

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SANTA FE COUNTY

ORDER CONSOLIDATING APPEALS; RECOGNIZING PARTIES WITH STANDING; AND SCHEDULING PRE-HEARING SPECIAL MEETING

This case is before the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of Santa Fe County (County) on appeals from the Planning Commission's Final Order dated March 20, 2025 in Case No. 24-5200, Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar, LLC, AES Clean Energy Development, LLC, Applicants, Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Four notices of appeal have been filed from that final order, which have been docketed as Case Nos. 24-5201, 24-5202, 24-5203 and 24-5204.

The BCC hereby orders that the appeals be consolidated. In addition to the Applicants, the BCC hereby orders that the following interested parties have standing to participate in these consolidated appeals by calling witnesses, cross examining witnesses, offering documentary evidence, and making motions:

- New Mexico for Responsible Renewable Energy;
- Ashley C. Schannauer;
- The Clean Energy Coalition for Santa Fe County;
- The San Marcos Association;
- 350 Santa Fe, Inc.;
- Santa Fe Green Chamber of Commerce;
- Sierra Club Rio Grande Chapter; and
- The Global Warming Express.

Any other person who wants to be recognized as an interested party with standing in these consolidated appeals not listed above must submit a written request on or before June 10, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. MDT to Building and Development Manager Dominic Sisneros (djsisneros@santafecountynm.gov) and

Assistant County Attorney Roger Prucino (rlprucino@santafecountynm.gov). The request must explain (1) why the parties above do not adequately represent the issues the requestor seeks to present and (2) why the person did not appear as an interested party with standing in the proceedings before the Planning Commission.

The BCC hereby orders that the Applicants and the parties above confer in good faith to reach agreement on the following matters: (i) how much time is needed for the presentation of witnesses and other evidence; (ii) how much time is needed for public comment; (iii) the date and location of the BCC's hearing on the appeals; and (iv) any other procedural orders the BCC should enter to ensure the fair and efficient hearing. By 5:00 p.m. MDT on June 10, 2025, , the parties shall submit a joint letter to Building and Development Manager Dominic Sisneros (djsisneros@santafecountynm.gov) and Assistant County Attorney Roger Prucino (rlprucino@santafecountynm.gov) setting out any stipulations the parties were able to achieve and any matters upon which agreement could not be reached and the parties' positions on those matters.

The BCC will hold a special meeting on June 17, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. in the BCC Chambers located on the second floor of the John Gaw Meem Historic Building, 102 Grant Ave., Santa Fe NM. The special meeting is a prehearing conference to decide the date, time, location, and other procedural matters that will govern the BCC's consideration of these consolidated appeals. This is NOT the hearing on the merits. The public hearing on the merits of the consolidated appeals, during which all interested members of the public will be heard, will be scheduled at a later date.

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Opening Business
 - A. Call to Order.
 - B. Roll Call.
- 2. Prehearing Conference Concerning Appeals of Planning Commission's Final Order dated March 20, 2025 in Case No. 24-5200, Rancho Viejo Limited Partnership, Rancho Viejo Solar, LLC, AES Clean Energy Development, LLC, Applicants, Application for Conditional Use Permit (CUP), Appeal Case Nos. 24-5201, 24-5202, 24-5203 and 24-5204.
- 3. Approval of an Order Governing Prehearing Procedure and Scheduling a Hearing on the Merits of the Consolidated Appeals from the Planning

Commission's Final Order. Case Nos. 24-5201, 24-5202, 24-5203 and 24-5204. (Action Item)* (The BCC may deliberate in Executive Session on this order before taking action, as allowed by NMSA 1978, Section 10-15-1(I).)

3. Concluding business

A. Adjournment. (Action Item).

At the prehearing conference, the BCC Chair will only recognize and allow to address the BCC the following: County staff, the Applicants, the parties precognized having standing in this Order, and persons requesting that the BCC recognized them as interested parties with standing

Members the public who want to let the BCC know their views on these consolidated aims als do NOT have to be recognized as interested parties with standing to do so. All members of the public will be provided an opportunity to submit written and oral comment when the BCC hears the merits of the consolidated appeals at date(s) and time(s) to be announced in the future.

ATTENDANCE, WEBCASTING, AND LEGAL NOTICE

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Subject to the above disclaimer, the County intends to allow members of the public to listen to this meeting virtually and to watch via YouTube and Facebook. For instructions on joining the meeting or watching via YouTube and Facebook, visit www.santafecountynm.gov/joinmeeting.

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Notice of this Order shall be published in the Santa Fe New Mexican a minimum of one week prior to the special meeting.

SO ORDERED this 27th day of May, 2025.

Camilla Bustamante, Chair

ATTEST:

Katharine E. Clark Santa Fe County Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Walker Boyd

Santa Fe County Attorney





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Witness My Hand And Seal Of Office Katharine E. Clark County Clerk, Santa Fe, NM