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AES first submitted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) application for the Rancho Viejo Solar project to the Santa Fe County Planning Department on January 26, 2023. In response to feedback from project neighbors and stakeholders, as well as the County, AES has updated its project design and site plan and submitted a revised CUP application for the project to the county in August 2024.

To view AES updated Conditional Use Permit application and materials on file with Santa Fe County, click here: [2024 New AES PROJECT APPLICATIONS | Santa Fe County](#).

The AES team has worked closely with the Santa Fe community over the past two years. We've listened to the questions, concerns and suggestions from project neighbors, community stakeholders and the county. As a result, we've made changes to our project plan to ensure that AES' Rancho Viejo Solar project reflects our commitment to being a good neighbor while delivering a safe and beneficial clean energy project to the community.

To apply for a Conditional Use Permit, Santa Fe County requires project applicants to host a pre-application neighborhood meeting. Most recently, AES hosted a Pre-application Neighborhood Meeting on Aug. 22, 2024, to review the updated CUP application and provide neighbors and local communities with the latest information on the Rancho Viejo project.

Over the last two years, AES has also hosted two in-person and one virtual meeting, giving notice to adjacent property owners via US Mail, email notification and published a half-page advertisement in the Santa Fe New Mexican, inviting the public to attend. Neighborhood meetings took place at the Turquoise Trail Charter School on August 3 and October 4, 2022. AES also hosted a virtual meeting on January 4, 2023. A video of the most recent pre-application neighborhood meeting, along with AES' presentation about the updated project plan, can be viewed in the Project Updates section above

The project will be set-back a minimum of 1,000 ft from any adjacent property boundary, nearly 2,000 ft from the nearest residence in San Marcos and 1.3 miles from the nearest residence in El Dorado; the BESS installation will be located approximately 1.5 miles from the closest residence.

At the end of the project's life, a decommissioning plan outlines the responsibilities and methods for full project infrastructure removal and site restoration.

The decommissioning bond, Letter of Credit or Parent Guaranty will be held in the County's name and will be reviewed to ensure it satisfies current market cost to decommission project

We believe in being a good neighbor, ensuring responsible clean energy development that benefits both the



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environment and local communities without burdening existing infrastructure.

At AES, safety is our highest priority. This includes the safety for our workers, our partners and contractors, and the people in the communities we serve. AES pioneered utility-scale energy storage technology, and we've have been operating a global fleet of battery energy storage systems (BESS) for nearly two decades.

AES" BESS projects are designed and tested to meet all the latest applicable codes and standards, including NFPA 855 and UL9540. The Rancho Viejo project will be equipped with advanced safety monitoring and management systems to ensure that risks associated with the installation and operation of the battery system are addressed and mitigated. These safety features include fire suppression at the individual battery cell level and active exhaust ventilation and deflagration vents to prevent the buildup of combustible gases in the enclosure.

AES is also working closely with the Santa Fe County Fire Department during the Rancho Viejo solar project's development to implement robust safety measures for the design, construction, testing, and operation of the facility. AES is committed to providing the appropriate training to the fire department prior to commercial operation and throughout the operational lifetime of the project.

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