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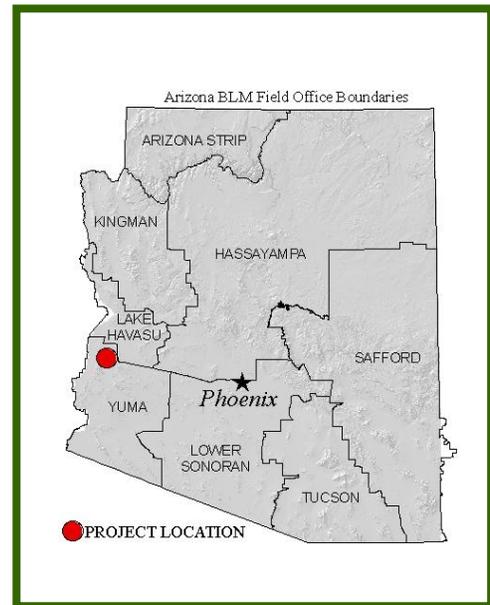
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## La Posa LTVA Solar Power Installation

### Need

La Posa Long Term Visitor Areas (LTVA), located just south of Quartzsite along State Route 95, are managed by the Bureau of Land Management's (BLM) Yuma Field Office. These sites provide long-term camping opportunities for recreational vehicle campers from September through April. Approximately 180,000 people utilize this recreation site throughout the year. The La Posa LTVA Solar Power Installation project will provide solar power systems for four of the area's contact stations with host sites - La Posa West, La Posa North, La Posa Tyson Wash, La Posa South - and one pump house at La Posa South, an administrative camp unit. This project will be the first use of renewable energy at this site. The systems will be sized using net-zero energy principles and will connect to the existing utility grid through the electrical service meter.



### Recovery Act Funding

A contract was awarded to Architectural & Environmental Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$150,000 on March 30, 2010. The contractor began work in April and is expected to complete by the end of September 2010.

### Benefits

The increased use of solar power at these BLM facilities demonstrates the Administration's commitment to developing and utilizing clean, renewable energy to reduce America's dependence on nonrenewable energy sources. This project also will significantly enhance safety and security for the visiting public to this site and will notably decrease the dependency of this site on the electric grid.



### More Information

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