
In support of CUP - case #24-5200 Rancho Viejo Solar

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Dear Santa Fe County Commission,

What do Hyde State Park, Santa Fe Community College, Taos Airport, Washington schools, New York apartments, Vermont emergency shelters, and a California tribal hospital all have in common? They host or will soon host solar and battery storage projects, located next to or in buildings to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and ensure a stable power supply.

While touring some of these sites in the past year, I was assured by staff they felt comfortable that the battery storage meets all fire safety codes. Building codes require that the latest safety standards be applied to schools, apartments, and airports. Battery storage passes the test.

We have the opportunity of a lifetime to bring the proposed Rancho Viejo solar plus storage project to fruition here in Santa Fe so we can all benefit from renewable and guaranteed electricity—and the stable long-term prices that come with it.

It's clear that Rancho Viejo, CUP - case #24-5200, is a good choice for Santa Fe County. I and many of my neighbors are excited to see the county approve this project and more like it in the near future so we can unlock the economic and environmental benefits.

Sincerely,
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