

STONE EDGE FARM MICROGRID PROJECT

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We demonstrate what is possible



Stone Edge Farm Proprietors:





Mac & Leslie McQuown

- After earning a mechanical engineering degree at Northwestern University, a Harvard M.B.A., and serving as an officer in the navy, Mac embarked on a career in banking and finance in New York. He joined Wells Fargo in San Francisco in 1964, where he and colleagues created the first stock index fund. He subsequently founded and built several entrepreneurial businesses.
- Mac began collecting wine in 1965. With his friend Dick Graff, the legendary winemaker, he co-founded the Chalone Wine Group in 1970, serving on its board for twenty-five years. In 1980 he co-founded Carmenet Winery and began an enduring friendship with Jeff Baker, now Stone Edge Farm's winemaker.
- Mac credits his wife, Leslie, with providing Stone Edge Farm's overarching aesthetic vision. Her eye for design informs the property's architecture and landscaping, with its outdoor rooms, inviting courtyards, and art pieces.



This Microgrid project arose with the intent to see how far we could reduce our carbon footprint and show what may be possible with current technological solutions and creativity. We are creating an interconnected network of electrical services that will be capable of providing emergency power in the event of a macro-grid failure or by choice to intentionally island the MicroGrid and ultimately run in parallel operation with the macro-grid. In order to accomplish this, we must integrate various forms of distributed generation and storage with real time monitoring and control.

Why Build a Microgrid?

A Microgrid provides a unique opportunity to establish energy independence and to reduce pollutants emitted when using non-renewable energy sources. Additionally, in the event of any type of main grid failure, personal safety, information security, and electrical accessibility may be compromised. A Microgrid prevents the above instances from occurring and give communities the ability to generate, store, and distribute their own sustainably sourced electricity for any use. Although this Microgrid is specific to Stone Edge Farm, the project is meant to be a demonstration open source platform, setting an example for any size facility, community, or city in a clean energy revolution. **Project Overview:**

The Stone Edge Farm sits on a campus of 16 acres including 16 buildings and 7 PG&E electrical service meter entries. There are three 480 volt, 3 phase and four 240 volts, split phase services. There are 58 electrical service panels in the system. We have now internally connected the 7 metered services together within the walls as an island able electrical grid.

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7 Solar Arrays- Enphase Energy M250 and S280 Microinverters

Capstone C65 Microturbine- Inverter Output Tesla Industrial PowerPack- DynaPower Inverter ESS Iron Flow Battery- Outback Grid Tie Battery Inverter Aquion Energy Aqueous Battery Bank- Ideal Inverters Simpli-Phi Batteries- Schneider Electric Inverter Millennium Reign Triple Twin Hydrogen Electrolyzer ReliOn Plug Power 2200X Hydrogen Fuel Cells- Outback Inverters

Renewable hydrogen station from Millenium Reign Energy

Hydrogen fueling station

Millenium Reign hydrogen electrolyzer Hive of Relion H₂ fuel cells

Toyota Mirai fuel cell car - powered by hydrogen

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Hydrogen applications

- Chemical industry
- Remote area electrical backups
- Natural Gas Supplement
- Combustion Engines Trigeneration

- Energy Storage (Overgeneration)
- Load and Peak Shaving
- Transportation Fuel (V2G)
- Scalability

A smart grid is a modernized electrical grid that uses analog or digital information and communications technology to gather and act on information - such as information about the behaviors of suppliers and consumers - to improve the efficiency, reliability, economics, and sustainability of the production and distribution of electricity.

