

# Thermal Energy Storage

## *Embrace the Architect*

Guy Frankenfield – DN Tanks



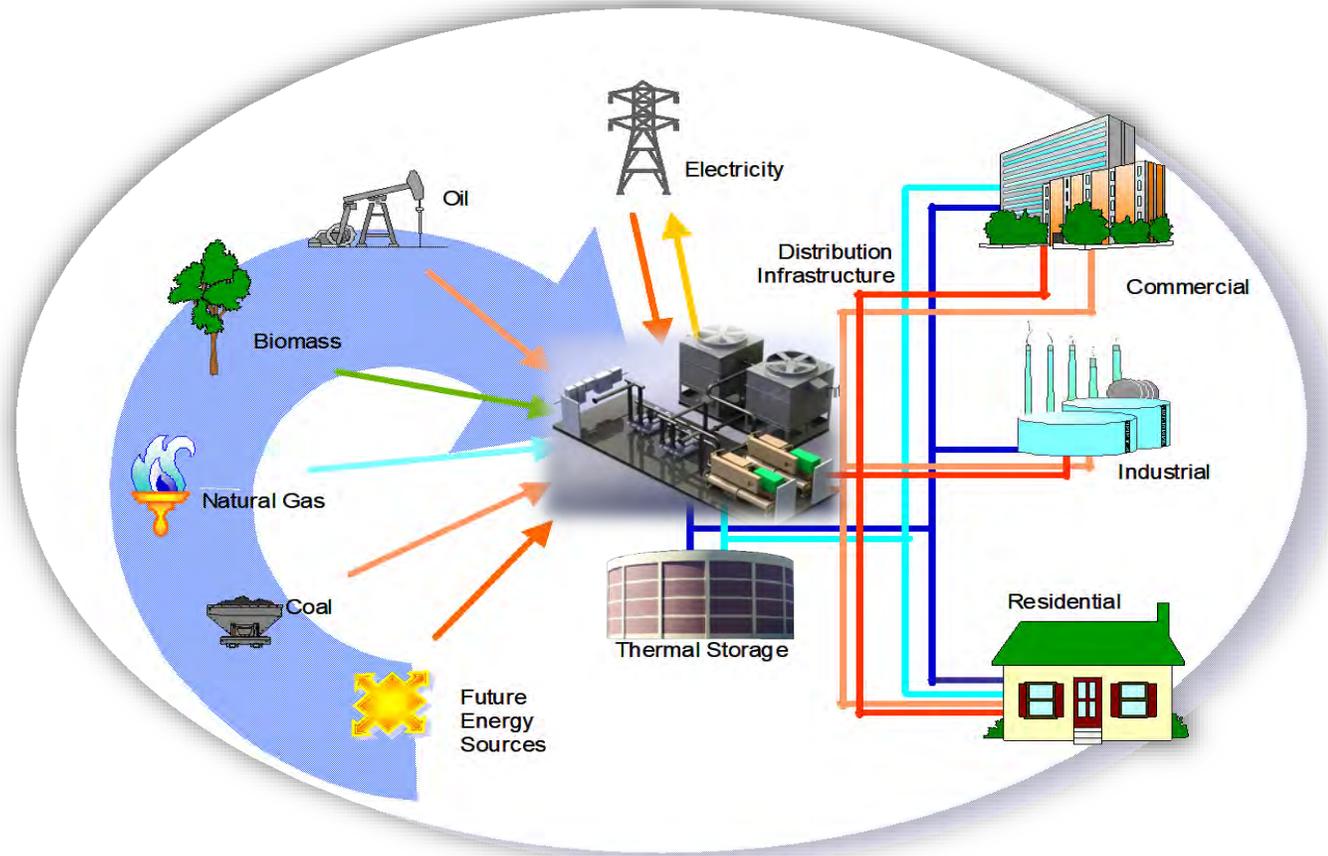
# The 3 R's when developing a TES project

ROI

Resiliency

'Rchitecture

NOT going to discuss how TES tanks solve problems like reducing energy costs, or adding cooling capacity



# ...and we are not going to discuss

Return on Investment

- **Energy Cost Savings and Incentives**

- kW Savings – electric demand reduction
- kWh Savings – time of use consumption rates
- kWh Reduction – operating during cooler ambient conditions
- Incentives from the utility – if available

- **Cost Avoidance** – when expanding the campus, add a TES tank instead of more chiller equipment

Resiliency

- **Mission Critical Back-up**

- Reservoir of chilled water ensures no downtime
- Dual purpose fire water storage tank
- Useful life of 50+ years

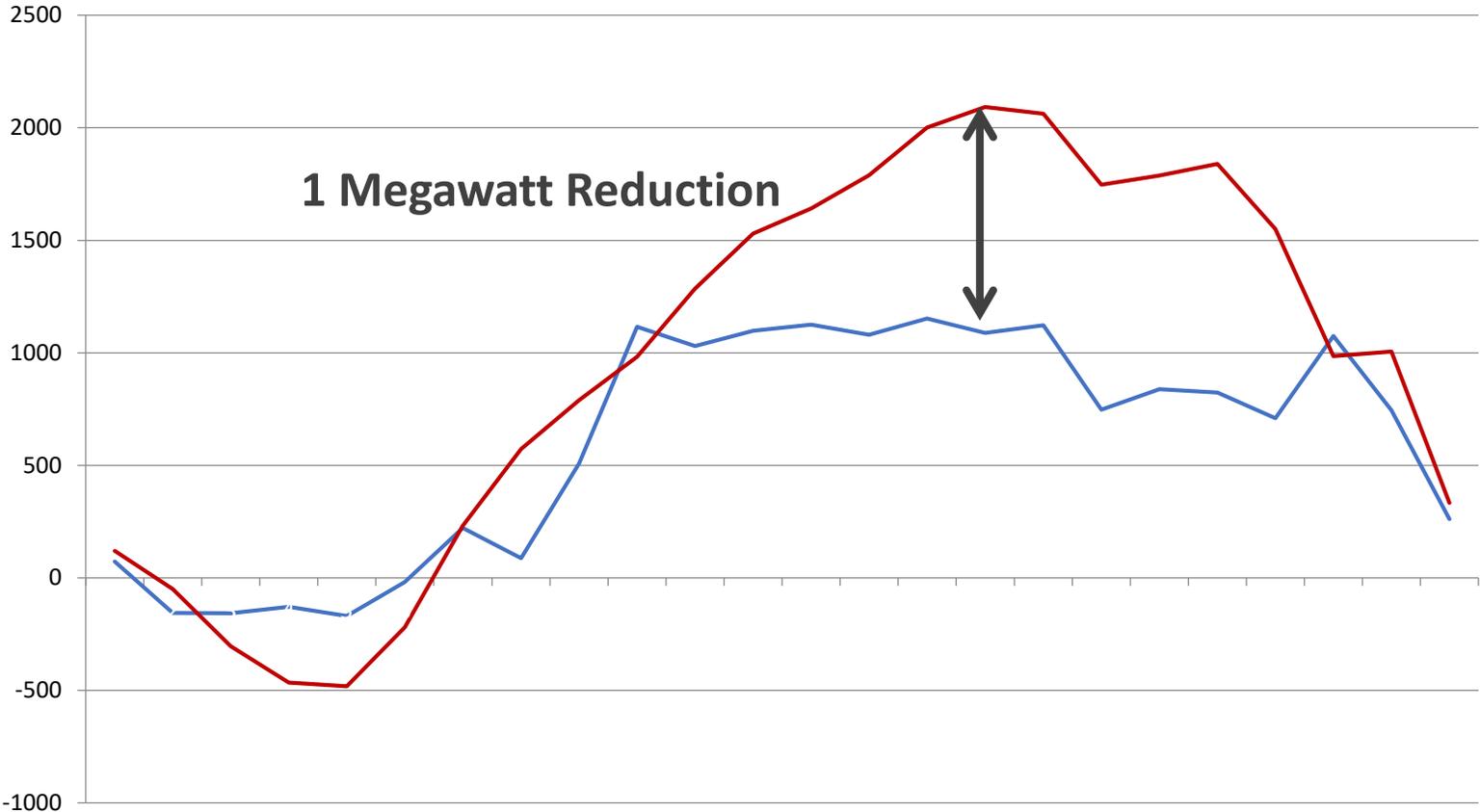


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... and we are not going to discuss the efficient way that a TES tank can shift megawatts of electric power



Instead – this presentation will focus on importance of **'Rchitecture** with respect to TES tank projects



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# Engineers and Architects don't always agree



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Maybe because some designs aren't easy to engineer



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Maybe because some designs aren't easy to build



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...or maybe because some designs just can't be taken seriously



...but more often than not, the Engineer fears that the Architect's design will bust the budget!



But when done right

**Architecture** can make a structure **iconic**

Architecture has persisted as one of the most profoundly important reflections of culture



# What makes it iconic?



Some of the most recognizable structures can be drawn with a **single line upon a page**



A singular, striking gesture can culminate in a structure that is highly **memorable**



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Iconic structures can make a statement about an organization, city, or even an entire region



# A structure can serve as a metaphor

The Taj Mahal was designed and built for Mumtaz Mahal, the favorite wife of the Mughal emperor, and has stood as a **symbol of love** for three and a half centuries



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“The pursuit of the iconic requires great willingness ...

to put up with inevitable setbacks and the potential **budget-busting** complications as the Architect strives to create something completely unique.”

Many of the world's most iconic structures have been shaped in large part by teams of innovative **engineers, working in collaboration with architects** to find ways to realize their visions.



# So what does architecture have to do with Thermal Energy Storage tanks?

TES tanks are **BIG**

so they are visible

from a long way off

If a tank can be seen – then an Architect cares ←

# Some TES tanks never get built

ROI did not meet the owner's requirements

Aesthetics did not meet the owner's requirements:

- "It's too ugly."
- "Looks industrial."
- "What will parents and students think if they see it?"

# One answer is hide the tank!



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But more often than not, TES tanks are exposed and in full view of passersby

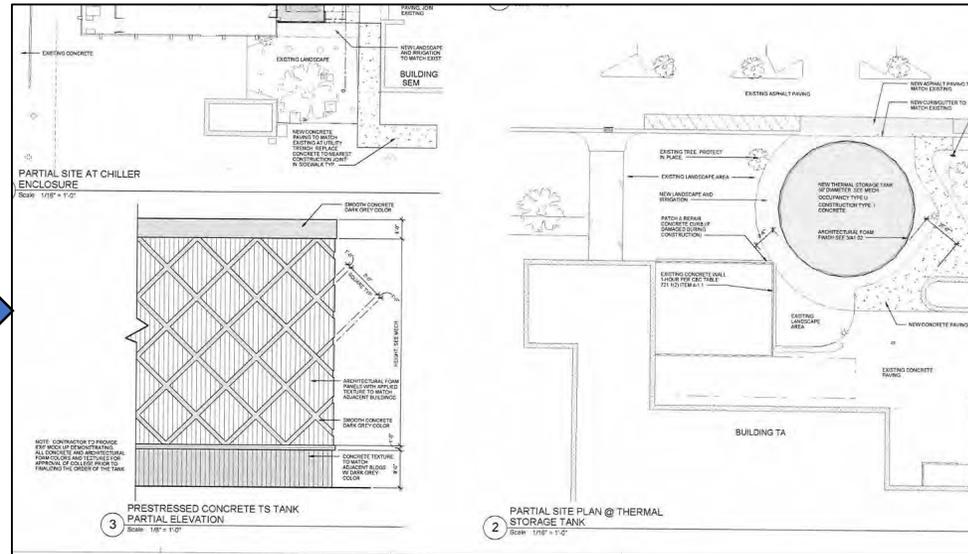


Engineers and Architects can collaborate  
to make a successful TES tank project

# Engineers, Architects, and Owners Collaborate



Stairwell



Drawing – Engineers and Architects



Rendering

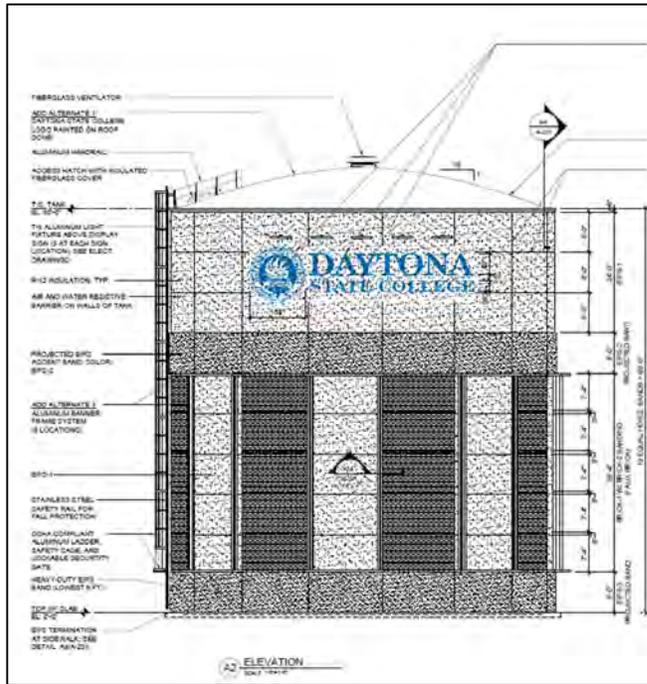
Reduces energy costs, and the appearance emulates the campus architecture



**Cypress, CA – Cypress College**

- 10,000 ton-hours TES capacity
- 7 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 1.4 megawatts of peak power reduction

# Engineers, Architects and Owner Collaborate to make a visible “sustainability” statement



Collaborative Drawing



Rendering by the Architect

# Reduces energy costs, provides resiliency and expresses the values of the owner



## Daytona Beach, FL – Daytona State College

- 20,000 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 19 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 2.1 megawatts of peak power reduction

Reduces energy costs by reducing peak capacity, provides resiliency and is **memorable**



Courtesy of the State of California

**Sacramento, CA – California Dept. of General Services**

- 52,000 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 36 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 5.0 megawatts of peak power reduction



Courtesy of DC Pro Engineering

**Muscat, Oman – Technical College**

- 13,750 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 12 megawatt-hours of equivalent energy storage
- 2.5 megawatts of peak power reduction

Reduces energy costs by reducing peak capacity, provides resiliency, and is pleasing to the eye



**Salt Lake City – University of Utah**

- 27,800 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 19 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 3.8 megawatts of peak power reduction

# TES tanks are “Award Winning” in appearance



## St. Paul, MN – District Energy St. Paul

- 37,400 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 29 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 8.2 megawatts of peak power reduction



## Madison, WI – State of Wisconsin Capital Power Plant

- 9,500 ton-hours of TES capacity
- 7 megawatt-hours equivalent energy storage
- 1.0 megawatt of peak power reduction

# Intangible values of enhancing the appearance of a TES tank

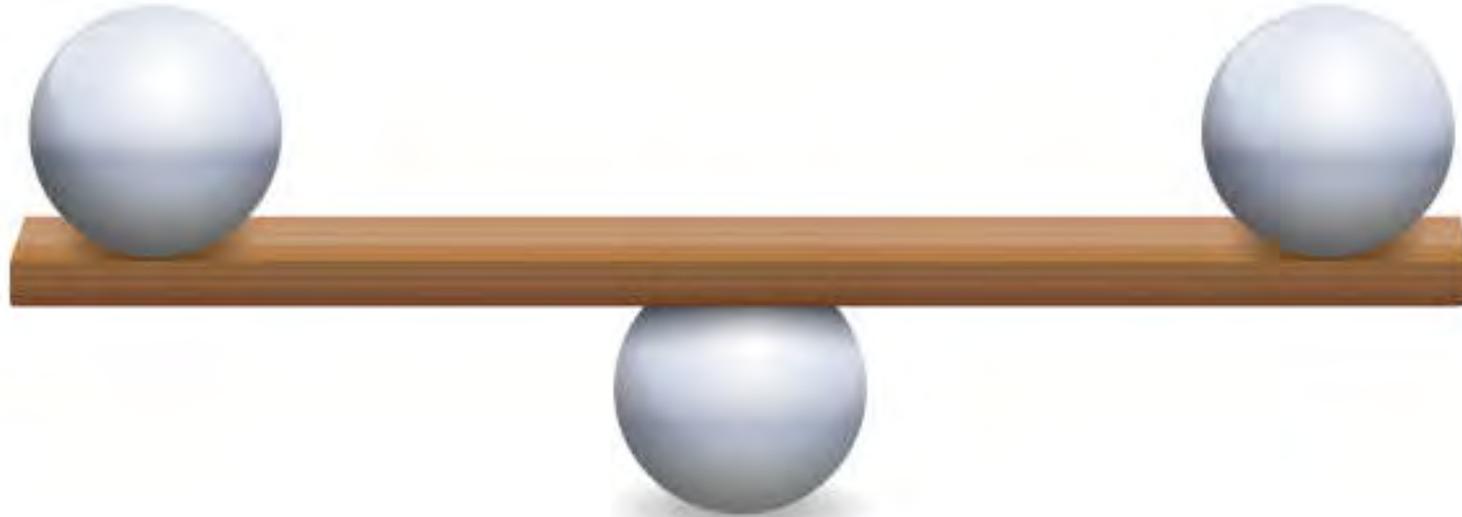
- Instills pride within the owner
- Is interesting to see by passersby
- Becomes a memorable landmark
- Makes a statement about the owner's values
- Does NOT detract from the campus appearance

**Can help make the project happen**

Looks Awesome

vs.

\$'s



**An enhanced architectural finish on a TES tank can be the difference between a project moving forward – or not**

# When developing a TES project – remember

ROI

Resiliency

'Rchitecture

# Thank you, Architects

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