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Commemorative Naming of Solar Array After Former Council Member Steve Leal is Proposed

Tucson's Mayor and City Council have proposed the commemorative naming of the Central Avra Valley Storage and Recovery Project (CAVSARP) solar array after former Tucson City Council Member Steve Leal.

Council Member Leal (Ward 5, 1989-2009) was a strong advocate for the expanded use of alternative energy sources. In 2006, he led the effort to pursue a feasibility study for solar farm operations on Tucson Water property in Avra Valley.

Council Member Leal's vision of providing the energy requirements for City of Tucson operations through solar led directly to the construction and operation of the CAVSARP solar array. The 4 megawatt-capacity facility generates approximately 9.6 megawatt hours and offsets 9,600 tons of carbon emissions every year while providing power to store and recover Tucson's Colorado River water supply.

Public input and feedback on the proposal is welcome and can be sent to Tucson Water at pico@tucsonaz.gov by January 29, 2016. Mayor and Council will review all comments and are scheduled to consider the proposal at their regularly scheduled public meeting on February 9, 2016.

More information on the solar facility can be found online at <http://us.sunpower.com/commercial-solar/case-studies/city-of-tucson>.

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