

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH OPPOSING THE STATE OF UTAH SCHOOL AND INSTITUTIONAL TRUST LANDS (SITLA) BLUFF BENCH SOLAR PROJECT LEASE, SULA 1900

WHEREAS, the town of Bluff incorporated on August 31, 2018 following more than 2 years of deliberation and debate as to whether to incorporate and, if so, the perimeters of the town's boundaries;

WHEREAS, the incorporated town of Bluff took in 38 square miles of land, most of which was public land. As the result of a petition served in October 2018 by a landowner to disconnect from the town of Bluff boundaries, the incorporated town of Bluff is now approximately 37 square miles of land;

WHEREAS, the boundaries were drawn and voted upon by a majority of the voters with the intent to protect the landscape from bluff to bluff and canyon to canyon;

WHEREAS, SITLA has approved a surface use lease ("SULA 1900") to Community Energy Solar, LLC ("Community Energy") for a commercial solar energy facility on the Bluff Bench Block;

WHEREAS, this proposed lease is within the original Bears Ears National Monument ("BENM") as designated by former President Obama, now diminished by President Trump to two separate and substantially smaller units;

WHEREAS, the legality of President Trump's executive order to redraw the boundaries of BENM is in federal litigation;

WHEREAS, for the facts stated above, the Bluff town council opposes the Bluff Bench Solar Project, SULA 1900, and will move the San Juan County Commissioners to endorse this opposition.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH:

SECTION 1. Opposition to SITLA's Bluff Bench Solar Project. The town council of Bluff opposes the SITLA Bluff Bench Solar Project Lease, SULA 1900.

SECTION 2. Request to the San Juan County Commissioners by the Bluff town council to endorse this opposition. A member of the Bluff town council shall present this resolution for endorsement to the San Juan County Commissioners.

SECTION 3. Effective Date. This Resolution shall become effective upon passage.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF BLUFF, UTAH, ON THIS 7th DAY OF May, 2019 BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Town Council Member Hook	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Mayor Leppanen	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Murray	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sayers	<u>X</u>	___	___	___
Town Council Member Sosa	<u>X</u>	___	___	___