

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
***7 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7TH, 2023 – FINAL AGENDA / NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905*****

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): **1)** Manuel Casanova, Jr.; **2)** Earl Goodnight **3)** Kevin Keane; **4)** Anthony Ralphs; **5)** Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden; **6)** Michael Coyne; **7)** Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 2nd 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. **Comments shall be limited to (3) minutes.**

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

There are no action items for this agenda.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **GROUP MEMBERS ANNUAL CSPG TRAINING:** All seated Planning Group Members must complete CSPG Annual Training for 2024.
There will be two virtual (Zoom) training meetings offered:
Saturday, January 20, 2024 & Saturday, February 10, 2024.
RSVPs are required to receive the Zoom meeting link and password code. A PDF version of the training materials will be emailed when they become available.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** A virtual public workshop was held to provide an overview of their Draft Climate Action Plan and Draft Supplemental EIR. They outlined the public review process and provided guidance on how to submit public comments.
A link is provided for anyone wishing to submit comments: [Climate Action Plan | Engage San Diego County](#)
Environmental documents are available for review until January 5th, 2024.
- **COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS:** The County Board of Supervisors have directed the Planning Development Services (PDS) to develop a community Benefits Agreement Program.
The Planning and Development Services (PDS) held virtual public input meetings in November to share thoughts on the Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) Program – Phase 1. CBAs are agreements between applicants and communities representing benefits, from the developer to the community, for projects approved affecting their community.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** The Association of Planning Groups held a Zoom meeting on November 6, 2023, with 15 of the 18 Planning Groups attending. A quorum was announced.
 - Discussions included final revisions to the APG By-Laws and drafting a letter to SANDAG requesting that a representative from the APG be added to the SANDAG’s Board of Directors. SANDAG BODs are scheduled to meet on December 8th.

- Officers governing the group for year 2024 were nominated and elected by voice vote. The first formal in-person meeting of the APG is scheduled for January 10, 2024, location TBD.
 - The Real East County Fire Safe Council and the Jacumba Boulevard Revitalization Alliance sent letters of support to SANDAG for inclusion on the SANDAG Board.
 - On November 30, 2023, Ariana Galvan, SANDAG, emailed; informing that the APG request will be on the December 8th agenda for both the Executive Committee meeting and Board of Directors meeting.
- **SDG&E SYSTEM HARDENING PROJECT:** Notifications were mailed to customers for the following scheduled locations:
 - Boulevard C445K CC: Tierra Del Road and Alta Vega Road.**

They will be installing new steel poles and hardening of overhead lines. Where phones lines are attached to the existing wood poles, they will remain until the third party moves their lines to the new steel poles.
 - **NEW SOLAR PROJECT IN BOULEVARD:** There is a new solar project Bear Peak Power, Denver, that seems to be under the radar, so to speak, east of Shasta Trail near the Campo Reservation boundary. No notification has been received from the County, but their elevation plots have been submitted to the FAA. Ken Melton replied to the Chair’s request for information from the County: “County Project Planning have no record of Bear Peak Power or any new project in Boulevard”. It’s in the same general area as a proposed mobile home park posted by Tim Walker on the Alpine Neighbors Group site.
 - **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES PLANNED FOR 565 ACRES IN 8 EMPIRE RANCH AREAS OF JEWEL VALLEY AREA; MAJOR USE PERMIT (MUP) NOTICE OF PROJECT: PDS2022-MPA-22-006. 20 MW POWER** The list of benefits previously submitted has been sent to the County per their request. The list as follows:
 - Complete the community center park next door. Leverage the Rugged Solar \$900,000.00 on top of that from the County in matching funds.
 - Conduct a regional (Boulevard) ethnobotanical survey.
 - Selectively underground certain power lines.
 - Plan/upgrade the Live Oaks Springs “park”. I say “park” because the land is privately owned. This is the densest population in the area.
 - Build a new commercial site on Haagen property at the southwest corner of Old Hwy 80 and Jewel valley Road with a community resource component.
 - Supply and connect more generators.
 - Provide and fund a help desk for residents dealing with outside issues.
 - Create a “community resilience hub” attached to the refurbished community center.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION APPROVED BY BOS ON 10-12-22:** Change of ownership is ongoing. Nothing new to report.
Project docs link: <https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e80f2ae72>
3. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:** Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation.
Avangrid Inc. (parent company of Tule Wind) and Vitol Inc. have reached a transfer agreement for the 2023 **production tax credits** of the Tule Wind Project. Going forward, we will have to see how it affects the project.
4. **TERRA-GEN’S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:** The County vested Terra-Gen’s project so their permit Time Extension application has been withdrawn. On October 21, Judge Ronald Frazier granted Intervenor-Defendant Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians’ Motion to Dismiss the

legal challenge to the County's approval of this project, due to their sovereign immunity. **An appeal was submitted on 6/20/2023 by the non-profit BAD.** Project docs and maps link:

<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>.

5. **TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT. ON OCTOBER 27th THE 9th CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DIMISSED THE LEGAL CHALLENGE BASED ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:** Campo Wind was 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 based on sovereignty. The case was appealed to 9th Circuit. In 2021. **The non-profit BAD won their appeal against the FAA approval of the project.**
6. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR); APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 8-18-21. CEQA LAWSUIT WAS FILED AND DISMISSED. AN APPEAL WAS FILED:** 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. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road;** No project progress reported. The absentee owner is still promoting it. Permit was set to expire at the end of July 2022. Another Major Use Permit Time Extension is reportedly being processed.
8. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND:** 300 MW wind & 500 MW Volta Mexicali battery storage project in Mexico. This project, near Tecate, has received the green light from the environment ministry in Mexico. It will link to the existing transmission line used to export energy generated by the Sierra Juarez wind farm and transmitted to the Boulevard substation.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY JANUARY 4th, 2024.

For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email blvdgoodnight@gmail.com , Current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>.

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