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To: Camilla Brom <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at 05:32:43 PM MDT
Subject: RE: Proposed Solar Farm

Good Evening Camilla,

Yes, that is correct, the County Commissioners will be considering an ordinance as it pertains to Community Solar. However, the Rancho Viejo/Thompson project has not yet been formally submitted to the County. When it is, sometime in August possibly, it will go to the Planning Commission first then the Board of County Commissioners.

You can join the meeting on the 12th virtually via webex but I will be sure to inform you once the Thompson solar project moves forward on the docket.

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From: Camilla Brom [mailto:[REDACTED]]
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To: Olivia R. Romo <orromo@santafecountynm.gov>
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Hi Ms. Romo,

I heard that there will be discussion regarding the solar farm community projects in the county commissioner meeting next week (7/12/22). Do you know if there will be any discussion of the Rancho Viejo Solar Project between AES Clean Energy and Warren Thompson? Also, when AES does present the Rancho Viejo Solar farm project (which to my understanding would be mid-August), how does this work. Do the commissioners listen to the proposed project and approve or reject at the meeting, or do they take time to review and make decisions at a later date? I'm wondering because I wanted to know which meeting I should be present for. I'm a hospitalist PA and work at Presbyterian in Ruidoso, so am out of town for a week at a time when I do work there. I don't want to miss any meeting that I could have had a "voice" at.

Thank you again,

Camilla Brom

On Monday, June 27, 2022 at 04:40:06 PM MDT, Olivia R. Romo <orromo@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

Camilla,

I am happy to provide you with these updates. As your Liaison I strive to keep constituents informed and up to speed with what's going on in their respective community.


To answer some of your questions, the plot of land identified for the development is a full 800 acres but a little less than 700 should be used for the panels and fencing once the developer provides the community with a visual concept map we should have more clarity about the size of the project and the layout. Right now, PNM has not selected the project and it has been shortlisted in the recent past.

Finally, I have requested copies of the studies (archeological, cultural, wetland and Environmental Impact Studies, all separate I believe) from Rebecca Halford who is the Stakeholder Relations Manager with AES energy but they need to confirm if they can release the studies before a formal application is made to the County. There may be more findings or changes and they do not want conflicting information in community.

The developer is supposed to be having a meeting this Wednesday for the residents of the San Marcos area, one I learn about the date and time I will let you know so you can attend and ask the contractors these questions directly.

If I can be of further support, please, let me know.

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From: Camilla Brom [<mailto:> 
Sent: Monday, June 27, 2022 12:54 PM
To: Olivia R. Romo <orromo@santafecountynm.gov>
Subject: Re: Proposed Solar Farm

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Hi Ms. Romo

I thank you for getting back to me so quickly on this and providing me the details of what has taken place so far. I did have a few follow up questions. Do you know if the 700-acre project includes the fencing around the panels or is the 700 acres strictly panels/equipment (with fencing comprising more area)? And has it been confirmed that PNM will partner with AES Clean Energy on this proposed project?

Also, are the completed studies (including the cultural, archeological and wetland evaluations) on public record to where I could see them or are they not available to the public? And for my clarification, are these studies considered different or the the same as an environmental impact study? I truly appreciate you keeping me updated on any new information/upcoming meetings regarding this!

Sincerely,

Camilla Brom

On Monday, June 27, 2022 at 09:50:19 AM MDT, Olivia R. Romo <orromo@santafecountynm.gov> wrote:

Good Morning Ms. Brom,

My name is Olivia Romo, Constituent Services Liaison with the District 5 office here at Santa Fe County. Commission Hughes asked that I provide you with an update regarding the Thompson's proposed solar project. AES Clean Energy is the contractor who is designing and overseeing the 700 acre project. The project will be fenced and stand about 7 feet tall (agricultural fencing will be used to allow wildlife to pass). The project is estimated to be about 1000 feet to the nearest home/community.

The developer has completed cultural, archeological and wetland studies to ensure no disturbances or significant sites would be impacted in the development. In addition to this, one access road will be needed specifically to the switch yard where PNM may connect to the transmission line.

The Land Use Department has confirmed that they have not formally received their application and will treat it like any other conditional use permit that will need to go before the Planning Commission and Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

Once I receive news or an update regarding the project, I will be sure to reach out to you so you are notified and can participate in the public hearings and meetings.

You are also welcome to contact the Development Director, Jonathan Moore at 303-324-2346

If I can be of further information or support please let me know.

Respectfully,

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From: Hank Hughes

Sent: Sunday, June 26, 2022 3:39 PM

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Dear Ms. Brom:

I am referring your question to our District 5 Constituent Services Liaison, Olivia Romo. She has some information on the project and can also check on the status of any applications for permits.

I have also included the other Liaisons, so that will know that Olivia and I will take the lead in responding since you are in our district. Thanks for contacting us.

Hank Hughes
Santa Fe County Commissioner
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From: Camilla Brom <cbrom@camillabrom.com>
Sent: Friday, June 24, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Hank Hughes; athamilton@santafecounty.gov; Rudy Garcia; Anna C. Hansen; Henry P. Roybal
Subject: Proposed Solar Farm

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Dear County Commissioners,

My name is Camilla Brom and I live at [REDACTED] Santa Fe NM 87508 in the Rancho San Marcos community. My home is adjacent to land owned by Warren Thompson with Rancho Viejo. I am writing to find out about a proposed solar farm that may be constructed on Mr. Thompson's property, which would be directly adjacent to my property. I live in an HOA community, and the board has met with Mr. Thompson and the solar company AES last month, and there is to be a 2nd meeting between them this coming week. My neighbors and I have received an overview from the board regarding this proposed solar farm, but no specific details. I am reaching out to you all to find out what you could tell me regarding this proposed project, if any permits have been filed, and if so, to whom/what agencies. I would truly appreciate any information regarding this.

Sincerely,

Camilla Brom

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