Energy Paths for the Yurok People











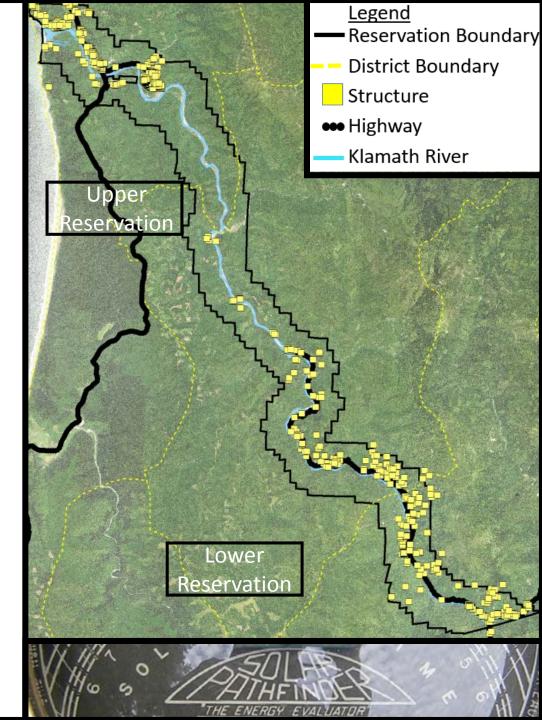
# Yurok Country





#### Energy Paths Taken

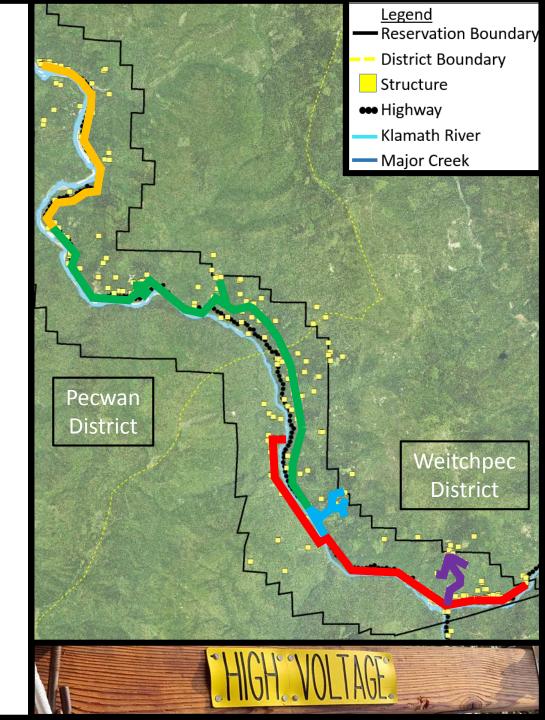
- 1849: Influx of non-native people.
- 1855: Yurok Reservation Created
- 1980: DOE Solar
   Demonstration Project
- 1980's: Yurok Energy Trust Fund was created
- 1991: Yurok Tribe organized as a government
- 1993: Constitution signed
- 1996-1998: Alternative Energy Project



## Energy Paths Taken

- 2001-2003: Tulley Creek Power LE
- 2003-2005: Biomass Study
- 2004-2007: Yurok Utility Study
- 2006-2007: Human Capacity Building/ energy audits
- 2006: Mitchel Road LE
- 2006-2009 Installed 6
   Solar systems/ 1 hydro
- 2007-2011: Wind and Hydro feasibility
- 2009: Energy audit/efficiency improvements
- 2010: Wautec Phase I LE
- 2011: Lake Prairie LE
- 2011: Pro system on tribal building
- on tribal building2012- Present: Wautec Phase II LE

\*LE= Line Extension



# (The Present) Start of the Energy Paths for the Yurok People Project

- Objective: To create a Strategic Energy Action Plan, complete with an implementation Strategy and a prioritized list of energy projects.
  - Increase energy efficiency/ decrease energy costs
  - Develop renewable energy
  - Meet the energy needs of the Yurok People



# Project Participants



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#### Project Overview

- Review past energy studies
- Load analysis
  - Annual electricity consumption
  - Associated costs and greenhouse gas emissions.
  - Examine historical trends to project future demand
- Demand reduction assessment
  - Examine opportunities to reduce consumption through energy efficiency and conservation efforts

- Resource assessment
  - Estimate annual energy production
  - Cost savings
  - Greenhouse gas reduction
- Infrastructure analysis
  - Examine the capacity of electrical transmission and distribution infrastructure
- Community engagement process
- Energy options analysis

# The Future (Fulfilling Our Vision)

To make sure all Tribal members on the Reservation have access to reliable, affordable, modern, costeffective energy services. In addition, the Tribe seeks an energy program that promotes energy self-sufficiency, environmental sustainability, use of local renewable resources, and job creation and economic opportunity for Tribal members.



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#### To be continued...