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Topic:

Abengoa Solar will provide an update on the 280 Megawatt Solana solar generation project, currently being developed near Gila Bend. Careful and strategic right-of-way planning is essential to the success of any power generation project, and perhaps even more so with the world's largest solar plant.

Bio:

Kate Maracas is the Vice President of Abengoa Solar's Arizona Operations, where she focuses on developing Concentrating Solar Power (CSP) plants within Arizona.

She has more than 25 years of energy industry and consulting experience in areas including engineering, environmental management, and renewable energy. Her career emphasis over the last decade has been on large-scale solar generation. Kate actively participated with the Western Governors' Association Solar Task Force in developing its report and recommendations for solar market expansion in the western region, and continues to work on legislative and policy efforts to advance CSP deployment. Currently, she is overseeing the development and construction of the Solana Generating Facility, a 280 MW CSP plant to be located near Gila Bend, Arizona.

Kate holds a Graduate Certificate in International Business from the Thunderbird Graduate School of International Management, and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Electrical Engineering from Arizona State University. Kate currently serves as an appointee of former Governor Janet Napolitano on Arizona's Solar Energy Advisory Council, and chairs the CSP committee of the Governor's Council.