

The solar array generates almost enough power from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to completely offset the Calle Real Campus's electrical needs on sunny days. The solar array continues to work well and is expected

to last at least 20 more years. Total utility savings after 25 years of operation is estimated to be \$9.2 million.

The solar array production can be viewed live at:

https://solrenview.com/cgi-bin/cgihandler.cgi?&sort=pvi_IDS&cond=site_ID=1368&min.

Background:

The solar array project was first presented to the Board of Supervisors on July 13, 2010 as a potential project in the Sustainability Action Plan with the goal of reducing electricity costs as well as the County's carbon footprint. The project involved the construction and operation of a one megawatt photovoltaic system to be located on a hillside site adjacent to the County Jail located at 4434 Calle Real in Santa Barbara.

On June 7, 2011, the Board of Supervisors awarded an Energy Service Agreement to Endelos Energy Incorporated (a local vendor) for final design, construction, and startup of the project. Installation began in late December 2011, and the array began producing power on April 16, 2012.

The solar array project has exceeded its expected production of 1.78 million kWh electricity generation per year, equivalent of enough energy to power over 100 homes. The system provides electricity to the County Jail and nearby County facilities, including the Sheriff Administration building, 911 Call Center, Public Health Hospital, Public Health Administration, Mental Health Hospital, Mental Health Administration, Agricultural Commission, Environmental Health, Veterans Hospital, Elections Office, and Clerk Recorder Assessor. These facilities at the Calle Real Campus are the largest energy users for the County. The solar array offsets up to one-third of the required energy at the Calle Real Campus.

The County is expected to save an estimated \$9.2 million in utility savings over the life of the system and avoid emitting nearly 1.6 million pounds of CO₂ per year, equivalent to taking over 150 cars off the road, or planting over 20,000 trees each year.

The following local vendors provided materials or services on the project:

Santa Barbara County Local Vendors:

California Electrical Supply	Home Depot (Goleta)	Smith Engineering Associates
Coast Valley Testing	Jon Keller Survey	Specialty Crane
Dudek	MarBorg	S&S Seeds
Endelos Energy	Orchard Supply	United Rental
Eucario Guzman Landscaping	Penfield & Smith	Valley Oaks Printers
Enviroscaping	Ray's Welding	White Cap Supply
Garcia's Mobile Grill	Rivera & Sons Excavation	
Growing Solutions	Smith Electric	

Ventura County Vendors:

Medina Camera Systems
SolarWorld

Performance Measure:

N/A

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Average utility savings of approximately \$370,000 annually for 25 years.

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			\$ 5,500,000.00
Federal			
Fees			
Other:	\$ 381,953.68	\$ 17,000.00	
Total	\$ 381,953.68	\$ 17,000.00	\$ 5,500,000.00

Narrative: The cost for this fiscal year is \$381,953.68. This repayment of the bond will continue for nine additional years as repayment of the \$5.5 million. The \$1.7 million SCE rebate will be used for bond payments. The annual maintenance cost for the solar array will range from \$17,000 to 35,000 over its life (25 years).

Key Contract Risks:

N/A

Staffing Impacts:

None

Special Instructions:

None

Attachments:

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