

## NOTICE OF PREPARATION

**TO:** State Clearinghouse  
State Responsible Agencies  
  
State Trustee Agencies  
Other Public Agencies  
Interested Organizations

**FROM:** County of Shasta  
Shasta County Dept. of Resource Management,  
Planning Division

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**SUBJECT:** Notice of Preparation of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for Sierra Pacific Industries Cogeneration Power Project; Use Permit 07-021

### EIR CONSULTANT

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Shasta County is the Lead Agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and is preparing an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the project identified as the Sierra Pacific Industries Cogeneration Power Project.

An Initial Study has been prepared for the project and is attached to this Notice of Preparation (NOP). The project location and project site are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively, which are attached to this NOP. The project title, project description, project location and project applicant are noted in the Initial Study (IS). The IS lists anticipated environmental impacts, those issues that will require detailed analysis, and technical studies that will need to be evaluated and/or prepared as part of the EIR. The EIR will consider all potential environmental effects of the proposed project to determine the level of significance of the environmental effect, and will analyze these potential effects to the detail necessary to make a determination on the level of significance.

Those environmental issues that have been determined to be less-than-significant will have a discussion that is limited to a brief explanation of why those effects are not considered potentially significant. In addition, the EIR may also consider those environmental issues which are raised by responsible agencies, trustee agencies, other interested agencies, and members of the public or related groups during the NOP process.

We need to know the views of your agency or organization as to the scope and content of the environmental information germane to your agency's statutory responsibilities or of interest to your organization in connection with the proposed project. Specifically, we are requesting the following:

1. If you are a public agency, state if your agency will be a responsible or trustee agency for the project and list the permits or approvals from your agency that will be required for the project and its future actions;
2. Identify significant environmental effects and mitigation measures that you believe need to be explored in the EIR with supporting discussion of why you believe these effects may be significant;
3. Describe special studies and other information that you believe are necessary for the County to analyze the significant environmental effects, alternatives, and mitigation measures you have identified;
4. Provide the name, title, and telephone number of the contact person from your agency or organization that we can contact regarding your comments;

**Due to the time limits mandated by State law, your response must be sent and received by the County of Shasta by the following deadlines:**

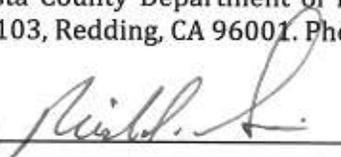
- **For responsible and trustee agencies, not later than 30 days after you receive this notice,**
- **For all other agencies and organizations, not later than 30 days following the publication of this Notice of Preparation. The 30-day review period ends on August 3, 2009.**

If we do not receive a response from your agency or organization within the applicable time frame, we will presume that your agency or organization has no response to make.

A responsible agency, trustee agency, or other public agency may request a meeting with Shasta County or its representatives in accordance with Section 15082(c) of the CEQA Guidelines. A public scoping meeting will be held during the NOP public review period. Electronic copies of the attached document and background reports are available by clicking on the Sierra Pacific Industries Cogeneration Project link on the Shasta County Department of Resource Management homepage at [www.co.shasta.ca.us/Departments/Resourcemgmt/drm](http://www.co.shasta.ca.us/Departments/Resourcemgmt/drm).

**Scoping Meeting Notice:** Shasta County will hold a public scoping meeting for individuals and agencies to learn more about the project and to receive comments regarding the appropriate scope and content of the EIR. The meeting will be held Tuesday, July 21, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Community Center, Anderson City Hall, 1887 Howard Street, Anderson, California.

Please send your responses and any direct questions to the attention of Lio Salazar, Associate Planner at the Shasta County Department of Resource Management, Planning Division, 1855 Placer Street, Suite 103, Redding, CA 96001. Phone (530) 225-5532.

Date: July 3, 2009  Richard W. Simon, Assistant Director