The Hualapai Tribe has been awarded a grant from the Department of Energy to help build a one-megawatt solar array and battery storage system at Grand Canyon West. The Planning Department, in association with the Hualapai Tribal Utility Authority, is seeking your input on choosing the best location for the project. Please review each site so far proposed and rank them on the fourth page of the survey. Add you comments on each site and feel free to make suggestions for a site not yet considered. The proposed sites were selected based on terrain, being close to the mini-grid and effect on air traffic. The survey may be seen on the tribe’s web site: http://hualapai-nsn.gov/posts/

The benefits of this solar project include a 50% reduction in diesel fuel to run the generators and lower maintenance costs which will allow the array to pay for itself in three years. Annual savings are estimated at $460,000. The project has a 25-year life span so savings should exceed $10 million.

Site 1

Site 1 is proposed at the northwest corner of the Diamond Bar and Quartermaster Point Road intersection. The site is in a valley between two low hills and in plain view. The 400’ x 400’ site is within 160’ of the switch which would connect the solar array to the mini—grid. The project’s cost estimate is $2.7 million.
Site 2a is proposed at the Road Maintenance Yard. The site is in plain view of Diamond Bar Road. The 300’ x 550’ site is within 1,650’ of the fire house switch which would connect the solar array to the mini—grid. The project's cost estimate is $3.1 million due to the extra distance to the switch.

Site 2b is proposed west of the Road Maintenance Yard. The site is some 600’ from Diamond Bar Road which reduces its visibility. The 400’ x 400’ site is within 1,950’ of the fire house switch which would connect the solar array to the mini—grid. The project's cost estimate is $3.2 million due to the extra distance to the switch.
Site 2c

Site 2c is proposed northwest of the Road Maintenance Yard. The site is some 700’ from Diamond Bar Road which reduces its visibility. The 400’ x 400’ site is within 1,500’ of the fire house switch which would connect the solar array to the mini—grid. The project’s cost estimate is $3.1 million due to the extra distance to the switch.

Site 3

Site 3 is proposed along Quartermaster Point Road just before the Hualapai Ranch. The site is in a valley between two low hills and in plain view. The 400’ x 400’ site is within 1,750’ of the Ranch switch which would connect the solar array to the mini—grid. The project’s cost estimate is $3.2 million due to the extra distance to the switch.
Community Survey for Proposed Solar Array at Grand Canyon West

Please rank each site by circling one of the five scores listed

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Additional Site you would like to add to the list:

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Return survey to the Planning Department, 887 West Highway 66, Peach Springs, by November 30th. You may also e-mail the survey to kdavidson@hualapai-nsn.gov Questions can by directed to Kevin Davidson at (928) 769-1310. The survey may be seen on the tribe’s web site: http://hualapai-nsn.gov/posts/