# SAN ROMAN WIND FARM

Project Update June, 2016



## **ABOUT THE PROJECT**

This is an update for community members on the progress at the San Roman Wind Farm. The wind farm consists of 31 wind turbines located on private land in Cameron County. The wind farm will generate enough clean energy to power 30,000 homes. San Roman is expected to be complete by the end of 2016.

The San Roman Wind Farm will be owned and operated by ACCIONA Energy, a global leader in renewable energy development. ACCIONA owns seven other wind farms across the U.S. and over 200 wind farms worldwide.

# WIND TURBINE COMPONENTS FOR SAN ROMAN ARE ON THEIR WAY!

Towards the end of May, the first major wind turbine components arrived at the Port of Brownsville. Towers, blades, and nacelles (which house the generators) are being offloaded and stored until other shipments arrive. Each steel tower arrives in four sections that add up to a total height of 287 feet. Nacelles can weigh up to 140 tons.

Cranes are scheduled to be mobilized on-site by the first week of June. Turbine components are expected to be on the road for site delivery starting mid-June, while erection of the turbines will follow soon after.



Discharging tower sections at the Port of Brownsville

## **LATEST PROJECT NEWS**

Thanks to Foremost Paving, Inc., the access roads on-site are 100 percent complete and ready for delivery of the turbines. 27 of 31 crane pads have been installed.

Foundations are nearly complete as well, with 28 concrete bases poured and fully finished. The remaining three will be completed in the month of June in preparation for erection of the turbines.



Concrete placement for turbine foundation pedestal



**Substation Control** 

The project substation is where energy from the wind turbines will be transformed to the proper voltage and delivered to the electrical grid operated by AEP Texas. Construction of the substation and all physical and electrical connections to the main power transformer are complete and ready for energization.



# SAFETY FIRST FOR SAN ROMAN

Each year, ACCIONA Energy recognizes and celebrates World Day for Safety and Health at Work. As of late May, the San Roman Wind Project had logged over 116,500 labor hours on site with zero injuries.

To promote safety in our community, on May 11, 2016 the San Roman Wind Project donated approximately 150 pairs of new safety glasses to the Cameron County Veteran Services Office in Brownsville. We're proud to support our veterans and our community. At ACCIONA, safety is truly a sustainable practice.



Laura Lee Ortiz of the Cameron County Veteran Services Office and a proud veteran try out the new safety glasses

# PROTECTING WILDLIFE AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Generating electricity with wind power benefits the environment by reducing air pollution and conserving our natural resources. Protecting wildlife and habitats are a central consideration when we plan, build, and operate wind farms. Planning for San Roman included years of study about the wildlife and habitat in the area to determine if the site was appropriate for wind farm development.

All of the personnel who build and operate the San Roman Wind Farm are required to follow our strict wildlife protection plans, and the project has employed independent professional biologists to monitor certain construction activities and further protect wildlife in the area.



Workers sign safety and environmental commitment sheet

## MORE IN THE COMMUNITY

The San Roman Wind Farm sponsored the 2016 Cameron County Fair and Livestock Show. Throughout the fair weekend, community members stopped by the ACCIONA table to meet our staff and to learn about the San Roman project and how wind power works. Recyclable tote bags were also handed out.



First nacelle offloaded at Port of Brownsville

Earlier this year the San Roman site management team hosted the Los Fresnos Volunteer Fire Department for an on-site tour.



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