



CALIFORNIA VALLEY SOLAR RANCH NEWSLETTER

With hundreds of rows of installed piers as a backdrop, SunPower and its partners, NRG Energy and Bechtel Power Corporation, were joined by county and elected officials, community partners and CVSR employees, to celebrate the ceremonial groundbreaking of the 250-megawatt California Valley Solar Ranch (CVSR) project.

SunPower CEO Tom Werner spoke about the benefits of the project, including 350 construction jobs for three years and an injection of an estimated \$315 million into the local economy over the life of the project.

NRG CEO and President David Crane, Bechtel President Jim Ivany, San Luis Obispo County Supervisor Jim Patterson and Skyler Shipley, project engineer and one of the first locally-hired CVSR employees also spoke at the event, citing the positive impacts the project will have on the community and the environment. They also reiterated how the project will help the state meet its growing demand for energy, as well as California's goal of 33% renewable energy by 2020. "The California Valley Solar Ranch puts San Luis Obispo County on the map as a leader in renewable energy production, helping us meet our goals," said Shipley.

Construction began in September with some 150 workers currently onsite. Last week also marked the first delivery of panels from SunPower's Milpitas, California manufacturing facility. The

California Valley Solar Ranch will begin feeding electricity into the state's power grid as early as spring of next year.



Biologist Amy Sparks of H.T. Harvey and associates and Civil Engineer Christy Gabler of North Coast Engineering sign the first CVSR panel delivered from Milpitas, California the day of the groundbreaking.

NEW COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVE

This month SunPower hired Nikki Nix, a local California Valley native, as its newest community representative. As a current resident of the Carissa Plains, Nikki will be readily available to community members to answer questions, comments and concerns about the project. Please feel free to contact Nikki with any suggestions on how SunPower can be a good partner to the California Valley community.

CLEANUP IN THE CALIFORNIA VALLEY

SunPower recently hired local California Valley residents to help clean up trash from empty lots in the California Valley. The cleanup of these lots is a critical contribution to a broader conservation strategy for the Carissa Plains. We want to send a sincere thank you to the hard work these laborers are putting in.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

We will be filling a wide range of both direct and indirect construction positions throughout the approximate two years of construction.

If you are interested in working as an electrician, laborer, pile driver, carpenter, ironworker or operating engineer on the California Valley Solar Ranch project, please contact your local union. Contact information for local unions is listed at www.californiavalleysolarranch.com.

For questions regarding other available positions please call our toll-free line at (855) 572-1005.

TRAFFIC UPDATES

For daily traffic information, please visit www.carrizosolartraffic.com or call our toll free traffic information line at (888) 786-9013. Both are updated daily to keep you informed about expected lane closures on Highway 58.

CONTACT US

SunPower's construction representatives are available to address your questions, comments and concerns throughout the construction process. Please contact Nikki toll free (855) 572-1005 or e-mail her at nicolenix58@gmail.com.

You may also contact us via our website at www.californiavalleysolarranch.com.