

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)  
\*\*\*MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024 \*\*\*  
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905**

Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> meeting called to order at 7:05

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

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 4th MEETING:**

*M/S Casanova/Good: Approve January 4<sup>th</sup> minutes as written, Passed, 4 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent*

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Rupert Pedrin gave an update on SDG&E's contractors and ongoing projects. He is negotiating with the new owners of Tule Wind II Project for their easement on his property. Chair Goodnight questioned Rupert as to why he sold the easement the first time. He responded it was the previous owner that sold the easement to Tule Wind.

Chair Goodnight gave an update on SDG&E's Underground Power Project for the Mountain Top Market.

- SDG&E has contracted an engineering company for designing the project.
- Owner Nick Aziz has signed documents for an underground easement, even though there is an existing SD&E overhead easement.

**E. ACTION ITEMS:**

1. **LETTER TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARIE WALDRON:** Support letter requested by Rett Lawrence.  
Chair presented the written letter to the Board Members for review and approval. During review Rett Lawrence gave his approval.

*M/S Casanova/Good: Approve letter, with typo corrected, Passed, 4 Yes, 0 No, 3 Absent*

**F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **GROUP MEMBERS ANNUAL TRAINING:** Chair reminded the members that had not completed their Annual CPSG training, there was only one virtual date remaining. And those members that completed their training, it is necessary to send their completion form to the County. Form 700 submission remains the same as previously directed.
- **COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK – STUDY UPDATE:** Chair reported an update on the Tier II (second) OHV virtual (Zoom) public meeting that was held on Tuesday, January 30, 2024.
  - 500-acre site size had to be reduced to 300-acres to obtain the 21 sites selected in Tier I.
  - The 21 sites have been narrowed to 8 sites.
  - Tribal lands have been excluded.
  - All 8 remaining sites are on private property. "Willing to sell letters" have been sent to all 8 property owners.
  - Grant funding received is for the feasibility study only. No funding for development of parks.
- **NEW SOLAR PROJECT IN BOULEVARD:** Bear Peak Power, Denver identified the site as a 5MW Solar and Battery Storage Project on 45.7 acres at 1746 Tierra Del Sol Rd. No further information has been received. County wants to be notified if any activity is noticed at the site.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Chair gave an update on the first Association of Planning Groups in-person meeting that was held 1/10/2024.

- Standing rules were drafted.
- A Code of Conduct was drafted.
- A member vote was passed to include Community Sponsor Groups as APG members.
- APG’s Chair and Vice Chair attended their first SANDAG’s BOD meeting 1/12/2024.
- Letters extending Associate Membership to the Community Sponsor Groups were sent 1/24/2024.
- There are 10 CSGs, with the 18 Community Planning Groups the Association will be 28 members strong should all Sponsor Groups join.
- Association of Planning Groups has been added to SANDAG’s website of Board members.
- **CANNABIS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE:** Chair shared the information for the listening session to discuss the updates on the program, Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm, the session will be held virtually on Zoom.
- **YEAR 2023/2024 ROAD RESURFACING UPDATE:** Projects have not changed since last year’s schedule.
  - Crestwood Road: From Old Hwy 80 to the end.
  - Old Hwy 80: 100 feet west of Crestwood Rd. to 900 feet south of Crestwood Rd.

Dates of resurfacing have not been released.
- **FIRE GUIDELINES FOR WILDLAND FIRE AND FIRE PROTECTION UPDATE:** The County has sent emails alerting the public of this update. The updated guidelines do not propose any development. The purpose of the guidelines is to clarify and standardize.

A copy of the email, with a provided link to review the proposed Guidelines, was included in the agenda packet. The Fire Safe January meeting had discussions on the fire guidelines and voted to have Mark Ostrander, with his firefighting experience, review the guidelines and report back.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** This was placed on the agenda to share information on the Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) placement program.

SVP Alan James is up for release, to be placed in Campo, at a location less than a mile from the community park. Recently Judge Gil granted another SVP release (only known by the last name Quarles) for crimes committed in 1989.

An article from the San Diego Union was included in the agenda packet.

Chair relayed information on the 1/23/2024 BOS agenda item “PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY FROM SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS” to support Darrell Issa’s bill H.R. 6382. Their vote 2 Yes, 4 no. “Motion failed”. Yes votes were Desmond & Anderson.
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mark Ostrander reported that Fire Safe had their grant approved for the cleanup events for this year. Dates have been established; flyers will be available soon. Revitalization had received grant money from Supervisor Anderson’s office for fire insurance on the Resource Center. Additional funding from the Neighborhood Enhancement Grants have been approved to add A/C and interior paint to the main building and the community room. New internet has been installed at the Resource Center by Canyon Wireless, when completed all buildings will have WIFI access.

The Resource Center will again be the Voting Polling Center for the area, open 2/24/2024 to 3/5/2024.

**G. PROJECT UPDATES:**

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT:** Jim Whalen reported 5 tech studies have been submitted to the County. Starlight had received notice that the County had accepted the studies for review. More tech studies, including cultural and biological are yet to be completed. The JBRA received a donation from the Haagen Company to set up the Resource Center for teleconferencing (Zoom public meetings), including all the required equipment, the internet installation cost and continuing cost of service.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PROJECT:** Change of ownership is ongoing. Jim Whalen reported the transfer of ownership is a slow-moving process.

Chair Goodnight reported agenda items numbers 3 through 8 had no activity, nothing to report.

Meeting was adjourned at: 7:56

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 7th, 2024.

For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email [blvdgoodnight@gmail.com](mailto: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>.

**Minutes were approved by the group on 3/7/2024.**

**Signed: Anthony Ralphs, Secretary** \_\_\_\_\_



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