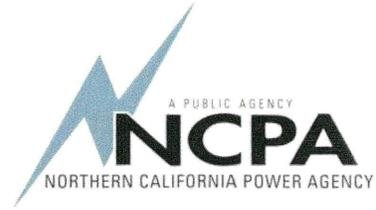


## Northern California Power Agency

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# Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration NCPA Solar Project - Redding Airport 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 Redding selected a site at the Redding Municipal Airport for further analysis. The Project site consists of two parcels owned by the City of Redding located directly southeast of the Redding Municipal Airport. The site which totals approximately 100 acres is bordered on the south and east by residential development and on the north and west by open space. Due to constraints, e.g., potential wetland, existing dirt road and transmission lines, approximately 58.3 acres of this site is developable for a solar array. This site will accommodate a 11.4 MW<sub>dc</sub> facility.

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 May 22, 2019. Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS&MND) should focus on environmental issues and must be received by June 21, 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 June 21, 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 July 26, 2019 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon as possible thereafter, at:

**Northern California Power Agency**  
**Hydroelectric Operations Headquarters**  
**477 Bret Harte Drive**  
**Murphys, California 95247**

Copies of the Initial Study/Draft Mitigated Negative Declaration are available at NCPA's headquarters at 651 Commerce Drive, Roseville, CA 95678, at Redding Electric Utility's headquarters at Avtech Parkway, Redding, CA 96002 and can be downloaded at: <http://www.ncpa.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/05/Redding-ISMND.pdf>. Personal copies are available upon request.

## Project Overview

The objective of the NCPA Solar Project 1 is to develop a fleet of Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Power Plants throughout participating member service territories with construction to start 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 Redding selected a site at the Redding Municipal Airport for further analysis as shown below:

Site	Location		Developable Area (acres)	Estimated Capacity (MW <sub>dc</sub> ) <sup>1</sup>
	Latitude, Longitude	Section, Township, Range		
Redding Airport	40°29'41.73"N, 122°16'46.41"W	Sec 35 & 36, T 31 N, R 4 W, MDB&M	54.7	11.4

The Project site consists of two parcels owned by the City of Redding. As shown on Figure 1.1-1, they are located directly southeast of the Redding Municipal Airport. The site which totals approximately 100 acres is bordered on the south and east by residential development and on the north and west by open space. Due to constraints, e.g., potential wetland, existing dirt road and transmission lines, approximately 54.7 acres of this site is developable for a solar array. Based on Burns & McDonnell's February report, this site would accommodate a 11.4 MW<sub>dc</sub> facility.



**Figure 1 Redding Municipal Airport Project Site**

<sup>1</sup> MW<sub>dc</sub> = megawatts direct current.