

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)  
\*\*\* MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2018\*\*\***

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

**A. MEMBERS PRESENT:** **1)** Robert Maupin; **3)** Kevin Keane (arrived 7:05); **4)** Donna Tisdale (Chair); **6)** Michael Coyne; **7)** Ronald Hynum. **MEMBERS ABSENT:** **2)** Earl Goodnight (excused); **5)** Michele Strand (excused).

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (OPTIONAL)**

**C. ACT ON MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING:**

- *M/S: Maupin/Hynum: Accept August 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as presented: Passed: 4-0-0 (Keane not yet present.*

**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.
- Chair reported that Jim Whalen sent his regrets due to schedule conflict.
- Tammy Daubach reported that motorcycle riders are trespassing again on the new fire department property, after taking down no trespassing signs installed by Daubachs. The events were not witnessed, just the damage.
- Celebration of Life for Ed Runnells will be held on Saturday from 8-10AM. Ed will be missed. He was an avid community volunteer who was always willing to help. He passed away unexpectedly while he was volunteering at the new Backcountry Resource Center.

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

**1. AUGUST 8<sup>TH</sup> SCOPING LETTER: MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION TORREY WIND LLC PDS2018-MUP-18-014 (previously named San Diego Wind) & UPDATE ON AUGUST 23<sup>RD</sup> SCOPING MEETING:**

- Chair reported that on September 5<sup>th</sup>, County staff sent Boulder Brush LLC's Major Pre-Application for a new gen-tie line to connect a new wind project on Campo tribal land through the Torrey Wind Project site to connect to the grid at Sunrise Powerlink, apparently using Torrey Wind's proposed substation/switchyard.
- Terra-Gen is listed as the managing entity for Boulder Brush LLC on their Statement of Information posted on the Secretary of State's website.
- When asked, County staff advised not to add the new gen-tie line as an emergency action item on final agenda.
- Staff said that both the Torrey Wind MUP and the Boulder Brush's gen-tie could be added to next month's agenda.
- The Chair still recommend that we include reference of the gen-tie and the need for a joint NEPA/CEQA review for all of Terra Gen's project components on both private and tribal land. The projects are all related.
- A question was asked if turbines interfere with pacemakers or defibrillators.
- Chair responded that she did not know the answer but could confirm that electromagnetic interference (EMI), low-frequency noise and infrasound had been professionally documented at local homes impacted by Kumeyaay Wind turbines.

- She also stated people with pacemakers are generally advised to stay away from EMI sources.
- Don Bonfiglio stated the turbines bother him and that he had already lost two tenants due to noise he attributed to the Kumeyaay Wind turbines that are located to the NW of his home on Ribbonwood Road, south of I-8. For one set of tenants, the wife was bothered by the turbines but the husband was not.
- The Chair confirmed that low-frequency noise and infrasound had been documented at Don's home.
- Paul Isham said he is an engineer and he has a spectrum analyzer and can check for and record electrical frequencies, sags, surges and spikes (EMI pollution).
- A local mother of young children asked about making comments. She said she is fighting for Boulevard. This is not a left or right issue and that compounding multiple projects is not good.
- Kevin Keane said that low-frequencies can impact older folks more.
- Chair responded that they can also impact children, those who are sensitive, and those afflicted with pre-existing conditions.
- Rowena Elliott commented that there are lots of problems in her area around the turbines since they started operation, including cancers and other illnesses. She confirmed that EMI and noise have been documented at her home and others.
- Questions and concerns of property value impacts were raised again along with fact that turbine projects must be disclosed to potential buyers.
- ***M/S: Coyne/Keane: Grant Chair authorization to submit Torrey Wind comments, to include new Boulder-Brush Gen-Tie line and new turbines, and to request extended comment deadline period: Passed: 5-0-0.***

2. **REQUEST TO CHANGE PARTICIPANTS FOR SEPT 19<sup>TH</sup> TERRA-GEN MEETING IF NO PLANNING GROUP MEMBERS**

**AVAILABLE:** Chair's request to invite one additional non-group community member to participate in the Terra-Gen meeting if no planning group members are available.

- Chair reported that both Earl and Michele had offered to participate in the Sept 19<sup>th</sup> meeting with Terra-Gen reps but both are now out of town to visit terminally ill relatives.
- After rethinking things, she thought that one impacted property owner should be included in that meeting instead of another planning group member—maybe Jeff Morrison a lifelong resident and retired Border Patrol agent, or Cliff Caldwell who has also had property in the area for years. Both have submitted comments.
- Kevin Keane expressed interest in participating. She thanked him and said she would keep him in mind.
- ***M/S: Hynum/Maupin: Authorize change in participation to include one property owner in informal Terra-Gen meeting on September 19<sup>th</sup>: Passed: 5-0-0.***

3. **ANNUAL PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:** Review and update PLDO priority list for the Boulevard planning area as part of the Mountain Empire Local Park Planning Area (LPPA).

- The Chair reported that some of the items previously requested have already been achieved and asked for suggestions.
- After discussion, a prioritized list was agreed upon.
- ***M/S: Maupin/Hynum: Authorize Chair to submit the following PLDO priority list: 1) Playground for Backcountry Resource Center; 2) Picnic area for Backcountry Resource Center; 3) Landscaping for***

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

**1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- SB100 is headed to Governor Brown. If Brown signs it into law, SB100 mandates 100% renewable energy by 2045. Hawaii is the only other US state with a 100% renewable energy mandate.
- AB813 was rejected by the California legislature. It would have expanded and integrated California's electric grid with the transmission systems of neighboring states.
- County staff informed the Chair that Dept. of Health and Human Services is finalizing their long-delayed update on literature review of wind turbine impacts on human health. They will be sending it to us for review soon. The previous review sided with wind industry denials of adverse impacts despite lots of information documenting those impacts.

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

- Jacumba Boulevard Revitalization Alliance will be on September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM.
- Tzu-chi free medical outreach training will be September 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon at the Backcountry Resource Center.
- Friends of Jacumba Library/Boulevard Kiosk meet at 6:00 on September 18<sup>th</sup>.
- At the community meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> of Aug, Revitalization decided to send a newsletter out to the community. It will go out as soon as it is approved.

**3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT by Tammy Daubach:**

- The Boulevard Community Clean-up Day was a success. There were over 40 loads of trash and over 17 loads of chipping. Campo's Community Clean-up Day is scheduled for September 22<sup>nd</sup>, but there is no firm location yet. If no location is found, it will be canceled. Thanks to Kevin for helping out!
- Damon Blankenbaker is the new Lieutenant for the Sheriffs.
- Dave Nissen is in charge of Fire Authority now.
- Here are instructions for how to make sure your contact information is up to date in case of an SDGE De-energization:
  - Go to My Account ([sdge.com/MyAccount](https://sdge.com/MyAccount))
  - Click on "Manage My Account" and update your contact information, including email address
  - You can also sign up for outage notifications in **My Account**:
  - Click on the "Alerts and Subscriptions" tab
  - Select "Outage Notifications" from the drop-down menu
  - From there, choose the way you want to stay informed (email, text and voice)

**4. REPORT ON AUGUST 3<sup>RD</sup> PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING ON BPG APPEAL OF MET FACILITIES PERMIT PDS2018-AD-18-007:**

- The Chair reported that the Group's appeal was denied. She and property owner Cliff Caldwell were there.
- Only one commissioner voted to support the appeal, saying he thought turbines are ugly. The rest of the Commissioners upheld the permit.
- Michael Coyne commented that we had a strong appeal and did not understand why it was denied.

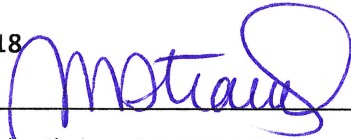
**5. 60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; MUP extended to February 2019:**

- No news to report.
6. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT**  
**DESCRIPTON: MUP extended to February 2019:**
    - No news to report.
  7. **100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY; PDS 2017-ZAP-17-006; MINOR USE PERMIT FOR 2 ACRE PROJECT LOCATED ON APN'S# 612-09-059; 612-09-019; 612-09-017, NEAR BOULEVARD SUBSTATION: MUP extended to February 2019:**
    - No news to report.
  8. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS AG CLEARING; PDS2017-AD-17-028: REDUCED ACERAGE:**
    - Paul Isham commented again that his old well and new well are both dry and said he suspected bulk water sales from the Live Oak Springs area.
    - New brush clearing has been reported adjacent to previous clearing and hundreds of new trees planted.
    - Concerns were raised again over potential impacts of excessive groundwater use for agriculture and potential well interference for adjacent well owners.
    - Allegations were made by a property owner near Hwy 94 that the applicant had already tied four wells together and could produce several hundred gallons per minute. He was very concerned.
  9. **TULE WIND PHASE 1 – NOISE /COMMUNITY COMPLAINT CONTACTS:**
    - *Toll Free Project Hotline & Noise Complaints directly to Iberdrola /Avangrid: 855-369-9337; [windcommunity@avangrid.com](mailto: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](mailto:lazaro.herrera@sdcounty.ca.gov); and to BLM: Tristan Riddell @ [triddell@blm.gov](mailto:triddell@blm.gov), 760-337-4436; or Carrie Sahagun @ [csahagun@blm.gov](mailto:csahagun@blm.gov), 760-337-4437.*
  10. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**
    - No news to report.

**G. MEETING ADJOURNMENT @ 8:15PM: NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.**

Minutes approved by Group on 10-4-18

Michele Strand, Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_



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