COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

*** 7 PM THURSDAY MARCH 3, 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 FEBRUARY 3RD 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. MITIGATED NEGAVITE DECLARATION (MND) FOR LIVE OAK SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS WELL #6: The County is requesting approval of the MND. Staff will make a presentation and answer questions. The project proposes a new secondary well to be constructed as a backup for the primary well. If the primary well fails, Live Oak Springs would be without a water supply. The new secondary well will be constructed approximately 75 feet from the existing primary well. A test well was drilled at this location in April 2020. A construction contract is expected to be awarded in late summer of 2022. Construction is expected to last 1 month. No traffic interruption is expected as all of the work will occur on the County owned parcel APN 609-050-0060. Long-term plans include: 1)New secondary well; 2)New water storage tanks; 3)New booster pump station; 4)New water system piping; 5) Replacement of the existing primary well. Board of Supervisors vote on project is expected June 15, 2022. MND will be published and open for comment 3/1 through 3/31.
- 2. PRESENTATION AND REQUEST FOR SUPPORT FOR CHAPARRAL PACIFIC CREST TRAIL NATIONAL MONUMENT PROPOSED BY THE CHAPARRAL LANDS CONSERVANCY: The stated "mission of The Chaparral Lands Conservancy is to protect shrubland ecosystems as an integral and beautiful feature of California's natural landscape through land preservation and stewardship." https://www.chaparralconservancy.org/

G. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

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

H. PROJECT UPDATES:

- 1. <u>BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:</u> The CPUC conditionally approved the project on December 2nd. SDG&E is reportedly still working through the final process with the CPUC. Completion / online date expected to be August 2023.
- 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. Greenskies Clean Focus (https://www.greenskies.com/) is moving forward with a reported 20% reduction in project footprint. Final public review / EIR Addendum is expected in the next few months. As of January 2022, new PDS Planner is Regina.Ochoa@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- 3. **20 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR + 80 MW EXPANSION:** 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 planned and are included in the CAISO grid queue (# 2168 & # 2173): http://www.caiso.com/PublishedDocuments/PublicQueueReport.xlsx

- 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 9TH CIRCUIT COURT APPEAL OF FEDERAL APPROVALS OF CAMPO WIND FILED ON 2-22-22: 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. 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 9th 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. CEQA CHALENGE FILED: 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 CHALLENING APPROVAL WAS FILED 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.
- 7. ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCES OPERATIONS: FEB 8, 2022: Sempra announced commencement of operations for 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 is exported cross border to ECO Substation per Power Purchase Agreement with SDG&E: https://www.sempra.com/energia-sierra-juarez-phase-ii-wind-farm-commences-operations
- 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*: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov//content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html
- 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:
 https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents
- **10.** <u>BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE PDS2017-ZAP-17-006:</u> 100 MW battery storage project proposed to connect to Boulevard Substation is on THE 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.

I. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 2022.

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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