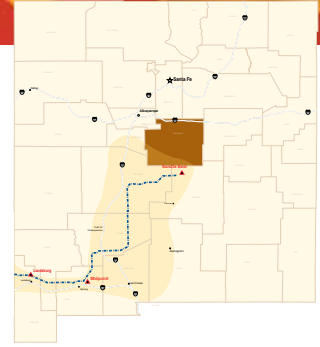












## Torrance County

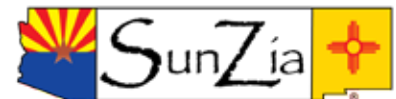


SunZia will enable delivery of Torrance County’s renewable resources. Renewable energy projects enabled by SunZia could request interconnection to SunZia at any point. The University of Arizona and New Mexico State University identified positive economic impacts within Torrance County created by SunZia. The following table presents the estimated economic contributions associated with four types of potential renewable projects<sup>3</sup> in Torrance County.



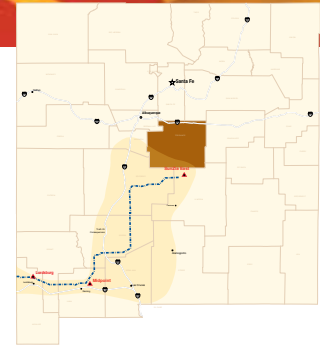
### ECONOMIC CONTRIBUTIONS<sup>3</sup> AT A GLANCE

		 <b>Solar PV</b> 100MW	 <b>Solar Thermal</b> 160MW	 <b>Wind</b> 100MW	 <b>Geothermal</b> 50MW
<b>DURING CONSTRUCTION</b>	 Jobs <sup>1</sup>	1,260	900+	400+	415+
	 Wages & Salaries	\$90.7 million	\$65.3 million	\$29.9 million	\$32.3 million
	 Local Tax Revenues	\$0.9 million	\$0.7 million	\$0.3 million	\$0.3 million
<b>DURING OPERATION</b>	 Jobs	11	27	8	23
	 Annual Wages & Salaries	\$0.8 million	\$1.6 million	\$0.5 million	\$1.6 million
	 Local Property Taxes <sup>2</sup>	\$17.2 million	\$28.1 million	\$9.3 million	\$8.4 million



# New Mexico

Since 2007, one out of 18 jobs in New Mexico no longer exists and Torrance County's unemployment rate was 10.3 percent in 2010. As an example of the opportunity created by SunZia and based on the table on the reverse, if the County attracts the development of 500 MW of wind projects, then the following economic contributions could occur:



- **Over 2,000 jobs<sup>1</sup> during construction**
- **Nearly \$150 million in estimated wages and salaries (including benefits) during construction**
- **Over \$1.5 million in local tax revenues during construction**
- **40 jobs during operation**
- **Over \$2.5 million in estimated wages and salaries (including benefits) during operation**
- **Over \$45 million in local property tax revenues<sup>2</sup>**



SunZia will create job opportunities through construction of two transmission lines, as well as fostering the development of local renewable energy projects.

“The existence of SunZia creates an opportunity for the development and construction of future wind and solar generation projects and related jobs that would otherwise not occur without transmission lines...

This County Commission supports the construction and operation of the SunZia project and additional transmission infrastructure to provide capacity for New Mexico's renewable energy projects.”

Torrance County  
Board of Commissioners,  
SunZia Resolution 201040

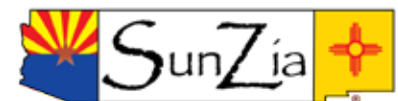
See the full **Economic Impact Assessment<sup>4</sup>** reports at [www.SunZia.net](http://www.SunZia.net)

<sup>1</sup> Construction jobs are measured in man-years.

<sup>2</sup> Accumulated during construction and the first 5 years of operation.

<sup>3</sup> Because the number, location and type of potential renewable generation projects are unknown, the economic impact analysis analyzed four specific example projects to estimate economic contributions.

<sup>4</sup> The information presented herein is based on Scenario 2 and the route combination of Arizona Route A and New Mexico West Route (shown in the Economic Impact Assessment alignment map) within the Economic Impact Assessment report dated April 2011. Economic impact information pertaining to the potential energy generation projects is based on the Economic Impact Assessment Supplement dated April 2011.



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