West Coast -- Cabrillo Port: Cracking the California Code

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BHP Billiton is the World's largest diversified resources company

Petroleum



Aluminium



Base Metals



Carbon Steel Materials

30%

Diamonds & Spec Prod



Energy Coal



Stainless Steel Materials



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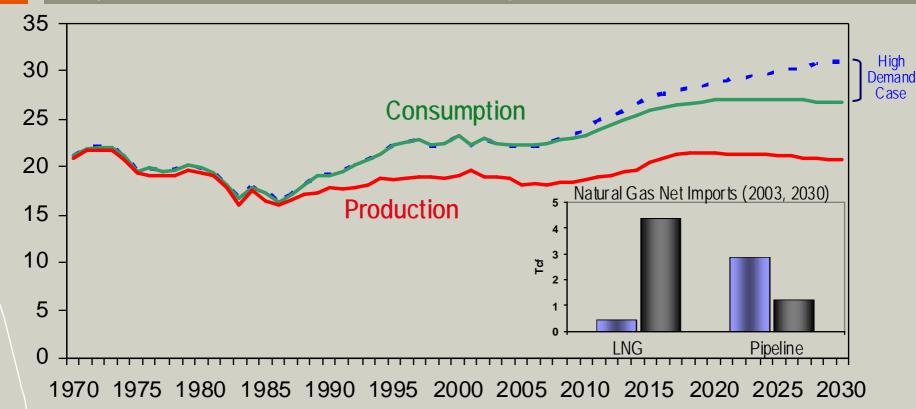
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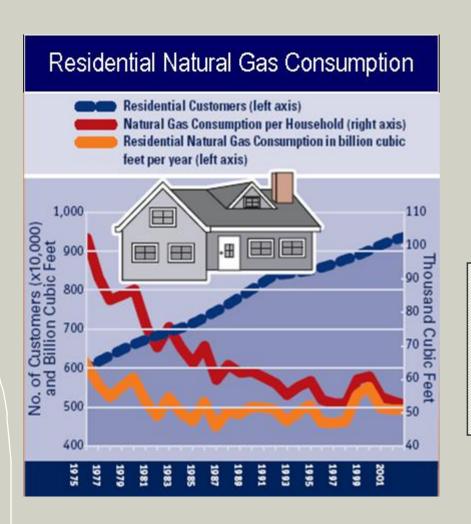
Projected U.S. Natural Gas Supply and Demand



Supply Source	Avg. Annual Change (2006 to 2020)
Domestic Production	1.2%
Pipeline Imports	(4.7%)
LNG Imports	10.0%



California's Energy Policy relies on Natural gas

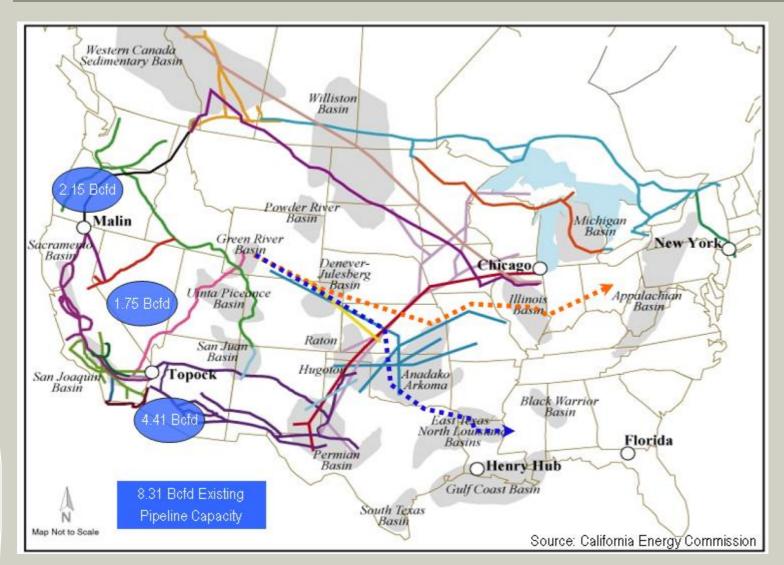


- Demand Management
- 2. Renewables
- 3. Natural Gas

California Energy Commission's latest Natural Gas Assessment cites the future need for additional supplies of natural gas for Californians.



Western US Pipeline Situation West Coast LNG Will Likely Displace Gas from Historical Sources





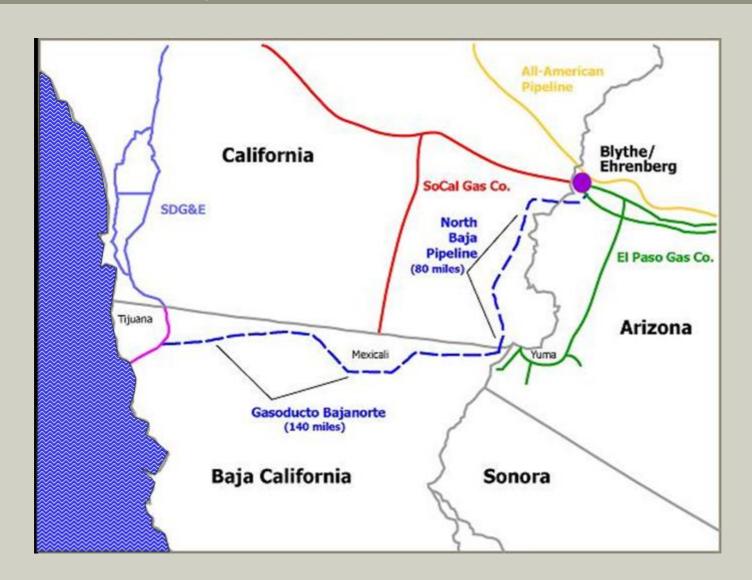
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Regional LNG Projects



Baja California Is Gas From Baja LNG Imports the Answer for California?

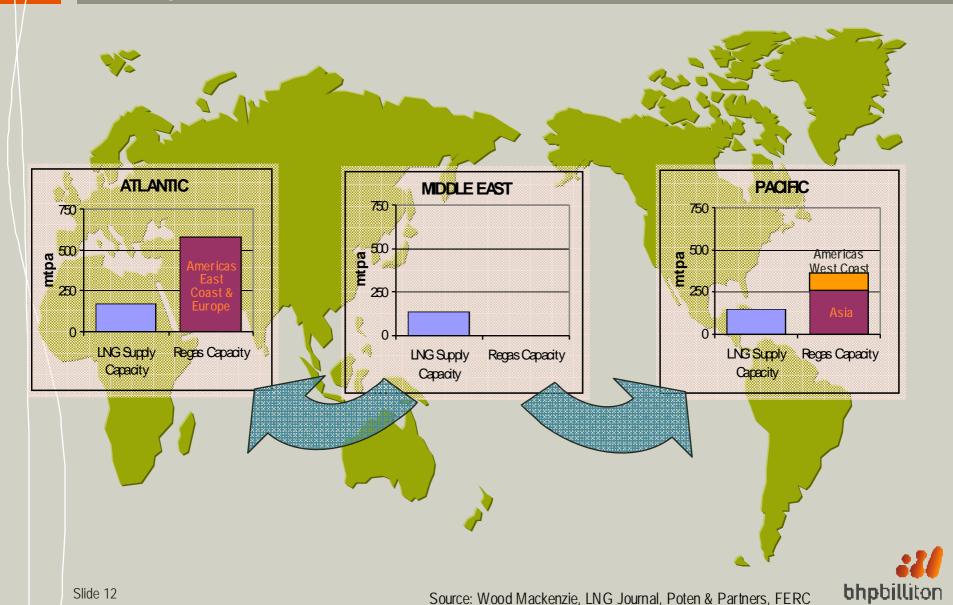




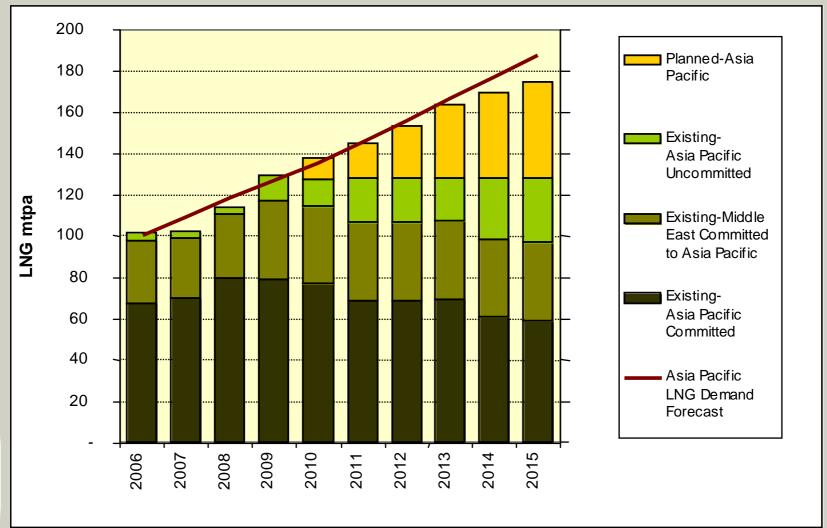
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LNG Supply Capacity vs. Receiving Terminal Capacity Existing/Under Construction + Proposed + Potential



Pacific Basin LNG Supply Capacity vs. Market Demand Forecast

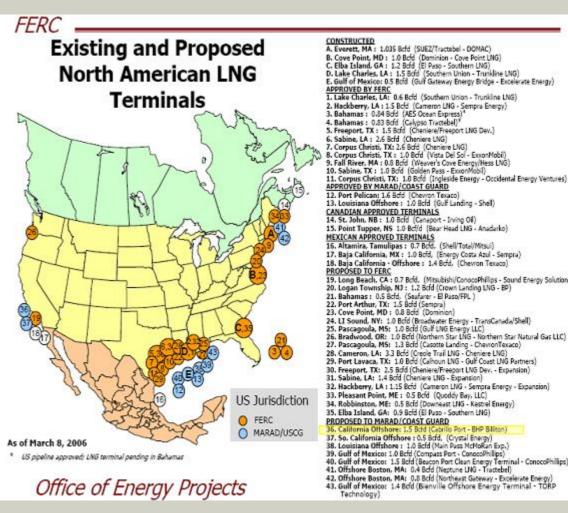


California gas markets will be competing with Asian Markets for LNG Supply

China's LNG Terminals Existing + Proposed



Source: CERA, from ABN-AMRO, "Fuel Economy" January 2006





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Cabrillo Port Floating Storage & Regasification Unit (FSRU)

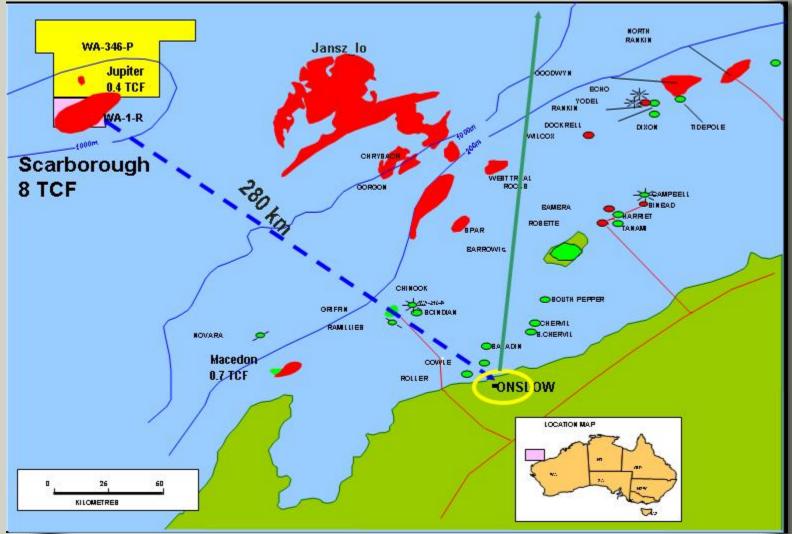
Proven Technologies:

- Single Point Mooring
- Side by side LNG transfer
- Moss spherical LNG storage tanks
- Submerged Combustion Vaporization (SCV) technology regasification





Scarborough – A Credible Development Option



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Completing permitting requires multi-level approach with key stakeholders

- Federal (Secretary of Energy, Dept of Energy, USCG)
- State (legislators and key stakeholders)
- Agencies (CSLC, USCG, CARB, EPA Region 9, CEC, South Coast and Ventura County Air Districts)
- Local (Chambers of commerce, local businesses/industry, city councils, environmental groups)



Progress and Key Events – Cabrillo Port Permitting

- Application submitted September 2003
- Draft EIS/EIR issued and public comments period (Nov 04)
- Data request by CSLC and regulatory clock stopped (Jan 05)
- Draft EIR issued and public comments period (Mar 06)
- Draft air and water permits issued by EPA and public comment period (May 06)
- Final EIS/EIR and vote of Calif. State Lands Commission.
- Federal Deepwater Port Permit and State Land Lease Issued

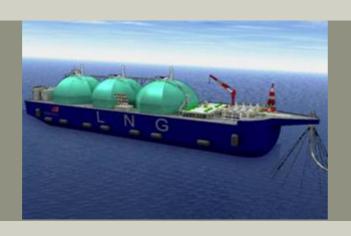


Cabrillo Port is the right project, in the right place, at the right time

- The West Coast US needs an LNG terminal this decade
- Many project concepts exist, but few have advanced to permitting and supply is tight
- BHP Billiton has one of the few supply sources that can provide gas to the West Coast in the 2010-11 timeframe



Thank You



Supplying California with Safe, Clean, Reliable Natural Gas



