

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*****7 PM THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024 – 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 APRIL 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. **Comments shall be limited to (3) minutes.**

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

No action items on this month’s agenda

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **FIRE GUIDELINES FOR WILDLAND FIRE AND FIRE PROTECTION UPDATE:** In February the County’s Guidelines were emailed to the public for communities to review. Mark Ostrander with his firefighting career and member of the RECFSC has reviewed the new guidelines. He concluded the Fire Guidelines were as before with minor revisions and updates to incorporate County plans and resolutions. Fire Plan requirements have been revised and now are under the authority of the County Fire District only, community Fire Plans are no longer required.
- **NEW SOLAR PROJECTS IN BOULEVARD:**
 - Bear Peak Power, Denver identifies the site as a 5MW Solar and Battery Storage project on 45.7 acres at 1746 Tierra Del Sol Rd, Boulevard. No further information.
 - There is a new addition to the CAISO interconnection application list (item 56).
Project name - **Boulevardier:** A hydrogen-generated powered 348 MW system, with Battery Storage, is proposed for Boulevard, with a 138 KV transmission line connecting to the Boulevard substation.
Location of this project is unknown currently.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** SANDAG’s Board of Directors will be voting May 10th on their budget for 2025. The draft budget document showing proposed projects has nothing in the budget for the east county past of I-8/Willows Rd. interchange project. You have a copy of the draft budget handout in your agenda packet.
SANDAG announced on Friday, 4/26, the appointment of Mario Orso as their new CEO. Mr. Orso is the current chief deputy director of Caltrans District 11.
The Association of Planning Groups (APG) will be holding their second in-person meeting in June.
- **CANNABIS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE:** The Board of Supervisors will be conducting a public hearing on the Cannabis Social Equity Program on Tuesdays, April 30th, agenda (item 31). This is the public hearing that was previously scheduled for 3/12, withdrawn by the Cannabis Staff.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** State officials have proposed placing SVP David Munoz at 45612 Old Hwy 80, across from the Jacumba airport.
A hearing to discuss Munoz’s placement is scheduled for May 3rd in San Diego Superior Court with Judge Gill presiding.
Another SVP, Albert Carder has been recommended by State authorities to be moved to the same area in Jacumba Hot Springs. Carder was denied release in 2021 by Judge Jay Bloom. Carder was able to appeal, the

appeals court reversed Bloom's decision. The public hearing regarding Carder's release is scheduled for May 17th in San Diego Superior Court with Judge Gill presiding.

If approved, these would become the sixth and seventh SVPs living in our rural community.

San Diego Union articles are in your agenda packet outlining Munoz's and Carder's criminal history. Also in your packet is a copy of the submitted comments, David Munoz, by Cherry Diefenbach, Chair Jacumba CSG.

Senate Bill 1074 (Sexually Violent Predators) passed the Senate's Public Safety Committee, moves next to the Senate Apportions Committee.

- **SDG&E ELECTRIC SYSTEM HARDENING NOTIFICATION:** A construction notification was mailed 3/27/24 for the below locations:
 - C445V – Boulevard: Tule Mountain Rd, Live Oak Springs Rd, Camino Del Mesa, Paso Alto Ct, Hwy 94, Old Hwy 80Duration: 2 – 8 weeks once construction begins.
Crews will be installing new steel poles and hardening of overhead wires.
Should you have any question or concerns, contact Jennifer Ramp.
Email: JRamp@sdge.com Phone: 877 738-0580
- **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST CENTER:** The County just launched an online Public Records Request Center, to be used for all Public Records Act requests. <https://pra.sandiegocounty.gov/>
The flyer in your agenda packet has additional information. More resources are available through the new online Records Request Center available at: [Public Records \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://publicrecords.sandiegocounty.gov/).
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT ON 565 ACRES OF THE EMPIRE RANCH ON JEWEL VALLEY RD; PROJECT: PDS2022-MPA-22-006.** Jim Whalen to report.
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. Jim Whalen to report.
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: Ruling on appeal submitted 6/20/2023 by non-profit:** On March 13, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, **ruled in favor** by issuing a judgement that reverses the previous court dismissal of BADs legal challenge. The new ruling remands San Diego County's 2021 approval of Terra-Gen's Boulder Brush Substation back to superior court to vacate their judgement of dismissal and the underlying order granting Campo's motion to dismiss, and to enter a new order denying the motion to dismiss.
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 Baja, Mexico. Sempra is moving forward with \$550 million phase 3 of Energia Sierra Juarez Wind, connecting to ECO Substation at the border near Jacumba. They have a 20-year PPA contract with Silicon Valley Power. It will include 64 - 5 MW Vestas turbines. This will bring ESJ complex to 580 MW. They have the capacity for an additional 300 MW and future potential for an additional expansion of 650 MW.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY JUNE 6th, 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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