

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
*****7 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 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 JANUARY 7th MEETING: February's meeting was not held (lack of quorum). There are no minutes for February 6th 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:

No action items on the agenda

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PLANNING GROUP ZOOM MEETING UPDATE:** Tonight's meeting is being shared on Zoom. Two test Zoom meetings have been held prior to the Board's decision to incorporate teleconferencing into future Planning Group meetings.
The Zoom login has changed, the current login and passcode are provided:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83009745457?pwd=bOTEaqUQezBBXRJCC3b6kbCUpXy4sv.1>
Meeting ID: 830 0974 5457
Passcode: 951242
- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY:** Applications are being accepted for Seat #3 on the Boulevard Community Planning Group. Seat #3 has a remaining term of four years. To be eligible for appointment to the group candidates must provide a completed on-line application, be at least 18 years of age, reside in and be registered to vote in the Boulevard CPG area.
Applicants are requested to inform the Group's Chair (Earl Goodnight, blvdgoodnight@gmail.com) of their desire to serve.
Planning Group online application link:
<https://sandiegocounty.primegov.com/Portal/NewForm/1?committeeld=315>
- **OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) PARK (STUDY AND SITE UPDATE):** The County has worked through the second phase of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) park feasibility study process.
Tier 2 Assessment information is available online:
[Off-Highway Vehicles \(OHV\) webpage](#)
[Map of OHV Tier 2 Sites](#)
[Analysis of OHV Tier 2 Sites](#)

The Tier 2 assessment involved a more detailed evaluation of the 21 potential locations listed in the Tier 1 assessment. The County anticipates making the final report available to the public in the Winter of 2025/26.

- **SAN DIEGO COUNTY CANNABIS PROGRAM:** The Draft Cannabis Program EIR has been released for public review and comments. The Draft EIR and draft ordinances are available on Engage San Diego County: [Cannabis Program Environmental Impact Report page](#)
Comments may also be submitted via email to PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov to the attention of Jessica Norton.
Comments are due by March 31, 2025, at 4:00 p.m.
- **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. Forms were supplied in January’s meeting. Lists will be collected and compiled by the Chair for submittal to the DPW.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** The Association of Planning Group SANDAG BOD January meetings minutes are included in your agenda packet. No report for February.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** From a San Diego Union article: In January Judge Howard Shore ruled that Herman Smith, 78, will be allowed to leave a state hospital and return to the Jacumba home where he had been living.
Merle Wakefield had been placed in the Jacumba home temporarily while Smith was gone. Wakefield has been moved to a location in Campo.
Alvin Ray Quarles has been placed in Borrego Springs. Both housing designations are temporary, as state hospital officials continue with finding fixed properties to house sexually violent predators.
As transients they will be monitored, supervised, and guarded 24 hours per day.
The news article is included in your agenda packet.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan February’s newsletter is included in your agenda packet.
- **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.
- **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 DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** BCPG approved the time extension, forwarded to the County. Request is waiting to be docketed by the BOS.

***** 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 APRIL 3, 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/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>.

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