

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING ON JANUARY 3, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM at the Backcountry Resource Center- Community Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905.

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (OPTIONAL)

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 5TH MEETING:

M/S: Maupin/Keane: Approve the minutes/summary for meeting held on December 5, 2018 as written: Passed: 7-0-0

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- No public comments were made

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. ANNUAL ELECTION OF GROUP OFFICERS FOR 2019:

- **Chair:** *M/S: Maupin/Goodnight: Nominate Donna Tisdale for Chair: Passed: 7-0-0*
- **Vice-Chair:** *M/S: Tisdale/Strand: Nominate Bob Maupin for Vice Chair: Passed: 7-0-0*
- **Secretary:** *M/S: Tisdale/Hynum: Nominate Michele Strand for Secretary: Passed: 7-0-0*

2. REQUEST FROM PUBLIC FOR INCREASED / IMPROVED SIGNAGE AT I-8 AND RIBBONWOOD ROAD AND OTHER LOCATIONS AROUND BOULEVARD: Discussion and action on request for new signage.

- The Chair reported that she had not had time to follow up with the County or Caltrans on previous request for new signage at I-8 at the Boulevard exits to alert big rig drivers that it is not a through road and there is no turnaround. The issue arises when I-8 is closed for accidents or other situations.
- Teresa DeGroot reported they have a similar problem with big-rigs showing up on Hi-Pass Road, where there is no outlet and no turnaround, after mistakenly making the turn from I-8 exit onto frontage Road Avenida De Robles Verdes instead of Old Hwy 80.
- Kevin Keane suggested the need for I-8 Business Loop signs to help direct visitors.
- Concern was also expressed about a proliferation of signage.
- ***M/S: Maupin/Goodnight: Authorize Chair to research the requests for signs and report back: Passed: 7-0-0***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE :

- a. The Chair reported that a superior court judge rejected San Diego County's latest climate action plan to control greenhouse gas emissions. The court found that the climate action plan failed to meet the

county's commitment to reach greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals laid out by the state of California. The judge decided that using carbon credits, or offsets from around the world, was not acceptable, calling the mitigation unverifiable.

- b. In relation to local complaints, Chair reported that three lawsuits were filed in US District Court in West Virginia against New Creek Wind turbines that started in 2016: *"Plaintiffs say they are confronted with irritating and unabated audible noise which significantly limits the use and enjoyment of their property and results in annoyance, along with other symptoms..."*
<https://wvrecord.com/stories/511692267-three-lawsuits-filed-against-new-creek-wind-for-negative-health-effects>
- c. A Vestas turbine fire in Denmark was reported on Jan 1st. The report with photos stated that blades had fallen into farm buildings with livestock and caused a barn fire. Animal rescue had to be delayed due to dangerous conditions and fear other blades would fall. Ultimately, about 30-40 calves were rescued with no reported injuries. (translated article attached to agenda package)

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

- The next Revitalization meeting will be at the Backcountry Resource Center at 6:30 PM on January 7th. More volunteer Board members are needed.
- The school's holiday event was standing room only. Over 300 people attended.
- The Backcountry Resource Center Mailer went out to all of Boulevard and Jacumba with limited response.

3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Mountain Empire Disaster Preparedness Meeting is set for January 8th at 1:00 PM at the Campo Community Center.
- Mountain Empire High School will be hosting the Sunrise Powerlink Fire Mitigation Group Open House on January 16th from 6:00 – 7:30 PM. It will be all about the grants. All of the people involved in determining the boundaries of the grants will be there.
- The next Fire Safe Council meeting will be Backcountry Resource Center at 6:30 PM on January 17th.
- On February 5th, the Powerlink Grants presentation will be held at the Backcountry Resource Center for those who want to sign up for a grant and get help with their paperwork. It will be from 6:30 – 8:00 PM.
- Free chipping is available through Sunrise Powerlink grants. Flyers were available.
- Free smoke detectors are available through the Burn Institute.
- Feedback about SDG&E's resource centers was used.

4. **REPORT ON DECEMBER 6TH SCOPING MEETING AT CAMPO TRIBAL HALL FOR TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW CAMPO WIND PLANNED FOR 2,200 ACRES OF THE CAMPO RESERVATION; DECEMBER 21ST COMMENT DEADLINE:**

- The Notice of Intent and Scoping Meeting notice and commenting details are posted at www.campowind.com . Public comment closed on December 21st at 11:59 pm. The County is a cooperating agency: Bronwyn.brown@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- Chair Tisdale reported submitting a 28-page comment letter for BPG (one copy available at meeting)

- The attorney for Backcountry Against Dumps also submitted a 14-page let with 28 exhibits.
- Numerous requests were made for a 30-45 day comment extension due to inadequate notice and lack of information and adequate mapping available.
- At the Dec 6th scoping meeting, speakers were limited to just 3 minutes each when only 10 speakers actually made public comments. A few more were signed up but decided not to speak.
- It was a pitiful showing for such a destructive project.
- It was raining heavily and the Chair reported receiving calls and emails that people were stuck in traffic with accidents, their roads were too muddy and slippery to get to the meeting, or they were sick.
- The BIA's Dan (Harold) Hall seemed impatient and unreceptive to public comment opposing the project. At one point, he admonished one speaker to be respectful when the speaker had not been disrespectful.
- People repeatedly asked for maps and more detailed information that was not provided.
- Two Campo tribal members spoke in opposition to the Campo Wind project saying they will fight. One said he would fight to the death if necessary.
- Mr. Hall announced the shut-down of the meeting at 6:50 PM when the Notice of Intent and Scoping Meeting notice specifically advertised that the meeting would be held between 6-9PM. He was called shutting down early.
- Promises were made at the scoping meeting by Matt Valerio of Dudek that he would post a better copy of the sole vague map that was shown only in the power point presentation and that he would also post the entire presentation at www.campowind.com .
- As of the comment deadline, neither the promised map nor the meeting presentation has been posted.
- The presentation with a slightly revised, but the still vague map was posted a day or two after close of comment. They added a few road names but not enough detail.
- There was a brief discussion on the lack of adequate notice, the project overall, and what comes next.

5. TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT: PDS2018-MUP-18-014:

- No news to report.

6. TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH GEN-TIE PROJECT:

- No news to report.

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

- Tule Wind reportedly contacted one resident about their complaints. Time will tell what happens.
- They were offered dark curtains to block the flashing red lights and a cell phone signal booster to address significant cell service disruptions since the turbines started operations.

8. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- Jim Whalen said they are trying for a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA).

9. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT**
DESCRIPTON: MUP extended to February 2019:

- Jim Whalen said he may have some news on this project by next month.

10. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; MUP**
extended to February 2019:

- No news from Project Manager, Bronwyn Brown. The project MUP expires on February 15, 2019.
- A suggestion was made that Invenergy may have walked on this project.

11. **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, according to Bronwyn Brown.
- Jim Whalen commented that the County Request for Proposals for 800 MW in the unincorporated area for the Climate Action Plan (CAP).

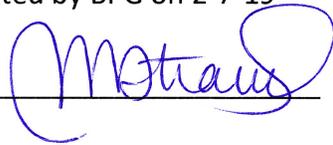
G. ADJOURNED AT 7:40 PM: NEXT MEETNG: THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2019 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com ;

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Minutes approved as corrected by BPG on 2-7-19

Michele Strand, Secretary:



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