

OCI Solar Power boosts clean energy generation for San Antonio

Phase 2 of OCI Solar Power's 400 megawatt solar power project is now operating in San Antonio.

SAN ANTONIO (March 12, 2014) – OCI Solar Power's second Texas solar farm, Alamo 2, is now generating power northeast of Downtown San Antonio. Alamo 2 is the second phase of the 400 megawatts OCI Solar Power is developing for CPS Energy as part of a 25-year power purchase agreement.

"Alamo 2 will be a great neighbor to San Antonio and Converse residents," said OCI Solar Power President and CEO Tony Dorazio. "Solar farms are an all-around win because of their passive nature, but positive environmental impacts."

OCI Solar Power developed the 4.4-megawatt solar farm in collaboration with the San Antonio River Authority. SARA owns the 45 acres of land used for the solar farm near the organization's Upper Martinez waste water treatment plant.

"Using the Upper Martinez Wastewater Treatment Plant land for a solar farm is a sustainable use for the property while providing another example of the synergy created when public services unite for the greater community benefit," said SARA General Manager Suzanne Scott. "We look forward to similar future partnership opportunities."

Additional phases of the 400-megawatt OCI Solar Power project are in multiple stages of development. The 41-megawatt Alamo 1 solar farm has been generating power on the city's South Side since December. Alamo 3 will begin construction in San Antonio this year, and Alamo 4 is a 39-megawatt site currently under construction in Brackettville, Texas. Once complete in 2016, the entire OCI project will power 10 percent of San Antonio homes. CPS Energy currently has 85 MW of solar power in commercial operation.

"The Alamo 2 solar farm moves us another step closer to making clean, carbon-free energy an even larger part of our diversified generation portfolio", says Cris Eugster, CPS Energy's Chief Generation and Strategy Officer. "This project also builds on our model of co-locating solar farms with waste water facilities."

In 2012, CPS Energy and San Antonio Water System combined forces at Dos Rios Water Recycling Center. The 20-megawatt Sinkin Centennial Solar Farm was built on 200 acres of SAWS property at the Center. Like, Dos Rios, the Alamo 2 project serves as a model for how organizations can work together to mitigate the impacts of climate change and create an asset that works for the greater good of the community.