#### **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO**

## **BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)**

# \*\*\*7 PM THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 – 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) Vacant; 4) Anthony Ralphs; 5) Melanie Hayden; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

## **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):**

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

<u>D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:</u> 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. <u>ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS</u>: Group members shall nominate and vote on election of officers for positions of Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary to serve year 2025. The secretary position can be rotated among members of the Group throughout the year. Newly elected members assume office effective February 2025.

### F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• GROUP MEMBERS ANNUAL TRAINING: All seated Planning Group Members must complete CSPG annual training and file Form 700 for 2025. CSPG training is offered virtually (Zoom) on Saturday, January 4, 2025, and Saturday, February 1, 2025. RSVP to CommunityGroups.LUEG@sdcounty.ca.gov is required to receive the Zoom meeting link and passcode. A PDF version of the training materials will be emailed. These two dates will be the only opportunity for 2025 CSPG training. Members that have their CSPG training completion form on file for year 2024 can opt out by reviewing the CSPG 2025 training that will be available online after the February training session.

A completion form for this training must be submitted to receive credit with the County. Failure to complete this training will result in the County denying legal defense to the member.

All seated Group members are required to complete Ethics online training every two years. This is a state requirement.

Form 700 filing procedure has been changed. The Clerk of the Board of the BOS now requires all Form 700 filing to be submitted electronically via its online portal. As a helpful resource, an approximate sixty-minute recorded training video, held on 12/19/2024, is provided in the link below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VhoysdGVq\_KIr0ixdI2O1fKyIqAZz9Kj/view?usp=sharing

All members are required to hold their filing of form 700 until they receive their login information PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY: A vacancy has occurred on the Boulevard Community Planning Group for

Seat # 3 of the 7-member group. The County's BOS makes this appointment from recommendation made by the Boulevard Planning Group.

Those wishing to apply to become a member of the Boulevard CPG are requested to inform the group's Chairperson (Earl Goodnight, blvdgoodnight@gmail.com) of their desire to serve. They shall then present

themselves in person to the group at a CPG meeting to inform the group, in a five-minute presentation, of their credentials and their desire to serve.

Community Planning Group applicants must reside in the Planning Group area to be eligible for appointment to the group. Candidates must provide a completed on-line application, be at least 18 years of age, be registered to vote in the area they wish to represent.

- **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 is the second of two test Zoom meetings prior to the Board's decision to incorporate teleconferencing into future Planning Group meetings.
- <u>ELECTRIC SYSTEMS HARDENING NOTIFICATION</u>: SDG&E notifications were sent out in early December for the following:

CO445 G TU – Boulevard: Four CS Ranch Rd., Post construction work.

CO444 C CC – Boulevard: Old Hwy 80, New system hardening to begin.

• CAPITOL IMPROVEMNET MEETINGS: County of SD Public Works is conducting open houses and presentations at County Libraries for the public to learn about infrastructure improvements in Unincorporated San Diego County. A full list of locations and dates is included in your agenda packet.

For more information and registration visit: rb.gy/jchfgg

- ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT PRIORITY LIST: The Department of Public Works (DPW) requests our
  participation identifying and prioritizing a list of capital improvement and maintenance projects for the County
  maintained assets in our area. We are asked to list and prioritize projects on the provided <u>Project Request Form</u>
  and returned the list before March 30, 2025. DPW's letter request and Project Request Form is included in your
  agenda packet, feel free to take and list your project(s) using their guidelines.
- 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 requires verification of the BCPG representative and an alternat representative for year 2025.

San Diego Union headline: FEDERAL INVESTIGATION CLOSED; No charges filed in case that apparently focused on contracts. Federal investigators have apparently closed their investigation into business practices at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) without filing any criminal charges, agency officials say.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** San Diego Superior Court Judge Marian Gaston ordered that Alvin Ray Quarles, 62, be released no later than Jan. 21<sup>st</sup> to a "non-fixed residence" recommended by Liberty Healthcare, which operates the state's conditional release program for sexually violent predators (SVPs). Quarles' release conditions include 24/7 GPS monitoring, with security guards or law enforcement also on site round-the-clock. The location of the temporary residence was not disclosed during the hearing, but Liberty Healthcare was ordered to continue searching for a fixed housing location.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN**: The Climate Action Plan December's newsletter is included in your agenda packet.
- REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

## **G. PROJECT UPDATES:**

- 1. <u>100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT ON 565 ACRES OF THE EMPIRE RANCH ON JEWEL VALLEY RD; PROJECT: PDS2022-MPA-22-006.</u> 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.** <u>TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW</u>: Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiaapayaap 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: <a href="https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html">https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html</a>.
- 5. TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT. ON OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> THE 9<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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. <u>SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND</u>: 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 FEBRUARY 6, 2025.

For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email <a href="mailto:blvdgoodnight@gmail.com">blvdgoodnight@gmail.com</a>, Current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <a href="http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html">http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html</a>.

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