

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
***** 7 PM AUGUST 5, 2021 – FINAL AGENDA/NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING**
AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM BEHIND THE BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905***

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:

C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JULY 1ST MEETING.

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.

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

1. **RENEWABLE ENERGY OPTIONS – BATTERY STORAGE UPDATE: SEPT 1ST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING:** County staff will present an update on the Board of Supervisors' previous direction for staff to return to the Board with further analysis of RP-3: Renewable energy zoning and code update, after additional stakeholder engagement, along with other renewable energy opportunities, and explore community benefit agreements, local hire provisions, and other mechanisms that might benefit communities to improve conditions where facilities are located. *Action may or may not be taken on this issue.* Contact: timothy.vertino@sdcounty.ca.gov
2. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR); AUGUST 18 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING: FINAL EIR AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: PDS2018-GPA-18-010, PDS2018-REZ-18-007, PDS2018-MUP-18-022; PDS2018-ER-18-22-001:** *Should the BPG submit comments to the Board of Supervisors?* The County Planning Commission voted to approve staff recommendations for the 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (360 MWh). Project includes 300,000 bifacial photovoltaic modules fitted on single axis trackers, a battery energy storage system, inverter/transformer platforms, an underground electrical collection system, a collector substation, switchyard facilities, security fencing, and internal access. The development footprint of the proposed solar facility is approximately 623 acres. Project documents are posted at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-18-022.html>. Project Manager: Nicholas.Koutoufidis@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858.495.5329.
3. **REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION PLAN Draft 2021: Regional Road User Charge / Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) tax.** SANDAG'S 2021 Regional Plan assumes a fee of two cents per mile traveled to start in 2026, aligning with the implementation of the state mileage-based user fee. First year of implementation is 2026 at two cents. This rate grows annually at 2.7% until 2050. See page V-18 @ https://sdforward.com/docs/default-source/2021-regional-plan/appendix-v---funding-and-revenues.pdf?sfvrsn=9744fd65_2 ; Comment to SDForward@sandag.org.
4. **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNIBAS - PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING AUGUS 8TH:** Zoning Ordinance revisions include amendments to Section 1110 Definitions, Section 6935 Medical Marijuana Collective Facilities, Section 6976 Prohibition of Marijuana Facilities – Medical or Non-Medical, and the addition of a new Section 6861 Nonconforming Cannabis Facilities. The amendments are proposed in response to the Board of Supervisor's direction on June 9, 2021: Contact Aleena Benedito at (858) 505-6677 or at PDS.AdvancePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov. <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Cannabis.html>

G. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Applications for vacant Seat #1 are being accepted.
2. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

H. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADOPTED FIRST ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE ELEMENT FOR GENERAL PLAN & RECEIVED UPDATES ON CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND REGIONAL ZERO-CARBON PLAN:**

<https://www.countynewscenter.com/county-board-adopts-first-environmental-justice-element-for-general-plan/>

1. **STARLIGHT SOLAR:** Report on two separate member meetings (2 members each) on July 28th with Empire Ranch owners / project developers. The application is pending for this 20 MW project planned on Empire Ranch, Jewel Valley, with intent to connect to grid via the Boulevard Substation.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT**
DESCRIPTON: 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.
3. **TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 3-17-21 WITH VOTE TO APPROVE BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES:** Approved for Campo Reservation land by Dept of Interior April 2020. Federal lawsuit filed 7-8-20. FAA approval was remanded (12-20) with reconsideration still pending. SO CAL TRACON objected to Campo Wind over significant aviation impacts. The federal judge granted Campo Band's Motion to Intervene and is now considering their Motion to Dismiss the case.
4. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH SUBSTATION FACILITIES PDS2019-MUP-19-002; PDS2019-ER-19-16-001; UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3-17-21:** Boulder Brush Facilities include 3.5 miles of overhead 230 kilovolt generation transmission (gen-tie) line on private land, approximately 32 steel poles at a maximum height of 150 feet, a high voltage substation, a switchyard, in/out connection to the existing Sunrise Powerlink, and access roads on private land. These facilities will connect Terra-Gen's 60-4.2 MW Campo Wind turbines on the Campo Reservation to Sunrise Powerlink via the substation and switchyard on private land. See more project details at this link: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>
5. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION:** Current 108MW (26-Vestas V150-4.2MW) 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/>
6. **TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014:** No project progress reported since approximately 2018. Torrey Wind will rely on Campo Wind's approved but not yet built Boulder Brush Substation: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html>
7. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:** Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new 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 since approximately 2016:
<https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents>

I. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2021.

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