

Responsible Growth:

The Sugar Beet Solar Project will power the Town of Mead. We can **preserve Mead's small-town feel while bringing new community benefits** to the residents of Mead.

The project would be **environmentally and socially responsible** – avoiding ditches; free from air and water pollution; setback from residential areas; and not producing hazardous waste. Through community development, supporting existing water infrastructure, and low-impact development methods, the project would support long-term agricultural or future urban land uses.

Reliable Infrastructure:

Renewable energy and battery storage generated by the project would **improve reliability and diversify the energy supply portfolio** in the Town of Mead and Northern Colorado. It would also support regional strategies to deploy more renewable energy and would help the State and local communities achieve Colorado's overall energy goals.

Public Safety:

Sugar Beet Solar can fulfill community needs while NOT putting undue stress and burden on limited government resources such as fire, police, transportation, and even our community buildings such as our library and recreation center.

Fiscal Stability:

The project is fiscally smart, bringing in revenue without requiring or increasing government services.

The project will generate **\$90,000 in property tax revenue** during the first year of full operations, **which will support local services** like schools, libraries, roads, police, fire protection, and other essential government services without increasing the current demand for those services.

Other entities with taxing authority on the property would realize cumulative property tax revenues of more than **\$15 million** over the life of the project. These revenues can **help support education and other public services** provided to residents and businesses in Mead.

Connected Community:

Sugar Beet Solar will dedicate approximately 17% of the property for open space and parks including a **19-acre community park, 1.6-mile trail loop**, and road setbacks to maintain mountain views.

Through subsequent Town master planning sessions, the totality of Sugar Beet Solar's offering could become a 30+ acre regional trailhead with the possibility for additional programmed uses such as a dog park, pickleball courts, community gardens, electric vehicle charging stations, and other amenities not currently found in Mead.

