COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

*** 7 PM THURSDAY MAY 5, 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) May 10th appointment pending for Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michael Strand; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR APRIL 7TH 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 to future agendas.

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

- 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR: PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION; ADENDUM TO
 REVISED PROGRAMMATIC EIR; NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 15162 & 15164 OF
 CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA): Project Revised PEIR / permit were originally approved by
 Board of Supervisors in 2015 for Soitec Solar but project was never built. The modified Greenskies / Clean Focus
 (https://www.greenskies.com/) project footprint was reduced from 498.2 to 391.2 acres and now includes 7-12
 ft. tall matt black PV solar units instead of Soitec's 30 ft. tall CPV units; a 26,000 sq ft substation instead of
 previous 6,000 sq ft substation; grading increased from 28,400 cubic yards to 75,000 cubic yards; water use
 reduced from 59 to 36.5 acre ft. On site employees reduced from 20 to zero. Public comments due by 4 pm May
 23, 2022: Current PDS Project Manager: Regina.Ochoa@sdcounty.ca.gov (619) 323-8090. Project documents are
 posted at: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-12-007W1.html : CEQA 15162-15264
 doc posted at: https://www.mpwmd.net/asd/board/boardpacket/2017/20170125/03/Item-3-Exh-E.pdf
- 2. RUGGED SOLAR COMMUNITY BENEFITS: This package was not available at time agenda was posted.
- 3. **COUNTY STAFF UPDATE ON LIVE OAK SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM:** Peejay Tubongbanua, P.E., DPW Project manager, will provide updated information including meter data access and June 15 Board of Supervisors hearing that includes Live Oak Springs water fees via property tax roll. Potential for CIP team to provide update on Phase 1 water system improvements: Contact: Peejay.Tubongbanua@sdcounty.ca.gov; 619.417.5625

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- 1. APPOINTMENT OF MANUEL CASANOVA TO SEAT # 1 IS ON MAY 10, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA.
- 2. REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

- 1. <u>DPW YEAR 6 RESURFACING PROGRAM (FY22/23) STARTS 2023:</u> Planned road resurfacing includes: Old Hwy 80 from SR 94 to 0.39 miles west of 94 & Old Hwy 80 shoulder from 94 to Royal Drive in Live Oak Springs.
- 2. **BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:** 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.
- 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. APPEAL OF FEDERAL APPROVALS OF CAMPO WIND FILED IN 9TH CIRCUIT COURT APPEAL 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 SUBSTATION FACILITIES PDS2019-MUP-19-002; PDS2019-ER-19-16-001; UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 3-17-21. CEQA CHALLENGE FILED. CAMPO BAND FILED MOTION TO INTERVENE. FAA APPROVED TRANSMISSION TOWERS IN FEB-MARCH 2022: 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 CHALLENGING 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. On March 14th, PDS granted Terra-Gens March 14th request for project time extension through September 24, 2022. https://www.sandiegocounty.gov//content/sdc/pds/ceqa/TorreyWindNOP.html The CAISO Grid Queue report (#2177) shows a Boulder Brush Hybrid with 105.8 MW wind and 314 MW battery storage with an online date of 6/1/25: http://www.caiso.com/PublishedDocuments/PublicQueueReport.xlsx
- 9. <u>TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW</u>: 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 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. Absentee owner still promoting it. Permit reportedly expires in July 2022.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 5, 2022.

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