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WASHINGTON – The California Tribal Business Alliance (CTBA) is voicing its opposition to the Southeast Arizona Land Exchange and Conservation Act of 2013, HR 687.

Proposed Resolution Copper Mine Impact area

This House bill would authorize a land swap in Arizona between the federal government and the Resolution Copper mining company in order to facilitate the extraction of mineral resources from government lands.

California Tribal Business Alliance recognizes that there are a number of significant fiscal and public policy implications surrounding the legislation. The legislation and ultimate land swap will result in economic stimulus and the extraction and use of valuable ore. However, it does so at a cost. The legislation will also result in the loss of irreplaceable sites sacred to Native Americans.

It will remove protections for the environment.

Moreover, it does so without engaging the respective tribes in any meaningful government to government consultation in regard to their sacred cultural resources or surrounding environment.

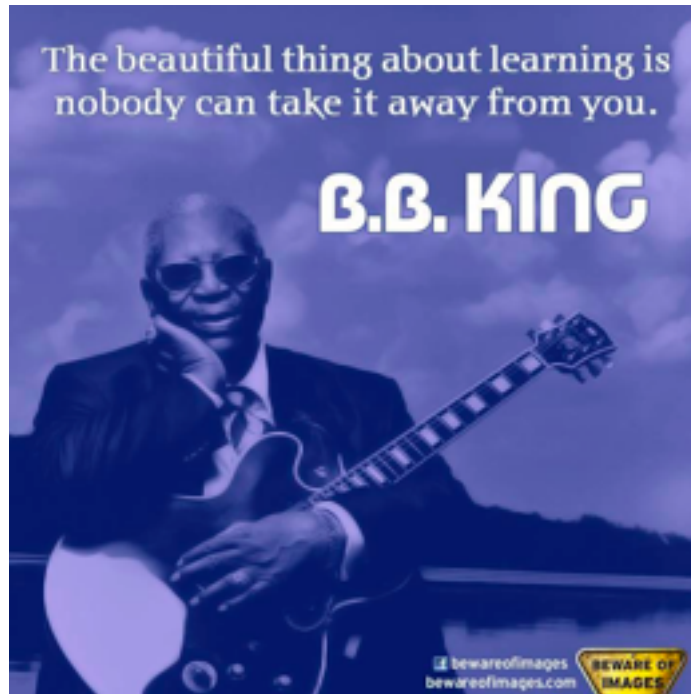
This is in direct conflict with existing policies and laws, such as, the Memorandum of Understanding executed in December 2012 among various departments to coordinate and collaborate with tribal governments for the protection of Indian sacred sites. It also conflicts with the President's Executive Order of June 2013 which establishes a national policy to ensure that the Federal Government engages in meaningful consultation with tribes on any policies affecting tribal nations. Moreover, the legislation establishes timeframes to complete the analysis of any

historic or sacred sites in the exchange area that are inconsistent with the requirements of the Native American Graves Protection Act and the National Historic Preservation Act.

We are at a time in history when the Federal Government is moving in a direction to establish and strengthen policies for meaningful government to government consultation with tribal governments and to protect tribal sacred sites and resources. HR 687 would retard the current policy direction and place native peoples' heritage and sacred resources at risk, and it does so without affording the tribes the benefit of any meaningful consultation. For these reasons, the California Tribal Business Alliance is opposed to HR 687.

The House finished their business for the day without having the final vote on the bill. They also only voted on two out of the three amendments offered, both of which failed. An amendment offered by Representative Ben Lujan, D-New Mexico, that will be considered on the floor that gives

"the Secretary unilateral authority to remove Native American sacred and cultural sites from the conveyance in consultation with affected Indian Tribes."



A recorded vote was requested on the Lujan sacred sites amendment, but further action was postponed. We expect votes on both the amendment and the final bill to take place early next week.

The California Tribal Business Alliance urge you to join them by contacting your local member of Congress to articulate concerns about HR 687.

<http://www.nativenetwork.com/house-bill-puts-american-indian-sacred-sites-at-risk.html>

Draft Nevada Filing to NRC for September 30

Ladies and gentlemen...the NRC has invited recommendations from the parties to the Yucca licensing proceeding, as to what steps it might take in restarting the proceeding, implementing the recent Mandamus Order from the CADC. Attached is a fairly final draft of Nevada's filing. You may choose to file your own recommendations, or none. But please let us know if you wish us to recite that your client joins in the Nevada filing. If you should wish to join the Nevada

filing, please let us know by close of business Friday (the day after tomorrow), or we will assume you do not. (If I have sent this to an incorrect addressee for the Timbisha tribe, please tell me, so I can avoid the same mistake in the future.)

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Interested in Applying for an IMLS Museum Grant?

Deadline for all programs is December 2, 2013. To learn more, attend free webinar workshops. [Read More](#)

- **National Leadership Grants for Museums:** October 2, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
- **Museums for America:** October 3, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
- **Museum Grants for African American History and Culture:** October 9, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET
- **Native American/Native Hawaiian Museum Services:** October 10, 3:00-4:00 p.m. ET
- **Sparks! Ignition Grants for Museums:** October 16, 2:00-3:00 p.m. ET

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National Funding

Support for Artists' Participation at International Festivals [USArtists International](#)
USArtists International, administered by the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation, is committed to ensuring that the impressive range of the performing arts in the United States is represented abroad, and that American artists can enhance their creative and professional development through participation at important international festivals. Support is available to American dance, music, and theater ensembles and solo artists that have been invited to perform at significant international festivals anywhere in the world outside of the United States and its territories. Grants, which generally range from \$1,000 to \$10,000, will seldom cover the applicant's total expenses. The upcoming application deadlines are December 6, 2013, and April 18, 2014. Eligibility details and application guidelines are available on the Mid Atlantic Arts Foundation website.

Technology-Based Solutions Worldwide Funded [Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants](#)
Cisco Global Impact Cash Grants support nonprofit organizations in the U.S. and worldwide that provide assistance to underserved populations and leverage technology solutions to improve the reach, efficiency, and impact of services. In the Education category, Cisco supports technology-based solutions and education delivery models that enable children to master knowledge in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). The Economic Empowerment category focuses on programs that provide technology-based solutions to underserved populations transitioning from education to workforce, or re-entry to workforce. Through the Critical Human Needs category, Cisco grants help overcome the cycle of poverty and dependence by supporting organizations that address the basic needs of underserved communities, with a focus on clean water, food, and shelter. Funded programs in all categories must have high potential for

replication in multiple environments, and a clear path for long-term sustainability. Organizations can begin the application process at any time. Visit the Cisco website to learn more about the grantmaking criteria and to take the [Eligibility Quiz](#).

Grants Enhance Wilderness Preservation Projects

[The Conservation Alliance](#)

The Conservation Alliance is a group of outdoor businesses whose collective contributions support grassroots citizen-action groups and their efforts to protect wild and natural areas in North America where outdoor enthusiasts spend their time. Funded programs should seek to secure permanent protection of a specific threatened wild place or waterway for its habitat and recreational values. The Alliance is not looking for mainstream education, restoration, or scientific research projects, but rather for active campaigns. Grants of up to \$50,000 are provided. Before applying for funding, an organization must first be nominated by one of the Alliance's [member companies](#). The upcoming nomination deadline is November 1, 2013. The Alliance will send each nominated organization a request for proposal, including instructions on submitting a full request, which is due December 1, 2013. Grant criteria and application guidelines are available on the Conservation Alliance website.

Exemplary Youth Volunteers Recognized

[The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards](#)

The Prudential Spirit of Community Awards is a nationwide program that honors young people in grades 5-12 who are volunteering in their communities. Youth who have engaged in a volunteer activity that occurred during the 12 months prior to the date of application are eligible to apply. Local Honorees are selected in November and from these winners two State Honorees are chosen in each state and the District of Columbia. State Honorees receive an award of \$1,000 and an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, DC, for national recognition events. Out of the State Honorees, ten National Honorees are selected to receive an additional award of \$5,000 as well as a \$5,000 grant for a nonprofit organization of their choice. The application deadline is November 5, 2013. Visit the Prudential website for online application information.

Regional Funding

Rural Development in Selected States Supported

[Laura Jane Musser Fund: Rural Initiative Program](#)

The Laura Jane Musser Fund encourages collaborative and participatory efforts among citizens in communities in Colorado, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wyoming. Through the Rural Initiative Program, the Fund supports programs that will help to strengthen individual rural towns in the targeted states in a number of civic areas, including economic development, business preservation, arts and humanities, public space improvements, and education. The applicant community must have a population of 10,000 or fewer and must be able to demonstrate the rural characteristics of their location and support from a diverse cross-section of community members and institutions. Planning grants of up to \$5,000 and implementation grants of up to \$25,000 are provided. Online applications may be submitted from October 7 through November 6, 2013. Specific grant guidelines and application procedures are available on the Fund's website.

Funds for Parks and Trails Organizations in New York State

[Parks & Trails New York: Capacity Building Grants](#)

Parks & Trails New York is offering Capacity Building Grants for park and trail groups throughout New York State. Grants of up to \$3,000 are intended to strengthen nonprofit

organizations that are working to build and protect parks and trails in communities across the state. The goal of the grants program is to help nonprofit organizations fulfill their missions; improve their reach, effectiveness, and impact; leverage more resources; and increase community support for and involvement in park and trail planning, development, and stewardship. Grants may be used for activities associated with organizational start-up and development, training, communications, and volunteer recruitment and management. The deadline for submitting applications is November 12, 2013. Visit the Parks & Trails New York website to submit an online application.

Fellowships for Indiana Educators

[Lilly Endowment: Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program](#)

The Teacher Creativity Fellowship Program, offered by the Lilly Endowment, is a program of renewal that leads to K-12 teachers and education professionals who become even more committed to helping Indiana's young people grow and learn with enthusiasm. The program will support creative projects that are intellectually revitalizing to Indiana principals, assistant principals, classroom/resource teachers, guidance counselors, and library/media specialists. Fellowships are intended to support individualized six-week summer projects that will develop connections to classroom teaching or student learning. Up to 100 educators will receive fellowship stipends of \$10,000. Applications must be postmarked by November 1, 2013. Visit the program's website for application information.

Grants Enhance Environmental Programs in Maryland

[Town Creek Foundation](#)

The Town Creek Foundation's mission is to provide resources to help catalyze, support, and accelerate progressive changes in environmental policy and practice within the State of Maryland. The Foundation supports nonprofit organizations that address one of the following programs: The Chesapeake Bay program focuses on helping to insure that state and local leaders have the support necessary for developing, implementing, and sustaining robust Bay pollution reduction strategies. The Climate Change program works to identify and pursue necessary greenhouse reduction policies and to promote strong leadership to help Maryland exceed its reduction goals. The Sustainability program is committed to promoting progress towards true sustainability and resilience for Maryland through public dialogue about the systemic challenges that the state faces. The Foundation reviews letters of inquiry twice each year; the upcoming deadline is November 8, 2013. Guidelines for developing online letters of inquiry are available on the Foundation's website.

Federal Funding

Funds Available to Analyze Maternal and Child Health Policies

[Department of Health and Human Services](#)

The Maternal and Child Health Policy Analysis Program supports analyses of policy changes to improve access, quality, and integration of healthcare and services for maternal and child health populations. The application deadline is November 8, 2013.

Program Expands Sharing of Environmental Information

[Environmental Protection Agency](#)

The National Environmental Information Exchange Network Grant Program provides support to develop the capabilities that organizations need to actively participate in the Environmental Information Exchange Network, which is a way to report data electronically, share information,

and integrate both regulatory and non-regulatory environmental information. The application deadline is November 8, 2013.

Museum Advancement Supported **[Institute of Museum and Library Services](#)**
The Museums for America program seeks to strengthen the ability of museums to serve the public more effectively by supporting high-priority activities that advance their missions, plans, and strategic goals and objectives. The application deadline is December 2, 2013.

Program Supports Education about Organ Donation
[Department of Health and Human Services](#)
The Public Education Efforts to Increase Solid Organ Donation program provides support to educate the public about the need for solid organ donation and to encourage deceased donation decisions, documentation, and family discussions. The application deadline is December 3, 2013.

[MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Award](#)
The MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Awards recognize afterschool programs throughout the U.S. that are excelling at engaging middle school youth. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

[The World Habitat Awards](#)
The World Habitat Awards are given to projects that provide practical and innovative solutions to current housing needs and problems faced by countries all around the world. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

[National Science Foundation: Research on Education and Learning \(REAL\)](#)
This program supports advances in research on science, technology, engineering, and mathematics learning and education. Click above to learn more about the funding guidelines and application process.

[Colorado School of Public Health](#) · Suggested Post

Here's the REAL news for the day | We will now offer an Online MPH and six new Global Public Health programs! <http://attheforefront.ucdenver.edu/?p=4267> #publichealth #gradschool #goglobal

[New educational programs expand online and global learning opportunities | @theForefront l... attheforefront.ucdenver.edu](#)
[Since opening in 2008 the Colorado School of Public Health's educational mission has expanded rapidly, creating a strong foundation for delivering accredited, student-focused education. Building on that foundation, the school announces two new expansions which are designed to meet new and emerging e...](#)

[FarmersMarket](#) shared **[Husk's photo](#)**.
We are launching a new food brand. Husk is a small plant in the business of freezing local vegetables and extending the season for farmers everywhere. Our goal is to build small plants all over the country and put food in your grocery store that comes from your community. Click through and sign up for our email list and we will notify you when these products are available in your store!

Did you hear we are working on Green Beans now. Our goal is to help local farmers by extending the season for delicious local vegetables. Please click through and sign up for our email alerts. We will let you know when our products are available at your local store.

<http://huskfoods.com/local-green-beans/>

Red Road Warriors walking this sacred path's photo.

To have courage is to have the mental and moral strength to listen to our heart. It takes courage



to do what is morally right. Native people were told by the Elders to be proud of who they were and never to deny the way of life the Great Spirit gave them. It is with Courage that we reclaim our rightful place in the circle of life and the right to honour the Great Spirit and pray for all people.

Second County Votes to Secede from California **Source: america.aljazeera.com**

Along Interstate 5 near Yreka, a Northern California town of about 8,000 people, the roof of an old hay barn informs drivers in bold, black letters they have entered the "State of Jefferson."

For over 70 years, a group of citizens in Northern California and Southern Oregon have pushed to unite their rural counties and secede from their respective states, creating a new state following the small-government ideals allegedly professed by Thomas Jefferson.

On Tuesday, a second California county joined the growing movement. Modoc County supervisors voted 4-0 in favor of secession, following in the footsteps of neighboring Siskiyou County that made a similar decision earlier this month.

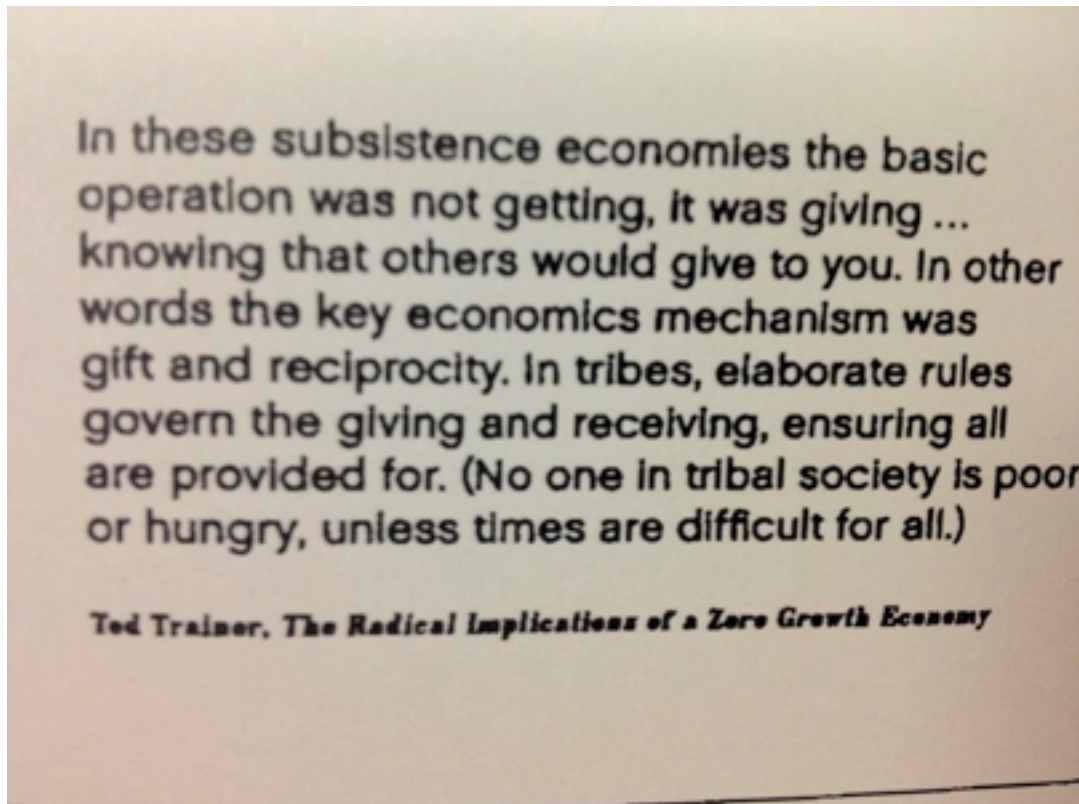
Modoc County Board Chairwoman Geri Byrne told Al Jazeera that public sentiment was strongly in favor of passing the resolution. In a packed public meeting of about 40 people, Byrne said only two people spoke against secession.

Her constituents, Byrne said, are "frustrated," because rural counties have "no voice in the state of California."

Supporters of secession say that urban California holds sway in the halls of Sacramento, where both legislative houses are elected proportionally. Since California's 33 rural counties make up only 9 percent of the total population, rural residents simply are not represented, Byrne said.

"People in LA have no clue what we face," Byrne said. "We don't tell people in Los Angeles how to manage crime, so why should they tell us how to farm potatoes?"

Liz Bowen, a member of the [Jefferson Declaration Committee](#), said it takes six hours to drive through her state senator's district. Senate District 1, which includes Modoc and Siskiyou counties, covers 10 counties. In contrast, Los Angeles metro area has 18 Senate districts. Without



influence in Sacramento, she said, "So many laws, rules and regulations have been placed on us that our freedom has been eroded."

Over the years, many rural residents have been frustrated by federal environmental laws restricting logging and other forestry activities. Byrne said becoming a state would finally allow them to push the federal government to alter the onerous restrictions on government-owned land.

Not everyone in Northern California, however, supports the proposed new state. Mark Lovelace, a district supervisor in nearby Humboldt County, said that the state of Jefferson "is a romantic idea," but that it's "not economically viable."

Rural California receives more money from the state than it provides. Lovelace said in the proposed new state, taxes would have to rise to make up the difference. Humboldt County, where a local meeting is set to discuss secession on Friday, has an unemployment rate of 8.5 percent, well above the national average of 7.3 percent. With the decline of the timber and mining

industries, health care, schools and government now account for more jobs than logging and mining, according to The Associated Press.

The secessionist movement, Lovelace said, "is a cry for help, but there needs to be a reality check."

The goal of the secessionists is to get about 14 counties to vote in favor secession, Byrne said, and then head to California's legislature, which according to the U.S. Consitution has to approve the split. The U.S. Congress would also have to vote for such a move. No state has been severed since West Virginia split off during the Civil War.

Supporters admit the path to statehood is steep. Byrne said while "on paper, the state would work. Whether it could get through the legislature and Congress, that's another story."

[AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL MEDICINE PEOPLE WHO DISRESPECT WOMEN AND TWO SPIRIT PEOPLE](#)

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[Dear all Medicine People from the 4 directions. I do not care how old you are, I do not care what spiritual tradition or tribe you come from, I do not care if you are a sundancer, I do not care if ...](#)

[All My Relations: Honoring the First Nations](#) www.youtube.com

[Music by Ulali Photos from The Library of Congress—Edward S. Curtis' The North American Indian](#)

[Top 10 Takeaways From the New IPCC Climate Report](#) insideclimatenews.org

[The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, part of the United Nations and the world's largest scientific body on global warming, on Friday released the first portion of its long-awaited assessment on the causes and consequences of climate change. The report took six years to produce and is consi...](#)

[Dusten and Robin Brown Speak Out about Transfer of His Daughter, Veronica](#)

www.nativenewsnetwork.com

[TAHLEQUAH, OKLAHOMA This week has been very depressing for American Indians who know the realities of removal of our children from our homes. Many American Indians and non-Native people have expressed](#)

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**[South Carolina Governor Should Drop Criminal Charges against Dusten Brown](#)**

[www.nativenewsnetwork.com](http://www.nativenewsnetwork.com)

[Last Monday evening, after coming to the conclusion he had reached the end of his legal options within the Oklahoma state court system, Cherokee citizen Dusten Brown decided](#)

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**[Charges Dropped Against AIM Leader Clyde Bellecourt for Attending Idle No More](#)**

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[MINNEAPOLIS A little over a week after his misdemeanor trespassing trial ended with a hung jury, charges against Clyde Bellecourt were dropped by the Minneapolis prosecutor](#)

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**President Obama Announces 2013 White House Tribal Nations Conference**

[www.whitehouse.gov](http://www.whitehouse.gov)

WASHINGTON, DC – On Wednesday, November 13, President Obama will host the White House Tribal Nations Conference at the Department of the Interior. The conference will provide leaders from the 566 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with the President and members of the W...

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I know I've posted about him before, but honestly everyone should read his story: <http://bit.ly/ZQLmJg>

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**Kalani Flores goes to OHA for help defending Mauna Kea from Thirty Meter Telescope**

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TEMPE, Ariz. & NEW YORK--(**BUSINESS WIRE**)-- First Solar, Inc. (Nasdaq: **FSLR**) and K Road Power Holdings LLC announced today that **First Solar has acquired from K Road the 250 megawatt (MW)AC photovoltaic Moapa Solar Project in Nevada.**

The Moapa Solar Project, located on the Moapa River Indian Reservation in Clark County, northeast of Las Vegas, Nevada, is the first large-scale solar project approved to be built on tribal land in North America. The project is in an advanced stage of development, and has in place a 25-year Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP).

Construction of the project, situated within a 2,000-acre segment of the Moapa Band of Paiutes tribal land, could start as soon as the fourth quarter of 2013, and be completed by the end of 2015. The project is expected to create up to 400 jobs during peak of construction, and approximately 10 permanent jobs when the power plant is in operation. First Solar will design and build the project, using its Cadmium Telluride (CdTe) thin film solar modules.

“First Solar is proud to participate in this landmark project on lands where it can benefit the economic development of the Moapa Paiute tribe and serve clean energy to the City of Los Angeles,” said Jim Hughes, First Solar’s [Chief Executive Officer](#). “We’re excited to build on the foundation and hard work of K Road and so many key stakeholders to make this project a reality, establishing a significant source of clean, renewable energy for the region.”

“K Road is pleased to announce the launch of this pioneering project, and grateful for the stalwart support of our key partners and stakeholders, the Moapa Tribe, the federal and state agencies, and the IBEW. These folks have played an invaluable role in helping bring this novel project to the eve of construction,” said William Kriegel, K Road’s Chief Executive Officer. “First Solar’s deep experience and proven capabilities will ensure that the project is expeditiously completed to the highest standard, while carefully considering the interests of all stakeholders.”

In its first year of operation, the Moapa Solar Project will generate enough clean energy to power approximately 100,000 average homes. The project will displace more than 178,000 metric tons of CO2, the equivalent of taking more than 34,000 cars off the road, and will displace more than 142,000 metric tons of water consumption annually. The project will advance tribal economic competitiveness and job creation, serve as an example of tribal energy self-sufficiency and sustainability, and encourage further renewable energy projects on tribal land.

**About K Road Power**

K Road Power is an independent power developer focused on developing, financing, owning and operating utility-scale solar projects. Founded and led by William Kriegel, K Road’s senior

[management](#) is made up of long time power sector professionals from Sithe Energies, AES Corporation, [Barclays](#), and Goldman Sachs. Together, K Road principals have a 25-year history of successfully developing and safely operating over 20,000 megawatts of conventional and renewable power assets, consistently creating exceptional value for both shareholders and project stakeholders. K Road promotes sustainable, renewable energy development with a focus on reliability and efficiency in concert with environmental and social responsibility. K Road has offices in New York City and San Francisco. For more information on K Road Power, go to [www.kroadpower.com](http://www.kroadpower.com).

### **About First Solar**

First Solar is a leading global provider of comprehensive photovoltaic (PV) solar systems which use its advanced module and system technology. The company's integrated power plant solutions deliver an economically attractive alternative to fossil-fuel electricity generation today. From raw material sourcing through end-of-life module recycling, First Solar's renewable energy systems protect and enhance the environment. For more information about First Solar, please visit [www.firstsolar.com](http://www.firstsolar.com).

### **For First Solar Investors**

This release contains [forward-looking statements](#) which are made pursuant to safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements include statements, among other things, concerning: our business strategy, including anticipated trends and developments in and management plans for our business and the markets in which we operate; future [financial results](#), operating results, revenues, gross margin, operating expenses, products, projected costs, warranties, solar module efficiency and balance of systems ("BoS") cost reduction roadmaps, restructuring, product reliability and capital expenditures; our ability to continue to reduce the cost per watt of our solar modules; our ability to reduce the costs to construct photovoltaic ("PV") solar power systems; research and development programs and our ability to improve the conversion efficiency of our solar modules; sales and marketing initiatives; and competition. These forward-looking statements are often characterized by the use of words such as "estimate," "expect," "anticipate," "project," "plan," "intend," "believe," "forecast," "foresee," "likely," "may," "should," "goal," "target," "might," "will," "could," "predict," "continue" and the negative or plural of these words and other comparable terminology. Forward-looking statements are only predictions based on our current expectations and our projections about future events. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to update any of these forward-looking statements for any reason. These forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, the matters discussed in Item 1A: "Risk Factors," of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, as updated and supplemented by risk factors included in our Prospectus dated June 12, 2013 filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b)(5) (the "Prospectus"), Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other reports filed with the SEC.

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