

Reliability Update

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Three Reliability Challenges

Planning Processes

- Improve ability to account for climate change-induced weather variability
- Ensure timely and sufficient procurement across all jurisdictions
- Improve processes associated with interconnection and permitting
- Engage more closely with communities to build their needs into planning

Scaling Resources

- Expand diversity of resources
 - Demand-side (e.g., more demand flexibility)
 - Supply-side (e.g., long-lead resources)

Extreme Events

Augment Strategic Reliability Reserve



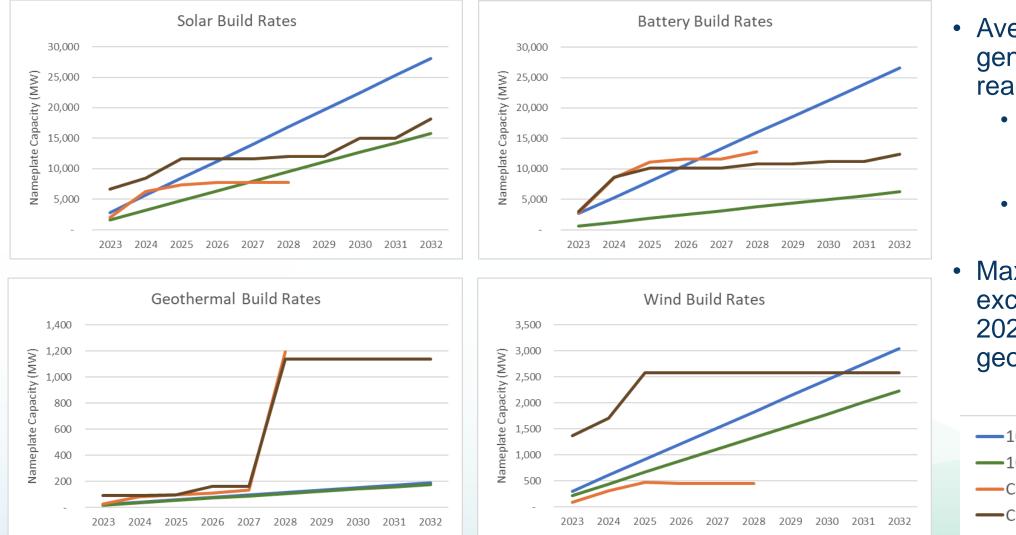
CPUC Integrated Resource Planning authorizes procurement

- Unprecedent 11.5 GWs authorized in 2021
- February decision added 4 GWs to be online by 2026/27

• CPUC, CEC, & CAISO continually assess the reliability

- Preliminarily analysis 2023 & 2024 levels of procurement meet a 1-in-10 LOLE
- Agencies continuing to improve
 - Evaluating climate impacts on demand and supply
 - Taking active steps to ensure timely and appropriate levels of procurement

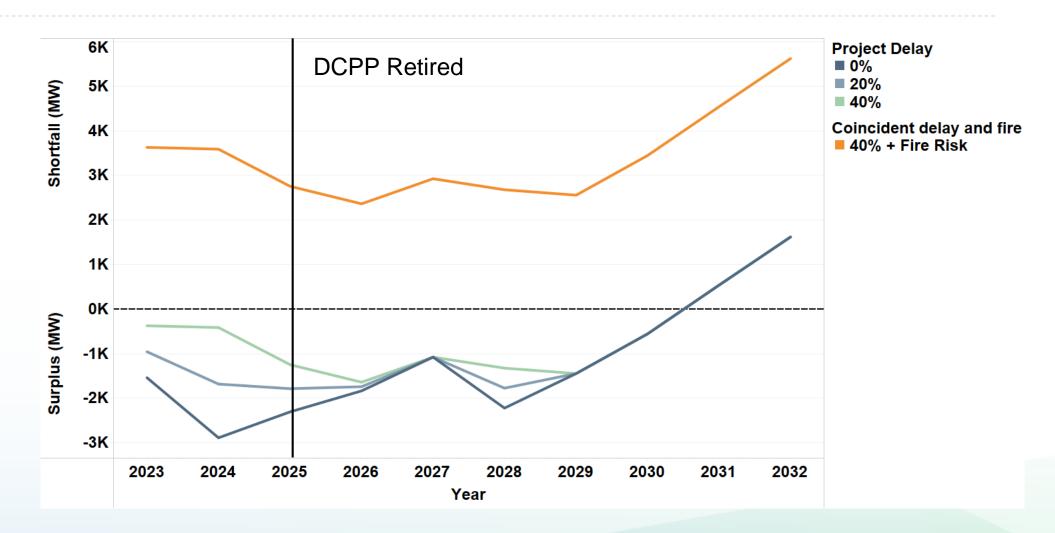
Success Requires Sustained Record Build Rates



- Average build rates are generally insufficient to reach:
 - Procurement order before the end of the order
 - Preferred System Plan before 2032
- Maximum build will not exceed all builds by 2027, except geothermal

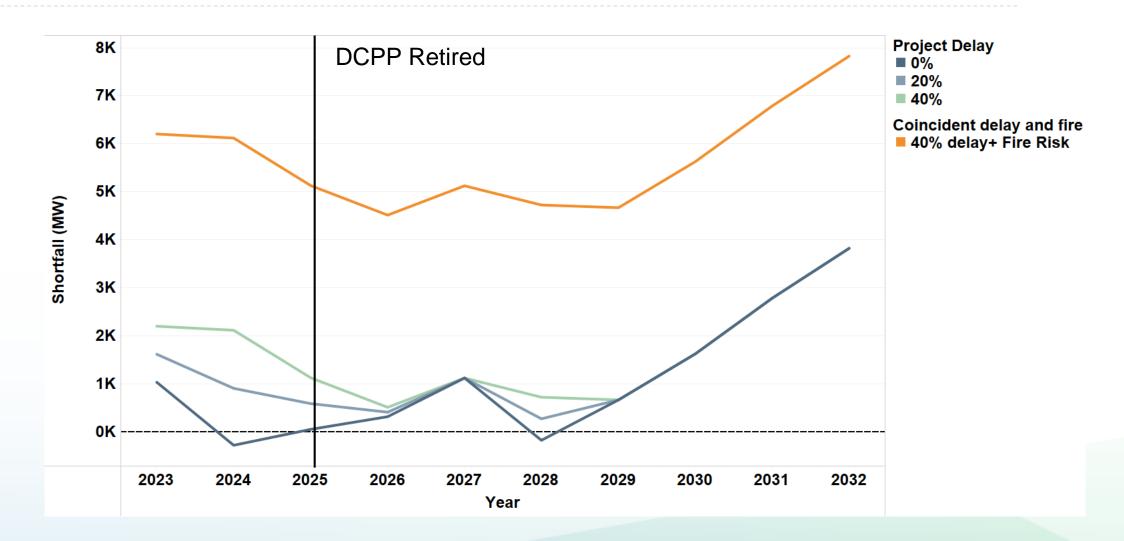


Resource Adequacy Planning Standard

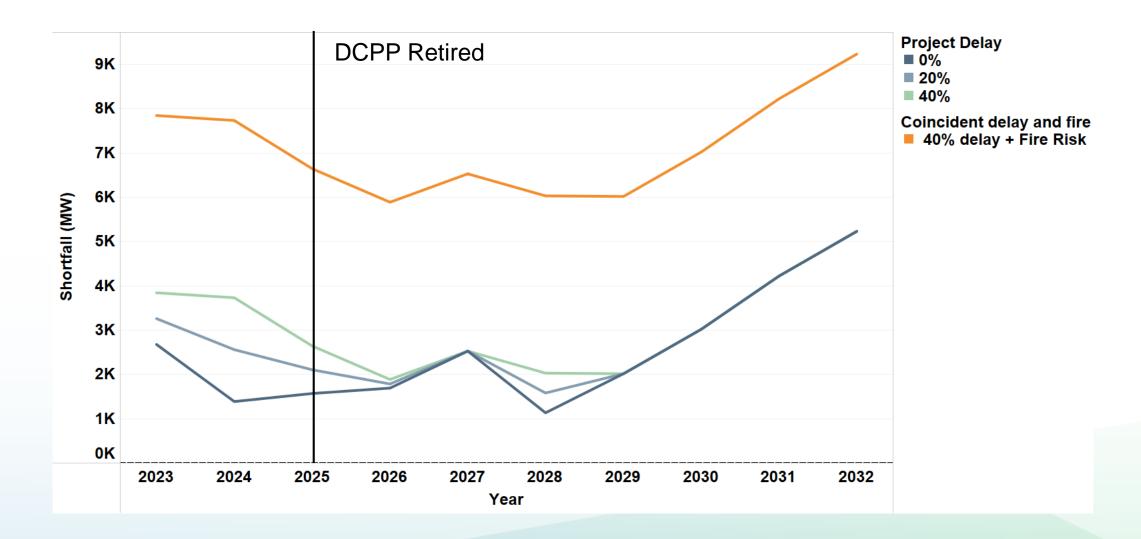


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- Tracking Energy Development Task Force
- Strategic Reliability Reserve
 - DWR
 - Electricity Supply Strategic Reliability Reserve Program
 - CEC
 - Demand Side Grid Support
 - Distributed Electricity Backup Assets
- Opt-in Permitting
- Pathway for Diablo Canyon Extension

Uncertainties Impact Reliability

- Current authorized procurement meets planning standards in near term
- Uncertainties/Risks
 - Climate change causing greater weather variability more extreme events
 - Lack of historical data and high variability in future projections of climate impacts, availability of imports, hydro conditions etc.
 - SRR providing some protection
 - Build Rate is Unprecedented and with Risks
 - Authorized procurement requires build rates even greater than recent record build rates – authorizing more does not mean faster builds
 - Build impacted by supply chain, interconnection, permitting, and costs
 - Tightness in the RA Market although 2023 looks good in analysis, RA showings reflect resource tightness

Questions

