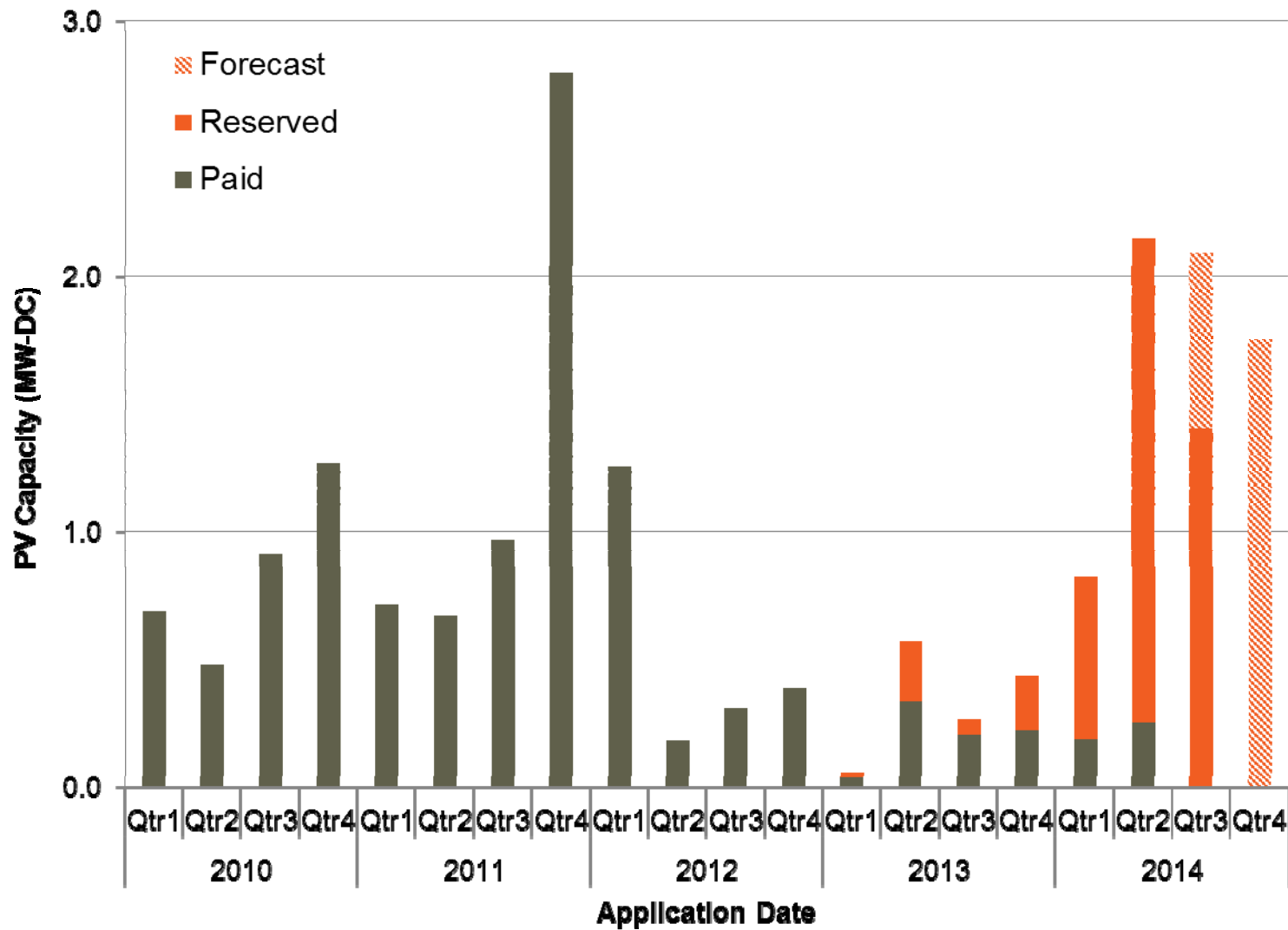
## 4) Continue competitive processes

- Market becoming accustomed
- Twice-yearly for larger projects
- Continue to refine timing

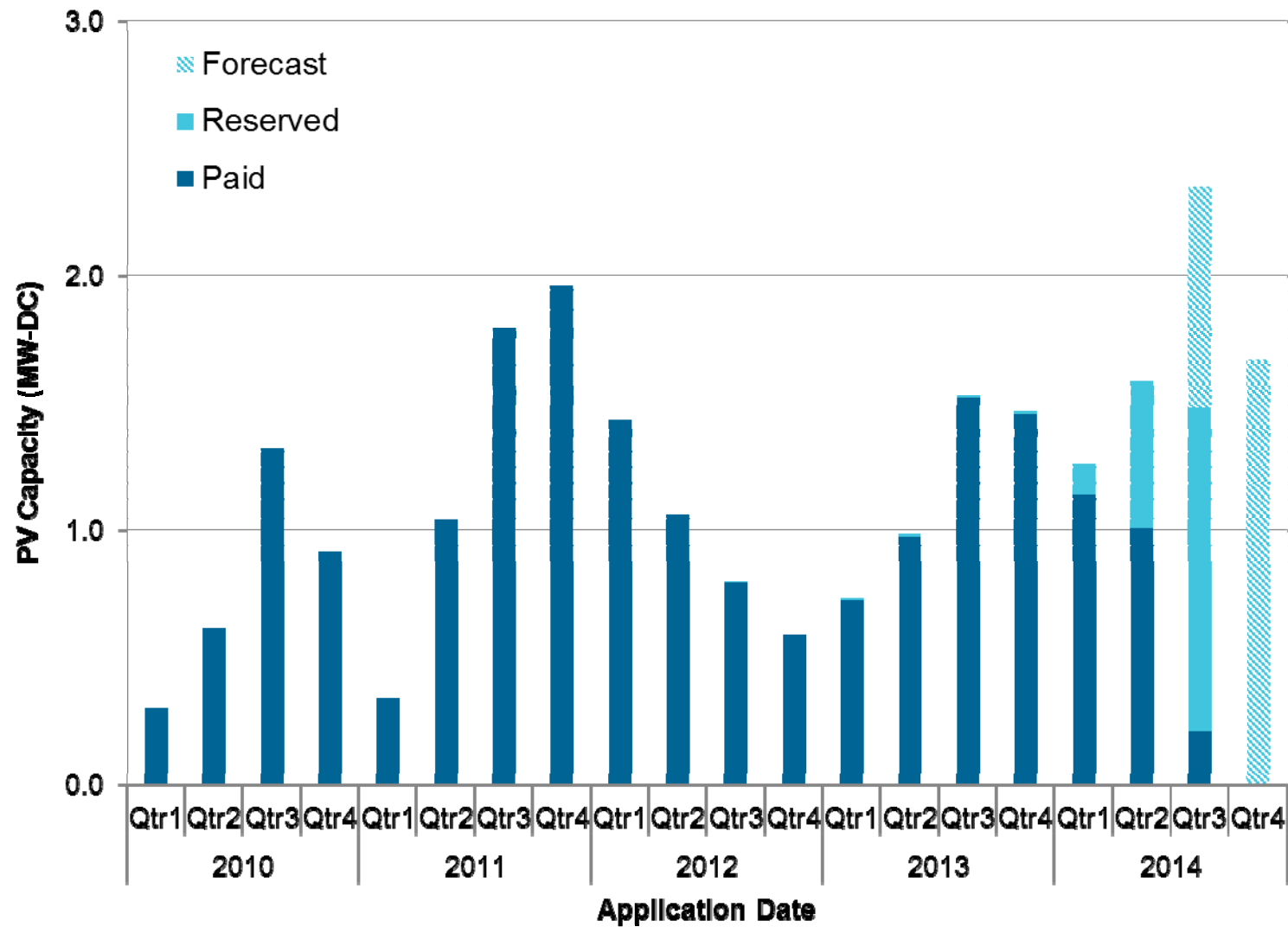


Solar

# 2014: Commercial sales picking up



# 2014: Residential market growing



## 2014: Initial soft cost efforts underway

- Soft cost benchmarking survey
  - ✓ Collaborative effort to develop survey
  - ✓ Collecting responses from solar trade allies
  - ☐ Analysis and report for Q1, 2015
- Process improvements
  - ✓ Reduced application review time by 30%
  - ✓ Simplified project revision process
  - ☐ ODOE RETC integration, electronic signatures and document routing in the works



# 2014: Initial soft cost efforts underway

- Customer acquisition focus
  - ✓ Delivered sales training
  - ✓ Testing lead generation through Mapdwell pilot
  - ✓ Commercial market research complete
  - ❑ Residential market research underway



# 2015 Focus: Incentives

- 1) Continue momentum in standard program with predictable, small incentive reductions to allow for growth
- 2) If additional funding is available, support larger solar with competitive processes



# 2015 Focus: Soft Costs

- 1) Measure: report out on soft cost survey
- 2) Plan: support development of an Oregon solar soft cost roadmap
- 3) Start implementation: for now, continue initial focus on customer acquisition costs and process improvements







Thank You

# 2014 competitive processes

## Q1 process

- No project installation applications received
- Two applications for PDA – both were approved for funding

## Q2 process

- Three project installation applications received
- Two were rejected; still evaluating the third





# Hydropower Strategic Plan

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# Historical Context

# Programmatic Focus: 2002 - Present

2002 – 2008: “Open Solicitation”

2009 – 2014: Hydro focus, testing and eval



# 2009 - 2014

- Market Assessments
- Market Barriers
- Development Assistance
- Project Identification

# Project Development Assistance and Installations after 2008

- PDA to more than 50 potential projects
- Incentives to 8 installations with 4 more “dedicated” for this year and beyond.
- 12 total installations (4 contracted prior to 2008)



# Installations

Operational Projects	New Capacity kW
Municipal	511
Irrigation	5,000
Irrigation	-
Irrigation	-
Irrigation	-
Irrigation	1,100
Irrigation	11
Irrigation	750
Municipal PRV	25
Small Natural Stream	4
Municipal PRV	10
<i>Irrigation</i>	<i>700</i>
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,111</b>
<b>Contracted projects</b>	
Irrigation	-
Municipal PRV	30
Non powered irr dam	2,700
Irrigation	-
	<b>2,730</b>



# Market Segments & Opportunities

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Irrigation canal pressurizations

Pressure reduction valve replacements

Non-powered dam retrofits

Upgrades at existing small facilities

Aquifer storage and recovery

Natural streams





# Project Owner Groups

- Irrigation Water Providers
- Irrigators
- Municipalities
- Private Developers



# Technology & Cost

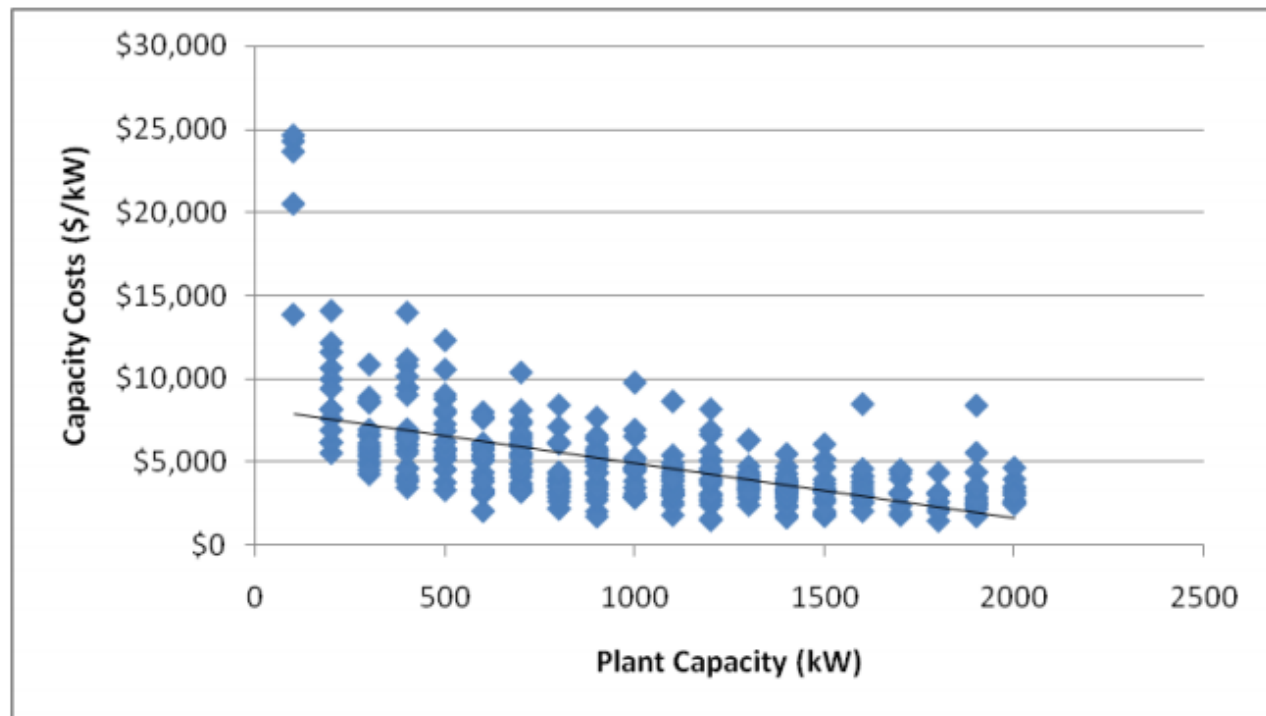
# Technologies

- Mature, conventional technologies: Pelton, Francis, Turgo, Kaplan, Cross-flow, etc.
- New technologies: Natel hydroEngine, LucidPipe, Turbinator, others



# Costs

Very site dependent but generally go down as capacity increases



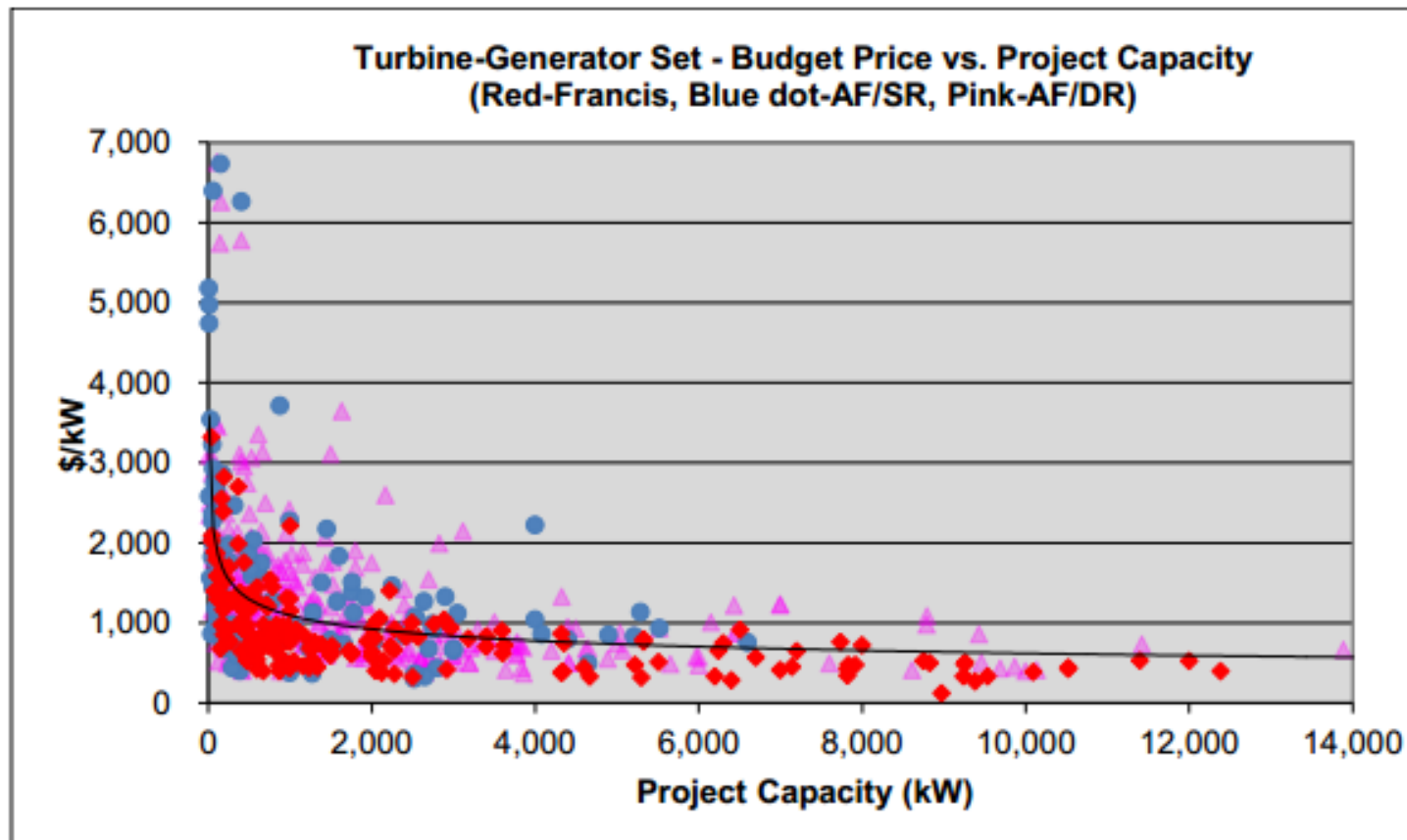
*Source: Sigma Engineering Ltd., Green Energy Study for British Columbia Phase 2: Mainland (Vancouver, B.C. Canada, 2002)*

*Note: All costs are in Canadian dollars.*



# Costs cont.

Conventional turbine costs also go down as capacity increases



# Other Market Actors

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- Collaborative organizations
- Grant making groups and agencies
- Governments and permitting agencies
- Engineering and compliance firms
- Turbine manufacturers
- Utilities
- Trade associations



# Future Scenarios



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- Likely
- Better
- Worse

Goals



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- Increase number of known project opportunities
- Acquire 1.5-3.5aMW of generation





# Strategies

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- Project opportunity identification
- Development pathway improvement
- Resource agency outreach

Energy Trust's Hydro Strategy:  
It's okay for the tail to wag the dog

Identifying opportunities for

**water savings**

will help us get hydropower.

# **Cumulative Watershed Impacts of Small-Scale Hydroelectric Projects in Irrigation Delivery Systems: A Case Study**

Prepared for Energy Trust of Oregon and Bonneville Environmental Foundation

By Les Perkins, Farmers Conservation Alliance (FCA)

June 2013



[http://energytrust.org/library/case-studies/CS\\_Hydro\\_FCA\\_2013.pdf](http://energytrust.org/library/case-studies/CS_Hydro_FCA_2013.pdf)



# The up-sides of water conservation

- Make the same deliveries with less water
- Resilience against changing water availability
- Energy savings / Energy generation
- Improved service(s) for patrons
- Reduced liabilities and canal maintenance
- Opportunities for improving relationships with resource agencies and conservation groups

# The vision for irrigation districts...

- See the big picture...
  - Total delivery system evaluation
  - Strategic planning
  - Board training
- Prioritize opportunities
- Engage a team familiar with irrigation and hydropower



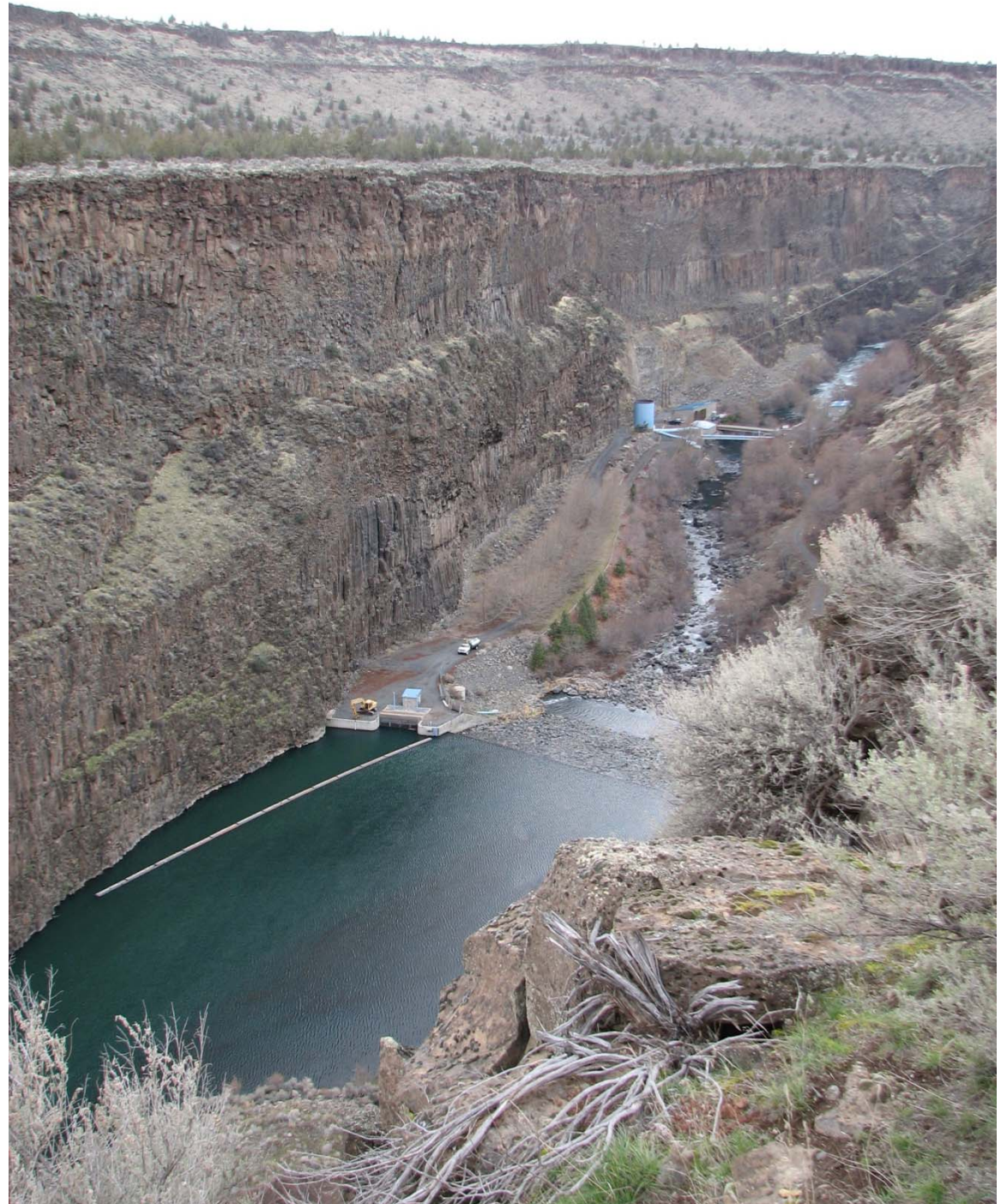
And for  
irrigators...

A low-cost or no-cost  
installation pathway



# Opportunities

- Changing the hydro paradigm
- Hydro in support of conservation
- Winter water for negotiated periods in order to get more water savings over the long haul?



# Other creative solutions

- Irrigation districts without hydro opportunities can invest in other district's projects...
- DEQ SRF: Districts can lend to other districts or to their patrons to finance irrigation upgrades...



# Discussion

# Thank You

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Solar



## Residential activity strong

# Commercial reservations picking up



## Competitive solicitations

- Competitive bid process for PGE in Q2





## Focus for 2015: incentives



## Focus for 2015: soft costs

