

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON MARCH 1, 2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale 5) Michele Strand; 6) vacant 7) Ronald Hynum - absent

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 7TH MEETING:

M/S: MAUPIN/STRAND: Approve February 1st minutes with corrections: Passed: 5-0-0.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for public comment on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. No action can be taken on non-agenda items.

- Nancy Satallante objected to the draft minutes. She reported that Live Oak Springs residents oppose the ABC license and she had reached out to Hunter McDonald and Dianne Jacob. She also gathered and presented 130 signatures opposing the proposed alcohol permit change from on-site to off-site at the newly refurbished restaurant in Live Oak Springs. She also stated that the application included inaccurate information including proximity to the park. She wanted the ABC license item added onto next month's agenda for a revote.
- The Chair said the Policy I-1 does allow for a revote on an agenda item if new information is made available. She thought the new information qualified for a revote and she would look into it. When the chair took a poll of those present, there were no objections to pursue a revote.
- A 19 year old Live Oaks resident commented that he was able to purchase cigarettes at the new restaurant/store in Live Oak Springs even though he is underage. He also complained about the public park being blocked off to residents and that kids were being chased off. There are debris piles all over the place.
- The Chair commented that she had also noticed new and growing debris piles in odd places.
- It was noted that Live Oak Springs is actually private property and residents should look into the status of the park and whether it is actually private or if it was dedicated as a public park.
- Another resident alleged that 5 people got sick from eating at the newly opened restaurant on opening day due to the Live Oaks Springs boil-water order not being adhered to by the inexperienced restaurant staff.

E. ACTION ITEMS (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request):

1. **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR HEARING/PUBLIC FORUM:** March 16th at 9:00, Dept. 2204, San Diego Superior Court, 1100 Union Street, San Diego. The California Department of State Hospitals (DSH) has recommended the placement of a Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) at 2135 McCain Valley Road, Boulevard. Michael Martinez was convicted in 2004 of lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14.
 - The Chair provided a copy of a February 9th Associated Press article reporting on a court ruling that , under Prop 57, earlier parole could be allowed for than half of the 20,000 sex offenders serving time, even violent offenders.
 - Dianne Jacob provided a copy of her Feb 27th letter to Judge Gill objecting to the proposed placement of Michael Martinez in Boulevard, listing all the other SVPs that are already placed locally and requesting the he be placed in a trailer on the grounds of Donovan State Prison.

- Previously, a violent predator placed locally was arrested pretty quickly for violating his parole.
- Discussion included complaints that Boulevard and Jacumba already have more than enough of these predators in the area; objections are repeatedly ignored by the same judge who allegedly made inappropriate comments at a previous hearing.
- There was a consensus that County Supervisor Dianne Jacob's letter suggesting that the SVP be placed beside Donovan State Prison, where other SVP's have been located, would be a far superior location.

M/S: STRAND/GOODNIGHT: To authorize Chair to submit comments opposing the placement of SVP Michael Martinez in Boulevard. Passed: 5-0-0

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Chair reported that, as promised, Tule Wind's Harley McDonald did provide the list of contractors that they used and the link where jobs are posted. A copy of that list is included in the CAP comments she submitted on Feb 12th. She also looked up and added the location of each company in parenthesis.
- Harley also said they do not track their usage or expenditures of vendors or suppliers such as hotels, RV Parks, grocery stores, restaurants, catering, gas stations, etc.
- On Feb 12th, Supervisor Jacob responded to the Chair's email expressing appreciation for Jacob's efforts urging the CPUC to change the Red Flag Warning power shutoff policy, and question why the Kumeyaay and Tule Wind Turbines were allowed to operate when SDG&E shutoff local power.
- Jacob's letter said she also wanted to know why the turbines were allowed to operate during SDG&E shutoffs and had taken the liberty to forward the Chair's email to CPUC Chair Michael Picker, and SDG&E President, Scott Drury. A copy of her letter and related article is in the agenda package.
- On Feb 21st, East County Magazine quoted CPUC Chair, Michael Picker, as proposing to charge rural ratepayers higher rates for electricity in high-fire risk areas to cover costs of upgrades to prevent power lines from sparking fires and to meet tougher new fire safety rules approved by the CPUC in December. Article is included in agenda package.
- Last December, Australia's Administrative Appeals Tribunal (AAT) held that "noise annoyance" caused by wind turbine generated low-frequency noise and infrasound "is a plausible pathway to disease", based on the "established association between noise annoyance and some diseases, including hypertension and cardiovascular disease, possibly mediated in part by disturbed sleep and/or psychological stress/distress." Source: <https://stophesethings.com/2018/02/28/victims-vindicated-wind-turbine-noise-exposure-proven-pathway-to-disease/>
- The AAT also slammed wind turbine noise standards as irrelevant and, therefore, totally unfit for purpose: [Australian Court Finds Wind Turbine Noise Exposure a 'Pathway to Disease': Waubra Foundation Vindicated](#)
- There is new article in the Feb 2018 edition of the Journal of American College of Cardiology: Environmental Noise and Cardiovascular Disease: <http://www.onlinejacc.org/content/71/6/688>.
 - The article does not mention wind turbine noise specifically but, based on victims' testimony, the recent Australian Court decision, we know that wind turbine noise exposure does represent 'a pathway to disease'.

2. REVITALIZATION REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- The Mountain Empire Schools Foundation meets at 4:00pm at the high school on March 9th.
- Friends of the Library will meet at the Jacumba Library on March 20th at 6:00pm. They are looking for new members. Incentives will be announced soon.
- Tammy reported that the wi-fi is now working at the new library kiosk.
- Mark Ostrander reported that the Jacumba-Boulevard Revitalization Alliance now owns the Boulevard Resource Center building.

3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- March 2nd is the due date for application submission for the Sunrise Powerlink Grants.
- Burn permits can be obtained from the Boulevard Fire Department. The window for burn permits this year is expected to be very small due to the dry conditions.

4. COUNTY'S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (PDS2015-POD-15-002), GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (PDS2016-GPA-16-007), DRAFT SEIR (LOG NO. PDS2016-ER-16-00-003:

- The Chair reported an unexpected schedule conflict and she did not make it to the Feb 14th Board hearing, but did submit timely comments.
- The Board did approve the Climate Action Plan.
- It appears that they adopted the Modified Option 3 to incorporate 90% instead of 100% renewable energy, along with increased solid waste diversion, a Local Direct Investment Program and a program for existing homeowners meeting certain income criteria to reduce the cost to replace natural gas tank-based water heaters with solar, electric, or tankless gas.
- A copy of the Modified Option 3 page 1 was included in the agenda package.
- Jim Whalen reported recommendation he made on behalf of his clients at CAP hearing, to require County to provide community benefits by the County purchasing locally generated /Boulevard energy and to provide lower rates for locals.
- Big three are utility scale, rooftop, home and commercial solar and energy efficiency.
- The Chair expressed her disagreement with Whalen's recommendation and concern over potential conflicts with the County purchasing energy from projects they have jurisdiction over, providing an incentive to approve.

5. TULE WIND PHASE 1 – NOISE COMPLAINT CONTACTS: Toll Free Project Hotline & Noise Complaints: Iberdrola/Avangrid at (855) 369-9337. windcommunity@avangrid.com.

- Noise complaints can also be made to Lazaro Herrera, County Noise Control Officer & Code Compliance at 858-697-3741 or Lazaro.herrera@sdcounty.ca.gov
- Also to BLM Tristan Riddell at 760-337-4436 or triddell@blm.gov
- Also to BLM Carrie Sahagun at 760-337-4437 or csahagun@blm.gov
- Nothing new to report.

6. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- Nothing new to report.

**7. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT
DESCRIPTOR: (The Boulevard Planning Group formally voted to deny this project and to submit comments on 11-2-17)**

- Nothing new to report.

8. 60MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 AT 796 TIERRA DEL SOL ROAD; SCOPING LETTER RELEASED ON 10-11-17:

- Nothing new to report.
- Jim Whalen is not involved with this project.

9. 100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY; PDS2017-ZAP-17-006; MINOR USE PERMIT FOR 2 ACRE PROJECT LOCATED ON APN'S 612-09-059; 612-09-019; 612-09-017 NEAR THE BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:

- No new information.

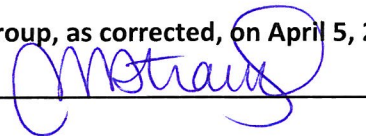
10. LIVE OAK SPRINGS AG CLEARING; PDS2017-AD-17-028:

- The Chair reported that the applicant's representative contacted her several times wanting to place their project back on our agenda for a revote or previous no vote.
- She then contacted the Project Manager for the County who said they still did not have enough information and that he had asked the applicant to provide much more information and better project description.
- The Chair then informed the applicant that we need to follow Policy I-1 and would need the new information requested by the County before we can take another vote on their project.
- A Campo resident also alleged that the same owner is using huge irrigation sprinklers day and night to water crops in their area, using huge amounts of groundwater, and raising local concerns regarding overuse/overdraft.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:47 PM: NEXT MEETNG SET FOR APRIL 5TH, 2018@ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Minutes approved by the Group, as corrected, on April 5, 2018

Michele Strand, Secretary:



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