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Newsletter

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KIT CARSON ELECTRIC CO-OP SERVICE AREA NOW HAS 9 MEGAWATTS SOLAR PV POWER ONLINE

When the **Picuris Pueblo** solar photovoltaic (PV) array (Picuris Solar Farm) went online December 18, 2017, it brought total solar PV power available to our **Kit Carson Electric Co-op Service Area** to nine megawatts (9 MW).



Picuris Pueblo Solar Photovoltaic (PV) Array, (Picuris Solar Farm), Vadito, NM.

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RENEWABLE TAOS AND OUR PARTNERS ARE INFLUENCING NATIONAL CLEAN ENERGY POLICY AND EXPANSION IN 2018



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The Picuris Solar Farm is composed of 3,700 solar panels and is rated at 1.2 MW. The facility will provide electricity not only for Picuris Pueblo, but also for the nearby [Peñasco Valley](#). The Picuris Tribe owns the array, and electricity sales will bring the Tribe steady revenue.



Picuris Solar Farm is just west of NM Hwy 75 between Vadito & Peñasco, NM. Osceola Energy of Albuquerque, NM built the facility. The panels are fixed (non-tracking), facing south, and can produce a maximum electricity output of 1.2 megawatts (MW).

Picuris Pueblo Governor Craig Quanchello wants to see two more solar arrays and battery storage built in the near future. These additions would help power the entire Peñasco Valley, while serving as a model for renewable energy development for other Pueblos. The facilities not only provide electricity, but also construction, maintenance and other jobs for tribal members.

The [U.S. Department of Energy \(USDOE\)](#) funded the project with a \$1 million grant. This is the first [USDOE-funded solar project on Native American land in New Mexico](#).

The Picuris Solar Farm is part of [KCEC's Solar Plan](#) to have 35 MW of solar PV power plus some battery storage online in our service area by 2022.

IPL-TAOS RECOGNIZES RENEWABLE TAOS, KIT CARSON ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, AND THE TOWN OF TAOS

On December 8, 2017, the Taos Chapter of [New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light](#) presented "We Are Still In" awards to local entities for their work on renewable energy and environmental care in 2017.

The awards recognized collaborative efforts of Renewable Taos, Kit Carson Electric Co-op, and the Town of Taos on promoting and providing new solar power for Taos and vicinity.

IPL acknowledged the Town of Taos for its August 30, 2017 [Resolution 17-42 on Environmental Responsibility and Commitment to Action](#). The Resolution specifies new installations of up to 4 megawatts (MW) of solar arrays and battery storage on town-owned land near the water treatment plant. The Resolution also calls for solar

PICURIS PUEBLO



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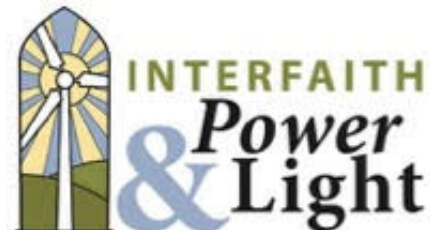
"FOR THOSE WHO PAINT"

CLIMATE & RENEWABLE ENERGY ACTION AND EDUCATIONAL EVENTS ARE BEING SCHEDULED THROUGHOUT NEW MEXICO



CLICK HERE FOR A CALENDAR OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AND WHERE

INTERFAITH POWER AND LIGHT (IPL) NOW HAS A TAOS, NM CHAPTER



New Mexico Interfaith Power & Light works for climate

arrays to power the **Taos Youth and Family Center**.

The Town of Taos, KCEC and Guzman Renewable Energy Partners reached an agreement this week to build up to 4 megawatts (MW) of new solar PV power at the Taos Regional Water Treatment Plant in 2018. (The Taos News, p. B7, Dec. 28, 2017)

The Kit Carson Electric Co-op (KCEC) Solar Plan calls for having 35 megawatts (MW) of solar PV power online throughout its service area by 20-22. The plan calls for installing new battery storage at some of the new array sites as early as 2018.

Renewable Taos (RT) is targeting pathways to replacing all Taos area fossil fuel demands with renewable energy from solar, wind and other clean energy sources. RT is working with the Town of Taos, KCEC, and other partners on replacing fossil-fuel energy sources with solar and wind power for our Taos area and all of New Mexico.

"We Are Still In" includes more than 2,500 leaders from USA governments, businesses, universities and others committed to the global **Paris Agreement** on climate change action. The "We Are Still In" signatories represent more than 130 million Americans and \$6.2 trillion dollars of the USA economy.



"To date, 'We Are Still In' is the largest cross section of the American economy yet assembled in pursuit of climate action."

RENEWABLE TAOS' LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR NEW MEXICO

Renewable Taos principals begin meeting in January 2018 with legislators and their staff members on creating legislation to boost clean energy growth and New Mexico's economy.

Our work targets both the 2018 and 2019 NM Legislative Sessions. We will work throughout 2018 on a suite of directions for New Mexico to modernize its energy policy towards a clean, sustainable energy future.

Contact us to learn about our process, and travel to Santa Fe with our members in 2018.

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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.

justice by mobilizing faith communities, faith leaders and people of faith to reduce the causes and consequences of global climate change through inspiration, education, outreach, implementation of sustainable practices and advocating effective climate protection policies. Our core belief is that the active care of the natural world is integral to spiritual life and social justice.

THE "WE ARE STILL IN" DECLARATION WAS SIGNED JUNE 5, 2017

WE ARE STILL IN

THE DECLARATION PROMISES AMERICA'S ENDURING COMMITMENT TO THE PARIS AGREEMENT, ACTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE, AND ACCELERATING OUR TRANSITION TO A CLEAN ENERGY ECONOMY

TWO-CAR HOUSEHOLD?



IN 2018, REPLACE ONE OF YOUR GASOLINE-POWERED VEHICLES WITH AN ALL-ELECTRIC (EV) OR PLUG-IN HYBRID (PHEV) VEHICLE

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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MUCH MORE CLEAN ENERGY
BY 2020**



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