

Developer & Project Updates

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Coyote Willow
ENERGY PARK

Coyote Willow's investment in Chaves County

Coyote Willow Energy Park is a proposed 250MW solar farm and 125MW battery energy storage system (BESS) in unincorporated Chaves County outside of Roswell, NM. In addition to helping the Roswell area meet its increased energy demands, Coyote Willow can deliver \$18 million in tax revenue through the life of the project to Chaves County, 300 jobs during construction (resulting in \$30 million in new local earnings), 9 jobs during operations, and can save approximately \$23 million in annual energy production costs.

Adjusting project layout to address community priorities

Based on feedback from the community, we significantly modified the project area, including removing all development from the ETZ and a reduction of development area on private land – which preserves additional open space and increases the buffer between the project and neighboring properties. We are also actively pursuing the acquisition of additional land on the northeast side of the project area – potentially resulting in additional setbacks from occupied residences.

We revised the layout of Coyote Willow to address community concerns by reducing visibility of the solar panels from E. Pine Lodge Road. We have also added additional visibility buffers along portions of the site to provide screening for nearby residents. As another measure to address impact concerns, we have reduced the project footprint as part of this comprehensive redesign.

Current project area:

- 1,008 acres
- 175 MW solar + 125 MW BESS. We are pursuing additional land on the northeast side of the project boundary for the balance of project capacity.
- Large setbacks from nearby homes, undisturbed open space, and increased opportunities to incorporate screening or natural buffers.
- **Addressing neighbor concerns:** Minimized visual presence, reduced potential construction disturbance, and better preservation of rural character of the surrounding area.

Former project area:

- 1,866 acres
- 250 MW solar, 125 MW BESS
- Neighbors shared concerns about visibility from their properties, potential loss of open space, and the overall proximity of infrastructure to existing residences.





Engaging neighbors for project decision making

Since the initial public hearing in July 2025, developer Matt Ryan has been engaging with neighbors through phone calls, one-on-one and small-group conversations, and door-to-door meetings. These meetings have helped us to better understand residents' questions, concerns, and priorities related to land use, visibility, and long-term community impacts. This outreach and neighbor feedback directly shaped how the project has evolved.

Communication with neighbors remains an ongoing effort as the project progresses through permitting. We will have additional outreach as design and environmental work continues, and residents are encouraged to remain engaged, ask questions, and share input at any stage. Our project team can be reached directly at matt.ryan@accelergen.com and we look forward to continued dialogue with the community.

Hosting training for Roswell Fire Department

In January 2026, Coyote Willow hosted their first of several training workshops with the Roswell Fire Department to discuss the proposed project, answer questions, and begin coordination for future workshops.

Coyote Willow's developer, Matt Ryan, and Senior Fire Protection Engineer with Jensen Hughes, David Tomecek, will continue to engage with local fire and emergency experts to discuss the Coyote Willow project layout, site access points, shutoff procedures, and other safety considerations specific to the facility.

Next steps include sharing updated project information and conducting additional briefings with nearby departments, working with Roswell Fire Department to review and finalize the project's Emergency Response Plan, and completing an inventory of county fire and emergency resources to help identify any future support needs associated with the project.

While emergency incidents at solar and battery storage facilities are extremely rare, planning for unlikely incidents is part of being a responsible neighbor and long-term partner. By working directly with local first responders before the project is built, Coyote Willow is focused on preparedness and transparency. We plan to continue first responder trainings as permitting progresses.



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