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La Paz County Offered BLM Land for Solar Development

La Paz County announced today that the Bureau of Land Management has provided an “Offer of Conveyance” for the County to purchase 5,889 acres of BLM land for solar development. Upon acceptance of this offer and payment at fair market value the County will receive a patent to the property located near Interstate 10 and Hovatter Road.

This major success is the culmination of over four years of effort between the County and the Bureau of Land Management. It is a practical solution that will ensure the future economic vitality of La Paz County. Development of the site will also meet important conservation and environmental objectives through the production of clean renewable energy. This effort would not have been possible without the direct support of the Arizona Congressional delegation representing La Paz County, led by U.S. Representative Paul Gosar and Senators Krysten Sinema and Martha McSally.

The development will occur on land purchased by the County from the Bureau of Land Management pursuant to federal legislation set forth in Sec. 1008 of the “John D. Dingell, Jr., Conservation, Management, and Recreation Act of 2019”. Proceeds from the sale of the land from BLM to the County will be deposited in a special account established under the “Federal Land Transition Facilitation Act: (43 U. S. C. 2305 (a) to meet important public objectives in Arizona.

“We are grateful to the Arizona delegation and Congress for giving us the opportunity to acquire this land and ensure the future economic health and wellbeing of La Paz County” said La Paz County Supervisor D.L. Wilson.

On Monday, March 16th, the La Paz County Board of Supervisors will consider acceptance of the BLM “Offer of Conveyance” as well as authorizing staff to secure financing for the purchase subject to future Board approval.

Additionally, at the March 16th meeting the Board will consider entering into an Economic Development Agreement with a world-renowned solar development firm to construct a renewable energy facility on the site.

