

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR VIRTUAL MEETING HELD ON 7 PM FEBRUARY 4TH, 2021 *****

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Meeting ID: 884 118 1764; **Dial in:** 669-900-6833 **Passcode:** 123

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good.

MEMBERS ABSENT: 1) VACANT; 5) Michele Strand (excused). (Applications are being accepted to fill vacant Seat #1).

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (WAIVED FOR VIRTUAL MEETING)

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 10TH & JANUARY 7TH MEETINGS:

- *Keane/Coyne: Approve November 20, 2020 minutes / summary as corrected: Passed: 5 YES; 0 NO.*
- *Keane/Coyne: Approve January 7, 2021 minutes/summary as written: Passed: 5 YES; 0 NO*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Brief discussion on 2 cows and one bull struck and killed on Old 80 near Live Oak Springs. Nancy Good reported having to call Supervisor Joel Anderson to have them removed after 3 days of no action.
- Jim Whalen commented that Community Choice alternatives to SDG&E are getting ready to launch, putting out Request for Proposals. Local projects will get priority. Lot of demand but not as much supply.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **RESPOND TO REQUEST FOR UPDATED PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) LIST FOR BOULEVARD:**

- Discussion on past and current PLDO requests / community needs.
- *M/S: Goodnight/Good: Approve following list for PLDO priority for Resource Center: Playground equipment; picnic area; landscaping; non-slip coating for concrete flooring (10,914 sq ft); satellite & internet services for emergency resource center use (\$198 month): Passed: 5 YES; 0 NO.*

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
2. Reminder to complete required training for group members.
3. Planning & Development Services Director Mark Wardlaw has moved to new job in Walnut Creek.
4. New District 2 Supervisor, Joel Anderson, has scheduled a Feb 24 virtual meeting with District 2 planning and sponsor group chairs. Concerns expressed over some of his staffing choices.
5. **REVITALIZATION REPORT** by Mark Ostrander:
 - Still working on Resource Center; emergency power inside; working on concession type stand; clean up still in progress; Feeding San Diego will be using site; fire rated, ADA compliant; ongoing funding needs.
6. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT** by Ken Daubach:
 - Big meeting was held with 11 communities; Chipping starting May through Nov: Boulevard / Jacumba.

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **REVIEW COUNTY'S INVESTIGATIVE REPORT ON LIVE OAK SPRINGS PARK AND RV PARK FACILITIES:**

- Michael Coyne stated that lots of people have thanked him for raising this issue. He expressed his opinion that current letter conflicts with past letters (2209, 2018); 26 legal non-conforming spaces through zoning verification process and 10 non-conforming cabins.

- New County letter says 26 legal non-conforming “mobile homes” instead of RV spaces and allowing old dilapidated mobile homes.
- Believes mobile home permits in error; sale of various parcels allowed.
- Not sure ever reviewed; bifurcation of uses.
- Now want to convert to mobile home park that will prevent residents from using park area.
- RV spaces proposed at one time but never implemented plan. Can’t come back 60 years later and change entire character of resort.
- County indicates in letter that once water system is improved, they are open for more mobile homes.
- Kevin Keane noted that the report says permits are required for mobile homes. Owner claims continued use since 1969 and that they have hosted events. Both claims are questionable. Area should be retained as recreation.
- Michael Coyne responded that he had never seen any alleged ‘events’ as long as he has lived there. Community might support annual events but not a mobile home park in that area. The owner just purchased it which makes it hard to claim ‘continued use’. Letter is misleading.
- Nancy Good reported living across from Live Oak Springs for 12 years and has never seen any ‘events’ there. Even the A-framed cabins have been closed for years.
- Others agree there has been no evident continued use of Live Oak Springs central park area.
- Community members can submit letters documenting their knowledge regarding lack of alleged continued use / events. This issue will be added to next month’s agenda for potential response.

2. **RENEWABLE ENERGY OVERLAY OPTIONS FOR BOULEVARD/BACKCOUNTRY:**

- Tisdale reported that this item was continued by Board of Supervisors for a vote on Feb 10th Item #2:
- She requested public to go online and register personal position on this project:
- Borrego Desert State Park had numerous overlay opponents commenting during Board hearing.
- Jim Whalen noted that the Boulevard / Jacumba area has two 500 kV lines / grid connections that put the focus on project development here instead of other communities.

3. **BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES SUBSTATION & GEN-TIE LINES FOR 60-CAMPO WIND AND 30-TORREY WIND TURBINES; PDS2018 - MUP-19-002; FEBRUARY 10TH Board of Supervisors meeting:**

- On November 13th, the County Planning Commission approved the staff recommendations supporting the project.
- The Board hearing is currently set for March 3rd (may be continued to March 17). Need public participation to let Supervisors know public opinion from impacted community.
- Mitigation is one time only \$250,000 for park and rec for a 50-year project.
- Jim Whalen commented that ongoing mitigation is needed. Not just one time funding. Environmental Justice should be used to request ongoing mitigation measures using percentage per MW per project.
- Need to talk to Fire Safe and Revitalization.

4. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR) PUBLIC COMMENT ON DRAFT EIR ENDED ON DECEMBER 7TH: PDS2018-GPA-18-010, PDS2018-REZ-18-007, PDS2018-MUP-18-022; PDS2018-ER-18-22-001:**

- No news

5. **TERRA-GEN’S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT:**

- Approved by Dept of Interior in April 2020. Federal lawsuit filed 7-8-20. FAA’s previous approval was remanded (12-20). FAA reconsideration is still pending. Federal court date of February 11 was vacated when judge denied defendants’ Partial Motion to Dismiss as moot, after receipt of amended complaint.

6. **TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014:**

- No progress reported since approximately 2018:
<https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html>

7. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:**

- No news. Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new Phase II turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation, with a capacity of 69 megawatts, as expansion to existing 131.1 MW Tule Wind I with 57 -2.3 MW turbines. No project progress reported since approximately 2016:
<https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents>

8. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

- Project originally approved in 2014 but never built. Clean Focus is moving forward slowly. Going back to County with a reported 20% reduction in project footprint. Additional public review pending.

9. **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. Invenergy withdrew from project in 2018. Soitec's Grid Queue position withdrawn. Project is still being promoted by absentee land owner Joe Brown who resides in Tennessee.

10. **100MW – INVENERGY'S BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE FACILITY; PDS 2017-ZAP-17-006:**

- No news or progress since approximately 2017. Project was placed in idle status (Aug 2019) but could be revived at later date.

11. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION:**

- 108MW (26-Vestas V150-4.2MW) Phase II expansion of existing 155 MW ESJ Wind I project (47-3.3 MW turbines) on 13,000 acres south of the border just east of Jacumba and Ejido Jacume. Energy will exported cross border to SDG&E's ECO Substation per Power Purchase Agreement with SDG&E:
<https://www.bnamerica.com/en/news/ienova-reportedly-seeks-full-ownership-of-baja-california-wind-farm> ; <https://www.renewableenergymagazine.com/wind/vestas-wins-108-mw-epc-order-in-20200220/>

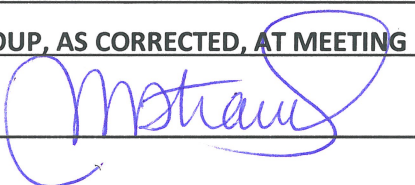
12. **STARLIGHT SOLAR PLANNED FOR EMPIRE RANCH IN JEWEL VALLEY:**

- Jim Whalen reported that Starlight Solar just got draft 20 MW Interconnection Agreement for the grid.

G. ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 4TH, 2020.

MINUTES APPROVED BY GROUP, AS CORRECTED, AT MEETING HELD ON MARCH 4, 2021:

Michele Strand, Secretary:



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