

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
***** MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2024**
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905 ***

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): **1)** Manuel Casanova, Jr. (arrived late); **2)** Earl Goodnight; **3)** Kevin Keane; **4)** Anthony Ralphs; **5)** Melanie Hayden (excused); **6)** Michael Coyne (excused); **7)** Nancy Good

A quorum of members was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 3rd MEETING: Kevin Keane suggested changing the address Tierra Del Sol Real to Tierra Real.

M/S: Keane/Good, Approve minutes as corrected. 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Late arrival

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Rupert Pedrin reported that undergrounding will be continuing along Old Hwy 80 to bring in more power. Discussions continued, why undergrounding is needed when SDG&E's substation is already at maximum capacity.

Rupert has sold his ranch and will be relocating to Arizona.

Chair gave an update on the Mountain Top Market power connection to the Boulevard microgrid, citing the holdup is SDG&E's contractor not the Caltrans permit as previously reported by SDG&E.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. DISCRETIONARY PERMIT PDS2024-MUP-12-007W1TE FOR RUGGED SOLAR TIME EXTENSION:** A time extension request has been brought before the BCPG for the Board's recommendation. Once the Board's recommendation is made, it must be forwarded to the PDS, within 7 days, using Form 534. With this request being a Time Extension only a motion was made to recommend accepting the extension.

M/S: Keane/Ralphs, 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Abstain (Casanova)

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- PLANNING GROUP ZOOM MEETING UPDATE:** Manny Casanova presented a plan to go forward with Zoom meetings. There were discussions by those in attendance with an agreement to have two test Zoom meetings, Dec. & Jan. where specified attendees join the meeting via a private link. A suggestion was made to select different locations of our planning area for attendees in the test mode.
Member Keane: The Zoom account password protection and storage should be addressed.
February 2025 (tentative) – online Zoom meeting available to the public.
- CPG REVIEW OF POLICY I-1:** The County has requested that all Planning and Sponsor Groups review the Board of Supervisors Policy I-1. Chair asked for comments/suggestions from the group that will be submitted to the County prior to December 1, 2024.
- BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP MEMBER SEATING STATUS:** The Registrar of Voters has confirmed members Manny Casanova Jr., Melanie Hayden, and Nancy Good will be reappointed by the Board of Supervisors to new four-year terms. Seat 3 will become vacant effective January 6, 2025. Kevin Keane opted out of another term on the BCPG Board.
Chair read Supervisor Anderson's gratification sent to the BCPG members for their service to the community.
- BOARD MEMBERS FILING OF FORM 700:** Starting January 1, 2025, the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors will transition to a new electronic filing system, **eFile**, which will enhance the filing experience for both agencies and individual filers.

Key Features of eFile:

- **User-Friendly Access:**
- **Gift Tracker App:**

- **Streamlined Filing:**

Members were hopeful for a smooth transition to the new system.

- **PARKS LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PRIORITY LETTER:** The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) requests the Boulevard Community Planning Group recommend projects eligible for PLDO funding for the FY2024-25 PLDO Priority Project List for the Mountain Empire Local Park Planning Area (LPPA). Forms with suggestions will be gathered in BCPG December meeting.
- **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.**
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Chair gave the minutes highlights of the Association of Planning Groups SANDAG's Board of Directors October 11th & 25th meetings. A full text of the meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** From an article in the San Diego Union; A Superior Court Judge has ordered Sexually Violent Predator (SVP) Merle Wakefield be released as a transient because officials haven't secured a place for him to live. But release for Merle Wakefield is not imminent. His case will be back in front of Judge Yvonne Campos on Nov. 20, when officials are expected to present a plan for Wakefield's release, which could include placing the 67-year-old in a motel. If Wakefield is eventually released as a transient, Judge Campos has ordered that he have round-the-clock, in-person security. Senate bill 1074, Sexually Violent Predators; Assemblymember Marie Waldron, bill co-author, has reported SB 1074 died in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan October's newsletter was included in the agenda packet.
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

FIRE SAFE

A chipping event was held October 12th in Boulevard with 6 loads of green waste collected, A cleanup event was held October 19th in Jacumba with 90 loads of trash collected. 4 EDCO Dumpster trucks were on site along with 3 drop off bins for metal waste and 1 truck for electronic recycling.

We want to thank the volunteers from Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo and the Tsu Shi north county group.

The next chipping event will be Saturday, November 9th in Boulevard, 8:00 to Noon.

The last chipping event of the year will be December 14th in Boulevard.

Flyers are available.

REVITALIZATION

During PSPS SDG&E staffs our Resource Center as a Community Resource Center to provide for the needs of the public. SDG&E is continuing upgrades to the facility. You may have noticed the latest, ADA improvements to the parking lot and exterior walkways.

Still awaiting the State's approval to activate the Center's solar system.

Voting at the center went smoothly. The poll workers were very pleased with the facility. It's likely the County will continue using this facility as a voting center.

A grant is being prepared for funding to replace the ramp at the Community Room and the back door decking. The new materials will be to the fire-resistant code.

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 had received the consultant's report on BESS regulations and is currently in staff review. November 14th is the day of public

review, and December 11th will go to the Board of Supervisors regarding Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS). Jim Whalen believes it will be approximately 2 years before the process is completed. Public meeting will take place in December or January for Starlight's draft EIR (Environmental Impact Report). Starlight Solar is near the end of the 2-year permit approval - process ends in early January.

2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1TE TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** BCPG voted to approve the time extension, request is now pending with the PDS.

***** NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 8 *****

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday December 5th, 2024.

November minutes were approved, as written, by the Group on 12/5/2024.

Signed: Anthony Ralphs, Secretary _____



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