

Aratina Solar Benefits the Boron and Desert Lake Communities

Benefits include charitable giving for local causes, increases in local tax revenue, and up to 570 construction jobs.

Aratina Solar Center, from California-based Avantus, will provide numerous benefits to the Boron and Desert Lake Community. These benefits will touch the lives of all residents and serve to enhance the quality of life.

Community Giving

Over \$135,000 allocated towards public facilities and services in Boron and Desert Lake, including projects ranging from new street-lights to enhanced public safety, educational programs, and workforce development.

Local charities and organizations that have already received funding include:

- Reggie's Kick's for Kids
- 20 Mule Team Days
- Boron Alive!
- Boron Senior Center
- Boron Fire Station 17
- Boron VFW
- Kern County Library's Story Tours Program in Boron/Desert Lake
- Community Action Partnership of Kern County (CapK)
- Kern Economic Development Corporation
- Kern County CHP
- And More!

Avantus would also like to hear from you. Contact us with your community partnership suggestions!

Increased Funding for Public Services

Over the lifetime of the project, tax revenues totaling over \$30 million generated by Aratina will fund services like public safety, schools and street services.

**Increased revenue for Kern County =
Increased Local Revenue for Boron and Desert Lake**

Additional funding for services like

- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Education
- ✓ Public Works including Street Services

Commitment to Jobs

Up to 570 well-paying construction jobs paying between \$31 and \$75 an hour, that will cumulatively pay workers around \$60 million in wages, with local workers prioritized whenever possible. Project labor agreements will be signed with multiple unions, continuing the partnership across Kern County. Avantus can help facilitate applications for locals interested in receiving training for a career in solar with local labor unions. Union jobs can also translate to carriers beyond solar, like facility construction.

Up to 10 well-paying permanent jobs will be based onsite for operations, security, and maintenance roles.

Indirect economic benefit: While some employees may not live in the community full time, workers coming into the Boron and Desert Lake towns will likely have an indirect economic benefit for the community by spending money to shop in local shops, gas stations, and grocery stores, eat at local restaurants, and lodge in local hotels.

Focused on Site Safety

The Aratina Solar site will have 24/7 security in place, ensuring a secure and safe site. The increased security could also result in reduced illegal trash dumping and vandalism near the site, which is located a half mile outside of town and far from direct view.

Visit www.AratinaSolar.com for more information on the project, FAQs and an immersive 360 degree simulation of what the project would look like from different viewpoints in the Boron Desert Lake area.

Questions or comments? Please reach a member of the Avantus team at aratina@avantus.com.