

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)  
\*\*\*7 PM THURSDAY, JUNE 6, 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 MAY 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)**

- 1. JULY BPG MEETING RESCHEDULE:** Due to the holiday, Board vote on rescheduling July’s first Thursday (7/4/2024) meeting to the second Thursday (7/11/2024).
- 2. CRESTWOOD CEMETERY:** The Campo/Lake Morena Planning Group has reached out to the BOS to request that the county promote regulations for siting new cemeteries in groundwater dependent communities. Currently, there is not one state or county regulation to defend groundwater from pollution by large-volume human burial sites.  
The Campo/Lake Moreno Planning Group is asking for support letters from planning/sponsor groups who agree. Even a simple endorsement of our letter would be helpful.  
A copy of CPG Chair’s letter to the BOS is in your agenda packet.

**F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **AT&T REQUEST TO THE CPUC TO DISBAND LANDLINE SERVICE:** After hearing from consumers across the state and reviewing the evidence in the record, the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) issued a proposal rejecting AT&T’s request to withdraw as a carrier of last resort (COLR) and indicating that the CPUC intends to initiate a new Rulemaking process to address COLR telecommunications service obligations. The proposal will be on the CPUC’s June 20 Voting Meeting agenda.
- **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 has been received.
  - **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 has obtained information on the project’s location. The parcel, approx. 10 acres, is east of the Boulevard substation on the south side of old Hwy 80, known as the Nava property. Questions have surfaced: Overall lack of capacity of the SDG&E grid (and broader) electric grid to accept new projects? Will a hydrogen line be required?
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** SANDAG April meeting highlights.
  - **New SANDAG CEO:**  
Mario Orso of Caltrans was selected as the new SANDAG CEO.

- **2025 Regional Plan: Draft Series 15 Growth Forecast Regional and Subregional Results:**  
By 2050 it is expected that the overall population of the region will slow in growth and then begin to decline. This is true for the State population as well.  
By 2050 the Unincorporated Area population will decline - from 513,170 (2022) to 494,665 (2050).
- **125 Toll Road Action Plan:**  
Tabled from the previous SANDAG BOD meeting - This is SANDAG management's response to the Office of Independent Performance Auditor (OIPA) findings.  
Interim CEO Coleen Clementson was directly asked about who knew what, when and who was responsible for the 125 Toll Road failures.  
Clementson responded that all along there was a "general lack of accountability" and that there was "gross mismanagement."  
A full text of the SANDAG April minutes is in your agenda packet.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** Albert Carder, designated as a sexually violent predator (SVP), was approved by a judge for conditional release to a home in Jacumba Hot Springs by the end of the month, making the second such offender to be released to that property. Albert Carder, 57, is set to be released to a home located at 45612 Old Highway 80 no later than June 26.

Senate Bill 1074 (Sexually violent predators) was in Assembly on 5/23/2024 for first reading.

- **SDG&E ELECTRIC SYSTEM HARDENING NOTIFICATION:** A construction notification was mailed May 17, 2024.

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Should you have any question or concerns, contact Jennifer Ramp:  
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- **SD COUNTY BROADBAND NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY (NOFA):** The County of San Diego's Land Use & Environment Group (LUEG) conducted a series of public meetings from **May 20 - June 4** to gather public feedback and input on a recently released [draft Notice of Funding Availability \(NOFA\)](#) on a \$9 million American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)-funded grant program to help address broadband access and affordability in unincorporated communities.  
Written comments can be submitted directly through the County's broadband engagement website (<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/broadband>) or by email ([broadband.grants@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:broadband.grants@sdcounty.ca.gov))

**All public comments on the draft NOFA are due by June 10th.**

- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

#### **G. PROJECT UPDATES:**

No progress to report on items 1 > 5, 7, 8

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 27<sup>th</sup> THE 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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:** 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (360 MWh) on 613 acres.  
Update 5/30/2024, The litigation has been resolved and the developer is now moving forward on conditions that were required as part of the project.  
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 JULY 11th, 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>.

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