COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG) *** 7 PM NOVEMBER 10, 2020 - FINAL AGENDA/NOTICE FOR MEETING*** VIRTUAL MEETING DUE TO PANEDEMIC RESTRICTIONS:

Join Zoom Meeting: 7PM Tuesday, November 10, 2020:

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A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 1) VACANT; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele

Strand; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good (Applications are being accepted to fill vacant Seat #1)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (WAIVED FOR VIRTUAL MEETING) **C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/SUMMARY MARCH 5**TH **MEETING:**

<u>D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:</u> 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.

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

- BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES SUBSTATION & GEN-TIE LINES FOR 60-CAMPO WIND AND 30-TORREY WIND
 <u>TURBINES</u>; PDS2018 MUP-19-002; NOVEMBER 13 PLANNING COMMISSION VIRUTAL PUBLIC HEARING:
 Group vote will be taken to determine whether or not to continue previous opposition to this project (1-2-20)
 and to authorize Chair to submit formal comments by the November 11th comment deadline in advance of the
 Nov 13 Planning Commission hearing.
 - a. Boulder Brush Facilities; PDS2018-MUP-19-002; Boulevard Community Plan Area: The applicant requests a Major Use Permit (MUP) and Fire Services Agreement for the construction and operation of a 3.5-mile portion of a new 8.5-mile 230 Kilovolt (kV) generation transmission (gen-tie) line, a 16-acre (65,000 sq ft) substation, a switchyard, three 10,000 gallon water tanks, and access roads within a 278-acre boundary. Approximate 50 acre ft of groundwater will come from 312-acre well field on Campo Reservation. Ribbonwood Road is main access.
 - b. The MUP is part of Terra-Gen's 252-megawatt Campo Wind project, with 60-586 ft tall wind turbines to be located on the Campo Reservation both north and south of I-8. Campo Wind is under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and subject to the federal National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Boulder Brush Substation, switchyard and to transmit the energy that is generated, a portion of the gen-tie that connects the turbines to the substation, collector substations, as well as some additional facilities are required to be constructed outside the Campo Reservation.
 - c. The Planning Commission will recommend to the Board of Supervisors whether to approve or deny the Major Use Permit (MUP), and whether to adopt the EIR (APNs 528-220-02,-03; 529-050-01; 529-090-02,-03; 529-100-01,-02,-03; 529-120-01,-03; 529-130-01; 611-010-01,-02,-03; 611-020-01; 611-050-04,-05)
 - d. Planning Commission Boulder Brush Facilities staff report with recommendation options for Commission decision with supporting documents and maps is posted at this link under Item #7: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/PC/201113-pc-hearing.html
 - e. County Staff recommends the following:

- Adopt Environmental Findings, which include the certification and findings regarding significant
 effects of the project, the Statement of Overriding Considerations, and Certify the
 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (Attachment F).
- Approve MUP PDS2019-MUP-19-002, make the findings, and include the requirements and conditions set forth in the Form of Decisions (Attachment D)
- Approve the Fire Protection and Mitigation Agreement between the County and Boulder Brush LLC and authorize the County Fire Warden or his/her representative to sign agreement for the County (Attachment G)
- f. Project Manager: <u>Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>; 858.495.532. Project documents and maps are posted at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html.
- 90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR) DRAFT EIR OUT FOR PUBLIC COMMMENT
 THROUGH NOVEMBER 23RD. PDS2018-GPA-18-010, PDS2018-REZ-18-007, PDS2018-MUP-18-022; PDS2018-ER-18-22-001: Group will vote on whether or not to continue previous opposition to this project (4-4-19) and to submit comments by the 4PM Nov 23rd deadline.
 - a. Project footprint is approximately 691 acres of the 1,345 acre property south of I-8 immediately next to Jacumba community, formerly known as Ketchum Ranch. JVR Energy Project proposes construction of a 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and 20-MW energy storage with 25 inverter/transformer platforms located throughout the solar facility; with 300,000 photovoltaic modules on single axis trackers; an underground collection system; an on-site collector substation; a switchyard; an overhead transmission line to connect the on-site collector substation to the switchyard; overhead transmission lines (tie-in) to loop the switchyard into the existing 138 kV transmission line; and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (or 180MWh) comprised of battery storage containers located adjacent to the inverter/transformer pads (up to 3 containers at each location for a total of 75 containers on site).
 - **b.** Project documents are posted at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-18-022.html
 - c. County project public meeting presentation (10-28-20) is posted at:
 https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/pds/ceqa/JVR/DEIR/JVR%20Energy%20Park%20DEIR%20Public%20Meeting%20Presentation%2010-28-20.pdf
 - **d.** Project Manager: <u>Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>; 858.495.5329. Comments on the DEIR must be sent to Susan Harris, Planning & Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Suite 310, San Diego, CA 92123 or emailed to <u>Susan.Harris@sdcounty.ca.gov</u>
- 3. <u>REQUEST FOR REIMBURSEMENT:</u> Vote on Donna Tisdale's request for reimbursement from San Diego County for \$92 paid to the US Postal Service (11-4-20; personal ck #14694) for the annual fee for PO Box 1272 for the Boulevard Planning Group.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PROJECT UPDATES:

- 1. Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
- 2. The County is working on **Renewable Energy Overlay options.** They are considering Implementation Options sorted into two categories:
 - Renewable Energy Overlay zone options with environmental streamlining, and
 - Regulation and process options designed to simplify and enhance project development requirements and permit streamlining opportunities.

- The Renewable Energy Overlay zone options include areas of the unincorporated areas of the County most feasible for the following:
 - Large Solar PV
 - Large Wind Energy
 - Large Concentrated Solar Power
 - Combination of all three
- 3. San Diego County Water Authority is studying option of a major new water pipeline to move Colorado River Water from Imperial Irrigation District to San Diego. One of three options is planned to run through Jacumba, Boulevard, Campo, and other backcountry communities.

1. REVITALIZATION REPORT & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

2. PROJECT UPDATES:

- a. <u>TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT</u>: Approved by Dept of Interior in April 2020. Resolution of litigation filed 7-8-20; petition filed with FAA challenging approval, and additional project approvals are still pending.
- b. <u>TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014:</u>
 No project progress reported since approximately 2018.
- c. <u>TULE WIND PHASE II</u>: Tule II is currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiaapayaap Reservation, with a capacity of 69 megawatts. No project progress reported since approximately 2016.
- d. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTON: No project progress reported. Project originally approved in 2014.
- e. 60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road;
 No project progress reported. Approved in 2014 and terminated by Soitec Solar in March 2015.
- f. <u>100MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY; PDS 2017-ZAP-17-006:</u> No action or progress since approximately 2017.

G. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, 2020 @ BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER.

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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