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Newsletter

Hello, All — Remember to click on images and blue highlighted text for more information.

KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE LAUNCHES BIG NEW SOLAR INITIATIVE

Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc. (KCEC) will kick off new solar power deployment with a special event on May 6, 2017. The event is the official startup for building more than 30 megawatts (MW) of new solar photovoltaic (PV) power throughout KCEC's service area during 2017-2022.

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**KIT CARSON &
GUZMAN ENERGY
ARE EMBRACING THE
SUN FOR OUR LOCAL
ENERGY DEMANDS**



Kit Carson Electric Cooperative's Solar Plan calls for installing more than 30 one-megawatt (MW) solar photovoltaic (PV) arrays. The plan document illustrates where the first arrays will be built in 2017.

Renewable Taos, Inc. sees KCEC's solar buildup as an important foundation for our progress towards a 100% renewable energy economy for our region.

The kickoff event will be at the KTAOS Solar Center, 9 NM Hwy 150, from 11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Saturday, May 6th. Call [575.758.5826](tel:575.758.5826) for directions and other information.

We hope to see you there!

SOLAR JOBS REPORT: HIGH PAY AND RAPID GROWTH

The Solar Foundation recently released a jobs status report for the USA as a whole and each state, region county, and metropolitan area. At the end of 2016, the solar industry reported 260,077 jobs nationwide. **New Mexico** has 2,929 solar jobs, lower than all its neighboring states (TX, CO, UT, and AZ) excepting OK.

Solar jobs categories for 8,601 solar companies



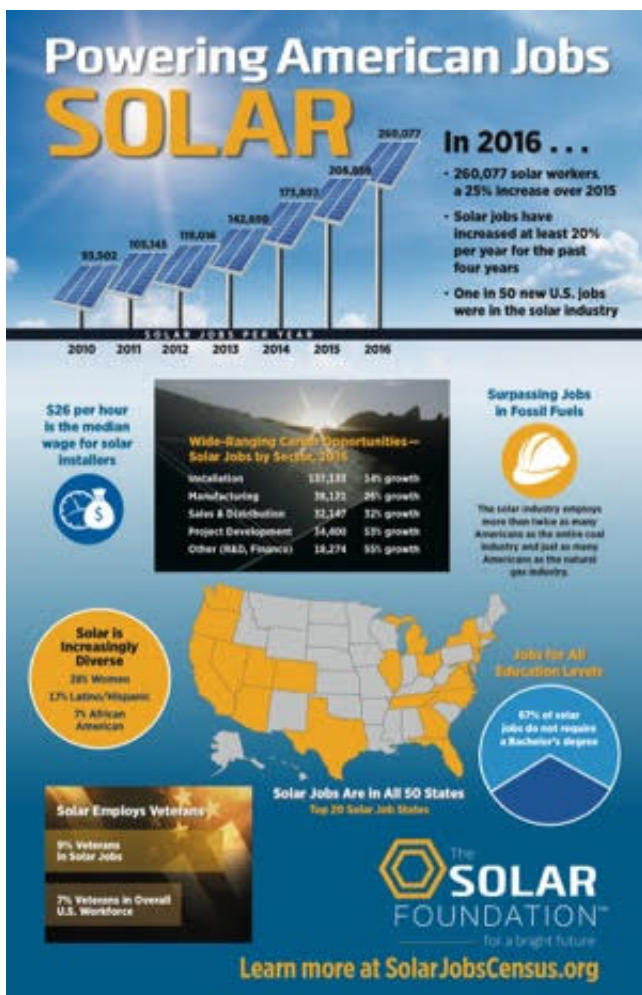
READ ABOUT HOW KIT CARSON ELECTRIC CO-OP AND GUZMAN RENEWABLE ENERGY PARTNERS ARE LAUNCHING A PARTNERSHIP TO BRING SOLAR POWER TO ALL OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES BY 2022

LOOK TO OUR SUN AND WIND FOR OUR ENERGY FUTURE



CREATE A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY BY JOINING

include installation, manufacturing, sales and distribution, project development, and other jobs. All of these are relatively high-paying.



The Solar Foundation's Jobs Infographic details the history and status of solar industry jobs in the USA

The solar industry now employs more than twice as many Americans as the entire coal industry, and just as many Americans as the natural gas industry.

The Solar Foundation maintains an interactive map of USA solar jobs information called [Solar Jobs Census 2016](http://SolarJobsCensus2016.org). A link at this site will take those interested in more detail to a comprehensive, 60-page report on jobs analysis for the USA solar industry.

EXPERT PANEL ON RENEWABLE ENERGY, LEGAL & POLICY ACTIONS TO COMBAT CLIMATE CHANGE

RENEWABLE TAOS NOW!

A KIT CARSON ELECTRIC CO-OP TRUSTEE WITH A WEBLOG?



CLICK HERE FOR INSIDER INFORMATION FROM BOB BRESNAHAN

The 2nd Annual Taos Land & Water Conference will include a Climate Change Panel featuring local and regional experts. The panel discussion is scheduled for 1:30 - 2:45 P.M. at the Sagebrush Conference Center in Taos, and is part of a full-day event.

Joseph Zupan, Executive Director of **Amigos Bravos** will moderate the panel. Panelists include Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Executive Director, **Western Environmental Law Center**; William M. (Bill) Brown, **Renewable Taos, Inc. & The Climate Reality Project**; Ben Shelton, Political and Legislative Director, **Conservation Voters New Mexico**; and Luis A. Reyes, CEO, **Kit Carson Electric Cooperative, Inc.**



Taos Land & Water Conference
 Thursday, May 4th, 9am to 4pm
 Sagebrush Conference Center

In our interconnected world, land and water issues permeate the economic, political and cultural fabric of who we are in Taos.

The Taos Land and Water Conference brings together local experts, advocates, practitioners and community members to engage in dialogue, share innovation, and explore consensus around land and water in our community.

Keynote Address by Dr. Silvia Rodriguez. Confirmed workshop presenters include Erik Schlenker-Goodrich, Rachel Conn, Gillian Joyce, and Kristina Ortez de Jones. Workshop presenters include Rachel Conn, Gillian Joyce. Panel presentations on climate change, innovation in agriculture, policy updates and more!

Registration Today!
 \$15 registration fee per person, lunch is included.
 Register at www.facebook.com/taoslandtrust, or call 758-3138

Sponsored by the Taos Land Trust, Amigos Bravos, NMSU Taos Cooperative Extension Services and Alianza Agri-Cultura de Taos

The Land & Water Conference is hosted by the Taos Land Trust, Amigos Bravos, NMSU Taos Cooperative Extension Services, and Alianza Agri-Cultura de Taos

Panelists will discuss using our legal system to battle climate change, the role of renewables as a climate change solution, policy initiatives to combat climate change, and solar power for Taos & vicinity to reduce our greenhouse gases emissions.

Other conference presenters during the day are Dr. Sylvia Rodriguez, Rachel Conn, Gillian Joyce, Kristina Ortez de Jones, Fritz Hahn, Matthew McQueen, Tony Valdez, and representatives of the Taos Pueblo. Watch the web sites and Facebook pages of the hosting organizations for agenda

THERE'S A SUNNY FUTURE FOR YOUR HOME AND NEW ELECTRIC CAR



CONTACT A TAOS AREA SOLAR INSTALLER TODAY FOR INFORMATION AND COST ESTIMATES

THINKING ABOUT AN ELECTRIC VEHICLE (EV) OR A PLUG-IN HYBRID ELECTRIC VEHICLE (PHEV)?



CHECK OUT CONSUMER REPORTS ELECTRIC CARS 101 FOR AVAILABLE MODELS AND ANSWERS TO ALL YOUR QUESTIONS

JOIN RENEWABLE TAOS IN CREATING A BUYERS CLUB SO WE ALL CAN GET DISCOUNTS ON EV & PHEV PURCHASES

details.

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Please join us on May 4th in Taos!

FIRST RENEWABLE ENERGY FESTIVAL IN ESPANOLA, NM A BIG SUCCESS

On Earth Day Weekend — April 21 & 22nd 2017 — the Espanola, NM community hosted its first **Renewable Energy Festival**. Northern New Mexico College provided the venue, and many regional and community groups provided two days of education, demonstrations, networking, great food, music, and performing arts entertainment.

Event sponsors included Renewable Taos, Inc., [Rio Arriba County](#), the [City of Espanola](#), [Conservation Voters New Mexico](#), [Jemez Mountains Electric Cooperative, Inc.](#), and [Northern New Mexico College](#).



[Click here to view the full Renewable Energy Festival program](#)

About 350 people attended the event — a testimony to rapidly growing interest by our neighbors in making the necessary transition to a clean energy economy.

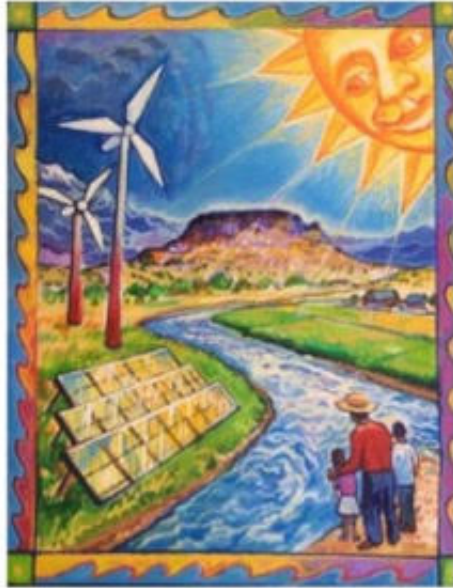
WHAT CAN A MEGAWATT OF POWER DO?



ONE MEGAWATT OF POWER, AVAILABLE AROUND THE CLOCK, CAN SUPPLY ELECTRICITY DEMAND FOR ABOUT 1,500 RESIDENCES IN THE KIT CARSON ELECTRIC CO-OP SERVICE AREA.

SOLAR POWER MUST BE AUGMENTED WITH STORAGE TO MAKE POWER AVAILABLE IN THE ABSENCE OF SUNLIGHT.

KIT CARSON AND GUZMAN ARE PLANNING FOR BATTERY STORAGE ADDITIONS TO NEW SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC ARRAYS TO BE BUILT DURING 2017-2022.



**NEW MEXICO HAS
THE SOLAR AND
WIND RESOURCES TO
PLAY A BIG ROLE IN
A CLEAN ENERGY
ECONOMY FOR
AMERICA**



**INSIST THAT OUR POLITICAL
AND BUSINESS LEADERS
STATEWIDE MAKE OUR
STATE A MAJOR SOURCE OF
RENEWABLE ENERGY, AND
GROW OUR ECONOMY BY
DOING THAT**

***Artwork of our Rio Grande and Black Mesa
in Rio Arriba County by Roger Montoya of
Moving Arts Espanola set the tone for a
promising clean energy future based on
solar and wind power***

The event was an outgrowth of collaboration between Renewable Taos principals and Conservation Voters New Mexico, represented by Luis Torres of Santa Cruz, NM. We began talks in August 2016 about forming new advocacy for renewables in Rio Arriba County. Mr. Torres approached Renewable Taos to learn about our initiatives and progress in collaboration with Kit Carson Electric Cooperative.

From its beginnings, Renewable Taos has sought to expand our reach throughout northern New Mexico, We are also engaged with our neighbors to the east in Colfax and Mora Counties towards a unified approach to renewable energy for our entire region.

Kudos to Luis Torres, **Roger Montoya**, and the many others responsible for Espanola's first Renewable Energy Festival!

OUR MISSION

Renewable Taos is dedicated to promoting

and facilitating a full transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency in Taos County and our surrounding region.

We advocate for local generation of renewable energy with an emphasis on local ownership. We build community partnerships to facilitate the transition to renewables, and propose and support projects. We recognize that energy efficiency is integral to the transition to renewable energy. We also work with other organizations to change the political climate in the state and country to facilitate the transition to renewable energy and energy efficiency.

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