



SOLAR FARM PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PLAN

Informational Meetings on Permitting Process

5/25/21 Palo Community Center | 6/2/21 Linn County Fairgrounds

Public Comment and Questions Taken on Permitting Process Only



Solar Developer Submits Application

Date TBD

Staff Review of Submittal Documents and Application for Proposed Project



Technical Review Committee

First Thursday of the month following the application submission



Planning & Zoning Commission

Third Monday of the month following the application submission

Palo City Council to Review and Comment on Rezoning



Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and First Reading

Second Monday following the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Public Comment Taken on Proposed Project



Board of Supervisors Second Reading

Second Wednesday following the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting



Board of Supervisors Third Reading

FINAL VOTE TAKEN

Third Wednesday following the Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting

Linn County Planning & Development Department will notify all surrounding property owners of the dates and times for the Technical Review Committee meeting, Planning & Zoning Commission meeting, and public hearing.



ABOUT THE SOLAR PERMITTING PROCESS

A utility-scale solar project requires an application to rezone the area to be used for the solar installation to (RE) Renewable Energy Overlay Zoning District. As of May 25, 2021, Linn County has not yet received an application for a utility-scale solar project; and, therefore, no utility-scale projects have been through the permitting and approval process.

Once an applicant submits a utility-scale solar application to Linn County Planning & Development, the permitting review process begins. This process includes additional public meetings and public input opportunities specific to the application(s).

The review process is the same for all utility-scale applicants:

- Applicants must undergo a review by the Technical Review Committee, the Planning & Zoning Commission, a public hearing, and three readings by the Board of Supervisors.
- The Planning & Zoning Commission must consider the Technical Review Committee's findings and staff recommendation of the application, and must consider the proposed rezoning during at least one public meeting before submitting its findings and recommendation on the application to the Board of Supervisors.
- Linn County will notify the applicant and surrounding property owners of the date and time of the Planning & Zoning Commission meeting and public hearing and invite them to attend.

Learn more about the utility-scale solar permitting process in Linn County by visiting [LinnCounty.org/SolarFarm](https://linncounty.org/SolarFarm).

Find the agendas for all upcoming public meetings at [LinnCounty.org/AgendaCenter](https://linncounty.org/AgendaCenter).