

# Maui's Energy Future

Indigenous and Affordable?

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# What will it cost to get to a 100% Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)?

- Economic Cost-comparing how MECO does things today to a preferred future
- The cost to our community aka “externalities”
- The social cost-how are we treating the solar industry that got us here?

# MECO costs have dropped-a lot

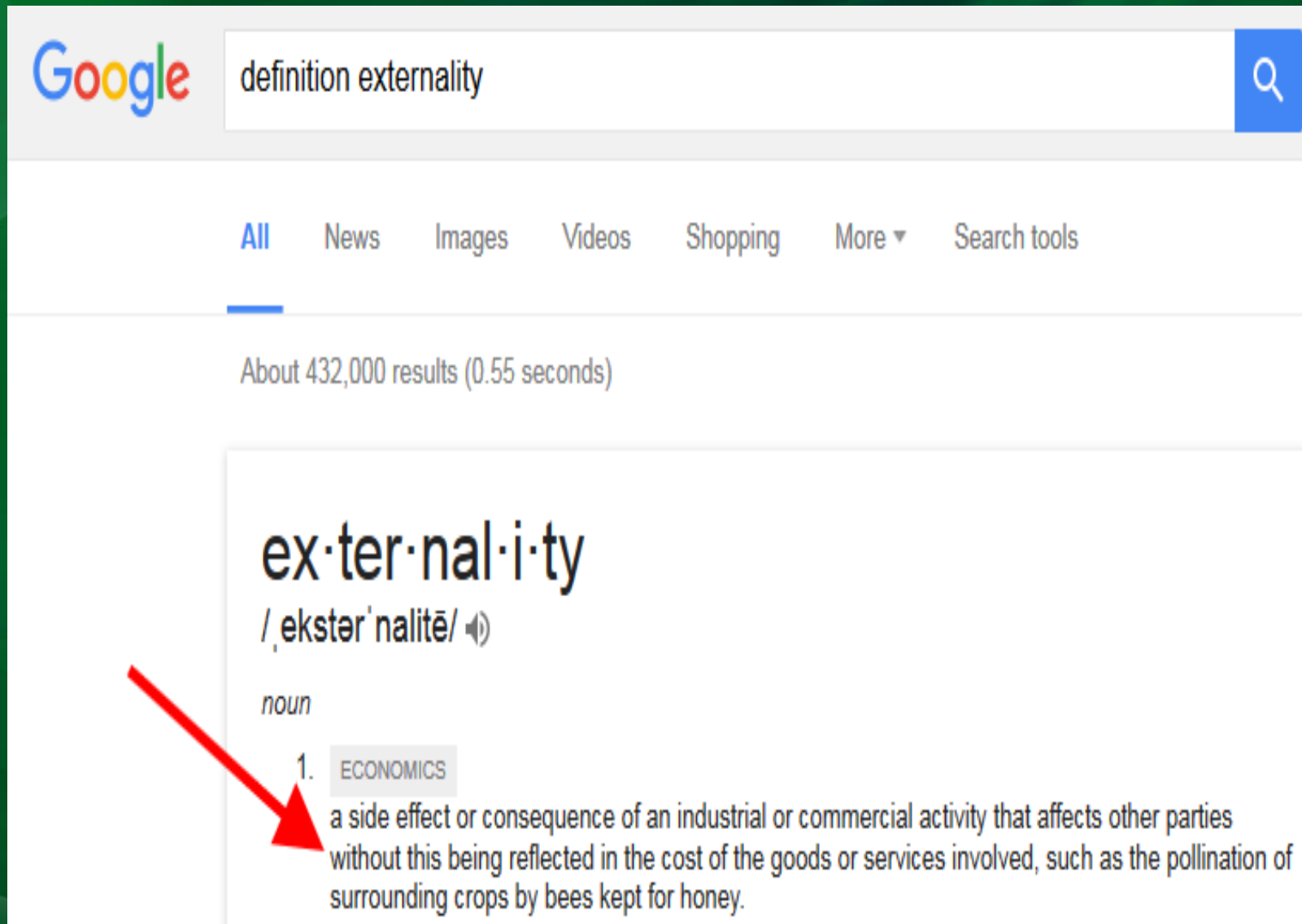
Can we promise savings from here?



# Maui Costs vs Mainland costs



# Social Cost



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**ex·ter·nal·i·ty**  
/ˌɛkstərˈnælɪtē/

*noun*

1. **ECONOMICS**  
a side effect or consequence of an industrial or commercial activity that affects other parties without this being reflected in the cost of the goods or services involved, such as the pollination of surrounding crops by bees kept for honey.

# The real world

6000  
acres

## High winds fuel fast-moving brush fire mauka of Maalaea

Homes, Maalaea Harbor Shops evacuated; 6,000 acres burned

July 3, 2016

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MAALAEA - Ash and smoke carried by strong, gusty winds blanketed Maalaea, burning people's eyes while a brush fire roared across roughly 6,000 acres Saturday.

About a dozen Maalaea residents and hundreds of customers and workers at the Maalaea Harbor Shops area were evacuated, and



## Top News

# Hydrogen sulfide release reported from Puna Geothermal plant

Star-Advertiser staff

August 7, 2014



Hawaii County Civil Defense issued an alert from an uncontrolled release of hydrogen sulfide steam at the Puna Geothermal Venture plant in Pohoiki.

At about 8:15 p.m., civil defense officials said emergency crews were responding and plant operators are working on controlling the release and monitoring the emissions at the controversial lower Puna geothermal plant.

Residents in the area of Leilani Estates and and Pohoiki Road were advised to remain indoors or to evacuate the area if they experienced any discomfort.

"We lost transmission lines, so the plant couldn't deliver any of the electricity," PGV spokesman Mike Kaleikini said. He attributed the the lines going down to high winds.

Kaleikini said the plant has to shut down whenever there is a loss of transmission because pressure builds up. The plant releases some steam to relieve the pressure buildup to protect its equipment, he said.

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“Whiskey is for drinking; water is for fighting over.”

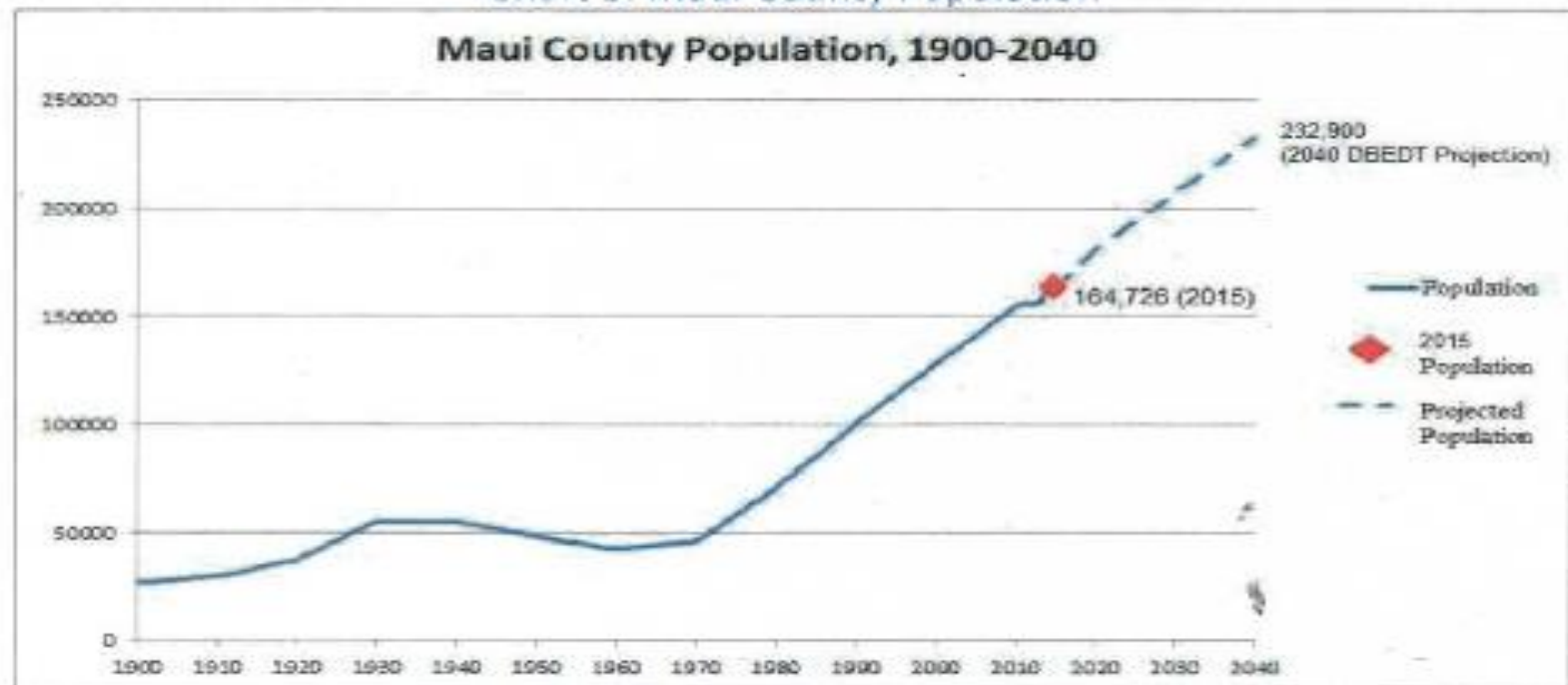
– Mark Twain

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Chart 3: Maui County Population



Source: U.S. Bureau of the Census

# Sustainable, ecologically sound development


- Doesn't our community have a clear preference for making electricity without using water?
- How does this get factored in to MECO's "cost" analysis?
- Moving to 100% IS A ZERO SUM GAME

# The Social Cost



TOPICS

## Hawaii utilities hit rooftop solar caps for grid supply tariff on Maui, Big Island

By [Krysti Shallenberger](#) | August 25, 2016  print



## Maui solar companies describe the residential pv market on Maui

- “Annihilated”
- “Destroyed”
- All owners said their biz down AT LEAST 50%
- “We will all lay off people in the next 90 days”

Quotes are from solar company owners on Maui

“There is less activity now than at the start of the year, and we anticipate things slowing down much faster going forward, but as of today, we have not seen too much of a slowdown this year.” County DSA

|                      | Residential PV Permits | Commercial PV Permits |
|----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1/1/2016 - 3/31/2016 | 497                    | 43                    |
| 4/1/2016 - 6/30/2016 | 440                    | 27                    |
| 7/1/2016 - 8/25/2016 | 371                    | 35                    |



# Mahalo

