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## **Pueblo Poll Briefing** **Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 4:00 PM**

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Hello Everyone:

The Renewable Energy Owners Coalition of America commissioned a Pueblo poll that shows strong support for renewable resources and workforce transition measures as the Comanche 3 coal unit closure is being planned.

Recent media coverage:

REOCA's Pueblo County Poll covered by KOAA TV <https://www.koaa.com/news/covering-colorado/poll-pueblo-voters-prefer-wind-and-solar-to-nuclear> and [CPR covered the news that Comanche 3 is broken](#).

The pollsters at [New Bridge Strategy](#) (Lori Weigel and team), a nationally respected pollster who also conducts the annual Conservation in the West Colorado College poll will be conducting a briefing for climate and community transition advocates and allies.

Pueblo Poll briefing on Wednesday, March 9, at 4 pm - 5pm MT. We'd love for you to join us!

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/zxz-waas-y pb>

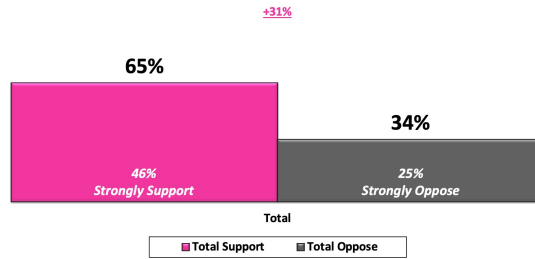
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### **Poll Finds Pueblo Voters Prefer Renewables over Nuclear**

*60% of Puebloans are concerned about public health impacts from Comanche 3 pollution.*

Pueblo - With the coming retirement of Xcel Energy's Comanche 3 coal-fired power plant, a new poll finds Pueblo voters, concerned about asthma rates and other health impacts, are keen to replace the coal-fired electricity with locally developed wind and solar and are strongly opposed to replacing coal with nuclear energy. 65% of respondents said they would prefer wind and solar electricity generation compared to 34% who would prefer nuclear power.

Nearly two-thirds support replacing the electricity being produced at Comanche with renewable energy like wind and solar.



Some people have proposed replacing the electricity being produced by the coal-burning Comanche Generating Station with renewable energy, such as wind and solar. Does this sound like something you would support or oppose?

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The poll also found that residents would like to see federal and state incentives, as well as job training to help Pueblo with the transition following the closure of Comanche 3.

“Pueblo has spoken and it is clear that when Comanche 3 closes we want the coal replaced with clean, affordable, and locally produced wind and solar energy,” said Ken Danti, REOCA’s President “83% of Puebloans believe that we can strike the right balance between protecting our air, land, and water while at the same time creating a strong, healthy economy that benefits all of us.”

Danti went on, “Let’s make Pueblo’s future based on renewable energy. A massive renewable build-out is underway in the USA that will take decades. Pueblo can become a renewable center with the opportunity to attract solar, wind, and battery manufacturers. Nuclear makes no sense in Pueblo as it generates energy 3-15 times more expensive and produces radioactive waste you would live with for tens of thousands of years.”

Xcel Energy is developing its electric resource plan, which state regulators at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will soon be voting on. The plan and settlement currently calls for the closure of Comanche 3 no later than 2034. Later this year, Xcel and the PUC will determine what resources will replace the coal-fired power produced by Comanche 3, which is the state’s dirtiest coal plant that has operated unreliably and at much higher costs than expected - and has even been out of service in 2022 since February 3rd.

The poll was conducted by New Bridge Strategy, a bipartisan polling firm, and surveyed 300 registered voters in the City and County of Pueblo.

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