

Green Choice Solar introduces new solar system to Canyon Golf Resort

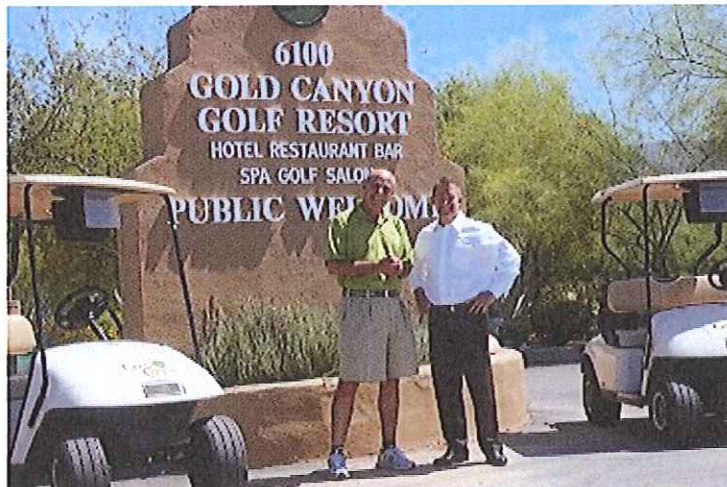


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On June 3, 2010, Gold Canyon Golf Resort and Green Choice Solar, a leading solar integrator in the Southwest, announced plans to install a 300-kilowatt solar system in Gold Canyon.



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According to, Green Choice Solar's President of Sales and Marketing, Tony Doran, the project will be the largest of its kind in Pinal County, extending across 12 of Gold Canyon's parking structures and incorporating the use of

1,303 SunPower solar modules.

The SunPower modules, noted as the highest efficiency brand on the market, will be installed atop newly constructed covered parking structures, providing Gold Canyon with 108 new covered parking spots. The company expects the installation to be complete by fall 2010.

The new system is expected to produce more than 540,000 kilowatt-hours of solar electricity annually, equivalent to \$48,600. In terms of total energy use, this translates into coverage for over 70 percent of the resort's annual electricity consumption.

Green Choice Solar noted SunPower modules are "well suited to the project" due to their ability to produce more energy with limited space. The company estimates that the SunPower solar system will hold the potential to offset more than 20 million pounds of CO2 emissions over its lifetime, the equivalent of taking over 1,600 cars off the road, or planting more than 234,000 trees.

"Once we saw the numbers, it made sense," stated Gold Canyon Golf Resort Managing Partner Carlo Karim, "this project will really display how progressive Gold Canyon is in its energy use." Karim also expressed hopes to eventually incorporate solar into other parts of the resort, noting interest in future applications of the technology such as solar-powered golf carts.

Once the system is installed, Gold Canyon Resort will have the ability to monitor system output using an online monitoring system designed by SatCon Technology. A web display will then provide users with general information relating to their energy and cost savings.

While a firm date for the Green Launch event, during which local political figures and SRP officials will join Gold Canyon Golf Resort in flipping the switch, officially commemorating the resort's new venture into solar power, is not yet available. Check for updates as they develop under the Find Out More Tab on the homepage of PinalCountyToday.com

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