

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)  
\*\*\*MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2020\*\*\*

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

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** 1) VACANT; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane (arrived 7:10); 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne (arrived 7:06); 7) Nancy Good (Applications are being accepted to fill vacant Seat #1)

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

**C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/SUMMARY JANUARY 2ND MEETING:**

- *M/S: Goodnight/Good: Approve January 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as corrected: Passed: 4-0-0*

**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. Items can be added on future agendas.

- **U.S. Census Bureau, Community Partnership**
- Specialist Danny Carreon presented an informational Census 101 presentation to inform the community of the 2020 Census that will begin in March.
- Census is used to determine representation and funding.
- A post card should arrive in the mail with URL link and code, or call for form, door knockers.
- Government is hiring 9300 or so workers with background checks: 2020census.gov/jobs.
- Protection of privacy for 72 year limit. Workers take oath to keep privacy.
- Boulevard has two census tracts 100% rural.
- Corrections are needed: One tract shows over 7,000 and another one shows just 315.
- Only residents are counted including undocumented.
- Civic duty to answer questions but not mandatory.
- There is a tribal partnership / outreach for census.

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

1. **60-4.2 MW TURBINE CAMPO WIND: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) TO BE RELEASED FEB 7, 2020 FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: GROUP VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SUBMIT A PROTEST DURING THE REGULAR 30-DAY WAIT PERIOD BEFORE THE FEDERAL RECORD OF DECISION IS RELEASED, IN EVENT PROJECT IS APPROVED:**

- It is unclear if our Group can actually file comments or a Protest on the FEIS. Chair will double check with the County.
- The attorney for the non-profit Backcountry Against Dumps submitted 8 pages of comments with 13 exhibits including his recent letter to the FAA regarding Campo Wind violations.
- The attorney's Feb 3<sup>rd</sup> letter included the following DEIR failures:
  - Fails to analyze the whole of the project.
  - Fails to meaningfully analyze numerous significant environmental impacts.
  - Fails to meaningfully analyze impacts to Golden Eagles & Bats.

- Fails to meaningfully analyze the Projects Audible Noise impacts.
- Fails to meaningfully analyze the Project's infrasound and low-frequency noise impacts.
- Fails to analyze the Project's Lifecycle Greenhouse Gas emissions.
- Fails to meaningfully analyze the Project's impacts to aviation.
- Fails to analyze the Project's Environmental Justice Impacts.
- The Project must comply with the CPUC General Order 131-D that requires a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity for 'major electric transmission line facilities which are designed for immediate or eventual operation at 200kV or more'.
- In sum, the DEIR violates CEQA and the Project cannot be approved without revision and recirculation of the DEIR to remedy the numerous deficiencies documented above. The Project also requires additional permitting under the California Public Utilities Commission General Order 131-D.
- Carol Fredericks raised issues with Project impacts to Miller Valley mitigation land and asked about timing for County Planning Commission and Board hearing.
- Chair requested authorization to submit formal protest if Campo Wind FEIS recommends approval.
- ***M/S: Keane/Coyne: Authorize Chair to submit formal written protest in the event FEIS recommends approval of Campo Wind: Passed: 6-0-0***

#### **F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY:**

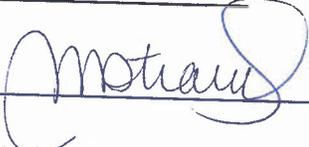
2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:** Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
3. **REVITALIZATION REPORT & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
  - Tammy Daubach reported on receiving big trailer to collect clean and dry mattresses for recycling. Lead battery recycling is starting, too. Use of public bulletin board is available upon request.
  - Ken Daubach reported that he attended SDG&E meeting where he brought up fact that turbines were allowed to run during Public Safety Power Shutoff (PSPS) events. There is a turbine fire every 31 days on average. He also demonstrated tiny iceless cooler that can be used for medication during power outages. It costs about \$20 and takes about 20 minutes charge. He also told SDG&E that kids are being sent home during PSPS events with no power and parents still at work. Our schools don't have backup generators.
4. **COMMUNITY CHOICE ALTERNATIVE UPDATE:**
  - It looks like several community choice entities are supporting proposed microgrid options for independence following major fire storms and related public safety power shutoff events.
  - **REPORT ON JAN 23<sup>RD</sup> MEETING ON DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (DEIR) FOR BOULDER BRUSH GEN-TIE /SUBSTATION FOR 60-CAMPO WIND AND 30-TORREY WIND TURBINES; PDSMUP-19-002; ER-19-16-001; PUBLIC COMMENT ENDS FEBRUARY 3<sup>RD</sup>:**
  - 51 people signed the Project opposition petition at the Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting and it was submitted into the project record.
  - Two Campo tribal members spoke about their own Project opposition petition that was signed by 65 authorized General Council voting members which is over twice the 32 who previously voted for lease agreement for Terra-Gen's Campo Wind. I know that the petition was submitted to Campo Chairman Cuero, to the County and the BIA.
  - According to Campo tribal constitution and bylaws, tribal leaders must call a special meeting to address the petition and hold a new vote on the Campo Wind project within 30 days.
  - Numerous people spoke out about the damages already being inflicted by existing turbines, including Pam Guy, Jeff and Tammy Morrison, Rowena Elliott, Teresa DeGroot. Jeff Morrison also asked about Ribbonwood Road

use of eminent domain expansion onto private property using SDG&E's utility easement when it will benefit private Terra-Gen.

- Of the many speakers, no one supported Boulder Brush or Campo Wind.
5. **TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014: NO ESTIMATED DRAFT EIR TIMELINE AVAILABLE:**
- There is still no new info on Torrey Wind
6. **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; DRAFT EIR PENDING:**
- No news
7. **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 and should also be made to San Diego County Noise Control & Code Compliance: (858) 694-3741 or e-mail [PDS.CodeCompliance@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:PDS.CodeCompliance@sdcounty.ca.gov) ; important to include [Dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Dianne.jacob@sdcounty.ca.gov) .
8. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** Tule II is currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation, with a capacity of 69 megawatts.
- No news
9. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTON: Applicant submitted new documents on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> deadline:**
- Jim Whalen reported that County staff review and comment is underway. No time estimate.
10. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road; Application extension renewed to February 2020**
- Jim Whalen heard that Joe Brown had reported some interest in his project.

**G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM. NEXT MEETING SET FOR MARCH 5, 2020 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.**

Minutes approved by Group on: 3.5.2020

Secretary, Michelle Strand: 

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