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Public Works News Release Bishop Solar Construction Started

Construction of the City of Bishop's solar project started this week and will continue next week at 3 sites around the city. The 3 sites are a well site on West Line Street near Mummy Lane, a well site near the Tri County Fairgrounds, and the sewer plant east of town.

This week work started placing underground electrical conduit. Next week work is expected to shift to placing foundations for the steel racks that will support the solar panels. At the well site on West Line Street and near Mummy Lane, foundations will be poured concrete. At the other two sites, foundations are expected to be driven posts. Sound from post driving operation will probably be heard outside of these sites and is expected between 7 am and 7 pm workdays. Post driving is expected to last 1 or 2 weeks.

The \$600,000 project will add a total of about 2/3rds of an acre of solar arrays at two city well sites and at the city sewage treatment plant. When complete, these arrays will provide most of the power used by the wells and sewage plant, will save the city about \$60,000 per year in electricity costs, and will reduce carbon dioxide emissions by about 470,000 pounds per year.

Contact the City of Bishop Department of Public Works at City Hall or publicworks@cityofbishop.com or 760-873-8458 for more information.