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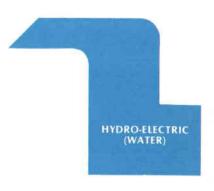
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A 10-MEGAWATT SOLAR THERMAL CENTRAL RECEIVER PILOT PLANT

A cooperative effort between the U.S. Department of Energy and Southern California Edison Company, L.A. Department of Water and Power, California Energy Commission.

Some day, solar energy may be used to generate large blocks of power — capable of meeting the needs of factories, cities, suburbs and farms. Some initial steps have been taken toward reaching that goal.

Two methods of producing electricity from the power of the sun show promise. They are Solar Cell (photovoltaic) and Solar Thermal Conversion. Of these two, Solar Thermal Conversion benefits from using conventional power plant technology and material and therefore offers the most immediate promise, for the utility industry.



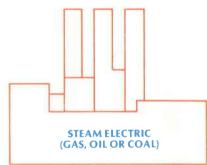
HOW ELECTRICITY IS GENERATED

At present, all electric power supplied to Southern and Central California is produced by turbine-generators. The only differences in method are the power sources used to drive the turbines. There are two basic methods of doing this...hydroelectric and steam-electric.

The hydroelectric method utilizes the power of falling water. Water, stored in a reservoir, is released as needed and directed against turbine blades which spin a generator to produce electricity.

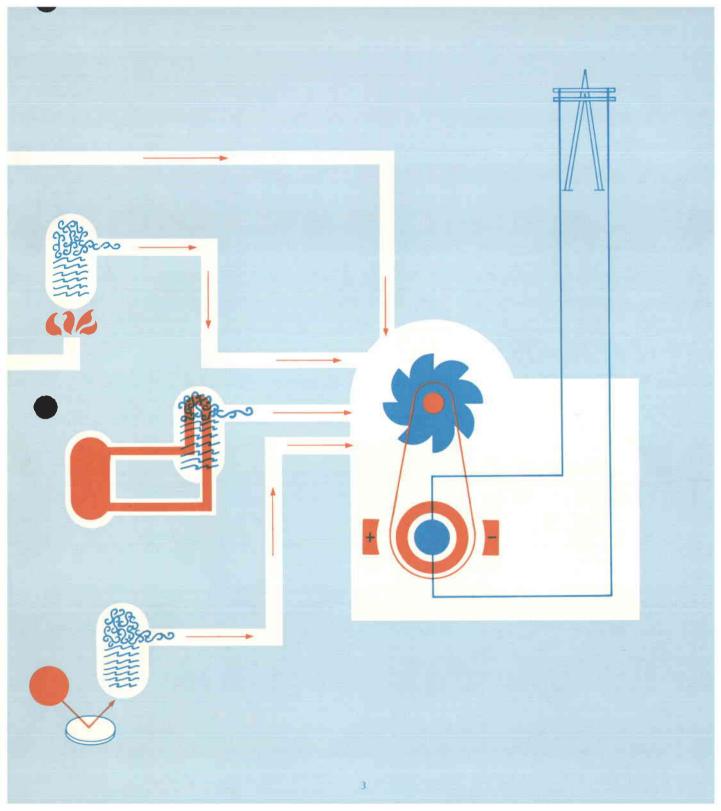
The second method, which is used to produce most electricity in Southern California, is steam-electric generation. In this system, water is heated to form high-pressure steam; which, in turn, provides the energy for the turbine that drives the generator.

Steam-electric generation traditionally has utilized the heat from the combustion of fossil fuels (oil, gas or coal) or the heat from nuclear fission to produce steam. In solar thermal conversion, heat from the sun is used to produce the steam. Shown at right is a diagram illustrating these methods of generating electricity.









CONVERSION

In mid-1974, a national goal was established to have a pilot-scale solar thermal central receiver plant operating by the early 1980's. The need for early utility company experience with solar electric technology was apparent to the managers of the Federal program. So in 1976, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), formerly the Energy Research and Development Administration, selected Edison, the

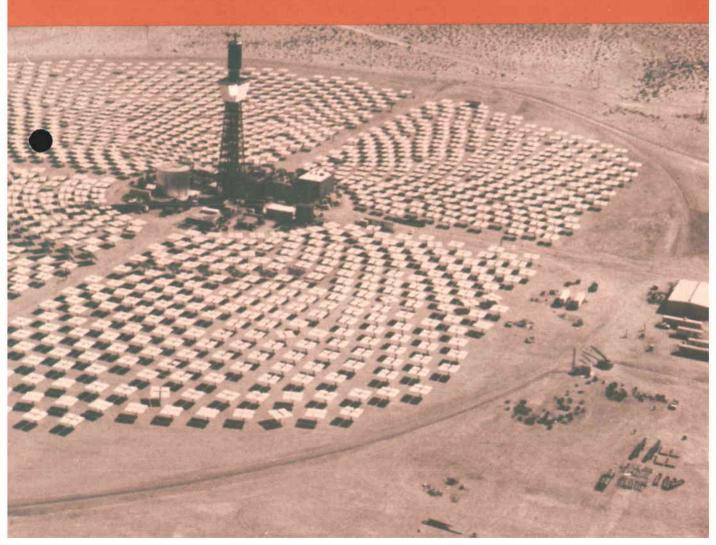


construction of the experimental generating facility is costing project participants approximately \$142 million.

Solar thermal power generation systems collect solar energy as heat and deliver it in the form of

mirrors to reflect and concentrate sunlight on a centrally located receiver/boiler that produces steam.

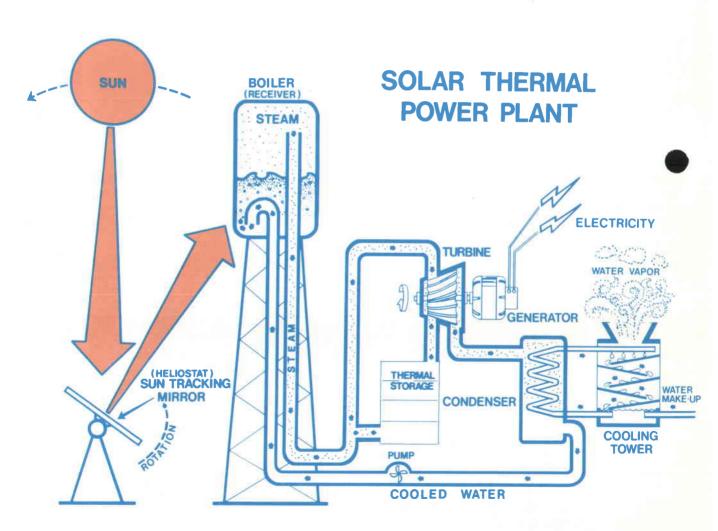
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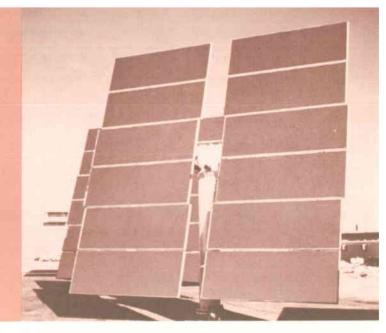
HERE'S HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS

Sunlight strikes the heliostat (a sun-tracking mirror) and is reflected to the elevated receiver/boiler that absorbs the heat and turns water to steam. The steam is then directed to a conventional turbine generator where electrical power is produced. During periods when excess steam is available, it is directed to a system for storage and later extracted

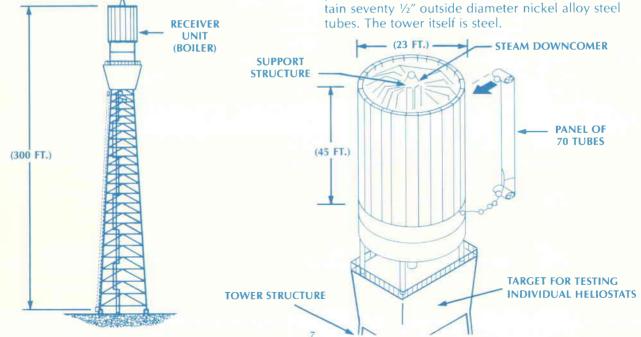
during periods when no sun is available. After use, the steam is cooled and condensed back to water so that it can be pumped back up to the tower to be reheated to steam and put to work again. A conventional cooling system (consisting of a wet cooling tower, piping and condenser) is used to cool the exhaust steam.



The design for the collector field calls for 1,818 mirror modules, called heliostats, with a reflective area of 430 square feet per heliostat. The overall size of each heliostat is nearly 23 feet wide by 23 feet high. The field of heliostats surrounds the receiver tower with the tower set off center in the southern portion of the field. To focus the sunlight, the heliostats adjust continuously as the sun moves. The mirrors track the sun using two axes of rotation, azimuth and elevation. Each heliostat is supported on one central foundation and is capable of being stowed in a face-down, horizontal position during adverse weather conditions.



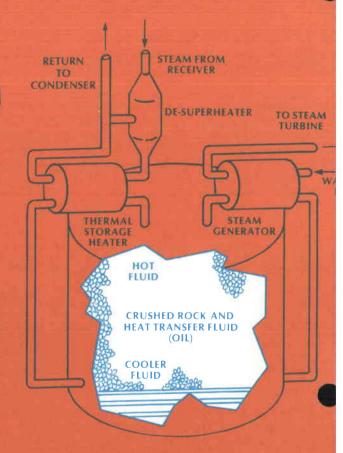
The receiver/boiler is a once-through (without a boiler drum) design with rated steam conditions of 960 degrees F. and 1515 psia (pounds per square inch absolute). It will produce enough steam to run the turbine generator at 10 megawatts for 8 hours on a summer day and for 4 hours on a winter day. The diameter of the boiler is 23 feet and the tube panels are 45 feet tall. Each of the tube panels contain seventy ½" outside diameter nickel alloy steel tubes. The tower itself is steel.



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ermal storage subsystem utilizes an oil/rock cline principle for storing thermal energy, ored thermal energy is capable of producing o power the turbine-generator at a reduced 7 megawatts for 4 hours. The thermal storage gives the pilot plant the flexibility of generatoricity during periods of cloud cover and in ly evening hours following sunset.

rock thermocline principle uses a tank filled cks, and an oil capable of withstanding high atures (575°F). Oil is taken from the bottom ank, heated in a heat exchanger with steam e receiver, and then pumped into the top of k. As sufficient quantities of hot oil are d into the top of the tank, the rocks are and the heat is retained in the oil and rocks aim heat from storage, hot oil is withdrawn e top of the tank, passes through heat extra to produce steam, and is pumped back to tom of the tank. The steam produced is the turbine to generate electricity.



THE FUTURE DF SOLAR ELECTRIC POWER

The project described in this booklet, and other projects Edison is supporting on its own and through its contributions to the Electric Power Research Institute and its technical assistance to the Department of Energy, will help put solar technology to use in Southern California.

Solar electric power plants may be available as proven commercial technology by the early 1990's. Edison takes pride in the pioneering role it is playing in developing this energy option for the future.



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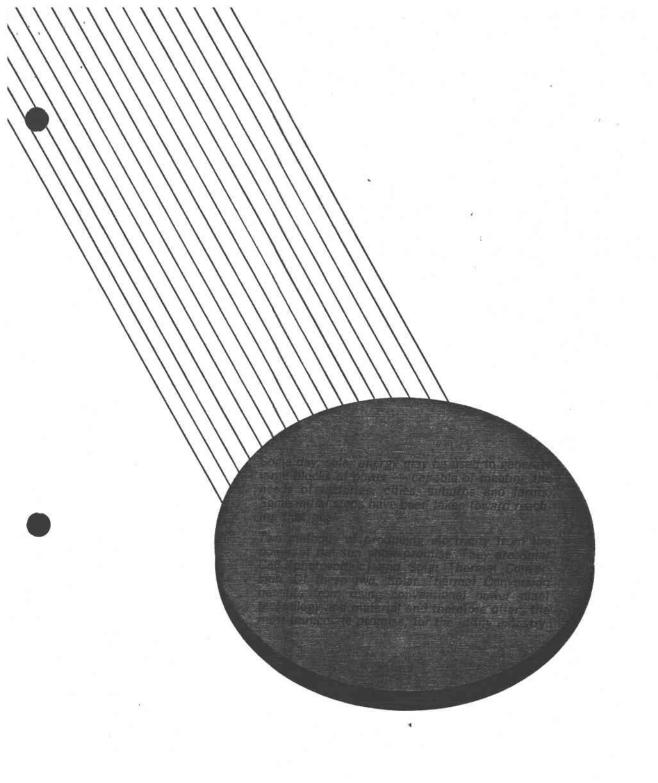
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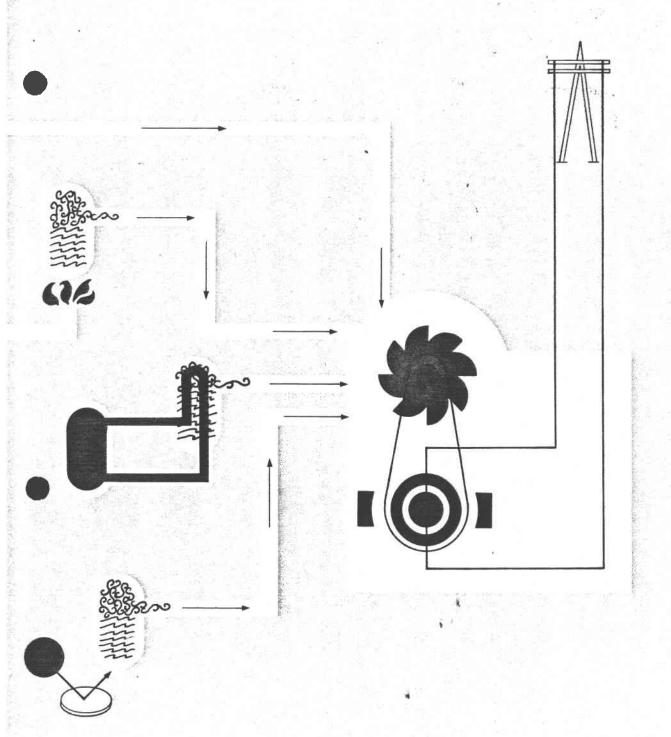
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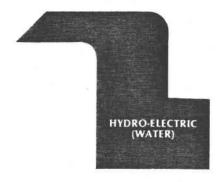
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10-MEGAWATT SOLAR THERMAL CENTRAL RECEIVER PILOT PLANT

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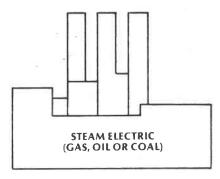
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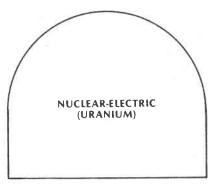
At present, all electric power supplied to Southern and Central California is produced by turbine-generators. The only differences in method are the power sources used to drive the turbines. There are two basic methods of doing this...hydroelectric and steam-electric.

The hydroelectric method utilizes the power of falling water. Water, stored in a reservoir, is released as needed and directed against turbine blades which spin a generator to produce electricity.

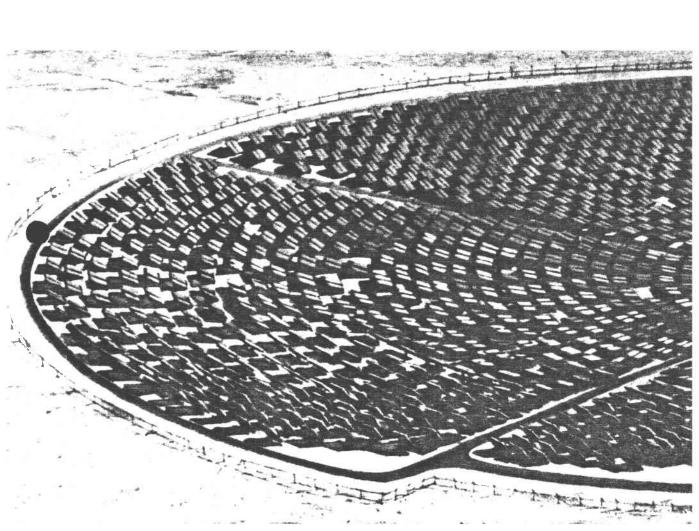
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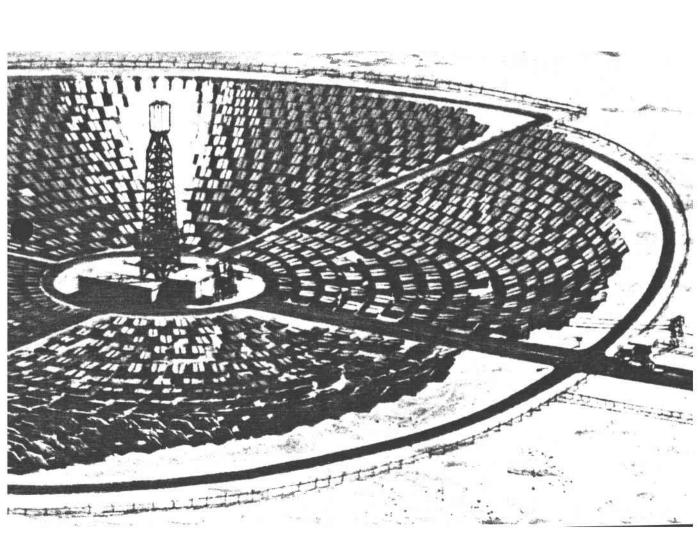
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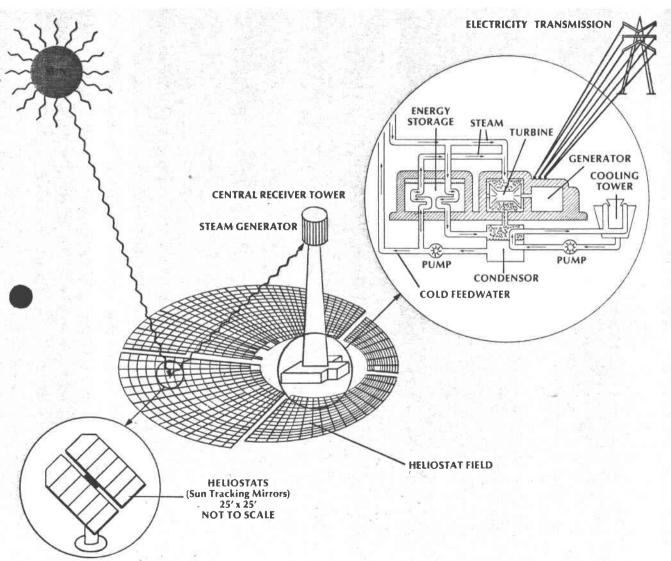






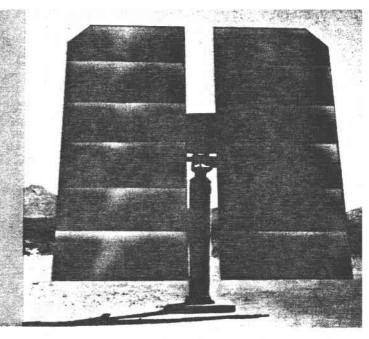




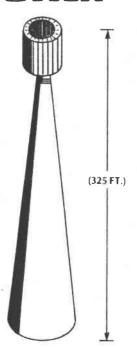


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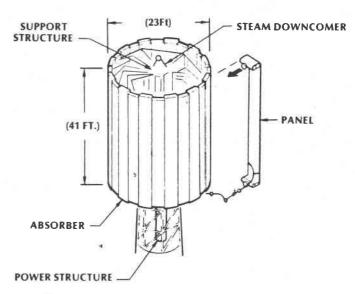
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The receiver/boiler tower will be a once-through (without a boiler drum) design with rated steam conditions of 960 degrees F. and 1515 psia (pounds per square inch absolute). The diameter of the boiler will be 23 feet and the tube panels will be 41 feet tall. Each of the tube panels will contain seventy ½" outside diameter nickel alloy steel tubes. The tower itself will be steel.







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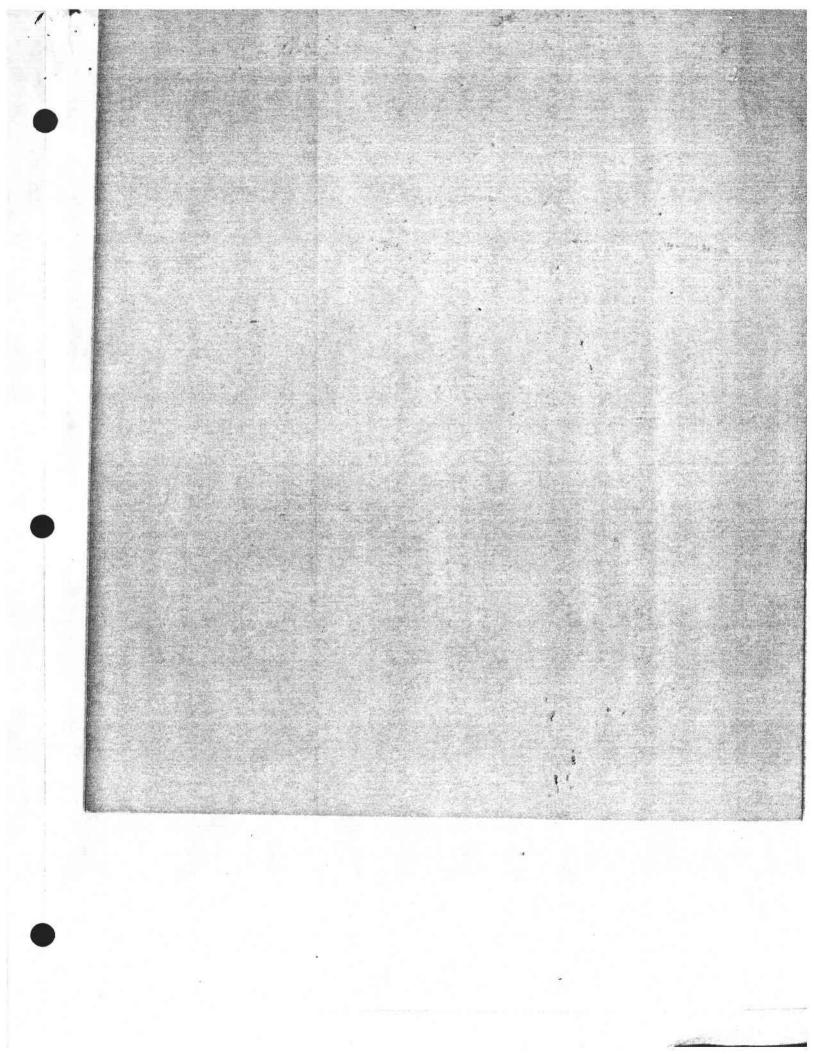
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