



Item 6: Regents of the University of California, on behalf of the San Diego campus

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Benefits to Californians



Source: Microsoft

- Support grid reliability during extreme events
- Increase capacity of existing power plants



Strategic Reliability Reserve Portfolio



Electricity
Supply
Strategic
Reliability
Reserve



Distributed
Electricity
Backup Assets



Demand Side
Grid Support



DEBA Bulk Grid Solicitation Overview



Strengthen reliability by funding

- Efficiency upgrades
- Capacity additions



Prioritize feasible, cost-effective

- Zero-and low-emission resources
- Conventional resources



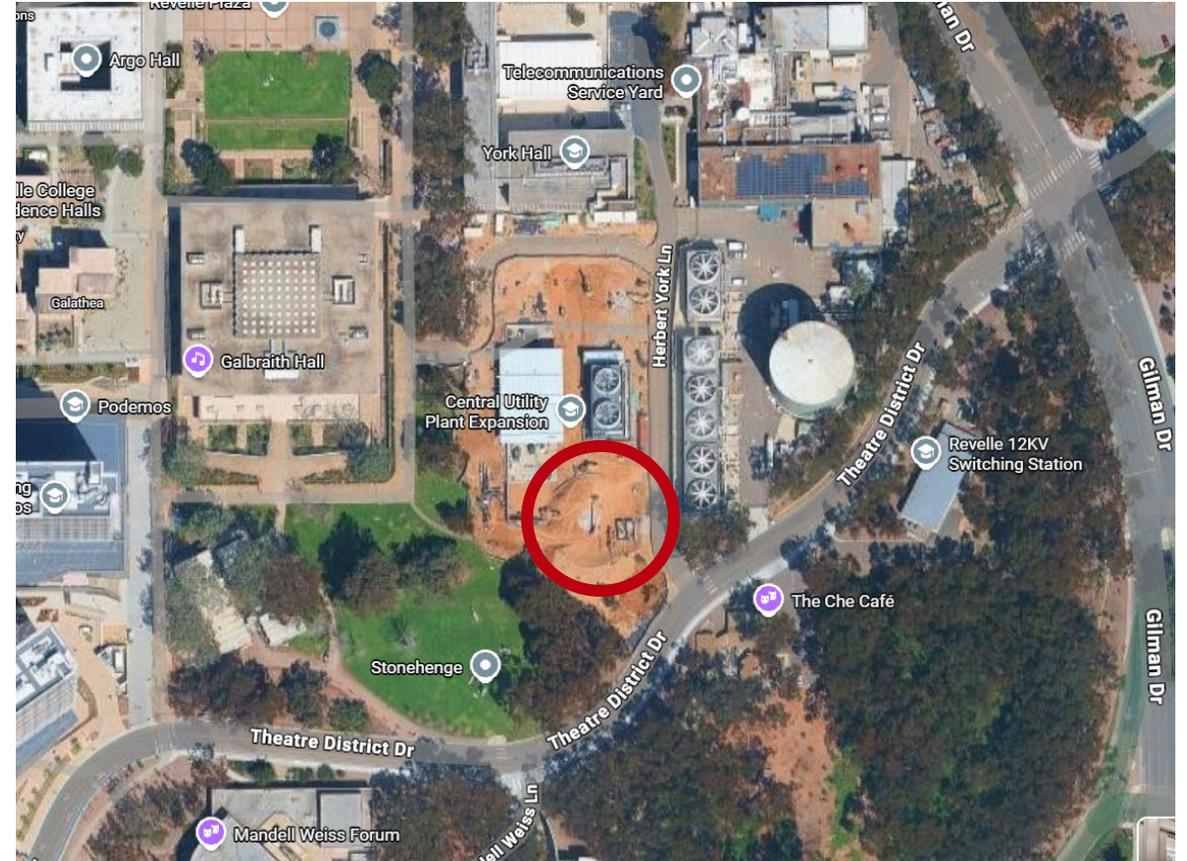
Notice of Proposed Awards recommended ~\$123 million for 297 MW

- 5 energy storage projects
- 4 conventional resource efficiency projects



UC San Diego

- DEBA Award: \$7.1M (\$0.89M per MW)
- Upgrade microgrid's energy storage to an 8 MW 4-hour battery
- Additional local capacity
- Charge when solar energy abundant
- Use battery to help meet peak demand, reducing use of natural gas peaker plants



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Staff Recommendation

- Adopt staff's recommendation that this project is exempt from CEQA
- Approve DEBA grant agreement