

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

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM at the Backcountry Resource Center- Community Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne (ARRIVED AT 7:30); **MEMBERS ABSENT:** 1) VACANT; 7) VACANT

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

C. ACT ON MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 1ST MEETING (Sept 5th meeting cancelled for lack of quorum):

- ***M/S: GOODNIGHT/STRAND: Approve minutes for August 1, 2019 as corrected: Passed: 4-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: No public comments were made

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

1. INTERVIEW AND VOTE ON APPLICANTS QUALIFIED TO FILL VACANT SEATS # 1 AND 7.

- Nancy Good submitted the only application and made the following comments before the vote:
 - She was raised in Jamul.
 - 12-year resident of Boulevard with Angus cattle at property southwest of Live Oak Springs.
 - Now retired. Her son and grandson also live here.
 - She loves the backcountry and wants to volunteer.
 - Nancy stated that she is against the industrial scale wind and solar projects in our area.
- ***M/S: STRAND/KEANE: Approve Nancy Good's application and forward to Supervisor Jacob with request for appointment by the Board of Supervisors: Passed: 4-0-0***

2. SHOULD THE GROUP REQUEST A FORMAL COUNTY REVIEW OF TULE WIND:

- Discussion was held on ongoing complaints of noise, vibrations, health impacts, cell service disruption and need for formal unbiased investigation including Tule Wind's compliance with their Major Use Permit (MUP) 3300 09-019 and other requirements. See MUP Compliance Inspection section on page 108 of 112 of linked document: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/ProjectPlanning/Tule-Wind-Groundwater-Monitoring/PDS2009-3300-09-019-PDS-PLN-Decision-MajorUsePermit.pdf>
 - Copies of pages 108-112 were provided in agenda package for review.
 - ***M/S: STRAND/GOODNIGHT: Authorize Chair to submit letter to County requesting formal review of Tule Wind for compliance with MUP and any other requirements: Passed: 4-0-0***

3. COUNTY REQUEST FOR 2019-2020 PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) AND RECREATION PROGRAMMING PRIORITY LISTS FOR MOUNTAIN EMPIRE LOCAL PARK PLANNING AREA (LPPA).

- Funds can be used to develop new or rehabilitate existing PLDO Eligible Recreation Uses, or purchase of park lands intended to be developed with PLDO Eligible Recreation uses.
- This year a total of \$171,000 or so available for all of Mountain Empire.
- Discussion on previous recommendations for Boulevard funding.
- Last year's request: 1) Playground for Backcountry Resource Center; 2) Picnic Area for Backcountry Resource Center; 3) Landscaping for Backcountry Resource Center; 4) Gymnasium Equipment for Backcountry Resource Center.
- No alternatives were recommended.
- ***M/S: KEANE/STRAND: Motion to submit the same PLDO list as last year. Passed 4-0-0.***

4. **REQUEST TO MOVE REGULAR DECEMBER 5TH MEETING TO THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH:**

- Chair Tisdale reported that she has personal obligations that prevent her chairing the regular first Thursday meeting date in December and asked for volunteers to manage the meeting.
- No one volunteered and one audience member suggested that the December meeting be canceled.
- Chair reminded everyone that there are several pending major projects and the BPG cannot risk missing any potential comment deadlines. No rest for the local weary.
- ***M/S: GOODNIGHT/KEANE: Approve moving the December 5th meeting to December 12th. Passed 4-0-0***

5. **DRAFT PROPERTY CONDITION AGREEMENT (FORMERLY KNOWN AS SITE IMPLEMENTATION AGREEMENT):**

- The proposed draft ordinance is available for public review until October 23th as part of Housing Affordability Strategy(HAS):
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/advance/propertyconditionagreement.html>
- Chair Tisdale directed attention to the agenda package for copy of first page of Draft Property Condition Agreement that is meant to serve as an optional recorded companion agreement for discretionary subdivision projects including Tentative Maps and Tentative Parcel Maps –not major issues in Boulevard.
- It would serve as traceable title documentation clearly identifying all project conditions in one document, including mitigations adopted for impacts identified under California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).
- General discussion took place with agreement that accurate data is essential for the public and decision makers.
- ***M/S: TISDALE/KEANE: Motion to support the proposed Draft Property Condition Agreement. Passed 4-0-0.***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair Tisdale reported that the 4th District Court of Appeals ruled that Sexually Violent Predator Alvin Quarles must remain locked up in state mental hospital while appellate court judges review the case. The court issued a stay of Judge Gills' approval to release Quarles.
- Sept 11: UT reported that SDG&E's switch equipment malfunction sparked about ½ acre brush fire in South County when melted materials set the grass on fire and knocked out power to 1600 customers. This is one more example of why additional transmission lines and related equipment represent significant increased risk of wildfire.
- The public version of the CAISO grid queue report, dated 9/23, showed a project named Jacumba Ranch (#1174) with 60.25 MW solar /battery, and proposed to connect to the grid at ECO Substation, was withdrawn in August 2019.
- Jacumba Valley Ranch Solar reportedly told reporter that it was not their project that was withdrawn.
- That same report identified Primavera Storage (#1659) with 200 MW of battery storage and connecting at ECO Substation 230 kV line was withdrawn in July 2019. No one had heard of this project.
- Active project applications include: Tecate Hybrid (#106A) with 100 MW of solar / battery for Boulevard Substation; Energia Sierra Juarez Wind (159A) with 256 MW wind for ECO Substation; Jacumba Solar Farm (#644A) with 20 MW solar PV for ECO Sub; Rugged Solar (#789) with 71.88 MW for Boulevard Substation;

Mount Laguna Wind (#1429) with 400MW wind for Sunrise Powerlink ; Starlight Solar (#1432) with 20 MW solar PV for Boulevard Substation; Kettle One Solar (#1532) with 90 MW solar/battery for ECO Substation; Energia Sierra Juarez Wind 3 (#1660) with 300 MW wind for ECO Substation; and Obsidian Wind (#1661) with 300 MW wind for ECO Substation. It also showed about 4,170 MW of additional wind and solar projects that had been withdrawn between 2004 – 2019

- There were additional projects proposed that were never in the CAISO queue, equal to about 1,000 acres.

2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**

- **REVITALIZATION:** The Jacumba Fall Festival is set for October 5th from 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM.
- Friends of the Library meeting will be held on October 11th at 1:00 PM.
- Tzu-Chi Medical Outreach is set for October 20th at the Mountain Empire High School.
- **FIRE SAFE:** Boulevard’s clean-up generated 22.4 tons of trash and Campo’s clean-up generated 30.4 tons of trash. 14 batteries have been collected and 248 tires were collected at Campo’s event. Jacumba’s clean-up is set for October 26th from 8:00 – 11:00 AM.
- CERT will be giving away free emergency radios on October 12th from 9:00-10:30 AM at the Boulevard Fire Dept.
- Disaster Preparedness Meeting is set for October 8th at 1:00 PM at the Campo Community Center.
- Trick or Treat Bay will be held on October 27th from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
- October 23rd is a recycling meeting with EDCO and Supervisor Dianne Jacob.

3. **COMMUNITY CHOICE ALTERNATIVE UPDATE:**

- San Diego County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to pursue a community choice energy alternative to SDG&E for purchasing power. SSDG&E will continue to run the grid. They also voted to come back on Oct 15th to determine what kind of governance model it should operate under.
- Chula Vista and La Mesa voted to join the City of San Diego’s community choice program.
- Del Mar voted to initiate negotiations to form a joint powers agreement with Carlsbad, Solana Beach and other potential jurisdictions.

4. **60-4.2 MW TURBINE CAMPO WIND: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (DEIS) EXPECTED TO BE RELEASED BY BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN LATE FALL/EARLY WINTER:**

- No news to report.

5. **CAMPO WIND WITH BOULDER BRUSH GEN-TIE /SUBSTATION; PDSMUP-19-002; ER-19-16-001; PENDING DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT – MAY BE OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMENT IN WINTER/SPRING 2020:**

- No news to report.

6. **TERRA-GEN’S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014: NO ESTIMATED DRAFT EIR TIMELINE AVAILABLE:** No news to report.

7. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR) PDS2018-GPA-18-010, PDS2018-REZ-18-007, PDS2018-MUP-18-022; PDS2018-ER-18-22-001:** No news to report.

8. **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 and should also be made to San Diego County Noise

Control & Code Compliance: (858) 694-3741 or e-mail PDS.CodeCompliance@sdcounty.ca.gov ; and to BLM: Carrie Sahagun @ csahagun@blm.gov, 760-337-4437.

9. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- Tule II is currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines with a capacity of 69 megawatts.
- The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals Opinion dated 9-23-19 upholds project approvals despite threat to Golden Eagles: <http://cdn.ca9.uscourts.gov/datastore/opinions/2019/09/23/17-55647.pdf> .

10. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT
DESCRIPTON: Application extended to October 29 2019:

- Stephan Volker, attorney for the non-profit Backcountry Against Dumps, submitted a letter to the County alleging that Rugged Solar's Major Use Permit had expired and all related MUP permit modification applications and extensions were null and void.
- Volker argued that they were not done in a timely manner, that applications were not filed on the proper forms nor were extension made by the County Planning Commission, which had jurisdiction over the major use permit, but were instead granted by Bronwyn Brown and Nicholas Koutoufidis in the County's Planning and Development Services Department.
- For those reasons, Volker stated that the major use permit has expired, adding, "...it is null and void, may not be extended or modified, and cannot justify approval of any development on the Rugged Solar site.

11. 60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; Application extension renewed to February 2020:

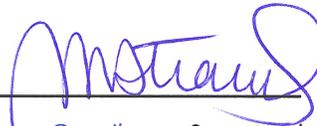
- Invenergy has withdrawn from Soitec's previous Major Use Permit (MUP) (formerly Tierra Del Sol Solar), and certified EIR Log No 3910-120005. Absentee owner Joe Brown is reportedly marketing the project himself. County Project manager: Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858.495.5329

12. 100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY IS DEAD FOR NOW:

- On August 15th, the applicant, Chicago-based Invenergy agreed to place this inactive project into idle status due to lack of progress. That means project will 1) be administratively placed on hold and designated as idle, 2) the Department Project Manager will be removed from the project, and 3) the project file(s) will be retained in an idle status library.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:43 PM: NEXT MEETING DATE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH, 2019 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

Minutes approved by Group on 11/7/19 Michele Strand, Secretary



For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com ; Current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>

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