



# CONDITION ASSESSMENTS & COMPREHENSIVE ASSET EVALUATIONS

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- Serve over 480,000 residents and businesses. Maintain ~1,500 miles of collection system.
- Treatment Plant dry weather flow ~32 Million Gallons per day.
- Wet weather peak flow 1,000 cfs (stored in wet weather storage ponds).
- Provide recycled water to agricultural customers.
- Operate residential household hazardous waste collection facility.





# LIQUID TREATMENT PROCESS

Headworks



Primary



Aeration Tanks



UV  
Disinfection



Secondary  
Clarifiers



CENTRAL SAN



# Existing Solids Treatment Process

**Secondary Clarifier**



**Dissolved Air Flotation Thickener**



**Sludge Blending Tank**



**Ash Handling System**



**Multiple Hearth Furnace**



**Centrifuge**



# CENTRAL SAN'S CHALLENGE WITH AGING INFRASTRUCTURE

- Much of Central San's equipment is from a major treatment plant expansion project completed in the 1970s.
- While the treatment system has been reliable and serviceable for many years, operability and maintainability of the equipment is becoming more challenging over time (including access to spare parts) and more efficient equipment (often with higher standards of safety) has entered the marketplace.



# PROJECT OVERVIEW







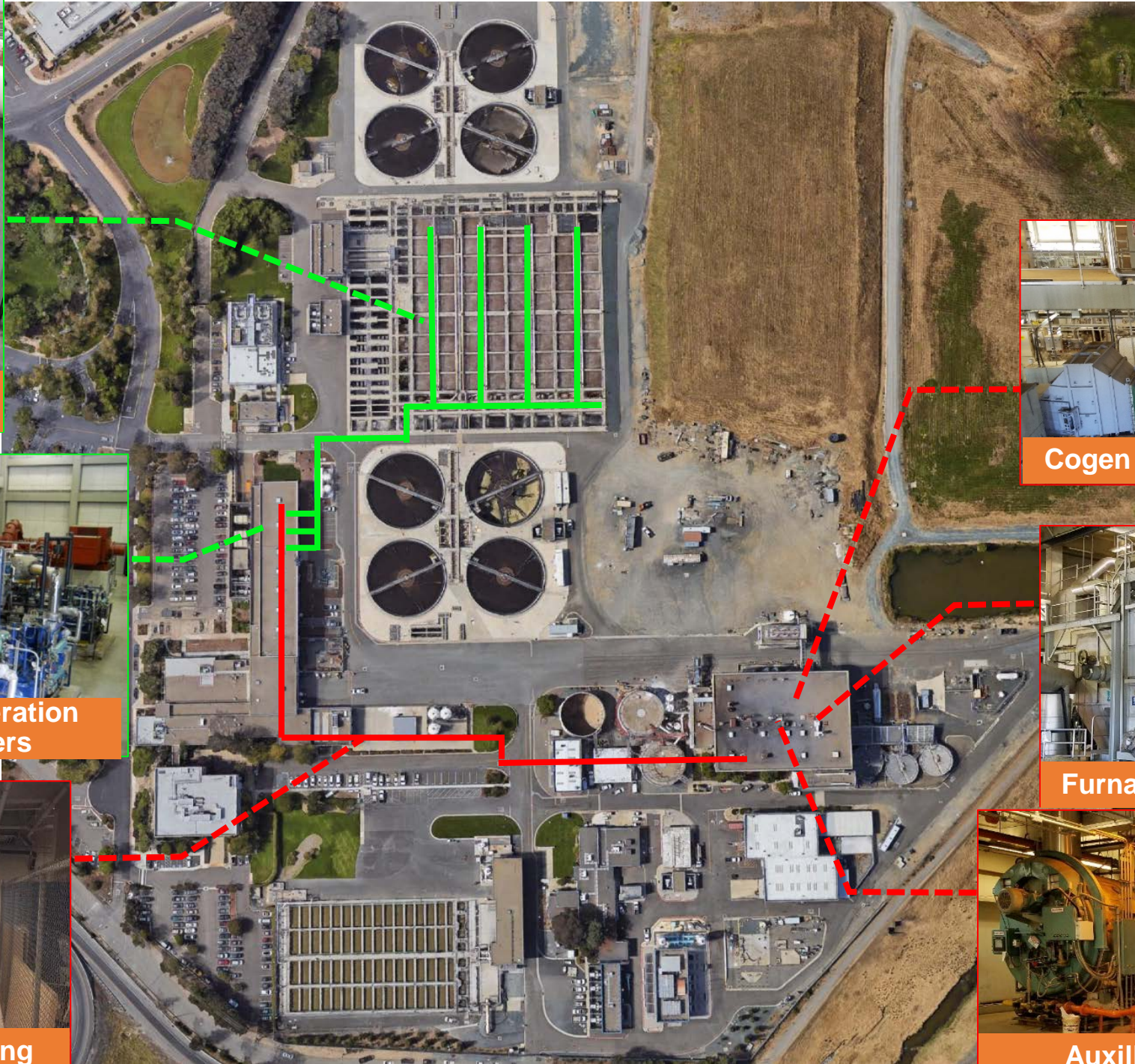
Aeration Diffusers



Steam Aeration  
Blowers



Steam Piping



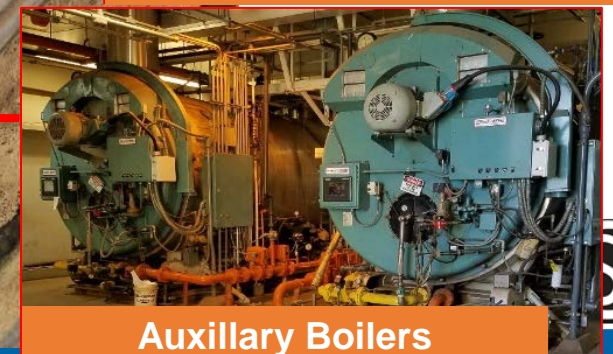
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STEAM SYSTEM  
CURRENTLY LINKED TO  
SECONDARY PROCESS**



Cogen Boiler



Furnace Waste Heat Boiler



Auxillary Boilers



# STEAM PROJECT DRIVERS

Data collection, condition assessment, testing, business case evaluations, and pre-design to address:

- Employee safety
- Reliability of operation
- Meeting current and future demands
- Reliability of permit compliance
- Reduction of operation and maintenance cost
- Worked with professional engineering consultants from HDR and ArcSine



MHF Boiler Tubes



# COMPLETED NUMEROUS CONDITION INSPECTIONS OF ASSETS

- Visual inspection, records/work order review, and non-destructive evaluation (NDE) completed as needed to estimate:
  - Remaining useful life of critical equipment
  - Lifecycle costs

Guided Wave Length Testing  
Strength Length Steam Piping  
Mistras ~100'



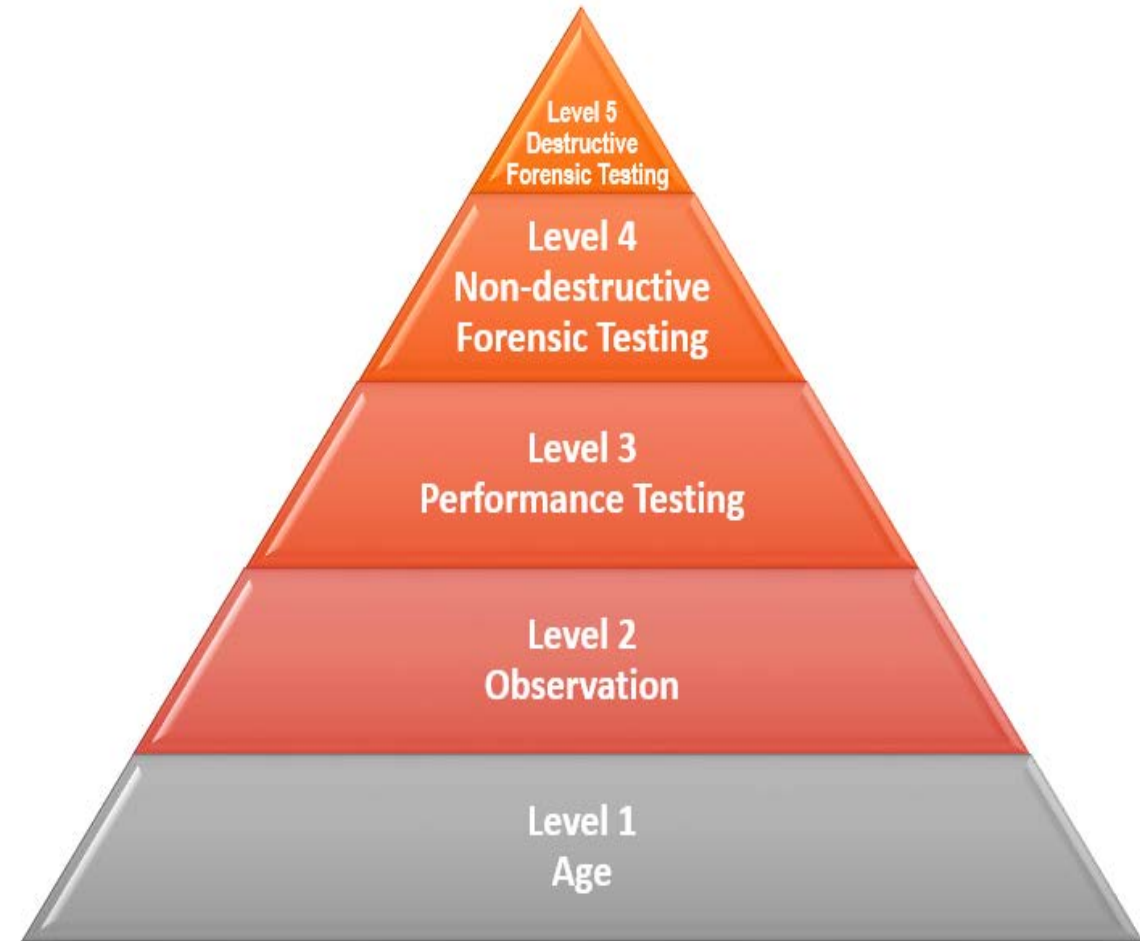
# PLANNING AND INITIAL EVALUATION PHASE

Define Assets

Establish Criticality Scoring System

Request and Review Asset information

Develop Condition Assessment Plans





# AGGREGATE CONDITION ASSESSMENT SCORING

Condition Assessment Level	Levels 1 and 2 Aggregate Weight (%)	Levels 1, 2, and 3 Aggregate Weight (%)	Levels 1, 2, and 4 Aggregate Weight (%)	Levels 1, 2, 3, and 4 Aggregate Weight (%)
Level 1 - Review of Age and Expected Life	15%	15%	15%	15%
Level 2 - Visual Field Inspection	85%	42.5%	42.5%	30%
Level 3 - Performance Testing		42.5%		25%
Level 4 - Non-Destructive Testing			42.5%	30%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%



# STEAM DRIVEN BOILER FEEDWATER PUMPS

## CONDITION ASSESSMENT



- Provides water to all 5 boilers. One duty and one stand-by.
- Overall pump condition was found to be good during visual inspection.

Asset Type	Aging Infrastructure (Years)
Steam Boiler Feed Pump	>20



# CONDITION ASSESSMENT TAKE-AWAYS

- 1) Planning and Initial Evaluation Phase
  - Important to identify a core team of Engineers, Operations and Maintenance
  - Getting records together is time consuming. Investing in effort to digitize records helps greatly.
- 2) Inspection Phase
  - Local team of consultants helps minimize shutdowns
- 3) Engineering Analysis Phase



# SYSTEMATICALLY CAPTURING MULTIPLE DRIVERS FOR ASSET REPLACEMENT WITH COMPREHENSIVE ASSET EVALUATIONS (CAE)

Condition  
Inspection

## **Aging Infrastructure**

Repair or replace some equipment and structures to extend their useful life

## **Sustainability/Optimization**

- Safety
- Operating Ease
- Maintenance/Redundancy/Reliability
- Long Term Flexibility



## **Capacity**

Expand the capacity and redundancy (flows and loads) of some equipment and facilities

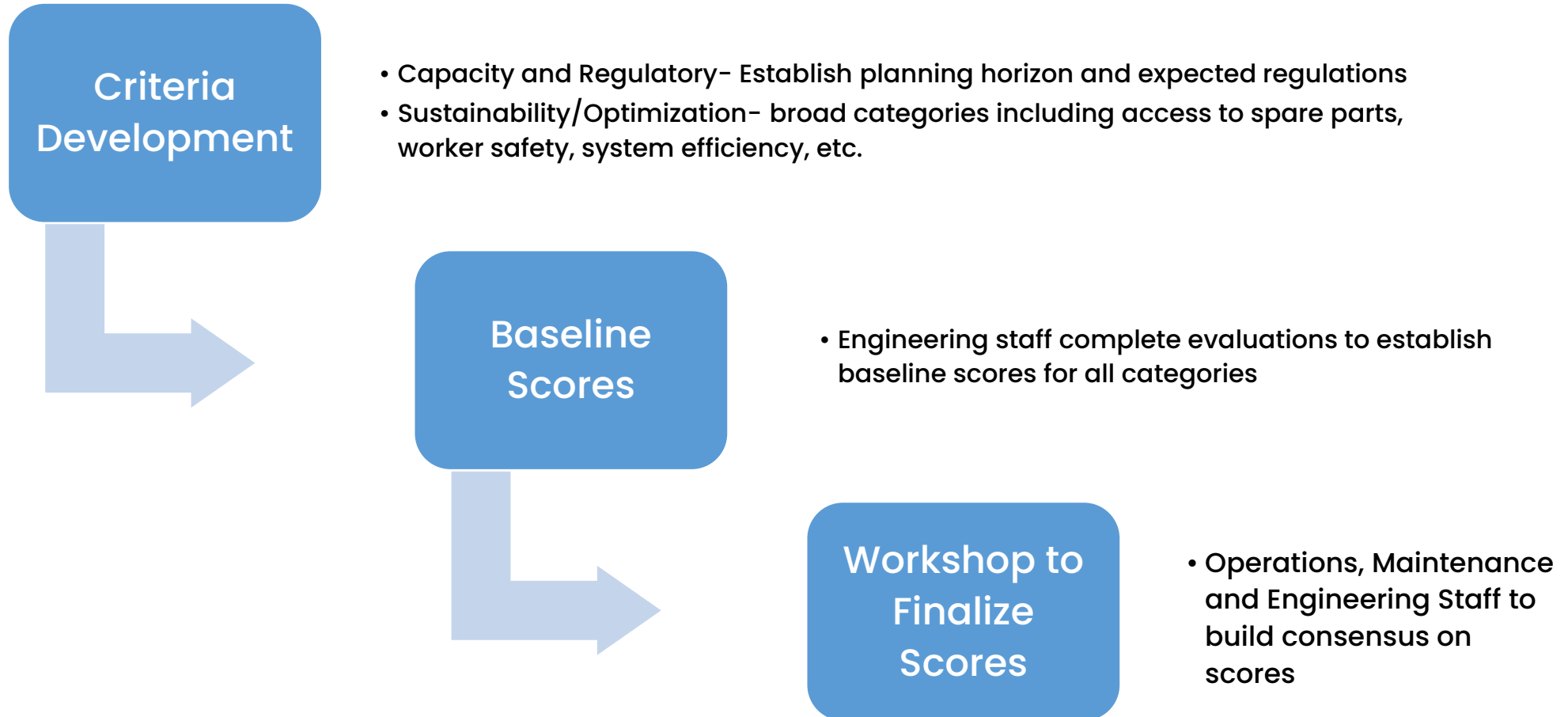
## **Regulations**

Comply with regulations and continue to adhere to them as they evolve or become stricter in the future

CAE

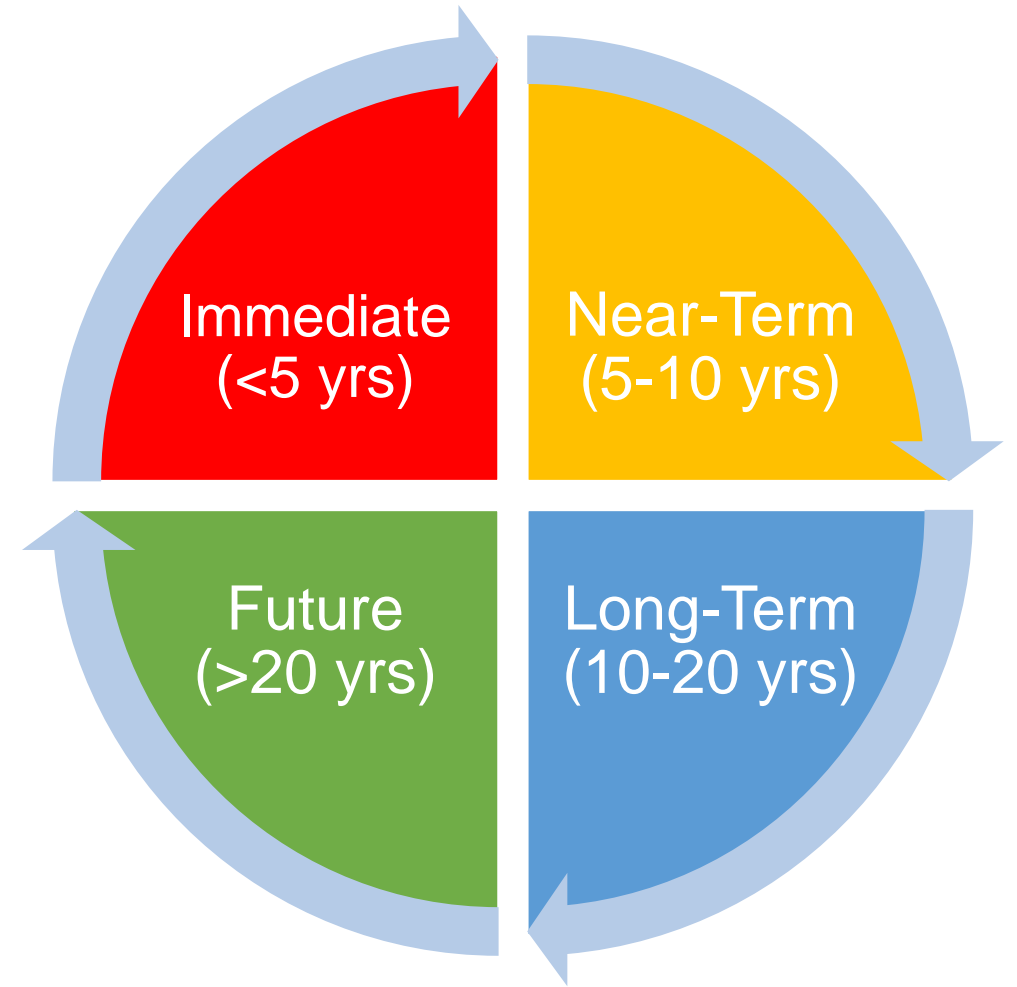


# CAE SEEKS TO SYSTEMATICALLY CAPTURE EVERYTHING GOING INTO ASSET REPLACEMENT DECISIONS



# CAE CRITERIA SUMMARY

- **Condition Assessment** RUL carried over from inspections, non-destructive testing, etc.
- **Capacity & Regulatory** RUL determined from data obtained during condition assessment work (operator interviews, design data, work order history, etc.) and additional research (0.75% growth increase/yr)
- **Sustainability/Optimization** RUL determined by consensus in workshops





# SUSTAINABILITY AND OPTIMIZATION DRIVERS DIFFER FOR ELECTRICAL AND OTHER ASSETS

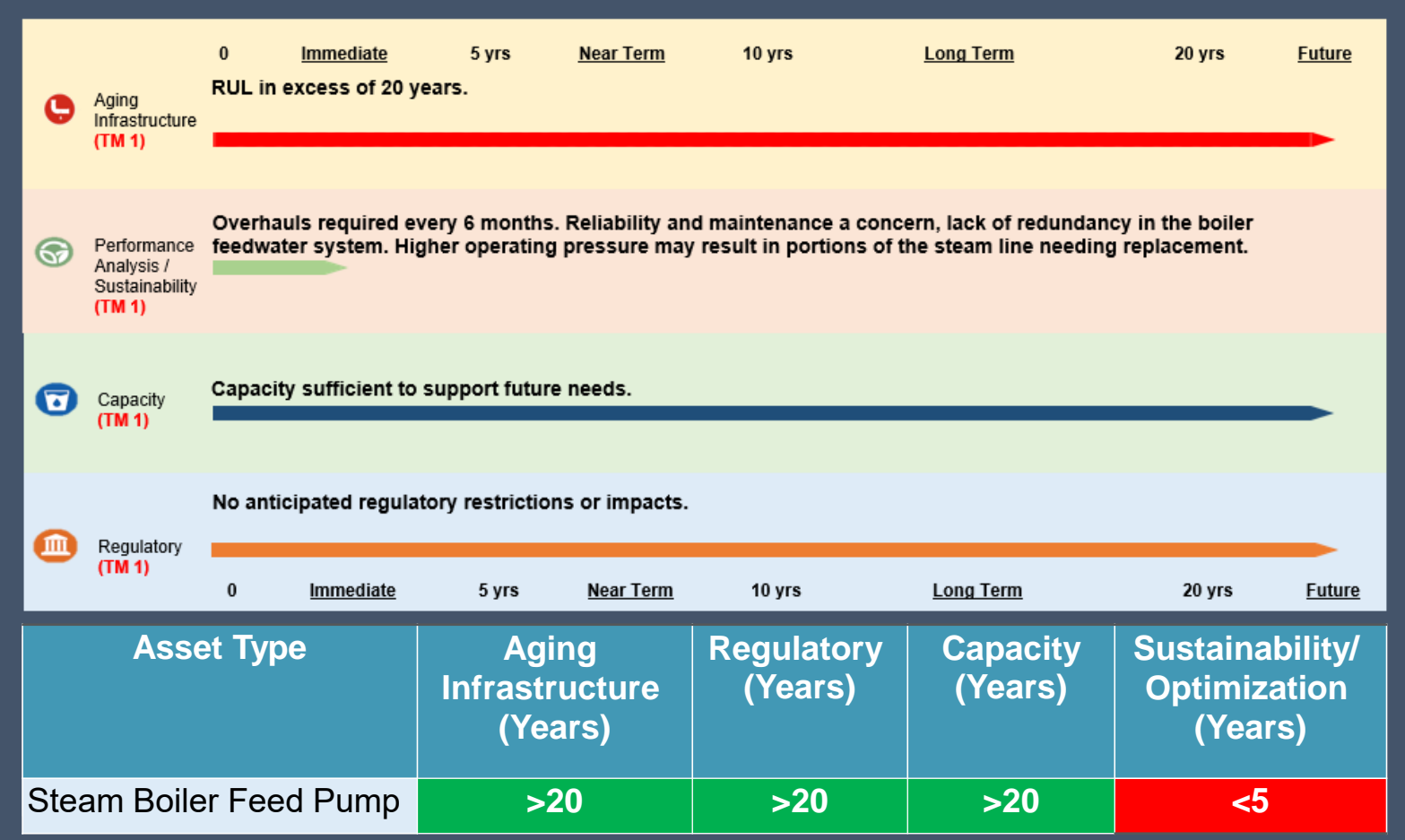
## Non-Electrical Assets (25% Each)

- Safety
- Operating Ease
- Maintenance, Redundancy, and Reliability
- Long Term Flexibility

## Electrical Assets

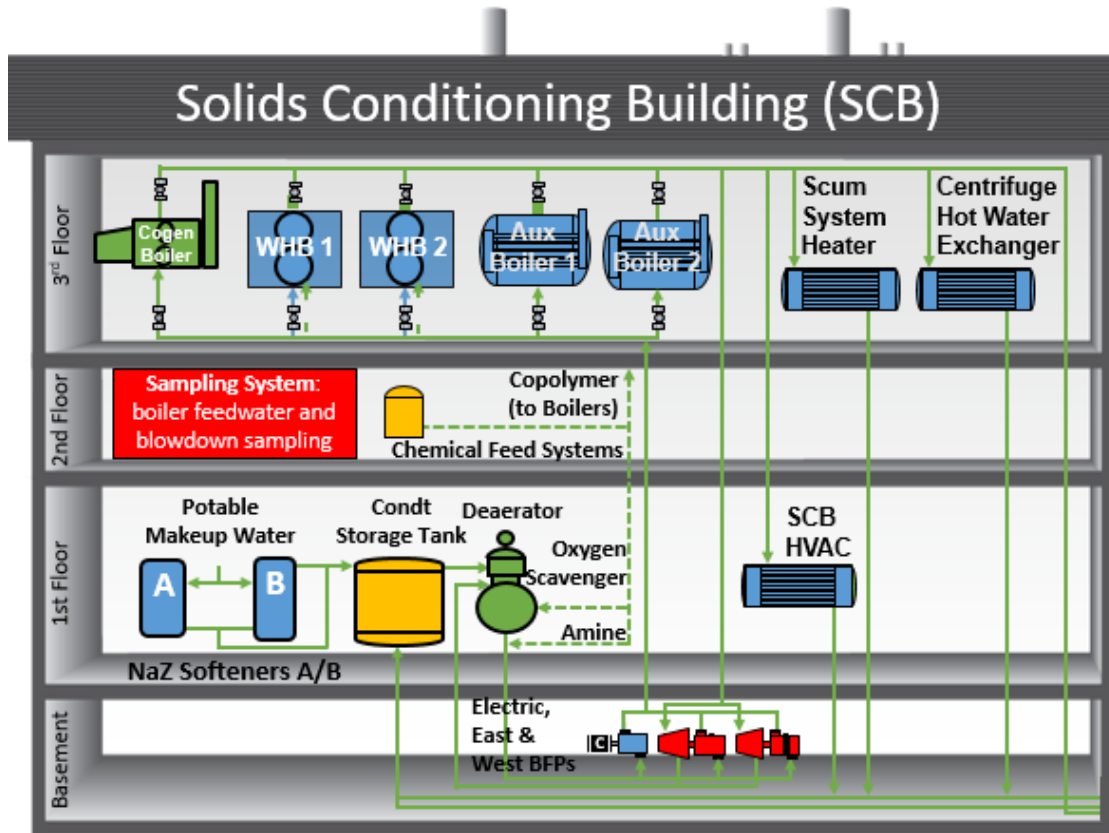
- Safety (25%)
- Physical Access (25%)
- Redundancy/Reliability (25%)
- Staff Interaction (5%)
- Standardization (10%)
- Documentation & Troubleshooting (10%)



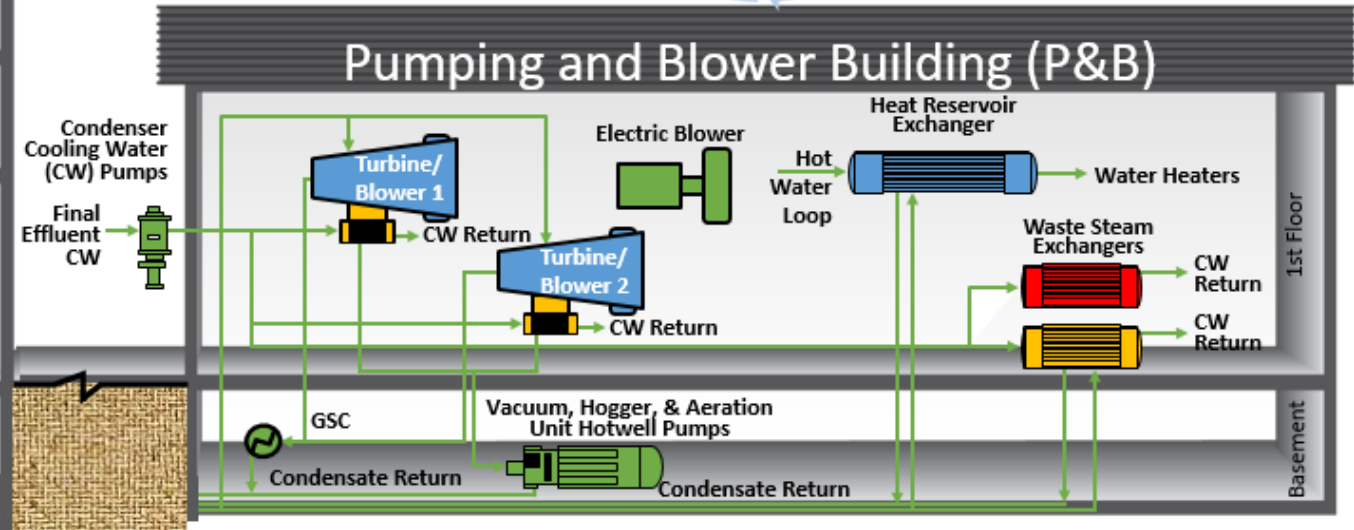




# CAE RESULTS EASILY COMMUNICATED



## LEGEND



# CAE AND CONDITION ASSESSMENT RESULTS TO DATE

- Accelerated spin-off projects
  - Installation of 3 new electric blowers for full redundancy and replacement of inlet air filters
  - Aeration diffuser replacement
- CAE process will help identify key support equipment to replace to keep system operational for 10+ years





**NEW EQUIPMENT AFTER  
AERATION BASIN  
DIFFUSER REPLACEMENT  
& SEISMIC UPGRADES**



**Aeration Diffusers**

**ADDING 3 ELECTRIC  
BLOWERS IN ELECTRIC  
BLOWER IMPROVEMENTS  
PROJECT**



**Steam Aeration  
Blowers**



**Steam Piping**

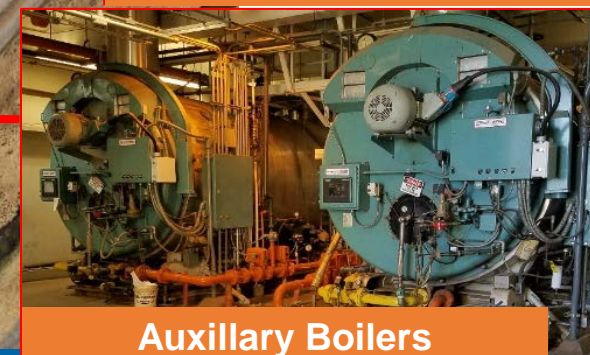
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**STEAM SYSTEM SUPPORT  
EQUIPMENT  
REPLACEMENT**

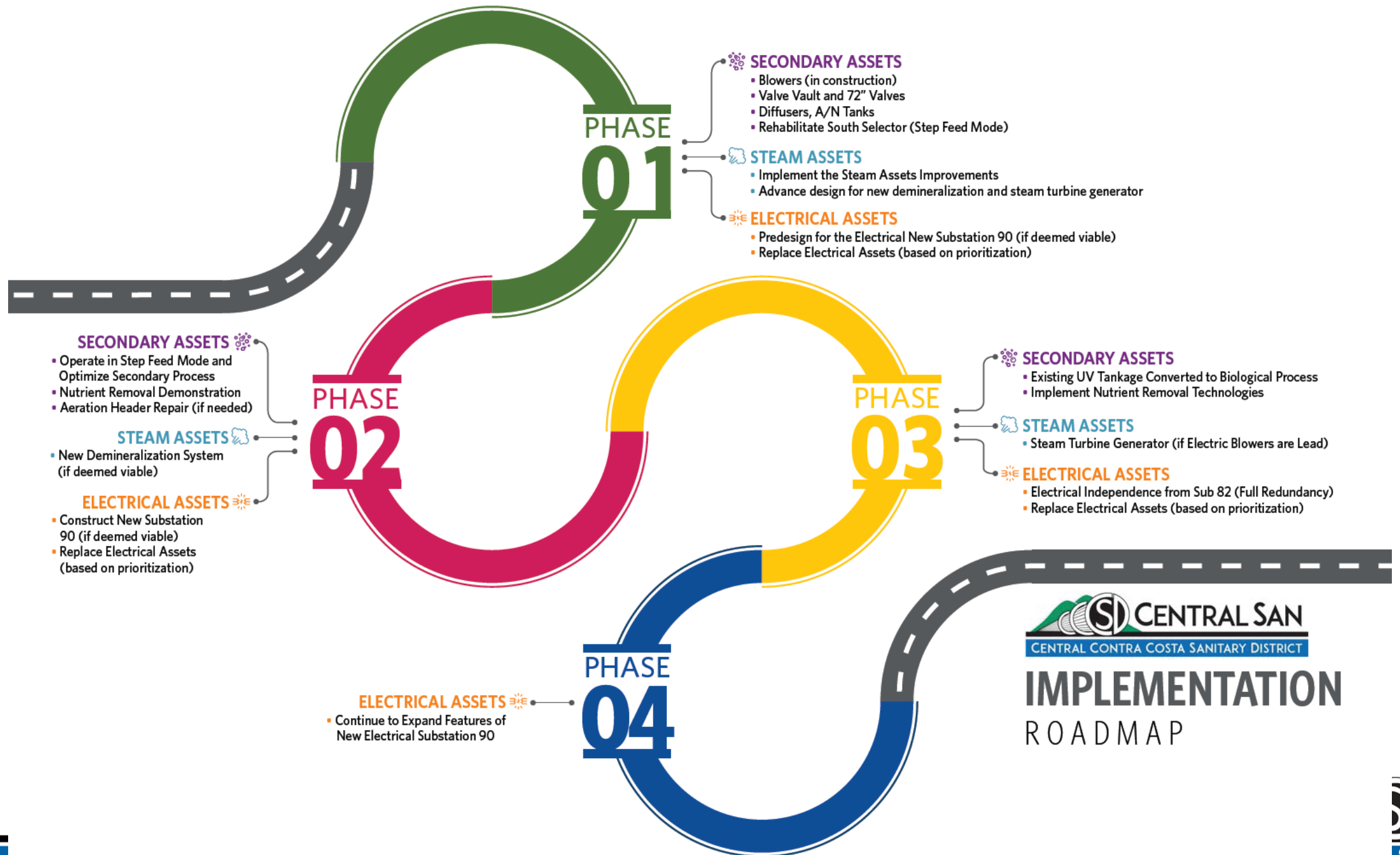


# CONCLUSIONS

- This case study can serve as a template for others to make informed business decisions regarding aging infrastructure.
- CAE builds upon condition assessment results to systematically capture other drivers (capacity, regulatory, and sustainability/optimization).
- The CAE process can ideally help a treatment plant fast track optimization efforts, identify opportunities to extend RUL of major assets when cost effective, and define near and long-term capital improvement projects in a simple and easy to communicate way.







# PHASE 01

## SECONDARY ASSETS

- Blowers (in construction)
- Valve Vault and 72" Valves
- Diffusers, A/N Tanks
- Rehabilitate South Selector (Step Feed Mode)

## STEAM ASSETS

- Implement the Steam Assets Improvements
- Advance design for new demineralization and steam turbine generator

## ELECTRICAL ASSETS

- Predesign for the Electrical New Substation 90 (if deemed viable)
- Replace Electrical Assets (based on prioritization)

# PHASE 02

## SECONDARY ASSETS

- Operate in Step Feed Mode and Optimize Secondary Process
- Nutrient Removal Demonstration
- Aeration Header Repair (if needed)

## STEAM ASSETS

- New Demineralization System (if deemed viable)

## ELECTRICAL ASSETS

- Construct New Substation 90 (if deemed viable)
- Replace Electrical Assets (based on prioritization)

# PHASE 03

## SECONDARY ASSETS

- Existing UV Tankage Converted to Biological Process
- Implement Nutrient Removal Technologies

## STEAM ASSETS

- Steam Turbine Generator (if Electric Blowers are Lead)

## ELECTRICAL ASSETS

- Electrical Independence from Sub 82 (Full Redundancy)
- Replace Electrical Assets (based on prioritization)

# PHASE 04

## ELECTRICAL ASSETS

- Continue to Expand Features of New Electrical Substation 90



# IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP



# THANK YOU

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