

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
*****7 PM THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 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 Hayden; **6)** Michael Coyne; **7)** Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 7th 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:

- 1. 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 FY 2024-25 PLDO Priority Project List for the Mountain Empire Local Park Planning Area (LPPA).

The most recent PLDO Priority Project List information received from this group is attached.

- 2. BCPG JANUARY 2025 MEETING:** The first Thursday in January falls on the 2nd, first day after the New Year holiday. Shall we leave the first Thursday as the meeting date or move the meeting to the second Thursday in January? Rescheduling of a planning meeting will require a Board vote.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PLANNING GROUP ZOOM MEETING UPDATE:** Tonight’s meeting is being shared on Zoom to a select few to test the system for efficiency and local coverage. This will be the first of two test Zoom meetings prior to the Board’s decision to incorporate teleconferencing into future Planning Group meeting.
- **BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEMS PROJECT:** The San Diego Fire Protection District hosted a Zoom public meeting on the San Diego County Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Best Practice Report on November 14th. Cal Fire Chief Tony Meecham presented the basics of the report and fielded comments/questions from the public. The full Best Practice Report is available using the following link:
<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/bess-bestpracticestudy>
- **DPW ANNUAL RESURFACING PLAN UPDATE (FISCAL YEAR 2024/25):** Department of Public Works released the road resurfacing report for fiscal year 2024-2025. The Boulevard area is not listed on this report.
- **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:** The Association of Planning Groups minutes from the SANDAG’s BOD’s November meeting is included in your agenda packet. Our APG representative presented her comments to the BOD regarding Transnet Funds, that are paid by all, being mainly directed to the coastal areas with most of the rural areas ignored.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** From an article in the San Diego Union; On November 21st SVPs Alvin Ray Charles and Merle Wakefield, both convicted of rape, were ordered released as transients, meaning that they will be placed in temporary housing until permanent locations can be found, The complete SD Union article is included in your agenda packet.

Merle Wakefield has been temporarily placed in Jacumba at the Desert Rose Ranch Road location until a permanent location is found. Wakefield is scheduled to have 24-hour security provided by Liberty Healthcare.

Senator Brian Jones has called on the California State Auditor to conduct a full review of this dangerous predator release program. Along with detailing some damning information about safety, mismanagement, and bloated costs (nearly \$500,000 per year per released predator), the audit recommends placing these predators on state grounds.

Senator Jones article is in your agenda packet.

- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan November newsletter is included in your agenda packet.

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

Fire Safe

The final chipping day for 2024 will be Saturday December 14th.

Note: The flyer has a wrong date, The date is the 14th not the 17th on the flyer.

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 DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** BCPG approved the time extension, forwarded to the County. Request is pending with the PDS.

***** 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 JANUARY 2, 2025.

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/gupdate/comm/blvd.html>.

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