



# CALIFORNIA VALLEY SOLAR RANCH NEWSLETTER

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As we begin the New Year, the CVSR team would like to wish you a very happy 2012. We are grateful for all the support from county residents and diligent work on behalf of county staff this past year. Because of you, San Luis Obispo County will become a national leader in clean, renewable energy production in 2012.

In addition to our commitment to help California meet its Statewide goal of 33% renewable energy, the CVSR team aims to build the California Valley Solar Ranch in the most environmentally sustainable and safest way possible. Last year, for example, we committed to the preservation of over 12,000 acres of land for long-term habitat conservation. CVSR is designed to minimize overall project footprint as well as water use, traffic and biological impacts.

We are actively implementing these commitments. For example, through our worker transportation program CVSR employees avoid daily car trips. Cleanup of the mitigation lands has begun and we are on track to begin delivering renewable energy as early as this summer. To date we have not had a single lost-time accident on-site and will continue to adhere to the highest safety standards to ensure that this project is constructed and operated safely.

## CONSTRUCTION STATUS

To date, we have begun grading the access road to the Caliente switching station and constructed fire roads in two of the nine solar arrays south of Highway 58. In Array 1 we completed installation of the support piers and have begun installing solar panels. In addition, we started installation of the support piers in Array 2 and development of the substation site.



CVSR workers install panels on the project site

## LOCAL BENEFITS

The California Valley Solar Ranch project has already started generating benefits for San Luis Obispo County. There are over 230 employees currently on-site, and over \$21 million has been awarded to local contractors since September 2011 to support construction. In addition, the CVSR team made donations to the following local organizations:

- Carissa Plains Elementary School
- The SLO Land Conservancy

- Cuesta Community College
- SLO Green Build
- Food Bank Coalition of San Luis Obispo County
- California Valley Community Holiday Dinner

## JOB OPPORTUNITIES

A range of positions will be required to support the construction of CVSR over the next two years.

If you are interested in working as an electrician, laborer, pile driver, carpenter, ironworker or operating engineer on the project, please contact your local union. Contact information for local unions is at [www.californiavalleysolarranch.com](http://www.californiavalleysolarranch.com).

For questions regarding other available positions, please call our toll-free line at (855) 261-1553.

## TRAFFIC UPDATES

For daily traffic information, please visit [www.carrizosolartraffic.com](http://www.carrizosolartraffic.com) or call our toll-free traffic information line at (888) 786-9013. Both are updated daily.

## CONTACT US

Please contact Nikki Nix, CVSR Community Relations Representative, with any questions, comments or suggestions at (855) 261-1553 (toll-free).

You may also contact us via our website at [www.californiavalleysolarranch.com](http://www.californiavalleysolarranch.com).