

SPECIAL RE-SCHEDULED MEETING

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

***7 PM THURSDAY, JULY 11, 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 JUNE 6th 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. CPG TERMS ENDING FOR ODD-NUMBERED SEATS:** 2024 is a Community Planning Groups election year. The terms of all odd-numbered seats will be expiring on January 6, 2025. Those who are interested in continuing to serve will need to be re-elected.
There will be four seats on the Boulevard Planning Board on the upcoming November elections. Current residents residing in Boulevard, 18 years or older and a current registered voter can apply to have their name place on the November ballot, by filing with the Registrar of Voters (ROV).
The Registrar of Voters (ROV) has advised that the candidate filing period for the November ballot will be July 15th through August 9th until 5:00 p.m.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **AT&T REQUEST TO THE CPUC TO DISBAND LANDLINE SERVICE:** On June 28, 2024 - the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), following extensive public input, rejected AT&T's request to withdraw as a Carrier of Last Resort (COLR) and opened a new Rulemaking process to address COLR telecommunications service obligations.

In their report, Alice Reynolds, CPUC President said: "For nearly 30 years, the Carrier of Last Resort rules have been essential for ensuring universal telephone service in California, This new Rulemaking process provides an opportunity to update the COLR rules and High-Cost Fund programs to better meet the needs of Californians and to achieve the state's [Broadband For All](#) objectives."
- **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. Located on 10 acres east of the Boulevard substation on the south side of old Hwy 80, known as the Nava property.
No further information to report.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Highlights from the SANDAG May meeting:
 - **Final fiscal Year 2026 Program Budget:**

The SANDAG Board passed the \$1.3 billion budget. Much of the budget is allocated to projects in the cities. A lengthy Q&A session followed.

- **125 Toll Road Action Plan:**

A presentation was made with various scenarios to reach an early payoff date of the 125-toll road debt. They reported a 9 to 12 month, \$600,00 SANDAG equity study and planning analysis must be conducted prior to a final decision.

The 125-toll road is leased by SANDAG from Caltrans. The 125-toll road must be brought up to Caltrans roadway standards before the lease can be transferred back to Caltrans.

- **SR 11/Otay Mesa East Port of Entry Project Update:**

The investment in this project and the resulting fees collected will be managed by Mexico through an elaborate reimbursement system. Planning is still ongoing for lane management. The facility's planned opening is 2026 or 2027.

A full text on the Associated Planning Groups minutes is included in your agenda packet.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** SVP David Munoz has been placed at 45612 Old Hwy 80, Jacumba Hot Springs following his placement approval by Judge Gill. Senate Bill SB1074, Sexually Violent Predators, an update hearing was scheduled for July 2nd.
- **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM (SECP):** The County of San Diego Planning & Development Services (PDS) invites you to attend public meetings to share your thoughts. The Socially Equitable Cannabis Program (SECP) is seeking your input on specific topics. An overview of the County's cannabis licensing and enforcement processes will also be provided. PDS is hosting virtual public meetings to receive your input.

Register in advance for the virtual (Zoom) public meeting using the link provided below.

Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, July 19, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

Virtual Meetings can be accessed at this link below:

<https://sdcounty-ca-gov.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0vcumtqj8uG9RX5OHBfPbXjkti3jjFI14y>

- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN UPDATE AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT:** The County of San Diego has developed a Climate Action Plan (CAP) Update and associated environmental documents that set measures and actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the county's unincorporated areas and from County operations. The CAP Update project was considered by the Planning Commission on June 14, 2024, for their recommendation for adoption by the Board of Supervisors by the Fall of 2024. The CAP Update Supplemental EIR can be viewed on the following link:
Project Website: [Climate Action Plan Update Project Materials](#)
- **OFF ROAD VEHICLE (OHV) PARK:** The OHV Park Study and Site Update is available on the San Diego webpage. Questions and Answers from the OHV Public Meeting #2 that was held earlier this year can be accessed in the link below.

OHV (Off-Highway Vehicles) County of San Diego webpage:

<https://www.sdparks.org/content/sdparks/en/park-pages/OffHighwayVehicles.html>

Under the Additional Resources section, you'll find the link titled Q&A Report (Public Meeting#2):
https://www.sdparks.org/content/dam/sdparks/en/pdf/Development/QA%20Report_Website_Final.pdf

The Q&A s are six pages long, I have a copy for review for anyone unable to access the website. The Tier 2 analysis map (draft) is included in your agenda packet. The locations on the map with a yellow star are the current selections. This has not changed from the information that was reported in a previous BPG meeting.

- **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.

No progress to report on agenda items 3 through 8

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:** 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 AUGUST 1st, 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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