



Regulators cite rising demand in ending clean energy rules

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PHOENIX – Arizona utility regulators have taken a major step toward repealing a nearly two-decade old rule requiring power companies to get more of their electricity from renewable sources like solar and wind.

The move taken by the Arizona Corporation Commission sets the stage for utilities to meet surging demand from data centers, new computer chip plants and population growth by keeping old coal plants online and building a fleet of new natural gas plants.

That’s a step that the state’s largest utility, Arizona Public Service, has already taken for coal by ending its commitment to shutter a big New Mexico plant by 2031. And it and several other utilities, including Tucson Electric Power, are embracing new gas pipelines and plants, despite solar power being a cheaper option.

The commission’s move came a week after APS reneged on its 2020 pledge to get 100% of its power from zero-carbon sources by 2050, with 65% coming from clean sources by 2030.

CEO Ted Geisler said on an Aug. 6 earnings call for parent company

Pinnacle West Capital Corp. that the utility would completely ditch its 2030 promise and only commit to be “carbon-neutral” by 2050. That means that instead of eliminating all plants that emit carbon dioxide its new sources of the planet-warming gas won’t add to its total current emissions.

Tucson Electric Power hasn’t changed its renewable energy goals. The utility, owned by Canadian utility company Fortis, promised in 2020 that it would retire its coal plants by 2032 and get more than 70% of its power from solar and wind by 2035. Its goal



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Jennifer Turner has turned generosity into opportunity for her students at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center, receiving more than \$30,000 in donated supplies over the years.

MALC teacher secures more than \$30K for her classroom

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Jennifer Turner has turned generosity into opportunity for her students at Mohave Accelerated Learning Center.

Over her teaching career, Turner has had 68 classroom projects funded through DonorsChoose, totaling more than \$30,000 in supplies. She has also secured four local education grants, including support from the Arizona Diamondbacks, Mohave Electric Cooperative and the Legacy Foundation.

Turner’s fashion design, hospitality management and culinary arts students will benefit directly from the dona-

tions. New tools for her classroom this year include a serger, espresso machine, dehydrator, iron-on transfers, button maker, food processor, tabletop whiteboards and other hands-on learning items.

Turner said the extra supplies help create a more engaging and well-equipped classroom for students exploring career and technical education.

“This is a big win for my students and our programs,” she said.

Turner shares updates and classroom highlights on Instagram under the account @allthingsfacs.

County Airport Authority elects board member

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Mark Gollhofer

BULLHEAD CITY — In a unanimous vote, Mohave County Airport Authority welcomed Mark Gollhofer to the board of directors.

The uncontested nomination and vote came during a special meeting Wednesday, Aug. 20, at the conference room at Laughlin/Bullhead International Airport.

Gollhofer is a Vietnam veteran and 21-year veteran of Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office as a helicopter pilot. He has served as a member of the Airport Authority for about three years, including his current service on the general aviation and finance committees.

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County authorizes new organization to promote tourism in unincorporated areas

By **BILL McMILLEN**
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KINGMAN — The Mohave County Board of Supervisors authorized creation of a destination marketing organization designed to help attract visitors and events to the unincorporated areas of the county.

“This is a chance for our county ... to not only apply for tourism grants but also for the state to start marketing our community and our county,” said Tami Ursenbach, the county’s economic development director. “It won’t be just for us to go out and bring people in for

tourism but also (the state) will be marketing our county as well, not just the cities.”

DMOs, established by local governments, work on attracting new visitors, events and tourism-related investments; provide consistent, professional tourism branding for the county; facilitate collaboration with agencies such as the Arizona Office of Tourism; and apply for grants from that state agency.

The cities of Bullhead City, Lake Havasu City and Kingman already have their own designated

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Mohave High, River Valley principals spearhead new era

By **FRED MAYSON**
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It’s a big year for leadership in all three high schools within the Colorado River Union High School District.

For the first time in half a decade, Mohave High School students headed back to the school with the same principal on campus to greet them, Kathleen Giannamore.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the school district at River Valley High School, Keith Moore has officially stepped into the role of principal at both River Valley High and the district’s non-traditional online school, CRUHSD Academy.

For both principals, the 2025-2026 school year will be an



Keith Moore



Kathleen Giannamore

important transitional year at their schools.

DEPENDABLE DUST DEVILS

Moore is not only the new principal of River Valley High School, succeeding Dorn Wilcox, but also the new principal of CRUHSD Academy, an online school with some facilities on the River Valley

campus.

He’s made sure his goals for his first year are straightforward.

“I’ve narrowed it down to a simple few lines: I want to keep kids safe, I want to make sure students are ready for the real world outside of high school, I want them to be successful in high school and I want to equip them with the tools necessary to achieve excellence,” Moore said.

Moore is originally from California. He earned his teaching degree from the University of Montana and a masters degree from Grand Canyon University. Shortly after becoming a teacher, his family moved to Bullhead City. He taught science at Mohave High School and later taught at River Valley.

“I love, love, love being a teacher,” Moore admitted. “Teaching high school students isn’t easy or hard. It’s fun.”

He transitioned to the administration because he was inspired by his own principal when he was a student.

“I always had that in my mind. I want to be a teacher and I want to help kids,” Moore said. “After being a teacher, I realized I wanted to use my skills to really help students, staff and our community as a whole become educated as possible for their success.”

For his first weeks on the jobs, River Valley already has seen some changes to its front offices — a specific change that Moore

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