

SPECIAL RE-SCHEDULED MEETING

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

***7 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 1, 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 JULY 11th MEETING:

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

1. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC IN-PERSON PRESENTATION:

- a. Strategic Undergrounding Program Updates
- b. Mountain Top Market Undergrounding Updates
- c. Boulevard Microgrid Site Concerns and other SDG&E area concerns

E. 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.**

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **CPG TERMS ENDING FOR ODD-NUMBERED SEATS:** 2024 is a Boulevard 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 is open now through August 9th until 5:00 p.m.

- **BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS (BESS):** On the heels of two fires in recent months at separate battery energy storage facilities, the San Diego County Board of Supervisors on July 17th, directed staffers to establish standards for future projects in unincorporated areas of the county. The board approved the motion 4-0, with District 1 Supervisor Nora Vargas absent. Desmond called for regulations that, “at minimum,” make sure battery energy storage systems avoid being in residential areas or near schools, day care centers, senior living facilities and hospitals.

SD Union article “Battery Storage Standards Sought” is included in your agenda packet/

- **STRATEGIC UNDERGROUND (SUG) PROJECT:** The 30-Day Construction Notification was mailed out on July 10, 2024, for the below location:

Boulevard: Tecate Divide Rd, Red Shank Ln, High View Pt, Quail Run Rd, Hi Pass Rd, Paso Alto Ct, Arroyo Paso Ln, Alta Viva Ln, Camina Del Mesa

Scope of work as follows:

SDG&E or its contractors will perform the following construction activities: site preparation, staging yard preparation, structure removal, road work and vault installation, trenching, conduit installation, trench backfill, cable pulling and splicing as well as clean up and restoration.

The existing overhead power lines will be removed upon completion of this undergrounding project.

- **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:** Association of Planning Groups minutes from SANDAG's July meetings.

Note: At the July 26, 2024, SANDAG Board of Directors meeting there was no (zero) County representation. This means we had no one representing the Unincorporated Area with the power to vote. Nora Vargas was absent. Joel Anderson was absent. The County Board of Supervisors has two alternates: Terra Lawson-Remer and Monica Montgomery Steppe. Neither were present. When a vote was taken to consider borrowing \$20 million of future Transnet funds for the "Transnet Regional Bike Early Action Program" there was no one from the County to vote. We had an empty seat.

Samual Sanford of SANDAG provided this link to the Traffic Safety Dashboard

<https://www.sandag.org/trafficsafety>

It is located in SANDAG's Open Data Portal, a relatively new site that houses all data products.

A complete text of the SANDAG's July minutes is included in your agenda packet.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** SVP Merle Wade Wakefield's public placement (in Poway) hearing that had been scheduled for August 9, 2024, in San Diego Superior Court has been vacated. Liberty Healthcare/Conditional Release Program (CONREP) will continue to search for a placement location for Wakefield.

Senate Bill SB1074, Sexually Violent Predators advanced to the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

- **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Invites you to learn about plans for new infrastructure in Unincorporated San Diego County. Meet with County staff to discuss projects in your neighborhood.

The DPW wants to hear from you. Learn about planned projects in your community: bike lanes, sidewalks, storm drains, road improvements, and more.

All meetings are in-person only, meeting times are 6:00 – 7:00 PM.

August 20: Spring Valley Library, 836 Kempton St, Lakeside, 92040

September 25: Valley Center Library, 29200 Cole Grade Rd, Valley Center, 92082

October 3: Lakeside Library, 12424 Woodside Ave, Lakeside, 92040

November 22: Borrego Library, 2580 Country Club Rd, Borrego Springs, 9200

- **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.

The County's Planning commission conducted two hearing dates. July 18, 2024: Special Hearing to hold a workshop, the second on July 26, 2024: Public Hearing to consider the CAP Update and provide a recommendation for adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

The CAP Update Supplemental EIR can be viewed on the following link:

Project Website: [Climate Action Plan Update Project Materials](#)

- **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 SEPTEMBER 5th, 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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