

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
***MINUTES FOR MAY 2, 2024, MEETING
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905*****

Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM.

- 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 (Absent); **7)** Nancy Good
A quorum was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR APRIL 4th MEETING:

M/S: Good/Keane Approved as written; 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Rupert Pedrin announced that he was holding an event at his ranch on Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 PM, all are welcome.

Chair Goodnight gave an update on his efforts with the County's Code Enforcement Office concerning the junkyard business around the Post Office area. Could possibly place this issue on the next agenda. Chair announced Campo Days are May 4th and 5th this year, flyers are available.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

No action items on this month's agenda

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **FIRE GUIDELINES:** The County's Fire Guidelines were reviewed by Mark Ostrander. He concluded the guidelines were as before with minor revision with County updates.
- **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 was available.
 - **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. Jim Whalen's office staff identified the location of the project as east of the Boulevard substation on the south side of Old Hwy 80, known as the Nava property. Jim Whalen reported with the overall lack of capacity of the SDG&E, and broader, electric grid makes it doubtful of connecting new projects.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Chair Goodnight gave an update on the most recent SANDAG BOD's meeting and included the meeting minutes of attending APG's representative. Also announced 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 conducted 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 80**Duration: 2 – 8 weeks once construction begins.
Public discussion related undergrounding is now ongoing in an area where steel poles were previously installed. Steel poles have been topped where third party lines had been relocated.
Locals vented frustration that SDG&E is increasing rates for unnecessary and wasteful projects.
- **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST CENTER:** Information was supplied on the new online Public Records Request Center, to be used for all Public Records Act requests. <https://pra.sandiegocounty.gov/>
A flyer was supplied with 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:**
Fire Safe:
The first chipping event was held Saturday, April 20th. The next chipping event will be Saturday May 11th.
A reminder, the first free tire drop off event is coming up June 22nd at the Resource Center. Flyers are available for both events.
Revitalization: No report.

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 reported the County has signed off on half of technical studies. They have a meeting in May will go over the cultural studies and will avoid all 33 cultural sites. All video equipment has come-in and will be installed in the BPG meeting room. Haagen agreed to fund and setup tools for future zoom meeting capabilities.
Haagen has agreed to pay the \$900,000 to Boulevard if Rugged doesn't honor its donation pledge.
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 stated the project is solar only without battery storage. This makes it harder to sell with current requirements for solar projects to include battery storage.

Chair reported there was nothing further to report on agenda items 3 through 8.

H. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 7:52 PM NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY JUNE 6th, 2024.

Minutes were approved by the Group on 6/6/2024.

Signed: Anthony Ralphs, Secretary: _____ 

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