

The data for the Press Release is based upon a verbal report we received from ARB that reflected the staffing level, where people lived, on how many were a part of the Helmets to Hard Hats Program.

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**State-of-the-Art Public Power Energy Center in Lodi
Boosting Local Economy
*Lodi Energy Center Construction Providing Much-Needed Jobs***

(Sacramento, Calif.) – Less than six months after its initial groundbreaking, development of the Lodi Energy Center (LEC) is rapidly progressing, providing a needed boost to the Lodi area economy through the more than 150 jobs that have been created as part of the power plant’s construction.

The 280 megawatt Lodi Energy Center (LEC), a project spearheaded by the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), is being built by 160 skilled laborers and tradesmen, 80% of whom reside within 50 miles of Lodi.

“By promoting the hiring and training of qualified local workers, NCPA is helping to keep proceeds from the construction of the LEC in the State of California, and specifically in Lodi,” said Assemblymember Alyson Huber, whose district includes Lodi.

Lodi City Councilman and NCPA Commissioner Larry Hansen praised the LEC project for “creating hundreds of new construction jobs in the Lodi area, and boosting the local economy at a critical time.”

In addition to the benefits construction of the LEC is bringing to the broader North San Joaquin region, the project is also providing assistance to a very specific and deserving segment of the population: our military veterans. Three percent of those employed by NCPA to help build the LEC are participants in the “Helmets to Hardhats” program, which is dedicated to helping National Guard, Reserve, retired and transitioning active-duty military members connect to quality career and training opportunities in the construction industry.

“As veterans return home from Iraq and Afghanistan, NCPA’s work with the *Helmets to Hardhats* program on projects such as the Lodi Energy Center is helping America’s bravest transition to skilled, high-quality jobs and benefits our entire community,” said

Congressman Jerry McNerney, who represents Lodi as part of the 11th Congressional District.

NCPA is a joint-action agency serving public power entities located throughout Northern and Central California, including municipal and cooperatively-owned utilities and special districts. Ten of NCPA's 17 members, as well as four other public power participants, will share in the investment and benefits of the LEC, which will be located in the City of Lodi.

The LEC will be the cleanest, most efficient natural gas power plant in California when it begins operation in June, 2012.

Lodi Energy Center Project Participants

The City of Azusa, Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), the City of Biggs, California Department of Water Resources (CDWR), the City of Gridley, the City of Healdsburg, the City of Lodi, the City of Lompoc, Modesto Irrigation District (MID), Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative (PSREC), the Power and Water Resources Pooling Agency (PWRPA), Silicon Valley Power (The City of Santa Clara), and the City of Ukiah.

About Northern California Power Agency (NCPA)

The Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) is a joint-action agency serving public power entities located throughout Northern and Central California, including municipal and cooperatively-owned utilities and special districts. NCPA has built, and currently owns and operates, a portfolio of electricity generation resources that is 95% carbon-emission free. Drawing upon NCPA's diverse mix of resources, our members collectively serve 750,000 California electricity consumers with a 20% eligible renewable resource portfolio.