

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
MINUTES/SUMMARY**

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, March 5, 2020

MEETING LOCATION: Backcountry Resource Center- Community Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905

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

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

C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/SUMMARY FEBRUARY 6TH MEETING:

- *M/S: Goodnight/Good: Approve February 6, 2020 minutes as written: Passed: 4 YES; 0 NO; Seats 3 and 6 ABSENT & Seat 1 VACANT.*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Someone asked about all the big trucks coming and going to McCain Valley. No answer.

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

1. **CAMPO WIND: FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT (FEIS) WAS RELEASED FEB 10, 2020 RECOMMENDING APPROVAL OF 60-4.2 MW TURBINES. GROUP VOTE WILL BE TAKEN ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SUBMIT COMMENTS BY THE MARCH 11TH DEADLINE, BEFORE THE FEDERAL RECORD OF DECISION IS RELEASED. Previously voted to submit protest:**
 - The Chair reported that Campo Tribal Chairman Cuero did hold a meeting on the tribal petition with 65 signatures opposing Campo Wind but allegedly refused to recognize or call the vote for several motions and seconds to terminate the project.
 - Their election is currently set for April and word is that none of the current leaders are running. Not sure what that means. Time will tell.
 - Brief discussion of repeated concerns / issues.
 - Chair reported that March 11 is the comment deadline and she is working on 'comments' but needs the new vote to authorize her to submit comments instead of the 'protest' authorized last month.
 - *M/S: Strand/Good: Authorize Chair to submit opposition comments on Campo Wind FEIS: Passed: 4-0-0 (Seat 1; Vacant; Seats 3 -Keane & 6-Coyne absent).*

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY:

2. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**

- Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
- 2-12-20: Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to approve the BPG's previous request to adjust the Boulevard Planning Area to include several private parcels at north end of McCain Valley and only accessible through Boulevard.
- Energia Sierra Juarez Wind II in Mexico just east of Jacumba, with 26-4.2 MW Vestas V150-4.2 MW turbines (some of which will be delivered in 4MW operating mode), is expected to start construction in June / July 2020 and operation in early 2021. The existing 155MW phase I project includes 47-3.3 Vestas turbines. The new turbines will be 344 ft tall to the top of the tower and 241 ft blades = 585 ft total height.

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

4. **COMMUNITY CHOICE ALTERNATIVE UPDATE:** Community choice entities in San Diego and other counties are being lobbied to buy energy from backcountry wind and solar projects.
 - SDUT 2-29-20: San Diego Community Power will select 10 members: San Diego Community Power, also known as SDCP, is accepting applications for its community advisory committee that will give the new energy program's board of directors input on strategy, direction, programs and goals. Set to launch next year, SDCP will offer an alternative to San Diego Gas & Electric when it comes to purchasing power for five cities — San Diego, La Mesa, Imperial Beach, Encinitas and Chula Vista.
 - They reportedly hired Pacific Energy Advisors-power brokers.
 - Jim Whalen reported that San Diego City CCA starting this summer and the County is looking at infill solar. Supervisor Cox's office listened: 10 acres administrative; 40-50 acre solar using distribution lines with batteries to smooth surges; load shaping; going to Board end of March.
5. **BOULDER BRUSH GEN-TIE /SUBSTATION FOR 60-CAMPO WIND AND 30-TORREY WIND TURBINES; PDSMUP-19-002; ER-19-16-001; PUBLIC COMMENT ENDED FEBRUARY 3RD**; No news
6. **TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014: NO ESTIMATED DRAFT EIR TIMELINE UNAVAILABLE:** No news
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; DRAFT EIR PENDING:** No news
8. **TULE WIND PHASE 1 – NOISE /COMMUNITY COMPLAINT CONTACTS:** No news
9. **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.
10. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTON: Applicant submitted new documents on Oct 29th deadline:**
 - Jim Whalen reported that comments from the County may come next week.
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.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:27 PM. NEXT MEETING SET FOR APRIL 2, 2020 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

BPG meetings for April –June 2020 were cancelled due to pandemic.

Minutes approved at meeting held on 11/10/20

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____

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