

**Black Rock Solar**  
**Collection CAE1702**

**Introduction/Abstract**

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**Biographical Note: Black Rock Solar**

Black Rock Solar was a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization and had a small office in Reno with several staff people. It was governed by a board of directors with Marian Goodell as the Burning Man Founder sitting on the board as a liaison to the larger organization.

**Scope and Content**

Black Rock Solar was an outgrowth of the 2007 Burning Man event, the theme for which that year was The Green Man. It grew into a 501(c)3 nonprofit, tax-exempt organization and from 2007 until its demise in 2017 installed 6600 kilowatts of power through 100 projects with nearby tribal groups, schools, communities of need, and other nonprofits. Its goal was to promote environmental stewardship, economic development and energy independence by providing small-scale clean energy sources (solar installations), education, and job training. They also funded solar-powered art projects that were built in Black Rock City during various Burning Man years. Notable installations that demonstrate the variety of their partners include solar panel arrays at the Paiute Indian cultural center in Nixon at Pyramid Lake, the tribal school at Wadsworth, the Great Basin College in Elko, the Nature Conservancy’s facility at Independence Lake, CA and the Southern Nevada College in Henderson, southern Nevada. Materials include organizational papers, press, posters, banners, digital images, and other ephemera.

**Inclusive Dates**

2005 – 2017

**Bulk Dates**

2007 – 2013

**Quantity / Extent**

.75 cubic feet

**Language**

English

## Arrangement

The archive Black Rock Solar is organized into two series. Series 1 contains materials about the organization, while Series 2 contains specific project materials.

- Series 1: Organizational Materials
- Series 2: Projects

## Related Archive Collections

CAE1305: *Michael Mikel: Burning Man*

## Container Listing by Series:

### CAE1702/1 Series 1: Organizational Materials, Folders 1 - 5, 2007 – 2015

Series 1 contains organizational material including Board of Director materials and promotional ephemera.

#### CAE Box 121

- 1-1 Board of Directors Binder, 2012
- 1-2 House Stationary and Vehicle Graphics, 2008 – 2010
- 1-3 Promotional Materials, 2008 – 2015
- 1-4 Black Rock Solar at Burning Man, 2007 – 2010
- 1-5 Press Materials, 2012 – 2016

### CAE1702/1 Series 1: Additional Materials

#### CAE Box 119: Objects

- 1-3#22 *Save Energy: Don't be a Dud, Remember to Unplug!*, Plaque, not dated
- 1-3#23 *Save Energy: Leaving on the Lights is Such a Turn Off!*, Plaque, not dated

#### CAE Box 139: Objects

- 1-3#24 *100 Solar Arrays, August 2007 – September 2015*, T-Shirt, 2015

#### CAE Box 135: Oversized Objects

- 1-4#5 *Powered by Black Rock Solar*, Sign, 2007

#### CAE S-Box 24

- 1-3#25 *Black Rock Solar: Free the Sun*, Poster, June 2013
- 1-3#26 *To Make A Big Change, Take a Million Small Steps*, Poster, August 2010

#### CAE Textile Rack: Oversized Items

- 1-3#29 *Black Rock Solar: Free the Sun*, Banner, 2013
- 1-3#30 *Black Rock Solar: Mad Props*, Banner, 2013
- 1-3#31 *The Reno Star*, Banner, 2013
- 1-3#32 *Yerington Sundial*, Banner, 2012

### CAE Flat File F20: Oversized Items

- 1-3#27 *Washoe Tribe Buildings Powered by the Sun (Carson), Poster, July 2015*
- 1-3#28 *Washoe Tribe Buildings Powered by the Sun, Poster, July 2015*

### CAE1702/2 Series 2: Projects, Folders 1-32, 2005 – 2017

Series 2 contain materials related to select solar installations throughout the state of Nevada. The first folder contains the listing of every project completed. The remaining folders are organized by project number as assigned by Black Rock Solar. Multiple projects in the same folder are filed by the last project in the folder.

#### CAE Box 121

- 2-1 Complete Project Listing, 2017
- 2-2 Project 1: Pershing General Hospital, 2007
- 2-3 Project 2: Gerlach Schools, 2003 – 2009
- 2-4 Project 2: *Gerlach Schools PV System Operation and Maintenance Manual*, 2007
- 2-5 Project 3: Natchez Elementary School, 2008 – 2010
- 2-6 Project 5: University of Nevada, Reno Student Union, 2008 – 2009
- 2-7 Project 7: Nevada Discovery Museum, 2008 – 2009
- 2-8 Project 9: University of Nevada, Reno, Fleischmann Planetarium, 2009
- 2-9 Project 6 & 10: Seventh Day Adventist Church and School, 2008 – 2009
- 2-10 Project 11: Lovelock Elementary School, 2009
- 2-11 Project 12: Bishop Manogue High School, 2009
- 2-12 Project 13: Northern Nevada Food Bank, 2010
- 2-13 Project 8 & 14: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Health Clinic, 2008 – 2010
- 2-14 Project 15: Pioneer Center, 2010
- 2-15 Project 16: Rainshadow Charter School, 2010
- 2-16 Project 17: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Museum & Visitor Center, 2010 – 2012
- 2-17 Project 18 - 20: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Jr/Sr High School, 2010 – 2012
- 2-18 Project 22: Fernley Fire Station #1, 2010
- 2-19 Project 23: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Police Station, 2010
- 2-20 Project 24: Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Administrative Building, 2010
- 2-21 Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe Dedication Ceremony, July 22, 2010 (Related to projects 8,14, 17-20, 23-24)
- 2-22 Project 25: C\*A\*R\*E Chest of Northern Nevada, 2011
- 2-23 Project 26: Fernley Fire Station #2, 2011
- 2-24 Project 27: Fallon Paiute Shoshone Administrative Building, 2011
- 2-25 Project 30: Boys & Girls Club of Northern Nevada, 2011
- 2-26 Project 32: Yerington Paiute Tribe Administrative Building, 2011 – 2012
- 2-27 Project 34 & 35: Washoe Tribal Health Center & Dresslerville Head Start, 2015
- 2-28 Project 37: Fallon Paiute Shoshone Health Clinic, 2011
- 2-29 Project 38: Western Nevada College, Cedar Building, 2011 – 2012
- 2-30 Project 39 & 40: Washoe Tribe Community Center and Head Start, 2011
- 2-31 Project 47: Truckee Meadows Community College Vista Building, 2012
- 2-32 Project 48: Desert Research Institute, 2012

### CAE1702/2 Series 2: Additional Materials

#### CAE S-Box 24

- 2-3#20a *Gerlach Schools Project Cover Sheet G0.1, Drawing, August 2007*
- 2-3#20b *Gerlach Schools Project Site Plan Sheet G0.2, Drawing, August 2007*

- 2-3#20c Gerlach Schools Project 30 KW Photovoltaic System Array Layouts E1.1, Drawing, August 2007
- 2-3#20d Gerlach Schools Project 30 KW Photovoltaic System Overall 1-Line Electrical Diagram E1.2, Drawing, August 2007
- 2-3#20e Gerlach Schools Project Note s for 30 KW Photovoltaic System Overall 1-Line Electrical Diagram E1.3, Drawing, August 2007
- 2-3#20f Gerlach Schools Project Foundation Plan S1.1, Drawing, August 2007
- 2-3#20g Gerlach Schools Project Set of Three 30 KW Photovoltaic System Conduit Layout E1.9 (Copy 1 with notes), Drawing, August 2007
- 2-3#20h Gerlach Schools Project Set of Three 30 KW Photovoltaic System Conduit Layout E1.9 (Copy 2 with notes), Drawing, August 2007

**CAE Flat File F2: Oversized Items**

- 2-3#21a Gerlach School & E.M. Johnson Elementary Site Plan C-1, March 2005
- 2-3#21b Gerlach School & E.M. Johnson Elementary Site Plan C-1 (with additional markings), March 2005