



SOLAR VICTORY!

We are pleased to report the PRC approved a solar energy & battery storage proposal for Rio Arriba, McKinley and San Juan counties. According to a UNM economic analysis, this 100% clean plan would invest more than \$1 billion into our three counties and create approximately 3,545 jobs. Importantly, these solar projects will completely replace the lost tax base from the San Juan plant for school districts and the

communities surrounding the existing coal plant.

For Rio Arriba, the plan includes a solar/storage project on Jicarilla Apache Nation, providing hundreds of construction jobs and millions in wages and tax income, as well as capital investment. It represents a turning point for the County, bringing much needed revenues and jobs at a time of utmost need. With the fallout from COVID-19 and the precarious loss of oil and gas revenues, our county is facing epic shortfalls and an extraordinary labor market contraction. Impressively, our Jicarilla solar project would be one of the lowest-cost solar projects in the nation. For New Mexicans, our clean-energy future is here, and Rio Arriba will now be a front-runner and key beneficiary.