



# Las Camas Solar & Energy Storage

Merced County, California

 Installed capacity: **200 MW + 100 MW/400 MWh Storage**

 Estimated commercial operation: **2027**

 Generation will be equivalent to the average consumption of more than **169,000 California homes**.<sup>1</sup>

The Las Camas Solar & Energy Storage will be located west of the city of Los Banos, due south of the community of Santa Nella and adjacent to the I-5/Highway 33 Interchange. The project site was selected for its strong solar resource, access to transmission lines, and gently sloping, undeveloped terrain.



## Economic benefits



**Millions of dollars**  
WILL BE PAID TO LANDOWNERS



PERMANENT JOBS<sup>2</sup>  
**Up to 7 jobs will be created**



**\$12+ million**  
WILL BE PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



**Millions of dollars**  
WILL BE SPENT LOCALLY



CONSTRUCTION JOBS<sup>2</sup>  
**Up to 350 jobs will be created**

### Energy security

Power generated at Las Camas will support the state of California's electric grid. The site will also contribute to the **national energy security for the United States**, helping diversify domestic supply.

### Environment and solar energy storage projects

Energy storage facilities are designed to not release pollutants into the air, soil, or waterways. Additionally, **solar panels contain no liquids or materials that pose a risk to the environment or human health.**

### Energy storage safety

Between cell phones, laptops, and power tools, many people have a lithium-ion battery in their pockets or hands at all times. Additionally, energy storage fires are very rare and their rate of frequency is decreasing. **Energy storage sites are also highly regulated to ensure safety for neighbors, communities, and technicians.**



## Las Camas' environmental impact

The solar and energy storage site will save more than **423 million gallons** of water each year and will prevent the air pollution that causes smog and acid rain.<sup>3</sup>

## EDPR NA's impact in North America from solar energy<sup>4</sup>



**\$41.8 million**

PAID TO LANDOWNERS



**\$16 million**

PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



**4,400**

CONSTRUCTION JOBS CREATED



**100**

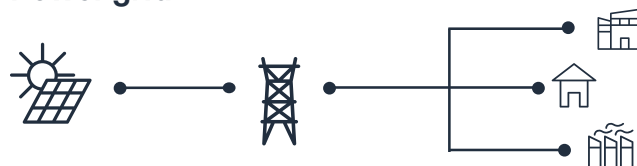
PERMANENT JOBS CREATED



## How solar energy works

EDPR NA uses photovoltaic (PV) solar cells. Photovoltaic solar cells have no moving parts and convert sunlight directly into electricity via the photoelectric effect. This direct-current electricity is then collected, transformed into alternating current, and finally put on the electrical grid through a substation after being converted to the proper voltage.

### Power grid



**Solar is one of the cheapest forms of energy.<sup>5</sup>**

The cost of solar has fallen 71% in 10 years.<sup>6</sup>

## Local experience with EDPR NA

“In terms of what you can do with your land, I think clean power is a very attractive option. It's really neat to put something like food on the table for the American people, as well as power in the homes of people in these local communities.”



*Joe R. Jr., Business Owner, Ohio*

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<sup>1</sup> Power generation calculated using a 25% capacity factor. Household consumption based on the 2023 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state.

<sup>2</sup> Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.

<sup>3</sup> Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016.

<sup>4</sup> Based on EDP Renewables North America's Operational Solar Parks through 2024.

<sup>5</sup> Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)

<sup>6</sup> Based on American Clean Power Associations Annual Market Report, 2023.

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