

# Driftwood Solar Park

Kern County, California

 Installed capacity: **200 MW**

 Estimated commercial operation: **2026**

 Generation will be equivalent to the average consumption of more than **66,800 California homes**.<sup>1</sup>

Driftwood Solar Park will be located in Buttonwillow, California, west of Bakersfield. The project will be sited between State Route 33 and the California Aqueduct. The solar park will be developed on a combination of retired agricultural land and undeveloped land. Driftwood Solar Park will complement the area's landscape while harnessing the rays of the abundant sun found in the region.



## Economic benefits



**\$180 million**  
CAPITAL INVESTMENT<sup>2</sup>



**Millions of dollars**  
WILL BE PAID TO LOCAL GOVERNMENTS



**\$120+ million**  
WILL BE PAID TO LANDOWNERS



**Millions of dollars**  
WILL BE SPENT LOCALLY



PERMANENT JOBS<sup>3</sup>  
**5+ jobs will be created**



CONSTRUCTION JOBS<sup>3</sup>  
**200+ jobs will be created**

### Energy security

Power generated at Driftwood will support the state of California's electric grid. The solar park will also contribute to the **national energy security for the United States**, helping diversify domestic supply.

### Solar as a neighbor

Solar projects are **essentially silent neighbors designed to capture light** while not producing glare, and the vegetation maintained beneath the panels helps mitigate the possibility of heat increases.<sup>4</sup>

### Solar panel technology

EDPR NA's solar panels are made up of a thin layer of solar PV cells sealed on both sides. **Panels contain no liquids or materials that pose a risk to the environment or human health.**



## Driftwood's environmental impact

The solar park will save more than **254 million gallons** of water each year and will prevent the air pollution that causes smog and acid rain.<sup>5</sup>

## EDPR NA's impact in North America from solar energy<sup>6</sup>



**\$41.8 million**

PAID TO  
LANDOWNERS



**\$16 million**

PAID TO LOCAL  
GOVERNMENTS



**4,400**

CONSTRUCTION  
JOBS CREATED



**100**

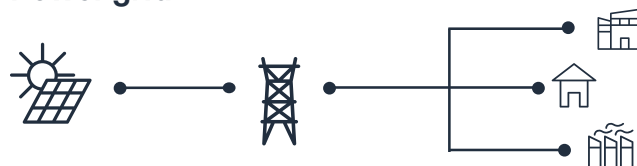
PERMANENT  
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## How solar energy works

EDPR NA uses photovoltaic (PV) solar cells. Photovoltaic solar cells have no moving parts and convert sunlight directly into electricity via the photoelectric effect. This direct-current electricity is then collected, transformed into alternating current, and finally put on the electrical grid through a substation after being converted to the proper voltage.

### Power grid



**Solar is one of the cheapest forms of energy.<sup>7</sup>**

The cost of solar has fallen 71% in 10 years.<sup>8</sup>

## Local experience with EDPR NA

“In terms of what you can do with your land, I think clean power is a very attractive option. It's really neat to put something like food on the table for the American people, as well as power in the homes of people in these local communities.”



*Joe R. Jr., Business Owner, Ohio*

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<sup>1</sup> Power generation calculated using a 25% capacity factor. Household consumption based on the 2023 EIA Household Data monthly average consumption by state.

<sup>2</sup> Assumes utility fixed-tilt projects are \$1.02/Wdc, and single-axis tracking projects are \$1.11/Wdc. Based on Q3 2023 SEIA U.S. Solar Market Insight.

<sup>3</sup> Full-time equivalent jobs calculated by dividing number of contractor hours worked during construction by 2080.

<sup>4</sup> American Clean Power Association, Solar as a neighbor, 2021.

<sup>5</sup> Assumes 0.58 gallons of water consumed per kWh of conventional electricity from Lee, Han, & Elgowainy, 2016.

<sup>6</sup> Based on EDP Renewables North America's Operational Solar Parks through 2024.

<sup>7</sup> Lazard's Levelized Cost of Energy 2024 (version 17.0)

<sup>8</sup> Based on American Clean Power Associations Annual Market Report, 2023.

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