

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*** 7 PM THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 2022– FINAL AGENDA / NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905*****

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 1) Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 4TH MEETING:

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. Items can be added to future agendas.

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

1. **RUGGED SOLAR COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENT (CBA) DRAFT RESOLUTION / TABLED FROM AUGUST MEETING:** The Rugged Solar Working Draft CBA was previously endorsed in concept. Now that the Planning Commission has recommended project approval, a final discussion and VOTE should be taken on the draft CBA resolution prior to the Board of Supervisors upcoming hearing expected in October.
2. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES ON 570 ACRES IN 8 AREAS OF JEWEL VALLEY AREA; MAJOR USE PERMIT (MUP) APPLICATION SCOPING LETTER: PDS2022-MPA-22-006: CONSIDER CHAIR’S REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE SCOPING COMMENTS DUE TO NEW PROJECT MAPPING INFORMATION.** Project is industrial scale 100 MW solar facility with battery energy storage system (BESS), collector substation, transformers, inverters, gen-tie line, 24’ internal roads, water tanks for fire protection, security fencing, lighting, and signage. South of I-8 and Old 80 and east of Tierra Del Sol Road. Project has eight solar array areas with approximately 300,000 PV modules on support structures. Gen-tie line will be mostly underground, on the east side of Tule Jim Lane. Will connect to the SE corner of the Boulevard Substation. Some of the gen-tie line will be overhead, with 50ft-high steel poles, to cross Tule Jim Lane. Project access will be off of Jewel Valley Road and Tule Jim Lane connecting to Old Highway 80. Grading estimated at 280,000 cubic yards, balanced on-site. Pile driving and blasting is expected. Water for grading proposed to be provided by Jacumba Community Service District.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **INCUMBENTS FOR EVEN NUMBERED SEATS (2-Goodnight; 4-Tisdale; 6-Coyne) QUALIFIED FOR THE BALLOT:** Candidate filing ended August 12th. No other candidates filed to run so no election will be held: See ROV list at page 40: https://www.sdvote.com/content/dam/rov/en/election/2022Nov/Candidate_List.pdf# . Incumbents will be re-appointed by Board of Supervisors.
2. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK:** Update presented at Board of Supervisors on 8/31.
2. **UPDATE ON SDG&E’S BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:** CPUC approved the project on 6/23/22. It will serve selected Boulevard and Campo Reservation facilities.
3. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION APPROVED BY PLANNING COMMISSION 7/22. EXPECTED TO BE HEARD BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IN OCTOBER:** Current PDS Project Manager: Regina.Ochoa@sdcounty.ca.gov (619) 323-8090. Planning Commission recommended approval on 7/22/22. Project documents posted at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-12-007W1.html>
4. **TERRA-GEN’S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT. OCTOBER 21ST 9 AM HEARING IN 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN PASADENA:** Approved for Campo Reservation land by Dept of Interior April 2020. Federal lawsuit filed 7-8-20. On August 6, 2021, the federal judge granted the Campo Band’s Motion to Dismiss the case.

In 2021, the FAA approved project for second time despite SO CAL TRACON objections over significant aviation impacts. An appeal of FAA approval is in process at the 9th Circuit.

5. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH SUBSTATION FACILITIES PDS2019-MUP-19-002; PDS2019-ER-19-16-001; APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3-17-21. CEQA CHALLENGE FILED. DEC 15 MERITS HEARING SET WITH JUDGE FRAZIER. FAA APPROVED TRANSMISSION TOWERS IN FEB-MARCH 2022.** Boulder Brush Facilities include 3.5 miles of overhead 230 kilovolt generation transmission (gen-tie) line on private land, approximately 32 steel poles at a maximum height of 150 feet, a high voltage substation, a switchyard, in/out connection to the existing Sunrise Powerlink. These facilities will connect Terra-Gen's 60-4.2 MW Campo Wind turbines on the Campo Reservation to Sunrise Powerlink via new substation and switchyard:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>
6. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR); APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 8-18-21. DECISION IS PENDING IN CEQA LAWSUIT CHALLENGING PROJECT APPROVAL:** 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (360 MWh) on 613 acres. Project documents are posted at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-18-022.html>.
7. **TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014:** No project progress reported since approximately 2018. Torrey Wind will rely on Campo Wind's approved but not yet built Boulder Brush Substation. Terra-Gen was granted another project time extension through September 24, 2022. <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html> The CAISO Grid Queue report (#2177) shows a Boulder Brush Hybrid with 105.8 MW wind and 314 MW battery storage with an online date of 6/1/25: <http://www.caiso.com/PublishedDocuments/PublicQueueReport.xlsx>
8. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:** Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation, with a capacity of 69 megawatts, as expansion to existing 131.1 MW Tule Wind I with 57 -2.3 MW turbines. No progress since approximately 2016: <https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents>
9. **100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE PDS2017-ZAP-17-006: PROJECT WITHDRAWN:** Starlight Solar proposes to use some of the same parcels that have now been purchased for that purpose.
10. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road;** No project progress reported. Approved in 2014 and terminated by Soitec Solar in March 2015. Invenergy withdrew from project in 2018. The absentee owner still promoting it. Permit was set to expire at the end of July 2022. The County can issue further extensions.
11. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCED OPERATIONS:** FEB 8, 2022: Sempra commenced operations of their 108 MW (26-Vestas V150-4.2MW) expansion of existing 155 MW ESJ Wind I project (47-3.3 MW turbines) on 13,000 acres south of the border just east of Jacumba and Ejido Jacume. Energy is exported cross border to SDG&E's ECO Substation. Full capacity at build out is 1,000-1,200 MW.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022.

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