

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 7, 2019 MEETING**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM at the Backcountry Resource Center- Community Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand;
MEMBERS ABSENT: 1) VACANT; 6) Michael Coyne 7) Nancy Good (appointed by BOS on 10-15-19. Term ends 1-4-21)- Excused.

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

C. DRAFT MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 3RD MEETING:

- *M/S: Keane/Goodnight: Approve October 3, 2019 minutes as written: 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. SHOULD THE GROUP SEND LETTER TO SUPERVISOR JACOB REQUESTING HER HELP IN GETTING WIND TURBINES AND RELATED HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES SHUT DOWN DURING RED FLAG EVENTS WHEN POWER TO LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS IS SHUT OFF TO PREVENT FIRES?

- Chair reported that during previous and recent Santa Ana Red Flag wind events about 400-1,000 or more local SDG&E customers had their power repeatedly shut off for approximately 48 hours or more while Kumeyaay Wind and Tule Wind turbines continued to operate in high winds, increasing risk of potential turbine-sparked wildfires.
 - SDG&E has stated that shutting off the wind turbines during Red Flag Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events is not their call.
 - This is a state issue: CPUC and elected state representatives.
 - The BPG is supposed to go through our County reps to communicate with others.
 - This needs to be handled at the state level with support from Dianne Jacob and the Board of Supervisors. If the PSPS is tied to perceived risk, then they need to eliminate all the risks, including all turbines.
- Kevin Keane stated his objections to the request.
- Jim Whalen stated his opposition and opinion that wind turbines don't start fires.
- That statement was challenged by Chair Tisdale who pointed to numerous turbine-sparked fires locally and around the globe and apologized for not bringing documents confirming those fire events.
- Member of the public commented that power shutoffs should be equal and that turbines should be shutoff when power is shutoff to local communities over fire risk concerns.
- Tisdale agreed to withdraw the high-voltage line aspect of her request and limit shut-off to the turbines.
- *M/S: Goodnight/Strand: Authorize Chair to send letter to Supervisor Jacob requesting help in getting wind turbines shut-down during red flag events when power to local neighborhoods is shutoff to prevent fire: Motion Failed due to lack of quorum: 3 yes, 1 no (Keane), 0 abstained.*

- Tisdale promised to revisit the issue.

2. **SHOULD THE GROUP SEEK SUPERVISOR JACOB'S REQUEST TO PDS FOR EXPEDITED COMPLETION AND RELEASE OF PROMISED MAP OF EXISTING, APPROVED, AND PROPOSED CUMULATIVE IMPACT ENERGY PROJECTS WITH NUMBER AND PROXIMITY OF HOMES?** This information is critical for public and private decision making, especially for impacted property owners and those who are looking to purchase property in the Boulevard / Jacumba area.

- Chair Tisdale reported that one couple recently contacted her seeking information and maps of Terra-Gen's Campo Wind project, saying they could not find good information or project details.
- Tisdale reported providing the campwind.com project website address and basic info. She also informed them that there are no guarantees that the project will be approved or that it will be terminated by the tribe like they previously voted to terminate the Shu'luuk Wind and the Campo Landfill projects.
- The couple later called to thank her saying they looked at the project website and maps and decided not to put in an offer on the Shockey Truck Trail area ranch they had planned to buy. They love the area but did not want to invest in an unknown with such a huge project proposed so close.
- There was a discussion on the need to make the request for completion and release of promised map, with Tisdale commenting that the County previously wanted the community to pay for such a map.
- Lash Roe, the Chair of the Jacumba Hot Springs Sponsor Group, was present and agreed that a cumulative project map is needed for their area too, promising to add the issue to an upcoming agenda for their group.
- ***M/S: Keane/Goodnight: Authorize Chair to seek Supervisor Jacob's request to Planning and Development Services for expedited completion and release of map of existing, approved, and proposed cumulative impact energy projects that includes the number of homes and their proximity to projects: Passed: 4-0-0***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT: Tammy Daubach was not present but Chair Tisdale read her reports:**
 - **Revitalization:** Mountain Empire Community Collaborative meeting is set for November 4th from 3:00 – 4:30 PM at the Mt. Empire Unified School District Board Room.
 - **Fire Safe Council:**
 - Jacumba's collection event totaled 26.98 tons of trash. One person actually rented a huge truck and brought in 3 enormous loads of brush. Community volunteers reported that someone dumped household trash in the park on Tuesday, which is sad. Volunteers also cleaned up the junkyard and there is already a sofa there. Please be aware that this is not a place to dump trash.
 - Trick or Treat Bay had 89 children show up even with the bad weather and the schools being closed on Thursday and Friday. Will kids have to make up wind days during the summer now?
 - The recycling meeting with EDCO and Supervisor Dianne Jacob was moved to November 5th at 2:30 PM at her El Cajon Office.
 - The Fire Safe Council and Revitalization will be meeting on November 21st at this location at 6:30 for FSC and 7:30 for Revitalization
 - During wind events, please check sdge.com/outages for information. If you have no internet access due to lack of power, it's unclear how to check. At the moment, the Backcountry Resource Center has not been

affected by outages and those without power can use the library kiosk's wifi. All you have to do is accept the library's service agreement and the wifi is free.

- Potrero's Community Clean Up is set for November 23rd

3. **COMMUNITY CHOICE ALTERNATIVE (CCA or CCE) UPDATE:**

- Oct 15: County Board of Supervisors approved creating a community choice aggregation energy program but at the same time they voted to wait and see what kind of governing authority to adopt in order to implement it.
- Supervisor Dianne Jacob quoted as saying she had concerns about the Carlsbad/Solana Beach/Del Mar partnership not requiring a unanimous vote among its members to make changes to the Joint Power Agreement (JPA) — especially since the County of San Diego would include 187,000 accounts in an agreement, the largest number of any of the other 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:**

- Tisdale reported that the Bureau of Indian Affairs rep said there was nothing new to report regarding release and public comment schedule for the Campo Wind Final EIS or for construction or wind turbine placement for Tule Wind II.

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 MID-DECEMBER:**

- County staff is currently proposing to hold a public meeting in mid-January for Campo Wind /Boulder Brush substation and gen-tie line.

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 on when the Draft EIR will be released for public comment.

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 other than an EIR is in process.

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

- Tisdale reported that her November 6th emailed request to Tule Wind for the following information had not yet been responded to:
 - The updated acoustic studies that were planned for Tule Wind I in response to complaints.
 - Information on the status of Tule Wind II regarding turbine and related component placement maps and any estimated construction timelines.
- 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 ; important to include Dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov .

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> .

- BIA rep reported having no information to share.

10. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT

DESCRIPTON: Application extended to October 29, 2019:

- As previously approved, Chair reported sending a letter on behalf of the BPG to the County with a timeline of objectionable actions / extensions, and stating position that MUP is null and void.
- A copy of letter was provided in the agenda package.
- Staff reports that the project applicant submitted numerous reports on the October 29th extension deadline.
- Staff also reported that the MUP has not yet been vested.
- Jim Whalen expressed concerns / objections that the letter sent by the Chair included his name repeatedly.
- Tisdale responded that the references to him in the letter of concern all came from documents and email communications on the project provided to her by County staff.
- He did not respond when Tisdale asked if there were any errors in the letter that needed correction.
- Whalen said application is submitted and that CCA is coming. It is for real. County just needs to decide on governance. Boulevard is not ready for what is coming. If Group is always opposed, it has no value. Terra-Gen does not come to Boulevard because it is not worth it.
- He does not want to present his new Starlight Solar project planned on Empire Ranch to the Group either.
- Tisdale responded that the majority of our community does not want to be industrialized and their property values and quality of life reduced. They don't want the Group to compromise and sell out for a few so-called community benefits that cannot begin to mitigate the damage done by these huge projects.
- Developers and their representatives should present the details of their projects to those impacted at the local level.

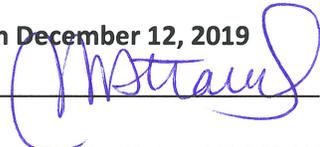
11. 60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; Application extension renewed to February 2020:

- No news to report.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8 PM: NEXT MEETING DATE MOVED TO THURSDAY, DEC 12 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

Minutes approved by Group on December 12, 2019

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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