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Solar plant approved on Paiute lands near Las Vegas

By [Henry Brean](#) LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL Posted: Jun. 21, 2012

A Southern Nevada Indian tribe has won federal approval to build the nation's first utility-scale solar power plant on tribal land.

U.S. Interior Secretary Ken Salazar on Thursday signed off on the Moapa Band of Paiutes' plan for a 350-megawatt solar plant on 2,000 acres along Interstate 15 about 40 miles northeast of Las Vegas.

The plant will be built in three phases starting this fall and could eventually lead to the sale of power to one of the tribe's biggest foes: NV Energy.

At the very least, the plant on tribal land may have to connect to NV Energy equipment to deliver solar energy to the grid.

The tribe is locked in a fierce battle with the utility over continued operation of the coal-burning Reid Gardner power plant adjacent to the reservation near Moapa, which tribal members blame for polluting their land and poisoning their people.

The solar project approved Thursday will be capable of powering 100,000 homes. It also will supply electricity to the tribe-owned Moapa Travel Plaza, a truck stop near the entrance of Valley of Fire State Park, which is currently depends on a diesel generator.

A company called K Road Moapa Solar LLC will develop and operate the plant under a 50-year lease agreement with the tribe.

According to a fact sheet for the project, the photovoltaic array will connect to the power grid through NV Energy's Crystal Substation near Apex.

The state's largest power utility has no immediate plans to buy solar energy from the tribe's power plant. NV Energy is already exceeding its renewable energy benchmarks and is not currently on the market for new solar power contracts.

But that doesn't mean the utility will never buy power from the Paiutes.

Any future transaction will come down to need and price. NV Energy spokesman Mark Severts said the utility buys through an open bidding process, and all of its power-purchase agreements are reviewed by the state's Public Utility Commission.

The solar project could bring needed jobs and a new source of revenue to the tribe, said Yvette Chevalier, tribal administrator and legal advisor for the Moapa Band of Paiutes.

Construction of the plant is expected to employ as many as 400 people, and the finished array will need a crew of 15 to 20 workers to operate it. "Hopefully some of those jobs will go to tribal members," Chevalier said.

The plant also could provide valuable training opportunities for children on the reservation who might one day become "part of the energy movement so to speak," she said. "Everyone is extremely excited, hopeful and jazzed about the future of this project."

After signing off on the solar plant Thursday, Salazar said in a conference call with reporters, "We do not want Indian country to be left behind as we move forward with the new energy front in the United States."

The Associated Press contributed to this story.

Contact reporter Henry Brean at hbrean@reviewjournal.com or 702-383-0350.

[A Start-Up Bets on Human Translators Over Machines](#)

By SOMINI SENGUPTA

Duolingo, launched by the man who created reCaptcha, wants to encourage language learners to translate material for content providers on the Web.

[New strategy under way to measure the health of the Great Salt Lake](#)

[Amy Joi O'Donoghue](#), Deseret News

The state is getting prepared to put the Great Salt Lake on the examination table and run a diagnostic test on its overall health.

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Wednesday through Sunday, June 20 - June 24 ~ 10,000+ books

This week's warehouse sale is particularly HUGE. Thirty pallets of books—fiction, non-fiction, kids—are spilling out into the back lot! Great books—we already recycled the books we think you don't want to buy.

Special alert for science fiction readers: 1500 science fiction books, most from one collection. 1960s to 1990s.

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Please leave store books at the check-out counter before going into the warehouse. We will hold them. If you have store books with your sale books, please tell us which items are part of the sale and which items are from the store at regular price.

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At 5pm on Sunday, after the Bag Sale, remaining used books are free to teachers, nonprofits, quasi-nonprofits, homeschoolers, librarians, etc.—just show an ID to a team member. Almost all of the kids books get picked up by 5:15pm, but we paper recycle 2000+ paperbacks and hardcovers. We would love for someone to pick up books for troops, hospitals, churches, etc. Or art!

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Keep 'em entertained and educated throughout the Summer

[Hoopa Tribe Provides Water Quality Data on Trinity River](#)

[Allie Hostler, Two Rivers Tribune](#)

The North Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board held their monthly meeting in Willow Creek last Thursday, June 7 providing a once-in-a-great-while opportunity for Klamath-Trinity residents to talk water quality in the appropriate forum. There are nine regional water quality control boards in California and the North Coast region consists of Del Norte, Glenn, Humboldt, Lake, Marin, Mendocino, Modoc, Siskiyou, Sonoma and Trinity Counties.

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In this book, David Wilkins examines fifteen landmark cases in which the *Supreme Court* significantly curtailed *Indian* rights.

Supreme Court Indian Cases

www.utulsa.edu/law/classes/rice/USSCT.../0000_Frames_Index.htm
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Nevada Magazine photo needs — September/October 2012 issue

Send comments, questions, or submissions to Art Director Tony deRonnebeck at tony@nevadamagazine.com.

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 29 (5 p.m. PDT)

* **2012 Photo Contest** — http://www.nevadamagazine.com/issues/read/2012_great_nevada_picture_hunt_submission_rules/

Submission Deadline: Friday, July 13

1. **Reno's Midtown District** — see midtowndistrictreno.com for more information.
2. **Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge** — scenics from this northwestern Nevada refuge.
3. **American Discovery Trail** — see discoverytrail.org/states/nevada/index.html for info on Nevada section.
4. **Scenic Autumn Drives** — what are the best roads in Nevada to capture fall photos?
5. **Lost City Museum** — in Overton.
6. **Tractors & Truffles** — annual event in Fallon.
7. **Pahrump Valley Winery Grape Stomp** — annual event in Pahrump.
8. **Other Fall Events** — looking for photos from other popular Sept./Oct. events.

Please get permission to photograph on private property. If you just want publication and photo credit (no pay), please notify us when you submit your images. Remember, people engaging in activities adds a nice touch to photos.

Nature

We're looking for images from Nevada's great outdoors, particularly wildlife, to spotlight on our "Nature" page. Think seasonal and timely to the issue.

Visions

We recently introduced a new department called "Visions." Captivating images in your collection could be used on these pages. Think seasonal and timely to the issue.

Your Nevada

A gallery page featuring a single intriguing image, or multiple images, of the Silver State. Send your favorite Nevada images, subject line "Your Nevada," along with detailed caption info.

E-mail images to:

Art Director Tony deRonnebeck, at tony@nevadamagazine.com

Please put the subject and issue date (SO12) in the subject line, and provide your mailing address. We prefer you send an initial sampling of low-resolution images.

Tony will contact you later if he needs the high-res versions.

Mail CDs or slides to:

Attn: Tony deRonnebeck, Nevada Magazine, 401 N. Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701

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Youth learn the value of financial planning

By [Teri Vance](#) tvance@nevadaappeal.com Thursday, June 21, 2012

When it comes to money, being aware of income and expenses is key, according to Giovanis Montero, community outreach assistant for the Greater Nevada Credit Union.

"Why do we want to have a budget?" she asked. "You want to take control of your finances."

She laid out steps to achieving that control during a Money Matters workshop for youth at the Carson City Library on Wednesday evening.

"We think it's really good to get off on the right foot in money matters," she said. "We need to give them the tools while they're young that they can use to help themselves down the road."

She encouraged participants to begin by keeping a daily spending diary to track their expenses.

"Write it down," she said. "Do it for a week. You'll see how fast it adds up. You'll be really surprised."

When planning a budget, she said, the first priority should be savings.

"You want to get into the habit of paying yourself first," Montero said. "You decide what that's going to be every month. It's a good habit to start, especially when you're young."

Leeann White, 19, graduated from high school last month and will be attending the University of Nevada, Reno in the fall. She said the workshop helped her focus her priorities.

“It will help me save for college and not spend on the stuff I don't need,” she said.

Although it will be some time before he has to put the advice into action, Gabriel Gomez, 13, was glad he learned it.

“It's good to be educated early so you'll be better off in the future,” he said. “It's good to know how much you're spending and how much you're earning so you can pay all your bills on time.”

Montero led students through the process of creating a budget and guided them through various financial scenarios.

She also taught them basic skills, such as how to write a check.

“It was totally worth coming down,” said Noe Barba, 16. “A lot of this stuff you will need in the future.”

Montero said the credit union is looking to give similar seminars to adults and other organizations.

<http://www.reuters.com/article/2012/06/13/us-usa-homeless-rhodeisland-idUSBRE85C1RY20120613>

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amazonwatch.org

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Nevada's National History Day Students Meet with Senators Reid and Heller

Carson City, NV – June 21, 2012 – Students from across Nevada met with Senate Majority Leader, Harry Reid and Senator Dean Heller last week at the nation's capital after competing in the 2012 National History Day competition. After months of intensive research and success at school and state-level competitions, students from Nevada presented their projects at the annual National History Day (NHD) competition, held at the University of Maryland College Park June 10-14, 2012. Students met with the Senate Majority Leader in the Lyndon B. Johnson Room, and met with Senator Heller on the steps of the Capitol Building with Parents, Teachers, and State Coordinators. Students also enjoyed a tour of the Capitol Building and a twilight tour of the Nation's Monuments and Memorials.

Students did research from original sources to create museum-type exhibits, video documentaries, original performances, or traditional research papers related to the theme of *Revolution, Reaction and Reform*.

At the awards ceremony that concluded the NHD national contest, Clark County Students, Erycha Nicolas, Patrick Burden and Loren Ayala were chosen as best of state for their projects. Patrick and Loren's Group Documentary placed sixth overall in the country. Washoe County student Taylor Stuard was chosen for the Nevada "Salute to Freedom" award where he will have the opportunity to be at the opening of the new World War II Museum in New Orleans early next year.

The NHD program annually engages over a half million students in grades six through 12 from 50 states, the District Columbia and American Samoa. Each fall students nationwide begin the year-long National History Day program, competing in a series of history contests in their local communities and states. The top students in each category are selected for participation in the national contest.

[New Issue Module: DENTAL CARE](#)

In this new issue module, KaiserEDU.org looks at oral health, an often overlooked aspect of individual health and wellness. The background brief looks at some of the many contributing factors to low use of dental care, including the difficulty of purchasing affordable dental insurance and other cost concerns. This issue module also examines factors contributing to the dental workforce shortage and its impact on access to care. Links to key data, policy research, and organizations are provided.

The Foundation recently held a public forum on oral health in Washington, D.C., and released [several new and updated resources](#) that present data and analyze issues related to coverage and success for oral health. An archived [webcast](#) of the event is also available.

[Fellowship and Internship Database](#)

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