

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

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 2, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old 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

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

C. MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JUNE 4TH 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.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **REQUEST FOR NEW BOULEVARD FIRE STATION SIGNS FOR EAST AND WEST BOUND I-8 EXITS:** In response to a suggestion from Boulevard's former CalFire Chief, John Francois, the group will consider making a request to CalTrans, through the County as required by Policy I-1, to pursue FIRE STATION, or like signs, to be installed on both east and west bound I-8 prior to both Boulevard exits, with additional signs at the bottom of both off ramps pointing in the direction of the new station.
2. **SHOULD THE GROUP SUBMIT COMMENTS ON SANDAG'S SAN DIEGO FORWARD REGIONAL PLAN BY THE JULY 15TH DEADLINE?** Concerns have been raised over SANDAG's inadequate backcountry planning and project funding despite rural residents reportedly paying ½ cent sales tax towards SANDAG funding. Written comments are needed to show support for continuation of current rural SANDAG projects including senior driving and school safety programs and to why more rural funding is not made available. SANDAG Senior Regional Planner Philip Trom, Phone: (619) 699-7330, Email: phil.trom@sandag.org. Regional Plan documents are posted @ <http://www.sdforward.com/> <http://www.sandag.org/index.asp?projectid=428&fuseaction=projects.detail>. Comment forms posted @ <http://www.sdforward.com/fwdAsp/planningUserComment.aspx?category=Draft%20Regional%20Plan&chapter=General%20Comment>
3. **CAL-TRANS BATCH PLANT WATER SOURCE:** A request was made for help in determining if local well water is being used at the temporary batch plant set up at, and adjacent to, the old Boulevard Border Patrol Station.

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

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
3. **2.9MW CHAPMAN SOLAR RANCH, PDS2015-MUP-15-005, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-21-001: Revised Plot Plans & Grading Plans received 6-10-15:** Public comment period closed on May 15th. Project documents and maps posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/ChapmanSolarRanch.html. sPower's website: www.spower.com. Project Manager: Benjamin.Mills@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5234.
4. **20MW JACUMBA SOLAR MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041 DRAFT EIR:** Public comment closed on the Jacumba Solar DEIR on June 1st. 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. Project Manager: Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5375. The DEIR is posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba_solar.html
5. **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 4TH:** Soitec terminated the Tierra Del Sol project after approval. A hearing on the CEQA suit (Civ. No. 37-2015-00007420-CU-WM-CTL) filed by a non-profit group is currently set for June 25th in San Diego Superior Court (subject to change). The suit challenges the County's Soitec project approvals. The Final Programmatic EIR is posted @ <http://sdcounty.ca.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>. County Project Manager: Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov. On May 21st, Soitec announced the sale of most, but not all, of

their solar assets to ConcenSolar, a business partner with Suncore:

http://www.soitec.com/pdf/soitec_concensolar_pr_21may2015_final_en.pdf.

6. **STATUS OF REMAINING SUIT FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING: CASE: 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL:** Plaintiff's 3rd amended complaint was filed June 12th. All other parties were dismissed from the case on March 20th and attorney fees and costs were awarded on May 29th. Next court hearing is currently scheduled for 10:30 on Friday, July 24th.
7. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY (CREP) POD 13-007:** No new meeting date has been announced. County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov; CREP documents: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>
8. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): ANOTHER 30-DAY DRAFT EIR EXTENSION: 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72:** 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.
9. **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@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.
10. **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 meeting on August 19th. Commission agendas are posted 10 days prior to hearing dates: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>.
11. **IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:** Two unresolved appeals remain in the 9th Circuit Court, 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://tulewindecomp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>. BLM project site: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/nepa/tule.html>.
12. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** USFWS rejected Tule Wind's Eagle Take Permit application. However, data review and 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
13. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT: Case No. 37-2013-00052926-CU-TT-CTL.** An appeal was filed by a non-profit group challenging the Superior Court ruling upholding the County's Wind Energy Ordinance and Boulevard Community Plan amendments. No hearing date has been set.
14. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP); MARCH 10TH PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCED NEW PHASED APPROACH:** The BLM, California Energy Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are working towards completing Phase I of the DRECP, and releasing a final BLM Land Use Plan Amendment and Final EIS later this year. New Phase 1 Preferred Alternative map for BLM land only is posted @ http://www.drecp.org/factsheets/documents/BLM_Land_Use_plan_Amendment_Phase_I.pdf. DRECP public comments, documents, and additional maps are posted @ www.drecp.org.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH @ THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com;
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<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Groups/Boulevard.html>

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