

**Joint Village Strategic Planning
MEETING NOTES
Tuesday, May 3, 2022
10 AM MST
Zoom Videoconference and Telephone**

1. Call to Order

Brian Cole called the meeting to order at 10:10 am MST.

2. Self-introductions

Meeting attendees included Bailey Anderson, Andrew Gashwazra, Travis Hyer, Carl King, Le Roy Shingoitewa, Sam Shingoitewa, Fred Shupla, Robert Sumatzkuku, Fletcher Wilkinson, and Brian Cole.

3. Efforts to Refine Projects and Budgets and Seek Federal Funding

The meeting opened with a discussion related to the potential water infrastructure tour at Meonkopi. Carl King noted that he would not be available for the tour. There were other scheduling complications leading to once again pushing back the tour until late June.

4. Telecommunications Report

No report.

5. Reports from Villages/Community

a. Upper Moenkopi Village

No additional report.

b. Village of Moencopi (Lower)

Robert Sumatzkuku recommended that a Zoom or in-person presentation be made to the VML Board. The group agreed that this was a priority.

c. Yuwehloo Pahki Community

It was noted that Cathy Wright has submitted her resignation as the CSA for YPC.

6. Other Business

Fletcher Wilkinson, Energy Manager for HUC, described the work that is being done with the EDA Build Back Better Regional Challenge grant funding. He was requesting assistance to reach out to businesses to complete an ED-900B form showing potential job creation. Wilkinson shared the federal form with Sam Shingoitewa who might complete and submit the form. In addition, Building Communities would furnish the names and email addresses of vendors and other private sector businesses at Hopi. Wilkinson would reach out to such businesses for the completion of a form. Building Communities will also complete the form or submit a letter summarizing the many business development opportunities that have been discussed during the 200+ meeting over the past three years.

Wilkinson provided a project overview which is Attachment A to these notes.

Brian Cole also directed Wilkinson's attention to www.hopiresilience.org for additional background information on economic development planning and projects.

Le Roy Shingoitewa then noted that there apparently is an agenda item on the Hopi Tribal Council May agenda related to Building Communities. Shingoitewa would look into this and help communicate the beneficial work that Building Communities is doing at Hopi.

7. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 10 am MST.

8. Adjourn

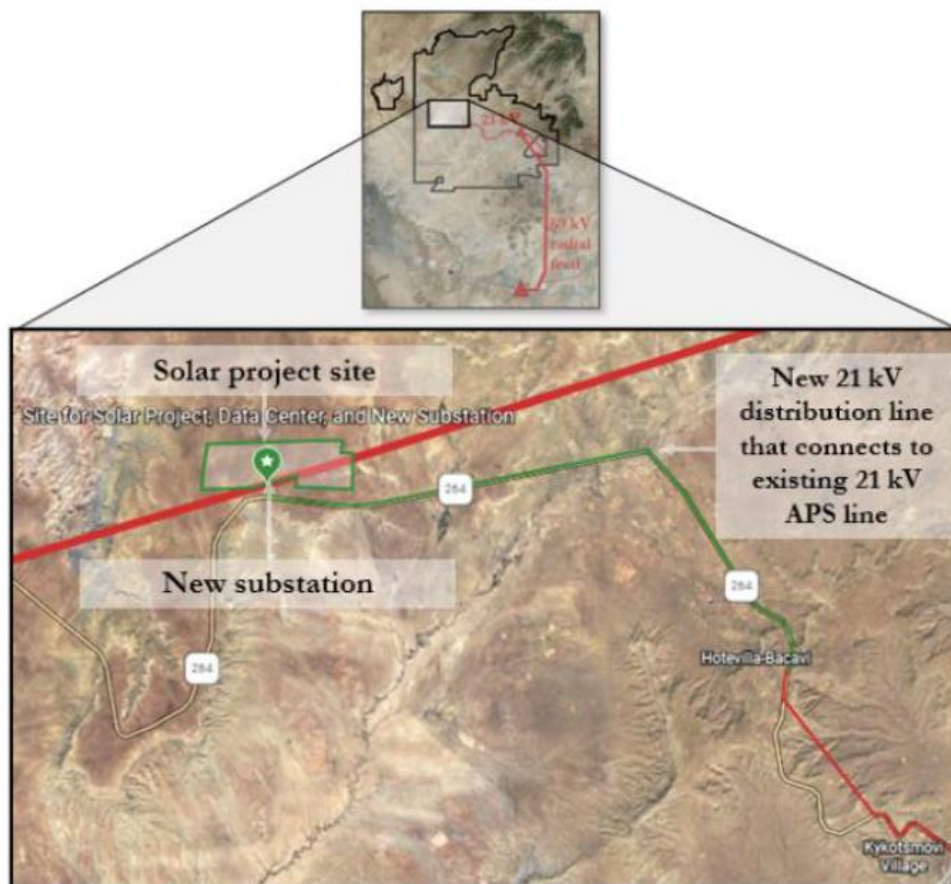
The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am Arizona Time.

Attachment A

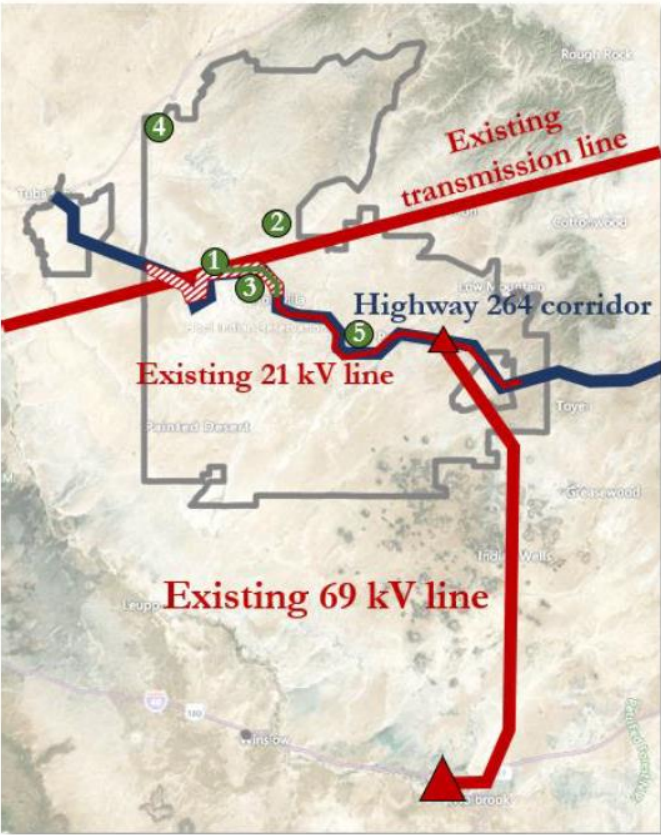
Hopi BBBRC Project Proposal: Economic Development via Solar PV and New Electricity Lines

The Hopi Utilities Corporation (HUC) is pursuing a \$100 million grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration's (EDA) Build Back Better Regional Challenge (BBBRC) grant program. HUC, with the delegated authority from Tribal Council, has united a regional coalition and developed a strong concept for the initiative that directly address the Tribe's immediate economic development needs while laying the foundation for future economic development opportunities. A core theme throughout this project proposal is to empower the Tribe by ensuring that the Tribe is in control of major economic operations on its land rather than relying on revenue from projects that are owned and controlled by non-tribal entities. It includes:

- 1) Building new utility infrastructure to reduce power outages and provide new electricity access for Tribal homes, businesses, and remote customers on Reservation;
- 2) Constructing a solar PV farm to generate new jobs and revenue;
- 3) Creating a job-training program to prepare workers for well-paying jobs that are on Reservation;
- 4) Constructing microgrids to power remote projects such as the Side Rock well field;
- 5) Working with each village individually to determine infrastructure needs and goals, and planning a portfolio of future projects that leverage the Tribe's strengthened internal capacity, workforce, and modern infrastructure to spark economic development on Reservation.



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Project #1: The solar project fills the void of lost NGS revenue and jobs



Project #2: The workforce development program prepares workers for careers in solar



Project #3: The substation and electric line improve reliability and create capacity for growth



Project #4: The remote microgrid powers new water wells and pipeline infrastructure at Side Rock



Project #5: The master planning focuses on creating future economic opportunities by working with each village individually to identify their infrastructure needs and goals

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