

# QUESTA CLEAN ENERGY PROJECT

## What Our Community Should Know

### WHAT IS THIS PROJECT?

The proposed project would transform a former industrial site into a clean energy facility that produces hydrogen using electricity and water. Hydrogen can store energy for later use, helping keep power reliable—even during outages or extreme weather.

### WHY IT MATTERS TO QUESTA

After the mine closed, the community lost jobs and economic stability. This project is one potential way to:

- Create local jobs
- Strengthen the local economy
- Invest in long-term community infrastructure
- Support a more reliable energy future

### BY THE NUMBERS

**350+**

construction jobs

**70+**

long-term local jobs

**\$298M**

estimated regional economic impact (first 5 years)

**\$206M**

expected to benefit Questa directly

**\$44M**

in new tax revenue

**\$26M**

supporting local services like schools, roads, and safety

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### WATER: WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD KNOW

This is one of the most important community concerns.

- Water comes from a permitted 540-foot groundwater well
- 250 acre-feet of water rights were legally transferred in 2016
- These water rights are already adjudicated and approved
- The project does NOT use municipal drinking water
- The water source is separate from residential wells

### IS THIS SAFE?

Yes—hydrogen has been safely used for decades in industries and energy systems.

This project would include:

- Continuous monitoring systems
- Leak detection technology
- Industry-standard storage and safety protocols
- Compliance with local, state, and federal regulations

### WHAT ABOUT TRANSPARENCY?

The project is undergoing a federal environmental review process.

- Reviewed under federal environmental standards
- Includes public input opportunities
- Requires compliance with safety and environmental laws

Site plans and technical layouts have already been developed as part of early design work

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### COMMON QUESTIONS

Is this a “Chevron project”?

No. The project is being explored by Kit Carson Electric Cooperative. While partners may be involved, the cooperative is locally governed and accountable to its members.

Will this use up our water?

The water rights are already legally allocated and do not come from community drinking water systems.

Why hydrogen?

Hydrogen allows energy to be stored and used later—helping stabilize power during outages, extreme weather, and wildfire events.

### QUALITY OF LIFE IMPACT

This project could support:

- More reliable electricity
- Stronger local economy
- Better wildfire resilience
- Long-term community investment

### A COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

This is not just an energy project—it’s a conversation about the future of Questa.

We encourage everyone to:

- Ask questions
- Share concerns
- Stay informed
- Talk with neighbors and family

### WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

This project is still being discussed, and community input matters.

Share your thoughts:  
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