

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP  
\*\*\*MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JULY 7, 2016\*\*\***

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905

**A. MEMBERS PRESENT:** 1) Robert Maupin; 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Ronald Hynum  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 2) Earl Goodnight (excused)

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JUNE 2ND MEETING:**

- *M/S: Maupin / Hynum: Accept the June 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as written: Passed: 6-0-0*

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Linda Shannon asked about a County access road North of Bob Walker's place, east of Ribbonwood Road, for potential use by Tule Wind.
- Kevin Keane mentioned the digital speed control sign located at White Star station. There were questions on why it was placed there. It does not record vehicle speed. It just flashes a sign to slow down.
- Tammy Daubach informed the Chair to expect a call from Karen regarding Lake Morena draining.

**E. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request)**

1. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH MAJOR USE PERMIT PDS2012-3300-12-021; FOURTH ITERATION REVIEW OF INITIAL STUDIES/INFORMATION: Should the Group submit any comments in response to the fourth iteration letter?**
  - The Group reviewed the major issues listed on 4<sup>th</sup> iteration letter, especially groundwater.
  - Jim Whalen said once a project gets to the 4<sup>th</sup> iteration, there are issues. They hope this is the last iteration letter.
  - Updated groundwater investigation will provide new information.
  - Estimated 2 months for release of EIR.
  - New Rough Acres well was drilled for monitoring.
  - *No action was taken regarding submission of comments on 4<sup>th</sup> iteration letter.*
2. **SHOULD THE GROUP REQUEST A STAFF PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF IBERDROLA'S TULE WIND PROJECT?**
  - Iberdrola (Avangrid) expects to break ground on Tule Wind in September.
  - Estimated 12 month construction period.
  - Working on new Rough Acres Ranch Road
  - Linda Shannon said she ran into geologist working on the site.
  - Concerns were repeated on groundwater, fire, traffic, noise, mitigation.
  - *M/S: Maupin/Byrd: Request a staff presentation and update on current and projected status of Tule Wind: Passed: 6-0-0*

**F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a. County groundwater geologist, Jim Bennett, will do a presentation on local groundwater monitoring results at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Boulevard Planning Group.
  - b. American Society of Landscape Architects' (ASLA) \$5,000 community landscaping grant program
  - c. SDG&E has preliminary plans to convert a portion of the Southwest Powerlink from AC to HVDC (Desert Tortoise Expressway) to increase import capacity by 500-1,000MW at estimated cost of \$700-900 million.
  - d. SDG&E announced hitting 35% renewable energy last year with an additional 615 megawatts being generated by public/private rooftops. (see KPBS article in agenda packet)

- e. US DROUGHT MONITOR: EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE LOCALLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2016: [http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/pdfs/20160614/20160614\\_usdm.pdf](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/pdfs/20160614/20160614_usdm.pdf);  
[http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/seasonal\\_drought.pdf](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.pdf)
2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT BY TAMMY DAUBACH:**
- Pine Valley Parade is on July 30th.
  - Summer Camp for kids, ages 6-11, at the Mt. Empire Community Center from July 11-15 and August 15-19. More information can be found at Mt. Health.
  - Free meals at the Jacumba Library Tuesday-Friday for kids up to 18. Ask the librarian for more information.
  - The clean-up projects have officially been acknowledged by Greater San Diego Fire Safe Council with an award for Project of the Year. This would not have been possible without all of the volunteers, community members, and local services' support.
  - Fliers are available for this year's programs so that we can start spreading the word.
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC) REPORT BY TAMMY DAUBACH:**
- This fall, the Real East County Fire Safe Council will be hosting an S-215 class on August 20th at the Highland Center with a breakfast and lunch provided. Fire safety training for wildland/urban interface operations. RSVP is needed.
  - SDG&E Mitigation Grant recipients need to submit paperwork and receipts by July 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.
  - Border Fire update. A shelter was opened in Los Coches Middle School until Thursday evening. If you ever need to be evacuated, please make sure to have all your important paperwork, leashes and collars for your pets, and a towel.
  - There was another fire in Potrero, started by a running vehicle in the vegetation. It burned in an industrial lot and never reached the brush.
  - Our next FSC meeting July 16th at 5:30 PM at the old Campo FD.
  - The Mt. Empire Disaster Preparedness Meeting is on July 19th at 1:00 PM at the Campo Community Center.
4. **CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DOCKET # 15-RETI-02 INCLUDES POTENTIAL FOR PARTIAL SOUTHWEST POWERLINK CONVERSION FROM AC TO DC AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$700-900 MILLION:**
- The Chair noted that Page 50 from the CEC document, with related information, was included in agenda package.
  - SDG&E's transmission projects have a guaranteed rate of return of approximately 10 %.
  - Increased transmission capacity will allow SDG&E to import energy from Imperial Valley, Baja, East County, Arizona, and elsewhere, while reducing the need to build more local generation in urban/suburban San Diego close to where it is consumed.
5. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007:**
- No news
6. **TULE WIND: 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS OPINION (6-7-16) UPHOLDS BLM'S PROJECT APPROVALS:**
- Courthouse news summary of court opinion included in agenda package.
  - Iberdrola is suing to block release of bird death data from their Blue Creek Wind Farm that operates in 3 counties, Van Wert and Pualding in Ohio and Allen County in Indiana. They claim release of the requested data on their bird and bat kills would provide "trade secrets" to its competitors (June 24<sup>th</sup> article included in agenda package)
7. **TULE WIND LEASE APPLICATION WAS PULLED FROM THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION'S JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA :**
- The SLC next meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. Commission agendas are posted 10 days prior to hearing dates: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>. Comments can be submitted to: [CSLC.CommissionMeetings@slc.ca.gov](mailto:CSLC.CommissionMeetings@slc.ca.gov)
8. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**
- Waiting for Tule Wind to get started for road construction.

9. **SOITEC'S SOLAR PROJECTS FOR SALE:**

- Whalen reported hearing that Soitec's Tierra Del Sol solar project, planned for Joe Brown's property, had a buyer but the deal fell through.

10. **JACUMBA SOLAR LLC MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041; APPROVED ON MAY 20<sup>th</sup> BY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:**

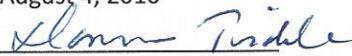
- No news

11. **LANSING PRIVATE ROAD GRADING PDS2012-2700-15676, LOG NO. PDS2015-er-15-21-002: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**

- In response to questions of rumored ownership change, Jim Whalen reported that Lansing still owns the Empire Ranch property where they are doing B&B and hosting events.
- The Chair noted that PDS staff reported the Lake Domingo property was no longer available for mitigation for this project which raises questions regarding current ownership that property.

**G. MEETING ADJOURED @ 7:40PM. NEXT MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, @ BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.**

Approved by Group on: August 4, 2016

Donna Tisdale, Chair: 

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