



**Agenda Item Number: 2009-4-9B**

# **BERNALILLO COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

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**Meeting Date:** April 13, 2009

**Department:** Economic Development **Staff Contact:** Daniel Gutiérrez, ED Coordinator.  
Sandy Fish, Planning and Zoning Director

**TITLE:** Impact Fee Waiver for Solar Array Ventures Inc. (SAVe)

**ACTION:** Motion to approve an Economic Base Development Impact Fee Waiver to Solar Array Ventures.

## **SUMMARY:**

Solar Array Ventures is a start-up photovoltaic company based out of Austin, Texas and has executed a contract for 50 acres within the Cordero Mesa Business Park located within Bernalillo County. The Impact Fee Ordinance provides an Economic Base Development fee exemption for qualified projects in unincorporated Bernalillo County. To qualify for the exemption, the applicant must demonstrate positive economic gains to Bernalillo County.

The company will construct a 250,000 square foot building with estimated costs of the facility being \$210,000,000. SAvE will employ over 215 New Mexicans at their facility. The company intends to be in operation for the minimum 10-year period. The company has agreed to all the conditions set forth in the ordinance.

The proposed project must meet the Economic Base Development Waiver Application criteria (Attachment 1 & 2). The applicant has addressed these requirements in its application for waiver. The project meets the job requirement of 15 full time jobs, guaranteed for 4 years with a salary exceeding Bernalillo County's average wage.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Economic Base Development Waiver Application
2. Applicant's Submittal packet

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

The fiscal impact associated with the waiver is the amount of waiver: \$402,238.00

## **STAFF ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

### **COUNTY MANAGER**

See summary. I recommend Board approval. TL 4/6/09

### **LEGAL**

The proposed action is within the Board's authority. JSL4/8/09

## **FINANCE**

**Budget** If the waiver is approved, revenue adjustments will be made to the budget reflecting the change. Teresa Byrd, Budget Director 4/6/09

## **ELECTED OFFICIAL/OTHERS**

### **Economic Development**

Recommend approval. See summary narrative.

### **Zoning**

The applicants have met the criteria for economic base development waivers as defined in the county's Impact Fee ordinance. Recommend approval. SF 4/09/09