

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
APPROVED MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 2, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 2, 2014 at Boulevard Fire Station Equipment Bay

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):

- Members present: **1)** Robert Maupin **3)** Chris Noland; **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand; **7)** Jeffrey McKernan
- **2) VACANT 6) VACANT**
- Chair announced that seat 2 is now vacant and that both *vacant seat 6 and vacant seat 2 are open for application to registered voters living within the Boulevard Planning Area; Contact the Chair for applications.*

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7TH MEETING:

- Jim Whelan had one correction on the 9th bullet on B-1 that it should be "no listed species on that site".
M/S: McKernan/Noland: Approve December 5th minutes with correction: Passed 5-0-0

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- None.

E. ACTION ITEMS (some items taken out of order upon consensus):

(Chair forgot to add to agenda) ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION OF MELODY PONCHOT, SEAT 2:

ACTION: M/S: NOLAND/MCKERNON: Accept the resignation of Melody Ponchot (Seat 2) of the Boulevard Planning Board: Passed 5-0-0

1. COLIO PERMIT APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION WELL PDS2013-AD-13-047:

- The applicant had been noticed that his application was on the agenda but he was not present
- **M/S: Noland/McKernan: Defer decision to next meeting: Passed 5-0-0**

2. PRESENTATION BY COUNTY STAFF ON SOITEC PROJECTS; POTENTIAL ACTION:

- Jim Whalen, consultant for the applicant, was also present
- Robert Hingtgen, Environmental Coordinator with the County Planning and Development Services for the Soitec Project and Planning Manager, Mindy Fogg, were present for the County.
- Hingtgen and Fogg presented the Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report (DPEIR) for Soitec's four projects and one alternate site proposed for the Boulevard Planning Area: 80 MW Rugged Solar; 60 MW Tierra Del Sol Solar (TDS), 22MW LanEast Solar, 6.5 MW LanWest, and new Los Robles alternate site
- The 45 day public comment begins January 2, 2014 and ends on February 17th, 2014.
- Not too many changes from last year's Soitec project fact sheet.
- Unexplained: number of trackers on TDS increased by 100, could have been a previous typographical error.
- Legal ad also went out today. Surrounding residents, within 300', were sent notices.
- Chair asked if Los Robles had been added to the fact sheet, Hingtgen answered, "no". There is not much detail on fact sheet, per Hingtgen.
- The Rugged site at Rough Acres Ranch and the Tierra del Sol (TDS) site are both being analyzed on a "Project Level Detail".

- LanEast and LanWest sites are being analyzed at a “Programmatic Level Detail”, so there is much less detail and project specifics. It does include cultural resources and biology, but not all surveys.
- Los Robles site (1,490 acres) is now included in the “Alternatives” section of the EIR (Chapter 4).
- The TDS site is on 420 acres with 2,657 CPV Solar Trackers, 30’ in height, 48’ wide. They move to follow the sun throughout the day. 60 MW / 16 months to construct
- The Rugged site is 750 acres, over 3,500 Trackers. 80 MW / 12 months to construct / 20 million gallons of water
- 22MW Lan East site is 33 acres with 900 Trackers
- 6.5 MW LanWest site is 55 acres with 264 Trackers
- Most of the water used for construction during the first year to come from on-site wells with backup from off-site wells from Pine Valley, and Jacumba Water Districts.
- Residents raised big concerns about wells drying up. What recourse do homeowners have?
- Hingtgen recommended well monitoring. The DPEIR concludes water concerns are “Less than Significant”.
- A community member stated that the ECO substation used more than three times the amount of water proposed
- The Chair reported the estimated 30 million gallons for ECO was increased by CPUC to up to 100 million gallons—at request of SDG&E.
- Dudek is doing the monitoring and will report to County Geologist Jim Bennett.
- Residents were not appeased
- All sites to have inverters and operations and maintenance facilities, and substations.
- TDS Solar includes a new generation tie line (gen-tie) to Boulevard substation.
- About ¾ mile of TDS gen-tie will be undergrounded along Tierra Del Sol Road Right of Way until it hits the railroad tracks, then overhead to, and through Jewel Valley area, and then back underground from the west side of Jewel Valley Road to new Boulevard substation from there.
- Transmission line to bring Rugged’s power to substation will piggyback on to the Tule Wind project gen-tie.
- Rugged is waiting for Tule Wind to be constructed.
- If Tule Wind doesn’t get constructed, then Soitec would have to take responsibility for the construction of that line. They would rely on the Tule Wind EIR that’s already been done.
- The Chair added that Soitec requested a waiver on the undergrounding of their gen-tie and they already got a waiver from the Board of Supervisors for allowing the Tule Wind gen-tie overhead, north of I-8, conditioned on the BLM saying yes
- The BLM did amend their Tule Wind Record of Decision to change undergrounded gen-tie to overhead
- Staff: The County does not address property values and CEQA does not require it
- The Chair challenged that saying economic impacts must be addressed
- Mindy said that the EIR preparers will attend the February 6th Boulevard Planning Group Meeting.
- There are significant and unmitigable impacts in the areas of aesthetics and air quality.
- There are significant impacts that were determined to be mitigated to “less than significant” level for biological, cultural land use, and noise.
- There are “less than significant” impacts for agricultural resources, geology/soils, greenhouse gas emissions, hazards and hazardous materials, hydrology/water quality, paleontology resources, public service, transportation/traffic, utilities.
- The Chair added that Border Patrol has not responded to the DPEIR as of yet and surmised that Border Patrol has probably been told not to respond by the Administration.

- Retired Fire Chief Mark Ostrander asked Hingtgen how fire hazardous could be listed as “less than significant” when according to the Fire Service Availability letter services will not be available for 5 years.
- Hingtgen responded he didn’t know all the details. There is also a Fire Protection Plan and another report that addresses the cumulative services available for fire protection, in the appendices.
- There are 9 Alternatives. The first 4 are different flavors of reduced project alternatives.
- Proposed to increase setbacks along edges of TDS site and Rugged Solar site
- Alternatives 5-8 include the Los Robles site(s). East and west of Jewel Valley Road
- The Los Robles Maximized Alternative actually exceeds the number of trackers originally proposed.
- Alternative 9 is “No Project”.
- Bob Maupin’s parcel (abutting TDS site) will maintain the Agricultural Preserve status, per Hingtgen.
- The TDS site will be taken out of the AG Preserve in order to accommodate the project. Currently has “A” status, which would go away with the re-zone.
- The TDS and Rugged Solar sites require Major Use Permits that has been applied for.
- The Chair reported that Rugged Solar also had an AG Preserve when Hamann Companies bought it, but they had it removed (it takes 8 years to do) to allow more development.
- The LAN West application for a Major Use Permit was withdrawn.
- Los Robles will require a separate EIR /Major Use Permit (MUP) process, if chosen.
- Per CEQA, all alternatives must reduce substantially at least one significant impact of the proposed project.
- The Chair added that County Staff makes a recommendation, then the Planning Commission votes on that recommendation, then the Board of Supervisors votes on it.
- County Staff will make their recommendation after public review and after they’ve prepared the hearing reports.
- The Chair said that SDG&E has Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) for Soitec’s four Boulevard projects, and on November 27th, 2013, they filed an Advice Letter requesting CPUC approval form an amended PPA to move TDS, Lan West, LanEast, and Rugged Solar projects to Imperial County.
- Hingtgen said this was a business decision on Soitec’s part, suggesting the purpose was a short term solution to utilize existing inventory of equipment and materials from their San Diego factory. Then they would reapply for new PPA for the Boulevard sites.
- Hingtgen said they did things backwards. He said SDG&E generally does not like to enter into PPA’s until there are sites approved.
- The Chair stated her opinion that the Mayor of San Diego, SDG&E, the Governor, and others joined forces to give Soitec some projects so they could build a factory in San Diego.
- The Chair asked Hingtgen if he knew that SDG&E has a CPUC approved Advice letter that allows SDG&E to sell energy from these projects, that haven’t even been approved or built yet, to another entity? Hingtgen replied, no.
- The Chair reported visiting Soitec’s Newberry Springs Solar 1 site three times. The facility had approximately 2 dozen CPV modules in the inoperable stow position; on another date there were about 15 in stow position, with one being restrained in the vertical position by a cable tied to the ground. Neighbors say this is typical since the project was built, with numerous trackers not working on a daily basis and crews coming and going.
- The Chair encountered the gentleman doing the glare study at Newberry Springs in August and he explained that the photo of glare at the UCSD demo site that she sent to him later, proving glare only proved that the tracker was “out of alignment”.

- Her response was if Soitec can't keep one tracker in alignment, how will they keep almost 7,500 in alignment at any one time, and that did not explain the general glare from the trackers.
- Newberry Springs neighbors reported they have complained about the glare.
- During the glare study and the Chair reported snapped a photo of the photographer's video camera angle that did not appear to catch the glare that was very visible, and documented by her photos.
- Newberry Springs site is only 1.5 MW
- Neighbors complain about the air quality impacts with increased sand blowing into their properties since Soitec clear graded the site.
- If winds reach 35 mph, the trackers will go into stow position,
- The Chair remarked that the trackers may fail, and not be able to go into stow position.
- Jeff McKernan asked if any guarantees are being made about number of years in service or decommissioning conditions.
- Soitec's CPV modules/trackers are supposed to last 25 years, which the Chair pointed out is wishful thinking, since Soitec has only 14MW installed world-wide.
- A community member asked if the County will be involved in post-construction well monitoring.
- Hingtgen said yes, but that he hadn't read that section of the report.
- County Geologist Jim Bennett will attend the February 6th meeting.
- DPEIR Documents and maps are at the Jacumba Hot Springs and Campo Libraries—Boulevard has no library
- County staff then distributed some CD's and maps to Board members and audience.
- A wildlife biologist asked questions about water drawdowns and impacts on vegetation
- Kelly Fuller, with The Protect Our Communities Foundation, asked staff what the County's policy is on accepting reports that contain illegally gathered data , noting that the WRI (Bittner) Golden Eagle study was done one week before Bittner's guilty plea in federal court for working without required permits and filing data reports
- Fogg responded that they look to the State and Federal Wildlife agencies for guidance. The Bittner data is still being relied upon. If there is new data, please share it with them. They are meeting with wildlife agencies.
- Fuller asked if Soitec is applying for Non-Lethal Take Eagle Permit for disturbance / interference with feeding behavior, known territories, impact to foraging and loss of productivity
- Fogg replied that there is no evidence that there is a need for that permit. They are aware of loss of habitat. It's not a current mitigation measure.
- Fuller asked if County will monitor for loss of productivity
- California Dept of Fish and Wildlife and US Fish and Wildlife are the two agencies the County looks toward for guidance.
- The Chair expressed concern that outside environmental groups may get involved in order to gain mitigation lands in other areas they are working to protect, not in Boulevard.
- Mark Ostrander commented that wildlife is already encroaching on private property from the projects that are already here. Cumulative impacts to wildlife, loss of habitat, foraging, displacement are what need to be considered. He commented on adverse impacts/ experiences with local construction of Sunrise Powerlink and ECO Substation projects.
- Fogg recommended that information be included in comments.
- The Chair commented that the McCain Valley Conservation prison camp only has 3-strand barbed wire fencing while proposed fencing will make Soitec sites look like a prison and restrict wildlife movement.

- The Chair questioned about the AB900 Certification fast-tracking. The agenda included a press release from the Planning and Conservation League suit against AB900, and the Chair read from Judge Roesch's conclusion: *"It is inescapable to me the provision of AB900 found in Public Resources Code section 21185 (which would create exclusive jurisdiction in the California Court of Appeal) is so inconsistent with the constitutional mandates of where writs of mandate can be brought as to be unconstitutional. The court does not lightly as a Superior Court declare the statutes unconstitutional"*.
- How can the County still allow the AB900 if it's been ruled unconstitutional?
- Fogg replied that there was some controversy over AB900 but they checked and it has not yet been repealed. They are going by the current Public Resourced Code, until told otherwise.
- The Chair complained that there was no public notice given by the County, or Soitec, when Soitec applied for AB900 Certification. It was confirmed that public notice was only posted on one obscure website. The community had no chance to comment or challenge it. Why didn't the County tell us?
- Hingtgen said it wasn't his jurisdiction. Soitec sent a letter to the Director of Planning and Development Services, Mark Wardlaw, and it should have been shared with us
- Fogg agreed, as a courtesy, he should have notified the Boulevard Planning Group. Because it's a state-level thing, they were not required to notify.
- Hingtgen stated that Soitec is only the 3rd project in the state to receive the fast-tracking certification.
- The Chair recommended that community members file comments before the deadline of February 17th, especially to help secure legal standing if a lawsuit is filed in the future, or for future damages.
- The wildlife biologist reported she has seen eagles here. She had been on the WRI Board (Bittner's Wildlife Research Institute) until she quit over Bittner's data collection issues. The burden is on the locals to convince agencies that new bird data is needed because the Golden Eagle population is already being impacting.
- Fuller said she previously worked at American Bird Conservancy in DC and stated that US and State wildlife agencies have deep concerns about accurate data and eagle impacts. Current data has huge gaping holes.
- It is up to the County to insist on protecting eagles
- Lorrie Ostrander stated solar panel glare resembles water and the birds crash into the panels resulting in injuries or death. Lake Effect. But, according to DPEIR, it's not a problem.
- Fogg noted that the DPEIR addresses lake effect
- Fuller said Soitec CPV is new—when stowed they look like water. Wildlife death at solar projects is violation of federal law. If significant impact occurs after County approvals, what will County do?
- Hingtgen responded that they will need to determine need to add monitoring impact requirements
- Decommissioning bond for end of 25-30 year contract
- The Chair asked about maintenance of Soitec's anti-glare coating – how often does it have to be reapplied.
- Hingtgen replied there is an appendix that addresses that issue. SOG Silicon on Glass coating.
- It was remarked that these panels have never wintered and summered in Boulevard's harsh extremes
- 7500 trackers are proposed for Boulevard—we will be lab rates for a test site.
- Biologist reported that Lake Effect is part of a study in Imperial County for bird impacts that are also happening during night hours when glare is not the issue.
- Robert Maupin asked about medical findings. His wife got a bone marrow cancer after the Southwest Powerlink was installed and energized through their ranch. She is still being treated for it 30 years later
- Hingtgen noted the PEIR contains a small section on EMF

- A community member brought up the radiant heat generated by the trackers which is also a Homeland Security issue because it impedes Border Patrol's infrared heat sensing equipment.
- Maupin reported that the TDS solar on the Brown property continues to be a major drug smuggling drop and the project will impeded Border Patrol efforts and tactics
- A comment was made that these panels reportedly operate at 172- 212 degrees. With no vegetation, the surface temperature, thus the air temperature will be affected.
- Robert Maupin commented that he received a letter from the County saying the heat will not cross the property line.
- The Chair commented that dust infiltration into the inverters at the Newberry site was a major problem, according to neighbors. The citizens of Boulevard can expect the same. The setback for the inverters is recommended at 800-1000 feet and /or enclosed because of the noise.
- Community member Wayne Skains said solar panels in Imperial County ran at 212 degrees and that the wind and increased dust storms blowing over project site onto his property and in their front door was heated up, so he moved his family to Boulevard and found out about Soitec's projects across the road from his new home – He asked what happens when wells are drained. His wife asked, "where is Soitec"?
- Chris Noland said that the EIR did not consider water a significant impact because a 72-hour study was done on two of Robert Maupin's wells and if either well dropped 20 feet, it would have been significant, but it only dropped 19.9 feet , so it was deemed not significant.
- Noland further noted that the measuring device appears to only measure every 6 inches, so to come up with 19.9 doesn't compute.
- Robert Maupin expressed doubt that the test was really run for 72 full hours. The water pumped out did not even travel down the creek on his side. At no time did he hear a generator running for 72 hours.
- Hingtgen said tracker posts go 15-20 feet deep and may be vibro installed. Drilling and blasting may be required if the pile drivers encounter rock.
- Linda Shannon asked about access roads in front of her home for Rugged Solar
- Staff: Access for the Rugged site will be from both Ribbonwood Rd. and McCain Valley Road
- Skains said he talked to Mr. Herbert at Dept of Public Works (DPW) and Soitec.
- DPW confirmed that Ribbonwood Road is currently in bad shape
- Chris Noland said that 300 foot radius for mailings to notice the neighbors is too small, based on the lot sizes, only 20 neighbors would need to be notified.
- The Chair said that the DPEIR is quoting a census mistake that Boulevard only has 310 residents, which is incorrect.
- The Chair asked if the County has any revolving door policy.
- Patrick Brown quit the County and went to work for Soitec.
- Dudek was the consultant on Tule Wind, ECO Substation, and for the Wind Energy Ordinance that amended our Community Plan to allow these projects, and Dudek is the consultant on the Soitec PEIR. Dudek was bragging on a blog about their success in securing the AB900 certification for Soitec, showing a biased lack of neutrality. This seems like a conflict of interest at the minimum.
- County groundwater Geologist, Jim Bennett, is also managing the Rough Acres Ranch Campground project.
- The community asked about timelines. Hingtgen replied that Soitec's original schedule is to the Planning Commission by April and to Board of Directors by June.
- Fuller asked about the Programmatic EIR

- Fogg said that as soon as the revised PEIR is in their hands, they will get it to us so the community has more than 10 days to comment. They will be back to the Planning Group meeting on February 6th
- Mark Ostrander asked about the time limit for the Programmatic EIR and raised concerns that many other projects can tier off of it—more streamlining of projects. The response was: no real limit
- Fuller said that there will be a community meeting organized soon—not associated with the Planning Group—and circulated a sign-in sheet for those interested.
- A community member said that Dudek’s EIR for the Sunrise Powerlink omitted several community members’ comments.
- There is no guarantee that another EIR will be accomplished on LanEast and LanWest, even though all we have now is Programmatic with very little detail.
- Hingtgen said the County is unfamiliar on how to deal with Programmatic EIR’s. This is their first PEIR.
- Los Robles is not even studied on a Programmatic level.
- The Chair reported that Soitec’s Los Robles name was registered in 2012, so why is there no more detail on that site? They had plenty of time.
- Staff: To be clear, the DPEIR does not adequately cover that site to be selected as an Alternative. It could still be recommended for approval, if it reduced on the significant impacts of the original project. It removed 5-6 miles of overhead transmission line. Soitec would have to apply for a MUP. Hingtgen confirmed that at least a supplemental report would have to be created for Los Robles if it chosen.
- The biologist said that there are 44.3 acres of fresh water emergent wetland just at LanEast.
- Jeff McKernon asked if the Board of Supervisors does not approve the General Plan Amendment, will they have to go back and revisit any of the EIR that doesn’t comply with it.
- Staff: In April, if it’s upheld (in the Wind Ordinance lawsuit), then they don’t need the General Plan Amendment.
- Is it contingent, whether or not it’s upheld?
- Fogg didn’t know.
- The Chair noted the Wind Energy Ordinance changes said these types of large scale renewable projects were not commercial industrial projects, or regional infrastructure for the sake of our community plan.
- Dudek was involved in the EIR for Tule Wind, and the General plan Amendment, and they wrote the Wind Energy Ordinance and Plan Amendment.
- Now Patrick Brown, who was Soitec project manager for the County now works for Soitec. Major conflict of interest.
- The Chair reported that a Sales and Use Tax Exclusions were granted by the State for Soitec’s CPV manufacturing facility in San Diego. They estimated they would provide 513 jobs, but only created 52 jobs as of December 2013, less than 10%.
- **No action taken. (Previous actions taken to oppose Rugged Solar, TDS Solar, and LanWest)**

3. PLACEMENT OF SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR AT 42920 DESERT RANCH ROAD, BETWEEN BOULEVARD AND JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS; POTENTIAL ACTION:

- Liberty Health Care has proposed placement of Michael Marshall at 42920 Desert Ranch Road
- Supervisor Jacob has recommended placement of Marshall at a trailer located on the grounds of Donovan State Prison in Otay.
- Chris Noland commented that it is a property value issue as well as a public safety issue.

- The Chair commented that she had heard allegations that Deputy McClendon had stated that Boulevard /Jacumba could take the predators and there had been no issues before. When the Chair asked him directly he said he was referring to the “creative options/ creative alternatives” location out by the Jacumba airstrip. McClendon said a predator has been there for 5 years with no problem and the site is easy to see

ACTION:M/S:MAUPIN/MCKERNON?: To support Diane Jacob's position of locating Michael Marshall at a trailer located on the grounds of Donovan State Prison in Otay:Passed: 5-0-0

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

1. ELECTIONS FOR BOULEVARD PLANNING BOARD:

- **ACTION:M/S:Noland/Maupin: Nominate Donna Tisdale as Chair : Passed 5-0-0**
- **ACTION:M/S:Tisdale/Strand: Nominate Chris Noland as Vice Chair :Passed 5-0-0**
- **ACTION:M/S:Tisdale/McKernan: Nominate Michele Strand as Secretary: Passed 5-0-0**

2. Revitalization Report:

- Tammy Daubach gave the report
- Bookmobile added to Matrix
- Next meeting 6:30 PM Jan 7th at Jacumba

3. Fire Safe Council Report:

- Tammy Daubach gave the report
- December 19th meeting with County and fire agencies with Donna Tisdale (BPG Chair) , Howard Cook (JHS Sponsor Group Chair, and Ken Daubach (Real East County Fire Safe Council) at the direction of Dianne Jacob in response to alarms raised over so many dark days, with no staffing, at Boulevard Fire and Rescue and Jacumba Hot Springs Fire.
- Tisdale provided brief report
- \$2,200 received unexpectedly from Sempra for completing Community Wildfire Protection Plan
- New Boulevard Fire groundbreaking coming up
- Only 3 neighbors have reportedly signed up to have their wells monitored during pump testing for new Fire Station wells.

4. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP):

- Jim Whalen, consultant for applicant, reported that the County of San Diego has instructed Rough Acres to prepare for the early stages of an Environmental Impact Report (EIR), as recommended by the Boulevard Planning Group.

5. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:

- Nothing new to report

6. SDG&E's NEW 85-ACRE ECO SUBSTATION, 13 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE, AND NEW LARGER BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:

- Construction is ongoing
- In response to questions on significant grading/widening of Tule Jim Road, the Chair reported that Tule Jim Road seems about 40' wide now where SDG&E is undergrounding the new 138kV line that connects ECO Substation east of Jacumba and the new and much larger Boulevard Substation.
- Chris Noland reported that an enormous crane was blocking the entire road today (January 2nd).

- The Chair took a photo of a sign posted on Tule Jim Road, looking west into the proposed Soitec Los Robles Alternative site that reads, "Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA), No Entrance."
- Apparently, they need to keep people out of the ESA for the road work, where Soitec proposes their Los Robles (1,490 acre) solar project to go in.

7. MAJOR PRE-APPLICATION: INFIGEN'S 30 MW FOX ACRES SOLAR (PDS2013-MPA-12-012):

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed.

8. CHAPMAN RANCH SOLAR PROJECT PROPOSAL:

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed

9. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE WILL CONNECT THEIR ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:

- Nothing new to report. No ruling from Federal Judge on legal challenge.

10. REPORT ON LAND DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S OCTOBER MEETING:

- Nothing to report

11. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Jim Whelan had nothing to report on Tule Wind.

12. TULE WIND PHASE II:

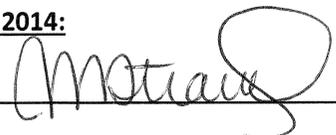
- The Chair reported on the Dec 16th approval by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for up to 20 turbines of Ewwiiaapaayp tribal lands.
- They are claiming that Iberdrola is going to apply for an Eagle take permit for golden Eagles. State Lands Commissions still has to approve.
- Need new road through BLM lands in McCain Valley or through tribal lands.
- It has been reported to the Chair that the health and sleep quality of residents living nearby the existing turbines has been improving since the turbines have been out of service since the December 16th turbine explosion/fire at Infigen's Kumeyaay Wind. They were experiencing much relief from the stress.
- Fuller reported that, as of December 3rd David Bittner, eagle expert who was taken to court by the feds, has not turned in eagle data, as required by his probation.
- Noland stated that the main author of the AB32 (reducing green house gases), who claimed to be a Harvard graduate, reportedly got his degree online.
- The whole bill was based on his reports and he was allowed to keep his job despite his false claims regarding his education.
- Chair reported submitting the Dec 16th turbine fire and Bittner guilty plea information to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, not knowing the Record of Decision (ROD) had been approved on the 16th.
- The ROD has still has not been published in the federal register. How long do they have?

13. WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT WERE APPROVED IN MAY: CEQA SUIT FILED IN JUNE:

- The Chair reported that a Court hearing is currently set for April 25, 2014 in state court in San Diego, on the CEQA complaint filed against County approvals.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15 PM/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR FEB 6, 2014:

Minutes approved by Group on 2-6-14: Michele Strand, Secretary:



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