



Northern California Power Agency
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Consultation Summary

Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration

NCPA Solar Project 1

Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site

SCH No. 2019069018



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Overview of the Proposed Project

The objective of the NCPA Solar Project 1 is to develop a fleet of Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Power Plants throughout participating member service territories to be under construction by the end of 2019. The plants will be managed by the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) as a single project to be owned and operated by a third-party provider through a power purchase agreement (PPA). After the initial 5 – 7 years of operation, NCPA plans to purchase the plants.

The project will be executed in three phases:

- ❖ Phase 1 – Determine member interest and requirements and identify potential sites.
- ❖ Phase 2 – Site selection and screening, plan development and selection of a third-party provider to fulfill design, construction and operation through a PPA.
- ❖ Phase 3 – Construction and operation per the PPA.

NCPA has now completed Phase 1 and the site selection and screening portion of Phase 2. The City of Healdsburg selected a potential site at the Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility (WRF) for further analysis as shown below:

Site	Location		Developable Area (acres)	Estimated Capacity (MW _{dc})
	Latitude, Longitude	Section, Township, Range		
Healdsburg WRF	38°35'00.03" N, 122°51'45.37" W	Sec 5, T 9 N, R 8 W, MDB&M	8.13	3.62

The Project site is located within a 36-acre water reclamation facility site that is situated between Foreman Lane to the north and Cohn Road to the south (Figure 1). The proposed technology type for the solar project is floating arrays, whereby the panels would be mounted on pontoons that are anchored to ballasts located outside the ponds. As shown on Figure 2, the site would accommodate three arrays totaling 8.13 acres. The total installed capacity would be approximately 3.62 MW_{dc}.

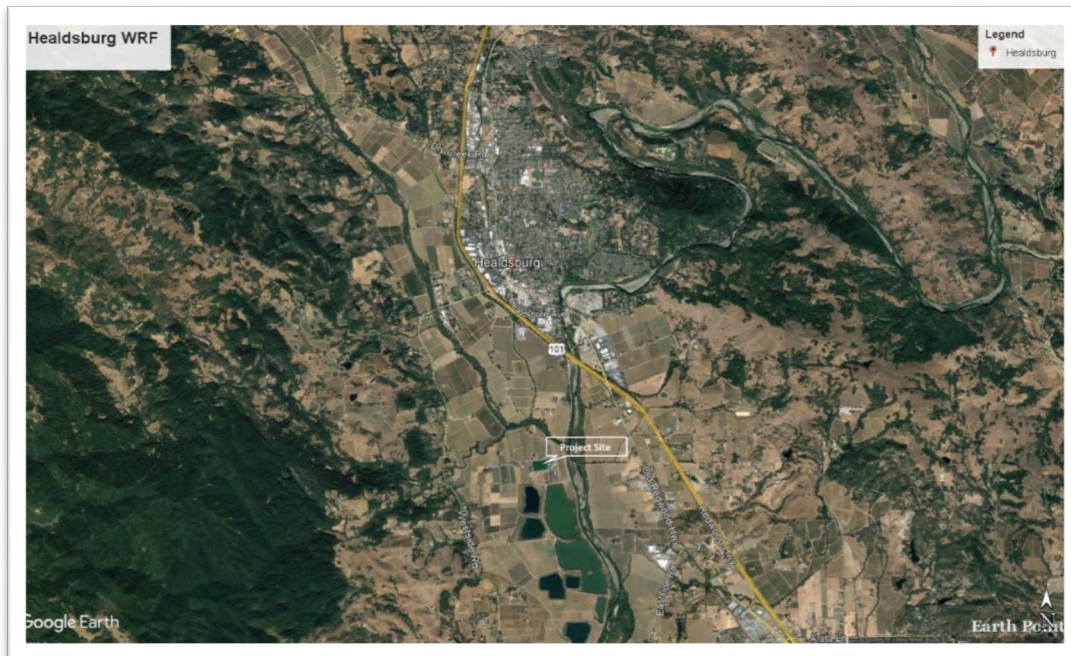


Figure -1 Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site Location

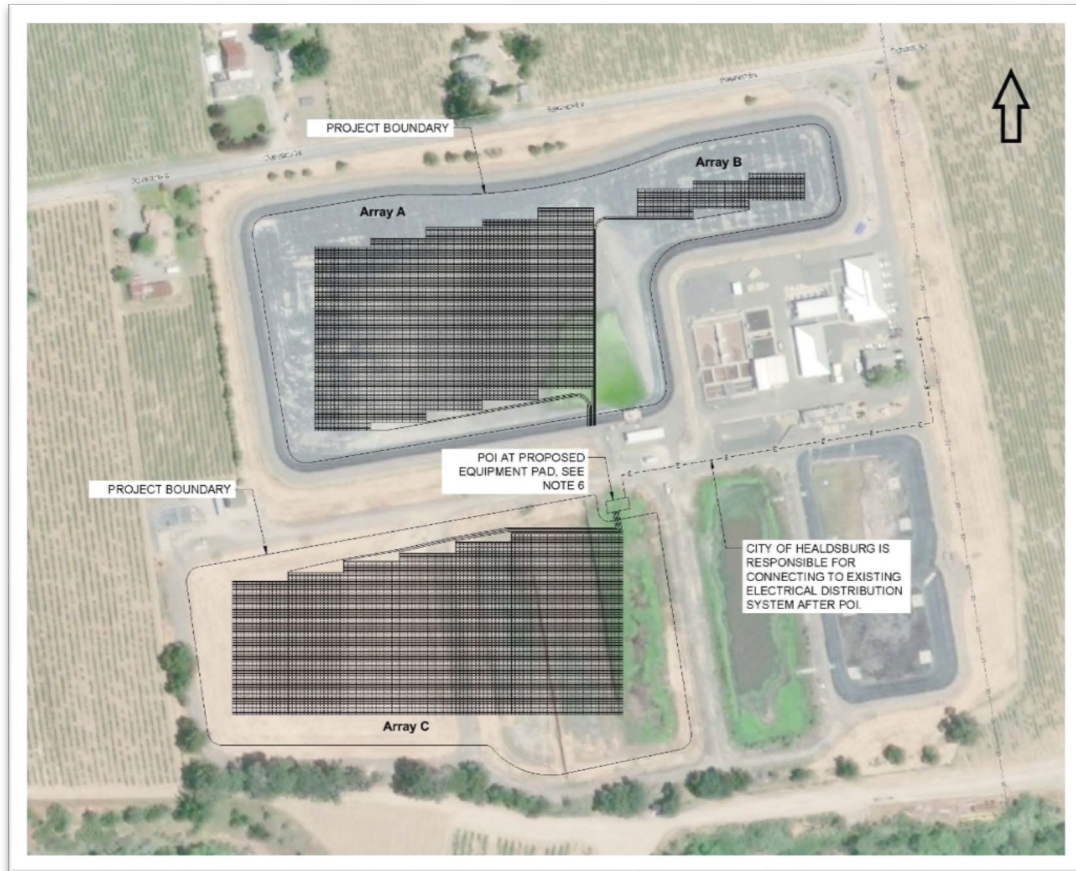


Figure 1 Proposed Solar Array Locations

IS&MND Circulation

On June 7, 2019, K.S. Dunbar & Associates, Inc., the Northern California Power Agency’s environmental consultant, mailed copies of the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration with a link to the Northern California Power Agency’s website where the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration could be electronically downloaded to the following;

Federal Agencies

Jennifer Norris, Field Supervisor
 Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office
 U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2605
 Sacramento, California 95825-1888

Michael S. Jewell, Chief
 Regulatory Division
 U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Sacramento District
 1325 J Street, Room 1350
 Sacramento, California 95814-2922

Amy Dutschke, Regional Director
Pacific Region Regional Office
Bureau of Indian Affairs
U.S. Department of the Interior
2800 Cottage Way, Room W-2820
Sacramento, California 94825-1885

State Agencies

Scott Morgan, Director
State Clearinghouse
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Post Office Box 3044
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

Gregg Erikson, Regional Manager
Bay-Delta Region (Region 3)
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Fairfield, California 94534

Matthais St. John, Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board, North Coast Region
5550 Skyland Boulevard, Suite A
Santa Rosa, California 95403-1072

Julianne Polanco
State Historic Preservation Officer
Office of Historic Preservation
California Department of Parks and Recreation
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California Natural Resources Agency
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, California 95814

Christina Snider, Executive Secretary
California Native American Heritage Commission
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West Sacramento, California 95691-3830

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Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District
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City Agencies

Terry Crowley, Utilities Director
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City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, California 95448

Maya DeRosa, Director
Building and Planning Director
City of Healdsburg
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Also, on June 6, 2019, the Governor's Office of Planning and Research's State Clearinghouse circulated the Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration as well as the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration to the following State agencies:

- ❖ Air Resources Board, Major Industrial Projects
- ❖ Cal Fire
- ❖ California Department of Parks and Recreation
- ❖ California Energy Commission
- ❖ California Highway Patrol
- ❖ California Public Utilities Commission
- ❖ Caltrans, District 4
- ❖ Department of Fish and Wildlife, Region 3
- ❖ Department of Toxic Substances Control
- ❖ Native American Heritage Commission
- ❖ Office of Emergency Services, California
- ❖ Regional Water Quality Control Board, Region 1
- ❖ Resources Agency
- ❖ State Lands Commission
- ❖ State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Water Quality

Responders to IS&MND

During the 30-day comment period, which ended on July 8, 2019, written comments were received from the following:

Scott Morgan, Director
State Clearinghouse
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Post Office Box 3044
Sacramento, California 95812-3044

NCPA's Responses to Comments

NCPA's responses to comments received on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration are provided below. Copies of the actual comment letters are provided in the Appendix to this document.

State Clearinghouse

In his July 9, 2019 letter to Keith S. Dunbar, Scott Morgan, Director, State Clearinghouse stated:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named Mitigated Negative Declaration to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on July 8, 2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, please visit: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019069018/2> for full details about your project.

Response:

No response is required to this informational comment.

Late Comments

Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

The public review period for this Project closed on July 8, 2019. Subsequently, on July 16, 2019, Buffy McQuillen, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria submitted an email to Keith S. Dunbar. In that email, she stated:

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, a federally recognized Tribe and sovereign government has received your correspondence requesting information on the NCPA Solar Project – Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility. The Tribe has reviewed the location of the project and we have determined it is not within our tribal ancestral territory, therefore have no comments on this project, at this time. We appreciate the opportunity to review the project proposal. If you have any questions regarding this letter please feel free to email my office at thpo@gratonrancheria.com or call the office at (707) 566-2288.

Response:

No response is required to this informational comment.

Stewarts Point Rancheria Band of Kashia Pomo Indians

The public review period for this Project closed on July 8, 2019. Subsequently, on August 8, 2019, Loren W. Smith, Jr., Tribal Historic Preservation Officer of the Stewarts Point Rancheria Band of Kashia Pomo Indians submitted an email to Keith S. Dunbar. In that email, he stated:

The Proposed Project between Foreman Lane and Cohn Road is out of the Aboriginal Territory of The Stewarts Point Rancheria Band of Kashia Pomo Indians.

We do not have any concerns or comments at this time.

Response:

No response is required to this informational comment.

Appendix
Comment Letters Received on IS&MND



Gavin Newsom
Governor

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
State Clearinghouse and Planning Unit



Kate Gordon
Director

July 9, 2019

Keith S. Dunbar
Northern California Power Agency
45375 Vista Del Mar
Temecula, CA 92590-4314

Subject: NCPA Solar Project 1 - Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site
SCH#: 2019069018

Dear Keith S. Dunbar:

The State Clearinghouse submitted the above named MND to selected state agencies for review. The review period closed on 7/8/2019, and no state agencies submitted comments by that date. This letter acknowledges that you have complied with the State Clearinghouse review requirements for draft environmental documents, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act, please visit: <https://ceqanet.opr.ca.gov/2019069018/2> for full details about your project.

Please call the State Clearinghouse at (916) 445-0613 if you have any questions regarding the environmental review process. If you have a question about the above-named project, please refer to the ten-digit State Clearinghouse number when contacting this office.

Sincerely,

Scott Morgan
Director, State Clearinghouse



Keith Dunbar <ksdpe67@gmail.com>

NCPA Solar Project-Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility

1 message

THPO@gratonrancheria.com <THPO@gratonrancheria.com>

Tue, Jul 16, 2019 at 2:51 PM

To: "ksdpe67@gmail.com" <ksdpe67@gmail.com>

Dear Keith S. Dunbar,

The Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, a federally recognized Tribe and sovereign government has received your correspondence requesting information on the NCPA Solar Project-Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility. The Tribe has reviewed the location of the project and we have determined it is not in our traditional ancestral territory, therefore have no comments on this project, at this time. We appreciate the opportunity to review the project proposal. If you have any additional questions regarding this letter please feel free to email my office at thpo@gratonrancheria.com or call the office at (707) 566-2288.

Buffy McQuillen

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Keith Dunbar <ksdpe67@gmail.com>

NCPA Solar Project - Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site

1 message

lorin@stewartspoint.org <lorin@stewartspoint.org>
To: ksdpe67@gmail.com

Thu, Aug 8, 2019 at 1:24 PM

Keith,

Apologies for the late response,

The Proposed Project between Foreman Lane and Cohn road is out of the Aboriginal Territory of The Stewarts Point Rancheria Band of Kashia Pomo Indians.

We do not have any concerns or comments at this time.

Thank you,

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