
From: Kaye <kaye@coopmead.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 27, 2023 8:27 AM
To: Gabriel C. Bustos
Subject: Re: Rancho Viejo Solar project

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Hi Gabe:

Thanks for getting back to me with this information. We will look forward to receiving the County Manager's response as soon as it is available.

Kaye

Sent from my iPad

> On Jul 26, 2023, at 4:51 PM, Gabriel C. Bustos <gcbustos@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

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> Kaye, thank you for your patience. Let me know if this helps answer some of your questions. For whatever reason I am unable to highlight my responses, so I apologize if this is hard to read.

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> I still need to know who can request a moratorium and if it would apply to AES' Conditional Use Permit application since it was filed in January and is considered to be in process. The community of San Marcos as well as many other members of the community have expressed that a moratorium be placed on large scale solar facilities. A response to this has been drafted by the County Manager, I am just waiting for the green light and I can send over a copy.

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> Please provide details on:

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> What is a Resolution? A resolution from my understanding is a legislative directive to the County Manager and other pertinent departments that sets ideals and expresses policy opinions of the Board of County Commissioners.

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> Who does the work to draft it? These are usually drafted by the Commissioners, resolutions can also come from department directors but are always a collaboration with other pertinent departments.

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> Who it goes to for approval? Resolutions are vetted by our legal department before being placed on a BCC agenda. Once a resolution is placed on a meeting agenda the Commissioners will vote to approve or deny the resolution.

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> What bearing it has on AES' CUP application? A resolution would neither slow down or speed up the AES application. However it would address how to evaluate these types of large solar facilities including AES.

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> Is it legally binding? Yes

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> If so, how is it enforced? The resolution would be implemented by the County Manager.

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> Does it take precedence over the SLDC if it specifies issues that are not included in the SLDC? The resolution would not override the SLDC, however it can influence staff to look at amending certain items of the SLDC.

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Kaye [mailto:kaye@coopmead.com]

> Sent: Monday, July 24, 2023 5:05 PM

> To: Hank Hughes <hhughes@santafecountynm.gov>

> Cc: Gabriel C. Bustos <gcbustos@santafecountynm.gov>

> Subject: Re: Rancho Viejo Solar project

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> Hi Hank:

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> Thanks for your response.

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> Does it take precedence over the SLDC if it specifies issues that are not included in the SLDC?

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> Appreciate the information you provided on the water. I think it says a lot about how bad the water situation actually is in our area if people's wells are already running dry and they need a second bulk water station. And this is all before adding a huge Utility-scale facility and its water needs to this area.

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> Thank you Hank.

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> Sent from my iPad

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>> On Jul 21, 2023, at 2:52 PM, Hank Hughes <hhughes@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

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>> Hi Kaye:

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>> I am not getting any traction for a moratorium. I am trying to see if there is something we can do in the form of a resolution about safety at solar projects.

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>> The waterline will run from the Turquoise Trail school to the County fire station about a mile away. We also plan to put a bulk water station next to the fire station. People use the bulk water stations to get water when their wells are dry, and there has been a of demand for this in recent years at the existing bulk water station. So that is why we want to have a second bulk water station. Also having County water at the fire station will be better for their needs than the existing well that has limited capacity. The water in the County system comes from the Rio Grande via the Buckman Direct Diversion.

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>> Hank Hughes

>> Santa Fe County Commissioner, District 5

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>> -----Original Message-----

>> From: Kaye [mailto:kaye@coopmead.com]

>> Sent: Friday, July 21, 2023 8:31 AM

>> To: Hank Hughes <hhughes@santafecountynm.gov>

>> Cc: Gabriel C. Bustos <gcbustos@santafecountynm.gov>

>> Subject: Rancho Viejo Solar project

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>> Hi Hank:

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>> After the last Hank Hour you were going to check on whether you (or someone else) could initiate a Moratorium on this project or other solar projects and if this would apply to the AES Conditional Use Permit application that was submitted in January.

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>> You mentioned the waterline going in on the property that Warren Thompson donated to the county. Where does this water come from — is it water from the city and/or is there a well involved?

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>> Look forward to hearing from you.

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>> Kind regards,

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>> Kaye

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>> Kaye Cooper-Mead

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