

## Northern California Power Agency

651 Commerce Drive  
Roseville, California 95678



## Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration NCPA Solar Project – Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site

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The Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) is in the process of implementing its NCPA Solar Project 1. 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 begin construction by the end of 2019. The plants will be managed by 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.

At this time, the following member agencies are participating in this Project: Cities of Healdsburg, Lodi and Redding as well as the Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative. NCPA prepared separate Initial Studies and Mitigated Negative Declarations for these member's projects.

The City of Healdsburg selected a site at its 36-acre water reclamation facility that is situated between Foreman Lane to the north and Cohn Road to the south. 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. The site would accommodate three arrays totaling 8.13 acres. The total installed capacity would be approximately 3.62 MW<sub>dc</sub>.

This project site is not on a list compiled pursuant to Government Code Section 65962.5.

In accordance with §15072(a) of the CEQA Guidelines, this Public Notice officially notifies the general public, public agencies, and landowners that a 30-day public review period will begin on June 7, 2019. Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS&MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by July 8, 2019. Please submit email comments to [ksdpe67@gmail.com](mailto:ksdpe67@gmail.com) and written comments by mail to the following location:

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Email or written comments received by July 8, 2019, will be forwarded to NCPA's Commission, and will be considered before the MND is approved for adoption. A public meeting of NCPA's Commission to take action on the MND will be held on September 27, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, at:

**Resort at Squaw Creek**  
**400 Squaw Creek Road**  
**Olympic Village, California 96146**

Copies of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available at NCPA's headquarters at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678, at Healdsburg Department of Water, Wastewater and Electric headquarters at 401 Grove Street, Healdsburg CA 96002 and can be downloaded at: <http://www.ncpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/06/Healdsburg-ISMND.pdf>. Personal copies are available upon request.

## Project Overview

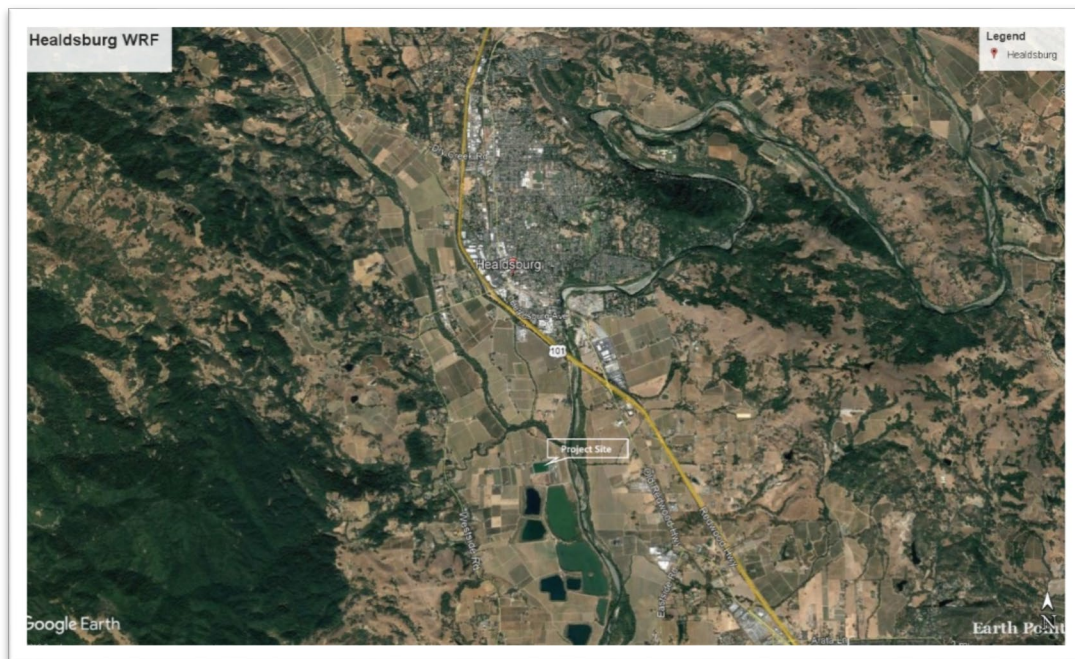
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The project will be executed in three phases:

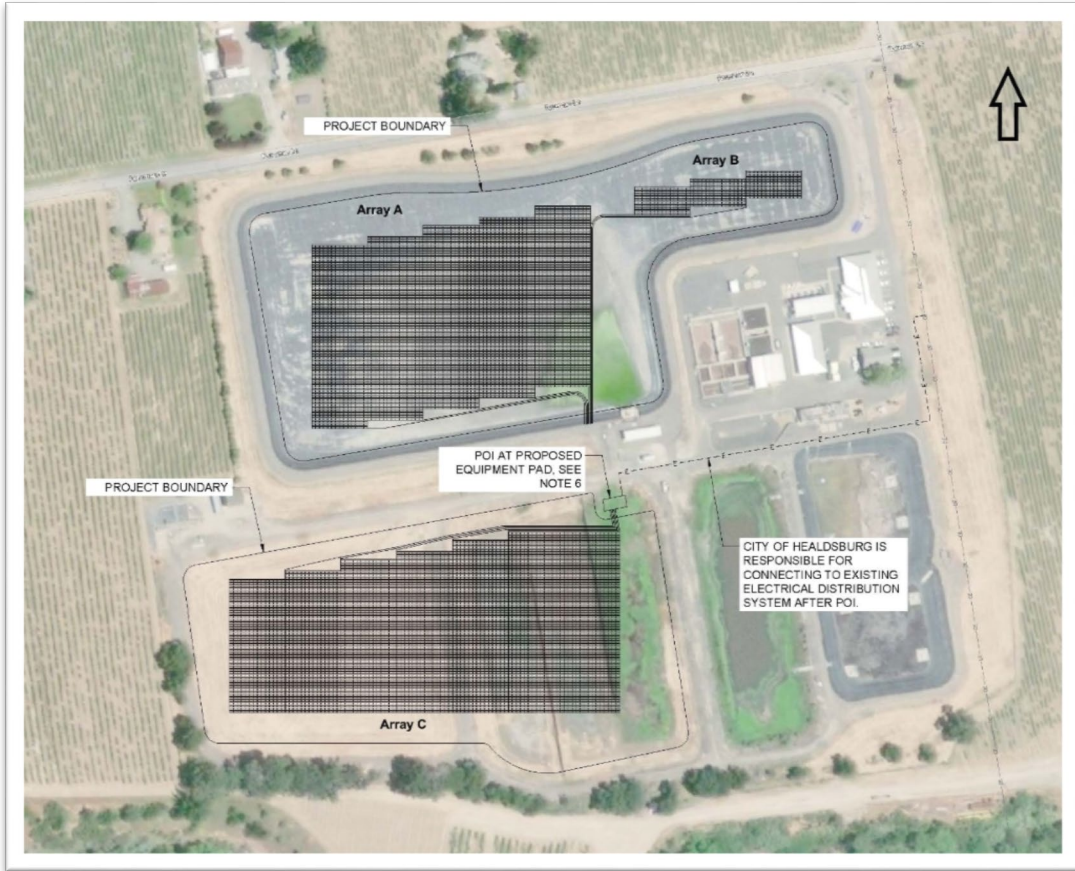
- ❖ Phase 1 – Determine member interest and requirements and identify potential sites.
- ❖ Phase 2 – Site selection and screening, plan development and selection of a third-party provider to fulfill design, construction and operation through a PPA.
- ❖ Phase 3 – Construction and operation per the PPA.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



**Figure 1 Healdsburg Water Reclamation Facility Site Location**



**Figure 1 Proposed Solar Array Locations**