

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD JULY 12, 2018***

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Backcountry Resource Center, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old Fire Station)

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 2) Earl Goodnight; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne.
MEMBERS ABSENT-EXCUSED: 1) Robert Maupin; 3) Kevin Keane; 7) Ronald Hynum.

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

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JUNE 7th MEETING:

- **M/S: Strand/Coyne: Approve June 7th minutes as corrected. Passed 4-0-0**

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: No comments.

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

1. **RATIFICATION OF AN APPEAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT PDS2018-AD-18-007; TERRA-GEN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC'S, MET TESTING FACILITIES PERMIT; PDS2018-AD-18-007:**

Previous action taken on June 7th:

- **M/S: Coyne/Maupin: Appeal the Terra-Gen MET Facilities approval based on the Environmental Determination: Passed: 6 yes; 0 no; Seat 5 absent.**
- **M/S: GOODNIGHT/COYNE: RATIFY THE APPEAL FOR ADMINISTRATIVE PERMIT PDS2018-AD-007; TERRA-GEN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY LLC'S MET TESTING FACILITIES PERMIT. Passed 4-0-0.**

2. **MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION TORREY WIND LLC PDS2018-MUP-18-014:**

- Chair Tisdale reported that Terra-Gen could not have a representative at the meeting but had asked for an opportunity to meet with several members at another time. She told them the next meeting is August 2nd.
- Tisdale also reported several calls from Mr. Caldwell, a close neighbor of the project, who strongly objects to having more turbines. He is worried about impacts including property values and has sent in two letters to the County.
- Linda Shannon expressed concerns about the project and relayed the concern of her husband regarding the amount of water being used in these projects negatively affecting their well. Their well recently dropped 15 feet and is at the lowest level ever documented by the County.
- Jacumba resident Mark Ostrander added that his well is down 10 feet according to the County.
- Several people reported hearing from different sources that Torrey Wind is alleged to be connected to a new wind project with up to 75 wind turbines planned for adjacent tribal land, but no verification was available.
- Tisdale pointed out contradictions and mistakes in the application. if there are really 75, not 30 turbines, that project should be a related action under CEQA; is the project mostly unmanned or will there 12 employees (contradictory info); the plot plans show a

well onsite close to adjacent properties; project plans to use on-site as well(s) along with Jacumba water; turbines appear to be spaced too close together and too close to adjacent properties; and setbacks do not take compliance with noise restrictions into account.

- Any potential noise waiver will be strongly opposed.
- Jim Whalen said that no Campo Reservation turbine project is listed on paperwork.
- There have been no updates on wind turbine health impacts by the County, as recommended by the Planning Commission during the wind ordinance hearings and promised several times since then. They were supposed to come back every few years or with an update on available information.
- A general public discussion took place confirming ongoing opposition to this and other energy projects and related impacts deemed to be the same as for the other wind turbine, solar, and related infrastructure projects and disproportionate impacts to our rural community.
- No hands were raised when asked for a show of hands from those who support the project.
- All hands went up when asked who opposed the project, with the exception of Jim Whalen and an unidentified couple.
- The Chair called for a position on the project needed for the required PDS-534 form: Approve without conditions, approve with recommended conditions; deny; or continue.
- **M/S: STRAND/GOODNIGHT: RECOMMEND DENIAL OF THE PROJECT WITH COMMENT LETTER TO FOLLOW: PASSED: 4-0-0**
- **M/S: STRAND/COYNE: TO AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: PASSED 4-0-0**

3. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN REQUEST FOR INFORMATION (RIF):**

- Tisdale reported she had not had time to read through all the related documents but the County is holding a Chairs meeting on Saturday the 14th that should provide more information
- Jim Whalen attended industry meeting regarding SB237. BOS adopted the CAP. Goal is to achieve 90% renewable energy in unincorporated areas. Options include Direct Access, Community Choice and local projects. People are to submit a proposal for how to counsel the County on the goal.
- The County has been sued and is still being sued by Sierra Club.
- Whalen is pushing the County to commit to buying energy from Boulevard area projects to meet CAP, claiming Boulevard is the best place in the County for these projects.
- That idea was strongly objected to, especially when suggested that we sell out for community benefits/blood money.
- Tisdale noted that no other rural communities had to sell their souls to get community buildings, libraries, health center, etc. Why should Boulevard be sacrificed?
- Mark Ostrander asked about NET metering.
- Whalen said it will count for the CAP but not for SDG&E's compliance.
- SDG&E was approved funds for charging stations but less than the 60,000 they asked for.

- Michael Coyne said some charging stations are reportedly not being used due to the high cost.
- **M/S: STRAND/COYNE: AUTHORIZE CHAIR TO SUBMIT COMMENTS: PASSED: 4-0-0**

4. **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN (ATP):**

- Tisdale commented that Boulevard does not have many options and pointed to the maps in the agenda packet, including a trails/pathways map that was adopted by the Board of Supervisors back in 2009.
- Michael Coyne said that road shoulders would need to be repaved and widened in some areas for bike lanes.
- The ATP Map shows Class 2 in our area which should be improved.
- Tisdale said she could not get comments in by July 13th. Coyne agreed to type up some comments to help out.
- **M/S: STRAND/COYNE: AUTHORIZE COMMENTS ON ATP: PASSED: 4-0-0.**

E. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- A prisoner from the McCain Conservation camp recently escaped and was captured in an urban area.
- Reminder: Boulevard Planning Group Seats 2, 4 & 6 are up for election in November. Incumbents and others wanting to be placed on the ballot for these seats in the November election need to pick up the forms in person from the Registrar of Voters office and file them between July 16th and August 10th.
- Jim Whalen had no news on any of his local projects.

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT by Tammy Daubach:**

- A friend of the Library meeting is set for July 17th at 6:00 PM.
- Mt. Health's Open House is July 21st at 10:30 AM.
- Revitalization is looking into putting together a once-a-month family bunko or bingo night and opening the gym up at the resource center.
- Plans are in the works for a public bulletin board by new library kiosk that could include the BPG agendas.

3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC) REPORT:**

- The next meeting for the FSC is July 19th at 6:30 at 437 Jeb Stuart Rd., Campo.
- Tule Jim and Tierra Del Sol are going to have fuel breaks by CalFire, funded by the Sunrise Powerlink.
- The FSC will be looking into a grant for address signs.
- They are working with the Burn Institute and Red Cross to install free smoke alarms. FSC has 5 trained people.
- Working with Red Cross to see if the Backcountry Resource Center can be an evacuation center.
- Thank you for Set Free from Rough Acres Ranch for sponsoring a free chipping day with nine volunteers and a chipper. They all worked from 8 to 4 and promised to help with the Boulevard clean-up.

- FSC won the display award at this year. They have new challenge coins for volunteers this year and are working on putting fire safety and evacuation information in the local feed stores and on the little free library.

4. **TULE WIND PHASE 1 – NOISE /COMMUNITY COMPLAINT CONTACTS:**

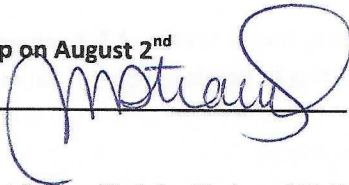
- Toll Free Project Hotline & Noise Complaints directly to Iberdrola /Avangrid: 855-369-9337; windcommunity@avangrid.com.
- Noise complaints can also be made to Lazaro Herrera, County Noise Control Officer & Code Compliance: 858-694-3741; lazaro.herrera@sdcounty.ca.gov; and to BLM: Tristan Riddell @ triddell@blm.gov, 760-337-4436; or Carrie Sahagun @ csahagun@blm.gov, 760-337-4437.

5. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** No news to report.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM: NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 2ND @ THE BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

Minutes approved by the Group on August 2nd

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



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