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NCPA Overview

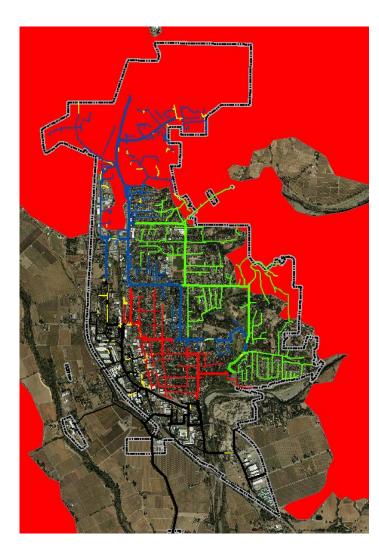


- California Joint Powers Agency (formed by members to get economies of scale)
- 15 members and 1 associate member serving 700,000 residents in communities throughout Northern California (city-owned and special districts)
- Builds and operates jointly owned power plants and operates a power pool for members
- Represents members before legislative and regulatory bodies
- Provides Power Management Services to non-Members, including Community Choice Aggregators (CCA's)



Healdsburg's Utility Service Area

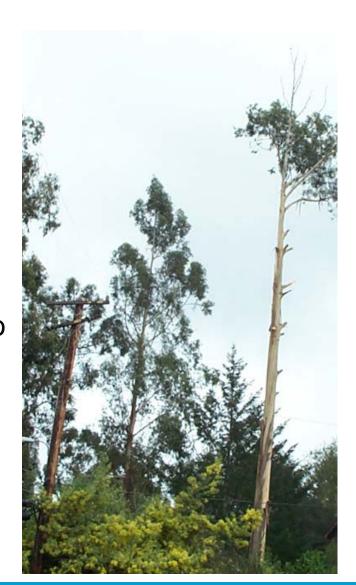
- 60 miles of line within 4 square miles
- Roughly 50/50 mix of underground and overhead
- Overhead lines run through high fire risk areas (Wildland Urban Interface).
- Annual tree trimming to maintain no less than 4 feet of clearance at any time.
- City Fire Department provides services to areas outside of City limits.





Healdsburg's Prevention Efforts

- Visual inspections each year of entire system Detailed & Intrusive per GO165
- Work to complete all identified maintenance within 12 months.
- Pro-actively rebuild and harden facilities.
- Working closely with other City
 Departments (Police, Fire, Water, Streets) to plan and prepare for wildfire.
- Developing actions include
 - Increased inspections ahead when red-flag and high winds forecasted.
 - Faster and more sensitive tripping for elevated risk days.





NCPA's Wildfire Mitigation Program

- Much of NCPA's generation plants are in areas of high-fire danger (Tier 2 Tier 3)
- Aggressive vegetation management around NCPA facilities and rights-of-way
 - CalFire Conservation Camp Program
 - Local Contractors
- Lidar & ground-based vegetation surveys
- Coordination with Forest Partners
 - USFS / SPI / State Park
 - CalFire

