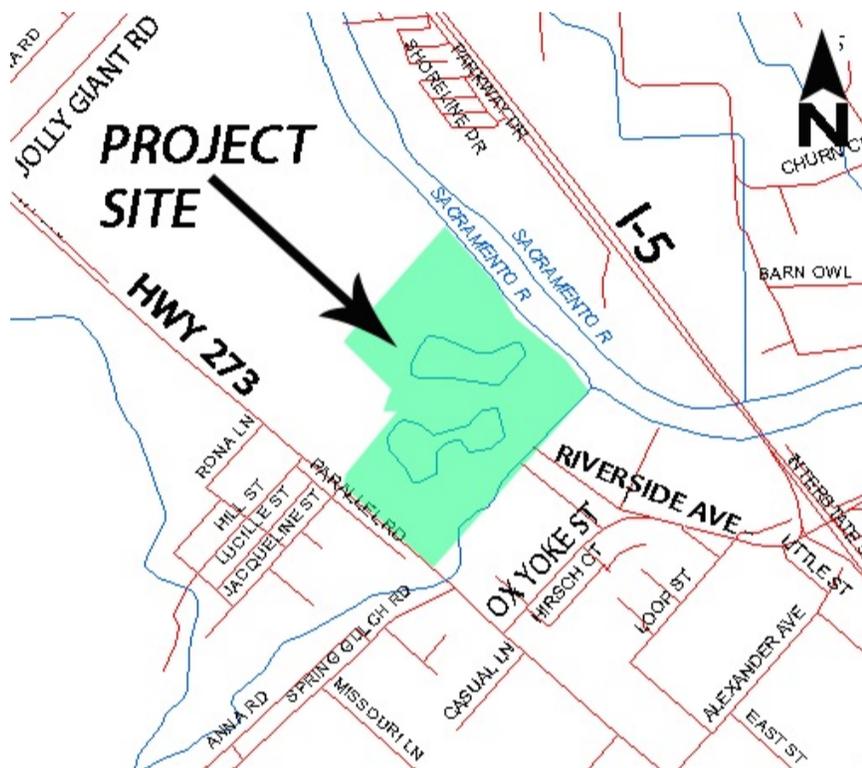


**NOTICE OF PUBLIC SCOPING MEETING FOR
AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT**

PROPOSED SIERRA PACIFIC INDUSTRIES COGENERATION POWER PROJECT

As lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act, Shasta County will prepare an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the proposed Sierra Pacific Industries Cogeneration Power project. A public meeting will be held to help the County identify the potential environmental impacts which could result from development of the project. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, July 21, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Community Center Room, Anderson City Hall**, 1887 Howard Street (on the southeast corner of the intersection of Howard and Silver Streets), Anderson, California, and will be facilitated by the County's environmental consulting firm De Novo Planning Group. The intent of this meeting is to receive public comments regarding the potential environmental impacts that should be addressed in depth in the EIR. The merits of the project will not be discussed, and no comments regarding approval or denial of the project will be addressed at this meeting. Upon completion, the draft EIR will be made available for public review and comment, and a new notice will be published indicating when and where the draft EIR may be reviewed, and specifying the public review time frame.



Sierra Pacific Industries of Anderson, California, the project applicant, is requesting approval of a Use Permit for the construction and operation of a cogeneration power plant at an existing lumber manufacturing facility located near Anderson, California. The proposed cogeneration plant will involve construction of a new fuel handling building, boiler building, turbine building, cooling tower, electrostatic precipitator, ash silo, and electric substation. The boiler would burn biomass fuel (i.e., non-treated wood and agricultural residues, as well as urban wood waste) generated by the on-site lumber manufacturing facility, regional lumber manufacturing facilities and other biomass fuel sources. At completion the boiler would produce approximately 200,000 pounds of steam per hour. The steam will be used for drying lumber in existing kilns and for the proposed steam turbine, with excess steam being available for sale to nearby businesses. The steam turbine would drive a generator that would have the capacity to produce 21 megawatts of electricity. The electricity would be used to power the lumber manufacturing facility, with excess electricity available for sale to the public utility grid. The cogeneration facility would utilize an estimated 605 acre-feet of ground water per year. An existing on-site cogeneration plant will be maintained as a back-up facility so that the sawmill operation can be normalized during maintenance operations on the new cogeneration plant. The 21 megawatt generation capacity of the proposed plant would represent a 4 megawatt increase over the capacity of the existing on-site cogeneration plant.

The 154-acre project site is located at the end of Riverside Avenue, ½ mile west of the Interstate 5 interchange. The property is zoned General Industrial (M). The project site is identified as Assessor's Parcel Numbers 050-110-025 and 050-110-023.

Written comments will be accepted until August 3, 2009, at 5:00 p.m., and should be directed to the attention of Lio Salazar, Associate Planner, Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding California 96001. A copy of the Notice of Preparation, comment forms and the project file are available at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, California 96001, Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you have any questions concerning this project, please contact Lio Salazar at (530) 225-5532.