

YES to the AES Rancho Viejo Solar Array

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My wife and I live in the La Paz neighborhood next to Eldorado. We are both scientists (Chemistry and Chemical Engineering) and we strongly support the Rancho Viejo Solar Array project. After reading information that is available, the risks from the battery storage are minimal and the systems for fire suppression are not harmful to the environment.

The state set targets for renewable energy to be proactive in the effort to fight climate change. This project fits the need for clean power. If we do nothing, we increase the risk of wildfires that could be much worse than any issue with a battery storage container.

The anti-AES group is well organized and vocal, but they do not seem too concerned with the facts. I don't think there is an organized group that is in favor of the AES, so you may not receive as many comments from the pro-AES side of the issue. Please vote in favor of this project and help New Mexico meet its clean energy goals.

Regards,

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