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Healdsburg's Gary Plass Receives 2017 NCPA Lifetime Community Service Award

At its recent annual conference in Napa, the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA) awarded its 2017 NCPA Lifetime Community Service Award to Gary Plass. Plass has dedicated over 40 years of his life serving the people of Healdsburg as a city councilmember and police officer.

On the Healdsburg City Council during the last 13 years, Plass focused much of his time leading the city's publicly owned electric utility. As part of this effort, he served as the city's representative to NCPA, a public agency that provides renewable energy and other electricity-related services to several local governments, including the City of Healdsburg.

On NCPA's board of commissioners, Plass held numerous leadership positions, including chair of the commission from 2011-12. Among his accomplishments, Plass oversaw the modernization of NCPA's geothermal power plant at the Geysers, which provides Healdsburg with almost half of its electricity. Plass also helped lead the effort to construct and bring online the Lodi Energy Center, which is a state-of-the-art low emitting power plant designed to accommodate the intermittency of solar and wind energy.

"For your service to the beautiful City of Healdsburg; for your leadership and unwavering support of NCPA; for your humor and charisma; we thank you for all that you have done for public power," said Carol Garcia, former mayor of Roseville and previous NCPA chair.

Garcia, who now is a trustee on the Sierra College Board of Trustees, presented the 2017 NCPA Lifetime Community Service Award along with another past NCPA chair—City Councilmember Pat Kolstad from Santa Clara—and current chair, Mayor Bob Lingl of Lompoc. Plass accepted the award in front of several representatives from the NCPA community, as well as other public power stakeholders.

About NCPA: Headquartered in Roseville, California, NCPA is a nonprofit California joint powers agency established in 1968 to construct and operate renewable and low-emitting generating facilities and assist in meeting the wholesale energy needs of its 16 members: the Cities of Alameda, Biggs, Gridley, Healdsburg, Lodi, Lompoc, Palo Alto, Redding, Roseville, Santa Clara, Shasta Lake, and Ukiah, Plumas-Sierra Rural Electric Cooperative, Port of Oakland, San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART), and Truckee Donner Public Utility District—collectively serving nearly 700,000 electric consumers in Central and Northern California.

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