

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP  
\*\*\*FINAL MEETING AGENDA\*\*\***

**DATE & TIME:** 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 2015

**MEETING LOCATION:** Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind fire Station)

**A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):** 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Ronald Hynum (appointed by BOS on May 12)

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** (please silence cell phones)

**C. MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MAY 1ST:**

**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.

**E. ACTION ITEMS:**

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

**1. REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

- 2. 2.9MW CHAPMAN SOLAR RANCH, PDS2015-MUP-15-005, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-21-001: EIR SCOPING HEARING WAS HELD ON MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>.** Public comment period closed on May 15<sup>th</sup>. The current developer, SEPV Boulevard, LLC (sPower), has proposed a 2.9 MW solar project on a 31 acre portion of 132.94 acres known as Chapman Ranch located at 2220 McCain Valley Road (APN 612-030-15), immediately north of I-8 and west of McCain Valley Road. The project will tie into to SDG&E's existing 12kV line and new Boulevard Substation. Property owner, Ralph (Bruce) Chapman will be a partner/owner/operator. Project documents and maps posted @ [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current\\_Projects/ChapmanSolarRanch.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/ChapmanSolarRanch.html). sPower's website: [www.spower.com](http://www.spower.com). Project Manager: [Benjamin.Mills@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Benjamin.Mills@sdcounty.ca.gov); 858-495-5234.
- 3. JACUMBA SOLAR MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041 DRAFT EIR:** The 45-day comment period on the Draft EIR for NextEra Energy's 20MW Jacumba Solar project closed on June 1<sup>st</sup>. The project, with 10MW of battery storage in 10 cargo containers, is proposed for 108 acres of 304 acre site located south of Old Hwy 80 and west of SDG&E's ECO Substation. Jacumba Community Services District has approved an estimated 19.2 million gallons (59 acre feet) of groundwater from Boundary Creek watershed. Project Manager: [Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov); 858-495-5375. The DEIR is posted @ [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba\\_solar.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba_solar.html)
- 4. STATUS OF LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JACOB, DONNA TISDALE, BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP, AND OTHERS BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING: CASE: 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL:** Update on May 29<sup>th</sup> court hearing.
- 5. COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY (CREP) POD 13-007:** The April 24<sup>th</sup> Technical Advisory Group meeting was cancelled. No new meeting date has been announced. County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; [noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov); CREP documents: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>
- 6. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): DRAFT EIR IS PENDING:** 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72: Owner: Rough Acres Foundation / Jeff Hamann. Major Use Permit for a Conference, Retreat, Wellness Center, and Campground Facility on 713 acres located between McCain Valley Road and Ribbonwood Road. Project Manager: Jim Bennett: (858) 6948846; [jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov).
- 7. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:** New private connector road proposed between Ribbonwood Road and McCain Valley Road as main

access for Iberdrola's Tule Wind project, and secondary access for the Rough Acres Campground & Conference Center. County Project Manager: [Kenneth.Brazell@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Brazell@sdcountry.ca.gov); 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.

8. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC) FOR WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY BE PLACED ON AGENDA BETWEEN JUNE & AUGUST:** Tule Wind's lease application land appraisal is currently under review for SLC land abutting the Manzanita Reservation on the north. The hearing could take place at SLC meetings on June 29th or August 19<sup>th</sup>. Commission agendas are posted 10 days prior to hearing dates: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>.
9. **IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:** The opening brief was filed 10-1-14 in a non-profit group's 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeal challenging the District Court's ruling that supported BLM's Tule Wind project approvals. On 11-19-14, Tule Wind formally requested that BLM extend their deadline for their construction Notice to Proceed (NTP) by two years to December 31, 2016. **BLM extended the NTP by one year only, to 12-31-15.** Tule Wind is currently working with County staff on compliance with MUP conditions; No project Power Purchase Agreement, or Eagle Take Permits have been reported. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>. BLM project site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/nepa/tule.html>.
10. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** USFWS rejected Tule Wind's Eagle Take Permit application; permit work continues. An unresolved lawsuit was filed by a non-profit group in September 2014, challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 2013 approval of 20 turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands for Tule II: [http://protectourcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/TuleWindII\\_Complaint\\_9-24-14.pdf](http://protectourcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/TuleWindII_Complaint_9-24-14.pdf)
11. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:** Case No. 37-2013-00052926-CU-TT-CTL. On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, an appeal was filed with the, Fourth District Court of Appeal, by a non-profit group challenging the Superior Court ruling upholding the County's Wind Energy Ordinance and Boulevard Community Plan amendments; The County response brief was filed on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
12. **SOITEC SOLAR'S FINAL PROGRAMATIC EIR WAS APPROVED FOR THE 765 ACRE RUGGED SOLAR AND 420 ACRE TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR PROJECTS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FEBRUARY 4<sup>TH</sup>:** On March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Soitec terminated their TDS project due to lack of buyers. TDS permit approvals remain. On March 4, a non-profit filed suit challenging the County's Soitec Solar approvals. Opening and opposing briefs were due in May. On May 21<sup>st</sup>, Soitec announced the sale of most of their solar assets to ConcenSolar, a business partner with Suncore: [http://www.soitec.com/pdf/soitec\\_concensolar\\_pr\\_21may2015\\_final\\_en.pdf](http://www.soitec.com/pdf/soitec_concensolar_pr_21may2015_final_en.pdf). The Final PFEIR is posted @ <http://sdcountry.ca.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>. County Project Manager: Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; [Ashley.gungle@sdcountry.ca.gov](mailto:Ashley.gungle@sdcountry.ca.gov).
13. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP); MARCH 10<sup>TH</sup> PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCED NEW PHASED APPROACH:** Press release stated that, *"Based on an initial review of public comments received on the draft DRECP that were submitted by a diverse group of stakeholders, the agencies are adjusting the planning process and will use a phased approach to approve the plan's three fundamental components: the BLM Land Use Plan Amendment; federal General Conservation Plan; and the state Natural Community Conservation Plan"*: [http://www.drecp.org/documents/docs/2015-03-10\\_DRECP\\_Path\\_Forward\\_News\\_Release.pdf](http://www.drecp.org/documents/docs/2015-03-10_DRECP_Path_Forward_News_Release.pdf). DRECP public comments, documents, and maps are posted @ [www.drecp.org](http://www.drecp.org).

#### **G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE IS JULY 2ND, AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:**

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or [tisdale.donna@gmail.com](mailto:tisdale.donna@gmail.com); current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Groups/Boulevard.html>

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