

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
*****MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024, MEETING**
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905***

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:16 pm

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 1) Manuel Casanova, Jr.; 2) Earl Goodnight; 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Anthony Ralphs (Late arrival); 5) Melanie Hayden; 6) Michael Coyne (Excused); 7) Nancy Good
A quorum was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 5th MEETING:

M/S: Casanova/Keane, approve minutes as written, 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Late arrival (Ralphs)

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Chair responded to a member question on the community signs offered by the County. Per an email, the County couldn't acquire funds for the program.

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).

Consensus of the community was to send the Priority Project List the same as last year's request with a note that this is the second request for the same park.

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.

Planning Group voted to move the meeting date to the second Thursday, January 9th.

M/S: Good/Ralphs, 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain (Keane)

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.

Participants reported the picture and sound reception was good with no problem logging into the Zoom account.

- **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 was included in the 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 was included in the 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 was included in the agenda packet.

- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan November newsletter was included in the 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.

Revitalization

No report.

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 Draft EIR is being finalized, should be released for public comments in the first quarter of 2025. Haagen has given permission to Wildlife to monitor his property. Sighting of a Badger have been reported.
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.

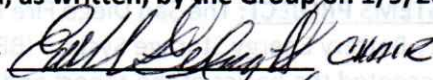
***** NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 8 *****

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm

Next meeting scheduled for January 9, 2025.

December minutes were approved, as written, by the Group on 1/9/2025.

Signed: Anthony Ralphs, Secretary



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