

# THE DECARBONIZATION REVOLUTION



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# Technology & Design for Decarbonization



DESIGN PROFESSIONAL'S GUIDE TO  
**DECARBONIZATION OF  
THE BUILT ENVIRONMENT**

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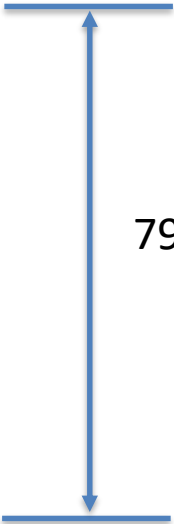
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# Equipment Space – Boiler



108"



79.5"

6,000,000 BTUH



# Myth Busting: Electric Boiler vs. Gas Boiler



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# Myth Busting: Air-Source HPWH vs. Boiler



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# Equipment Space – Air-Source HPWH vs. Boiler



1,500,000 BTUH + 9,000 gallons

6,000,000 BTUH





## HEAT PUMPS ARE NOT BOILERS

- Efficiency impacted by Air and Water Temps
- Limited Temperature Ranges
- Output temperature limited
- Different refrigerants for different applications
- Larger Hot Water Plant Footprints
- Expensive Oversize
- Require Right Sizing (Both Loads)
- Shouldn't cycle more than 6x/Hr
- Defrost Cycles
- Complex Controls

## Heat Pumps are Not Boilers



# DESIGN TOOLS

- Circulation loop losses and reheat sizing
- Primary plant sizing (capacity & storage) optimization
- Simulation Protocol

## MARKET DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

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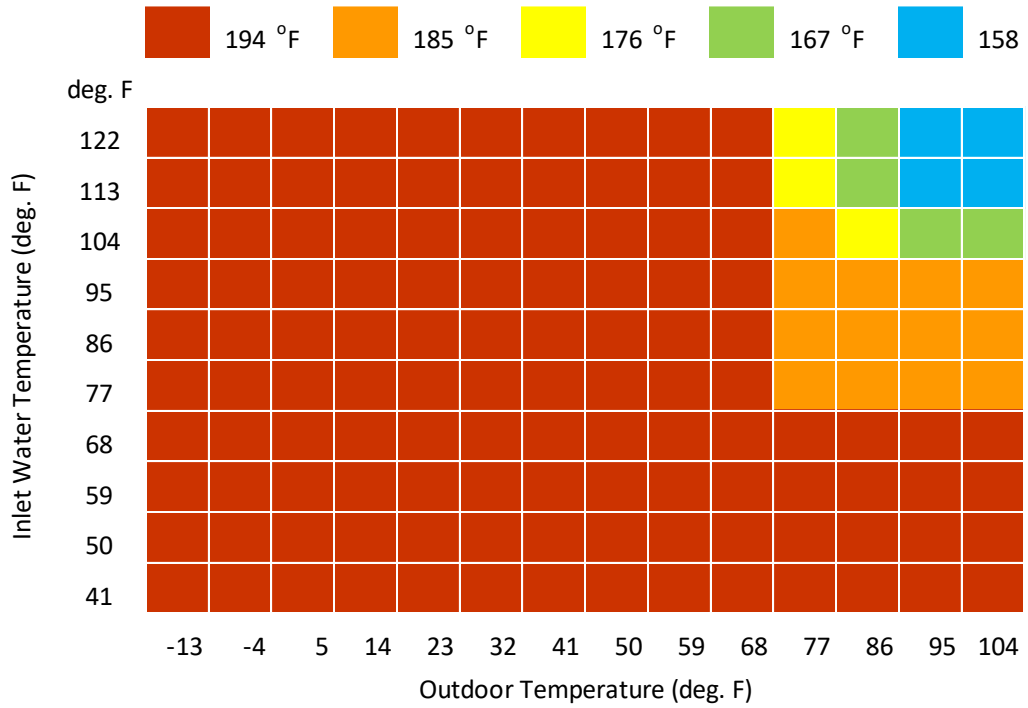
Foremost Zero Net Energy Specialists in Multifamily Housing



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# Myth Busting: Heat Pumps CAN'T work in cold climates and can't produce enough hot water



Heat Pumps CAN Produce 140+ deg. F Water EVEN WELL Below Freezing with the right selection

# Myth Busting: Not Enough Products on the Market



Stiebel Eltron Accelera  
58 and 80 gallon



Rheem Prestige  
50 and 80 gallon



GE Geospring  
50 and 80 gallon



Hubbell PBX  
40, 50, 65, 80, 119  
gallon



AO Smith Voltex  
50, 66, and 80 gallon



Sanden SANCO<sub>2</sub>  
43 and 83 gallon

SMALL PROJECTS

SMALL HPWH

# CENTRAL SYSTEMS DOMESTIC HOT WATER



Colmac  
66 to 270 MBH



Nyle Geyser C-Series  
28.6 to 272 MBH



Mayekawa Unimo AW  
204 MBH



Mitsubishi QAHV  
136 MBH

SMALL PROJECTS

CENTRAL AIR-SOURCE HPWH

# CENTRAL SYSTEMS DOMESTIC HOT WATER



Nyle Geyser C-Series  
28.6 to 272 MBH



Mayekawa Unimo WW  
270 MBH



Colmac  
37 to 1,000 MBH

SMALL PROJECTS

CENTRAL WATER-SOURCE HPWH

# DHW & LARGE CENTRAL HEATING/COOLING PLANTS

Air-Cooled

Water-Cooled



Aermec NRP/NRL  
50 to 130 TR



Climacool UCA  
20 to 420 TR



Multistack DRHC  
10 to 1,320 TR

LARGE PROJECTS

HEAT RECOVERY CHILLER PLANTS

# ELECTRICAL SERVICE IMPACTS

## Assumed Electric Boiler

## Central Heat Pump Water Heater

7. BUILDING COMMON AREA LOADS:			
A. EV CHARGER SYSTEM	=	298080 Watts	
B. REACH HOT WATER SYST.	=	448000 Watts	
C. 25% LARGEST	=	13650 Watts	
D. TOTAL HOUSE LOAD:	=	2110.4 A @ 3 PH. =	<b>759730</b> VA
8. TOTAL BUILDING SERVICE 1 DEMAND LOAD:			<b>1297789</b> W
9. TOTAL BUILDING DEMAND AMPS: (AT 120/208V, 3 PH., 4W. SERVICE)			<b>3605.0</b> A
10. BUILDING MAIN SWITCHBOARD MSB1:			
A. MAIN SWITCHBOARD "MSB1":		<b>4000 A, 120/208V, 3 PH., 4W.</b>	
B. MAIN SERVICE SIZE:		<b>4000 A, UTILITY SERVICE</b>	

7. BUILDING COMMON AREA REACH LOADS:			
A. EV CHARGER SYSTEM	=	130560 Watts (34 @ 16A)	
B. REACH HOT WATER SYST.	=	144960 Watts (120+24CONT)	
C. 25% LARGEST	=	13650 Watts	
D. TOTAL HOUSE LOAD:	=	803.3 A @ 3 PH. =	<b>289170</b> VA
8. BUILDING COMMON AREA LOADS:			
A. PANELS "2H""2H1"	=	132298 Watts	
B. PANELS "1H""5H""9H"	=	212224 Watts	
C. PANELS 2LR, 2E	=	54090 Watts	
D. ROOF AH UNIT	=	33840 Watts	
E. 3 ELEVATORS @ 25HP	=	69750 Watts	
F. 125% LARGEST MOTOR	=	34000 Watts	
G. 25% HOUSE LTG.	=	9994 Watts	
H. TOTAL HOUSE LOAD:	=	1517.2 A @ 3 PH. =	<b>546196</b> VA
9. TOTAL BUILDING SERVICE 1 DEMAND LOAD:			<b>1310191</b> W
10. TOTAL BUILDING DEMAND AMPS: (AT 120/208V, 3 PH., 4W. SERVICE)		= 90.99%	<b>3639.4</b> A
11. BUILDING MAIN SWITCHBOARD MSB1:			
A. MAIN SWITCHBOARD "MSB1":		<b>4000 A, 120/208V, 3 PH., 4W.</b>	
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448kW for Assumed Electric Boiler

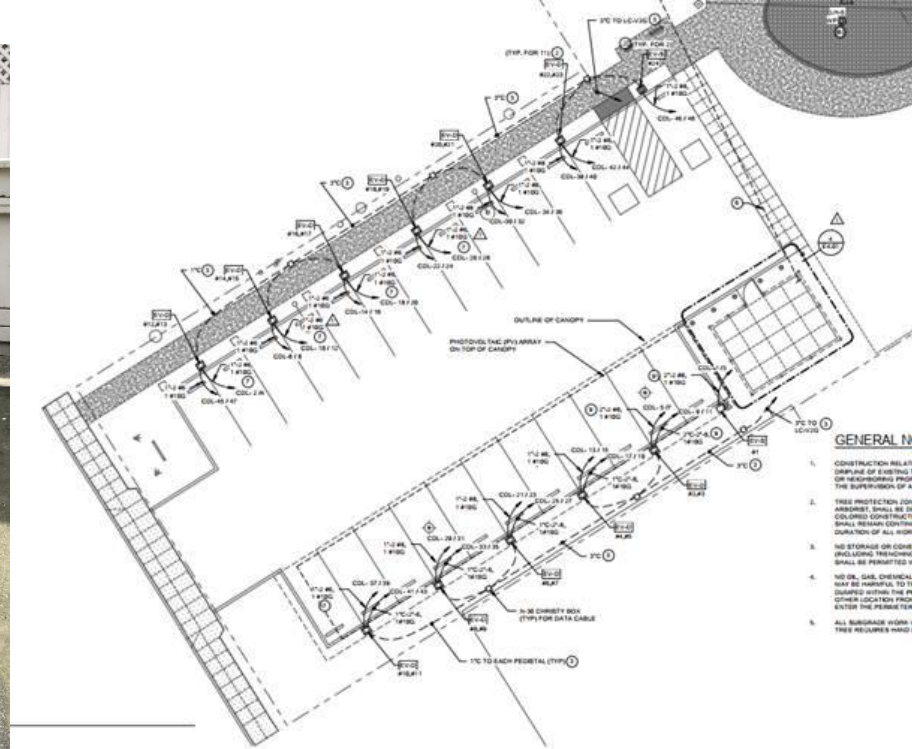
Heat Pumps 144kW 67% Lower Service Size

EXTRA SERVICE NEEDED FROM UTILITY

STAYS WITHING EXISTING DESIGN SERVICE



# ELECTRICAL SERVICE IMPACTS



**EXTRA SERVICE NEEDED FROM UTILITY?**  
Planning for future EV Stations= Future Capacity?

**STAYS WITHIN EXISTING DESIGN SERVICE?**  
Service for minimal charging stations

# Sonoma Clean Power Headquarters

- Building retrofit with high efficiency rooftop heat pumps
- Smart VAV diffusers
- On-site solar, stationary battery storage, car charging
- NBI Grid Optimal Pilot
- Automatic, grid-signaled HVAC, lighting and plug load demand reduction
- Estimated completion 2020



# SMUD East Campus Operations

- 350,000 SF ZNE Campus
- No gas on site
- Shades allowed zero infiltration for direct solar
- Use of ceiling fans and chilled beams to minimize reheat
- Use of thermal mass to offset peak demand
- Evap cooling, natural ventilation
- Radiant heating
- Horizontal geofield
- Modular heat pump chillers to concurrently produce chilled and hot water with below ground storage for both
- PV array for 100% the electrical load
- Solar Thermal DHW
- Grey Water System
- Completed in 2014





## Silver Oak Winery

- Healdsburg
- Winery production, visitor center/tasting room, onsite water reuse facility
- Central Heat Pump Water Heating
- On-site solar
- Car charging
- Ammonia Chillers for Process Cooling
- Onsite Wastewater Treatment
- Zero Net Energy
- Zero Net Water
- Completed 2019

# Silver Oak Winery



## LIVING BUILDING CHALLENGE™



## Silver Oak Energy Use Breakdown



# Santa Rosa Junior College: Burbank Theater and Geothermal Plant

- Geothermal field connecting 6 existing buildings
- Heat recovery (6-pipe) chiller
- Eliminate gas boilers and water heaters.
- Building ZNE Retrofit – envelope and MEP systems
- Chilled and hot water air handlers
- Displacement ventilation in auditoriums.
- Estimated completion 2019



# Santa Rosa Junior College: Burbank Theater and Geothermal Plant

- Analysis for performance of underutilized existing field to connect additional buildings to
- Creating new geothermal field under the existing track and football field and under renovated parking lot.
- Enhanced SRJC's goals to go All-Electric and enhance microgrid and renewable energy projects.
- Eliminated the need to rebuild failed Co-Gen plant





# Albany High School

- All-electric, ZNE Design
- Daylighting Analysis
- Single Zone VAV Heat Pumps
- Heat Recovery Ventilators
- Heat Pump Water Heaters
- Mixed Mode Design with window sensors
- 80 kW of PV
- Estimated completion 2019



# Goldman School of Public Policy New Classroom Building and Hearst Avenue Housing & Garage

- All-electric design
- Rooftop Heat Pump for HHW
- Low Temp DX Cooling Rooftop Unit
- Smart VAV diffusers
- Electric Radiant Heat with ERV for Residential
- Estimated completion 2021

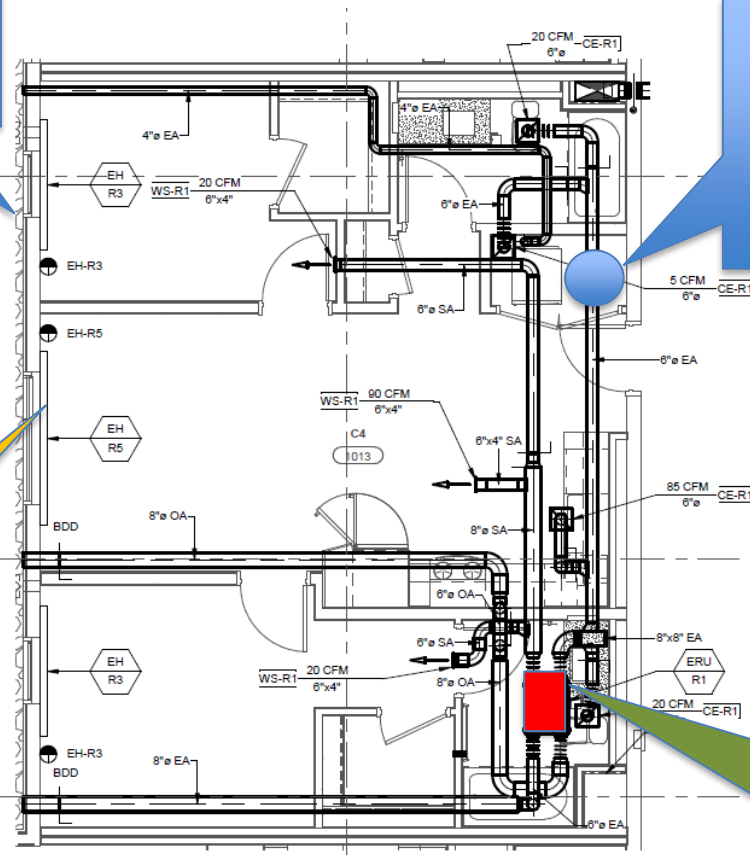


# Goldman School of Public Policy New Classroom Building and Hearst Avenue Housing & Garage

- Simplified Construction
- Lowered First Cost
- Allowed for individually metered apartments
- NO central systems for residences to maintain

R-21 + R-10 Rigid Wood Framed Walls  
 U-0.26/0.27 SHGC Windows

Heat Pump Water Heater Co-located with Washer/Dryer  
 FREE COOLING if Needed Or Exhausted



< 3kW (2.8kW) TOTAL of electric resistance heating for largest Apartment

Energy Recovery Ventilator 69% Sensible Heat Recovery Effectiveness



## UCSF Minnesota Housing Commissioning

- 333 Beds of Housing
- 4 Nyle Heat Pumps
- Storage tanks in the basement
- All Electric Kitchens

### System Specs (Each Unit)

- Entering Water Temperature: 60F
- Leaving Water Temperature: 140F
- Entering Air Temperature: 70F
- Heating Capacity: 262,600 BTU/hr
- Cooling Capacity: 207,100 BTU/hr
- Power Input: 20 kW
- Heating C.O.P: 4.15
- Cooling C.O.P: 3.3
- Combined C.O.P: 7.45

Questions?





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