# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

\*\*\* 7 PM THURSDAY JANUARY 6, 2022— FINAL AGENDA/NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK 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. Must reside in and be registered to vote in Boulevard Planning Area)

### **B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:**

## C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup> 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 to future agendas.

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

- 1. <u>COMMUNITY BENEFIT AGREEMENTS (CBA) FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS:</u> County Staff will provide update on Board of Supervisors' December 8<sup>th</sup> vote and 180 day review to provide new update with options that include mandatory CBA's for large renewable energy projects that impact rural communities.
- **2. ANNUAL ELECTION OF BPG OFFICERS:** Members will vote to elect Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary to serve through 2022.
- 3. REQUEST MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FROM COUNTY FOR BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE

  CENTER: The Backcountry Resource Center that is located on County owned land that is leased for community use. An MOU is reportedly required to receive grants and / or PLDO funds. Should the request be made directly through DPR and/or Supervisor Anderson?

### **G. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- 1. <u>APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT SEAT #1 ARE BEING ACCEPTED:</u> Contact: <u>tisdale.donna@gmail.com</u>; 619-766-4170
- 2. REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

#### **H. PROJECT UPDATES:**

- 1. **BOULEVARD MICROGRID (Dec 2 CPUC Decision) & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:** The CPUC approved the project on December 2<sup>nd</sup>. No project details or timing currently available.
- 2. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION-NEW PROJECT

  DESCRIPTON: Project originally approved in 2014 for Soitec Solar but never built. Clean Focus is moving forward with a reported 20% reduction in project footprint. Final public review pending.
- 3. <u>STARLIGHT SOLAR:</u> 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. An 80 MW expansion and 200MW battery storage project are also reportedly planned and are in the CAISO grid queue.
- 4. 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. On August 6, 2021, the federal judge granted the Campo Band's Motion to Dismiss the case filed in 2020. FAA approved project for second time despite SO CAL TRACON objections over significant aviation impacts. An appeal of FAA approval has been filed in the 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit.
- 5. TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH SUBSATION 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. 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
- 6. 90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR); APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 8-18-21. CEQA LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST APPROVAL ON 9-20-21: 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (360 MWh). 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.
- 7. 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 exported cross border to ECO Substation per Power Purchase Agreement with SDG&E: <a href="https://www.bnamericas.com/en/news/ienova-reportedly-seeks-full-ownership-of-baja-california-wind-farm">https://www.bnamericas.com/en/news/ienova-reportedly-seeks-full-ownership-of-baja-california-wind-farm</a>; <a href="https://www.renewableenergymagazine.com/wind/vestas-wins-108-mw-epc-order-in-20200220/">https://www.renewableenergymagazine.com/wind/vestas-wins-108-mw-epc-order-in-20200220/</a>
- 8. 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. PDS has extended their project resubmittal with a due date of *March 24, 2022*: <a href="https://www.sandiegocounty.gov//content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html">https://www.sandiegocounty.gov//content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html</a>
- TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW: Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the
  Ewiiaapayaap 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:
  <a href="https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents">https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents</a>
- **10. BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE PDS2017-ZAP-17-006:** 100 MW battery storage project proposed to connect to Boulevard Substation is on County's idle project list. County will be sending letter to applicant to withdraw, reactivate, or moved forward for denial after April 30, 2022.
- 11. 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. Project is still being promoted by absentee land owner who lives in Tennessee. Permit reportedly expires in July 2022. Property currently listed for sale: https://www.zillow.com/homedetails/Tierra-Del-Sol-Rd-17-22-Boulevard-CA-91905/2069245114 zpid/

## I. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3RD, 2022.

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or <a href="mailto:tisdale.donna@gmail.com">tisdale.donna@gmail.com</a>; Current and past meeting agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <a href="http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html">http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html</a>

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