

## *Park*

## *Energy Storyline*

## *County*

[Baldwin Hills Scenic Overlook,  
Kenneth Hahn SRA](#)

With a panorama of the L.A. Basin and views of a working oilfield, the park interprets the history of Southern California oil boom, Lucky Baldwin exhibits, weather and climate activities.

Los Angeles

[Bale Grist Mill SHP](#)

Working wooden overshot water wheel technology includes gearing, power take-off and millstones; the millstones were later driven by steam engine. Elevated flume and section of hollowed redwood log flume displayed. Native stone, local redwood and Douglas fir timbers used in mortise & tenon construction.

Napa

[Bodie SHP](#)

Standard Mining Co. powerhouse completed in 1894, sending electricity 13 miles from Green Creek to Bodie; town later electrified.

Mono

[Folsom Powerhouse SHP](#)

Vintage generators, penstocks, a turbine and governors are still in place at the Folsom Powerhouse, which began supplying electricity to Sacramento in 1895. Students touring the powerhouse can see the control switchboard, the massive General Electric transformers, and the forebays and canal system that brought the water from the dam. Hands-on exhibits reveal how electricity is generated, the history of the powerhouse and the electrification of Sacramento.

Placer

[San Luis Reservoir SRA](#)

Modern wind farm in view of the Pacific Intertie, part of the long-distance power grid. The energy used to pump water into the San Luis Reservoir is partly offset by generators turned as it is released into the O'Neill Forebay. Dept. of Water Resources Visitor Center includes exhibits.

Merced

[Wilder Ranch SHP](#)

Home to five generations of the Wilder family, innovator D.D. Wilder installed the efficient Pelton Water Wheel to run cream separators, later to power the forge, machine shop and generate electricity. In the 1890's it was the only ranch in the area with electricity; Wilder's whole series of innovations to support dairying energized both the industry and local economy.

Santa Cruz