

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BY THE SHASTA COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
TO CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT AND APPROVE,
CONDITIONALLY APPROVE OR DENY A USE PERMIT FOR THE SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES
COGENERATION POWER PROJECT**

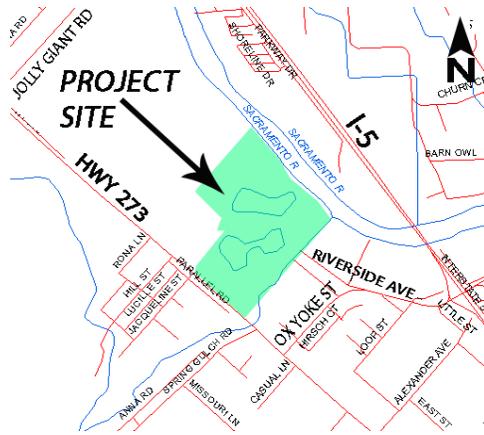
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**NOTICE TO STATE AGENCIES REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF THE FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT REPORT FOR THE SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES COGENERATION POWER PROJECT
INCLUDING RESPONSE TO COMMENTS MADE BY STATE AGENCIES**

TITLE: Use Permit 07-021, Sierra Pacific Industries Cogeneration Power Project

APPLICANT: Sierra Pacific Industries, P.O. Box 496014, Redding, CA 96049-6014

PROJECT LOCATION: The project site is an existing Sierra Pacific Industries (SPI) lumber manufacturing facility and cogeneration power facility located in Shasta County, immediately northwest of the City limits of Anderson. The project site is a 121.39-acre parcel at the end of Riverside Avenue, 0.5 miles west of the Interstate 5 Interchange. Shasta County Assessor's Parcels: 050-110-023 and 050-110-025.



PROJECT SUMMARY: The proposed project consists of the construction and operation of a new cogeneration power facility, including a new fuel shed, boiler building, turbine building, cooling tower, electrostatic precipitator, ash silo and electric substation, on the SPI Anderson sawmill site. The boiler associated with the plant would burn biomass fuel (i.e., non-treated wood and agricultural crop surplus, as well as urban wood waste) generated by the lumber manufacturing facility on-site, regional lumber manufacturing facilities, and other biomass fuel sources to produce up to 250,000 pounds of steam per hour. The steam would be used to dry lumber in existing kilns and to power a steam turbine. The steam turbine would drive a generator that would produce up to 31 MW of electricity. Approximately 7 MW would be used to power on-site equipment; the remainder would be sold on the open market. The electricity that is sold would originate from the on-site electric substation and be transferred to the local power grid for distribution to the purchaser. A smaller cogeneration plant that currently provides electricity and steam for on-site use would be maintained as a backup facility so that the sawmill operation can be normalized during maintenance operations on the new cogeneration plant. The two on-site cogeneration plants would not be permitted to operate simultaneously.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR): An EIR has been prepared for this project which discusses potentially significant environmental impacts in the following areas of concern: aesthetics, air quality, biological resources, cultural resources, geology and soils, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology and water quality, noise and transportation and circulation along with the cumulative effects of the proposed project. The EIR recommends mitigation measures for potentially significant environmental impacts. The EIR also concluded that there would be significant and unavoidable impacts in the following areas: aesthetics, air quality and transportation and circulation. Please note that public notice was given for the comment period for the Draft EIR, which was circulated August 6, 2010, until September 20, 2010; for the Re-circulated Draft EIR (Project Description and Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change) from September 2, 2011, until October 17, 2011; and for the Second Re-circulated Draft EIR (Greenhouse Gases and Climate Change) from February 15, 2012, until April 2, 2012, after which the comment period on the Draft EIR, Re-circulated Draft EIR and the Second Re-circulated Draft EIR were closed.

PUBLIC HEARING: The Planning Commission of the County of Shasta, State of California will hold a public hearing to consider and make a decision regarding certification of the Environmental Impact Report and approval, conditional approval or denial of the Use Permit described in this notice. The public hearing will be held Thursday, June 14, 2012, with the session beginning at 2:00 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the business of the Planning Commission will allow. The hearing will be held in the Shasta County Board of Supervisors' Chambers at 1450 Court Street, Room 263, Redding, CA 96001.

COMMENTS: Interested parties are encouraged to submit written comments regarding the merits of the proposed project prior to the hearing, or to appear and present oral testimony. To insure consideration by the Commission, all written material concerning the merits of the proposed project should be submitted to the Planning Division as soon as possible and no later than three days prior to the hearing. All comments received during the Draft EIR and the first and second Re-circulated Draft EIRs have been included in the Final EIR with responses from the lead agency.

RESPONSE TO STATE AGENCY COMMENTS: Written responses to State agency comments submitted by the State of California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Regional Water Quality Control Board, Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery, and Central Valley Flood Protection Board are contained in the Final EIR and are made available for review as described below, pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15088.

REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS: The Final EIR and other project information will be available for review at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division at 1855 Placer Street, Redding CA 96001 on weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. BEGINNING ON MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M.

The Draft EIR, Re-circulated Draft EIR, Second Re-circulated Draft EIR and Final EIR will also be available for review at the Shasta County Library in Redding (530) 245-7250, and the Shasta County Library in Anderson (530) 365-7685, during regular business hours, and on the Internet at: www.co.shasta.ca.us Go to the Resource Management home page and scroll to the bottom of the page, click on Sierra Pacific Cogeneration Power Project, BEGINNING MONDAY JUNE 4, 2012, AT 9:00 A.M. If you have any questions or would like to make an appointment to review the project information, please call Lio Salazar, Associate Planner, (530) 225-5532. (Published 06/01/12)