

Fall River Resource Conservation District

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Development of a Combined Heat Power Facility

- Conducted interviews to develop a list of potential sites (utilized SWET funds)
- Ranked sites and conducted visits with landowners/managers
- Submitted a Pre-Application to PG&E for the preferred site
- Available capacity was no more than 1.35MW
- Back to identifying more sites

Next Steps and Timeline

- Identify and individual who currently lives locally to lead the effort
- Utilize existing grant agreement funds to hire or subcontract
- Potentially locate a Sierra Fellow in the community if no local individuals are found
- Complete this search by May 2015
- Initiate Scope of Work described in the RCD-SNC grant agreement (~ 8K)

Challenges, Opportunities, Lessons Learned

- Limited local capacity to lead the effort
- Strong community support to establish and site, although those employees who previously worked in the community have left or retired
- Although there are already two co-gen facilities present, there is still a bottleneck with oversupply
- Reasons for past closures in last ten years (2 facilities totaling 20 MW) are unclear, although low profit margin seems to be the primary reason