

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)  
\*\*\*MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY JULY 7, 2022\*\*\***

**A. MEMBERS PRESENT** 1) Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight; 4) Donna Tisdale; 7) Nancy Good  
**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 3) Kevin Keane EXCUSED; 5) Michele Strand EXCUSED; 6) Michael Coyne EXCUSED.

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):**

**C. ACT ON DRAFT MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JUNE 2<sup>ND</sup> MEETING:**

- *M/S: GOOD/GOODNIGHT: Accept June 2, 2022 minutes as written: Passed: 4-0-0*

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:**

- Pamela Forrest provided update on AG Permit application on Tierra del Sol Road. The Scoping Report is pending.
- Manny Casanova raised concerns with manmade lake visible on Google Earth. Shreddy Ranch video clip shows 1-2-acre lake that being filled from a well.
- Chair Tisdale confirmed that the property is a neighbor of hers and she has had several calls from other neighbors with well problems. She reported some trouble with her own well but said there is really no inexpensive way to determine if the new lake is related to reported well problems. She was not sure what regulations are in place, if any, for private lake filling. Manny offered to look into it.

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

1. **SDG&E UPDATE ON BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:**

- CPUC approved the project on 6/23/22.
- It will serve selected Boulevard and Campo Reservation facilities.
- Dallin Young SDG&E Public Affairs and Melinda Kimble, SDG&E Project manager explained the basics.
- Work is expected to start Monday July 11<sup>th</sup> and finish March to August of 2023.
- Lithium Ion batteries are planned to act as substation during Public Safety Power Shutoff events.
- Fire concerns were raised with Lithium Ion batteries and failure to connect Mt Top Market when the new line was undergrounded right in front of the market on the way to the school and Post Office.
- Locals need access to fuel to run generators, food, and water during PSPS events.
- Melinda said fire alarm will be connected directly to the local fire station. She will look at alternative batteries.
- Dallin promised to check on status of SDG&E's approval of Backcountry Resource Center as one of their Community Resource Center during PSPS and other emergency events.

2. **VOTE ON WHETHER OR NOT TO ENDORSE RUGGED SOLAR REVISED PEIR ADDENDUM COMMENTS SUBMITTED BY CHAIR TISDALE, IN ADVANCE OF PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARINGS:**

- 21-page comment letter was submitted to PDS on 5/23 by Chair, as a personal review. Comments include requests for verification of groundwater resources for construction; underground on-site collector lines; removal of concertina wire on chain link fencing; and increased setbacks from McCain Valley Road and non-participating private properties, in compliance with defensible space requirements
- Jim Whalen objected to Tisdale letter being submitted on BPG letter head. Letter was not neutral.
- Planning Commission hearing set for July 22.
- Whalen asked for support. Raised issue of credibility if BPG opposes every project.
- Chair asked for support/endorsement of her 5/23 comment letter that neither supports nor opposes Rugged Solar project.

- *M/S: Casanova/Goodnight: Endorse the 5/23/22 Rugged Solar comment letter (submitted by Tisdale) and authorize the Chair to submit comments to the Planning Commission: PASSED: 4 YES; 0 NO; 0 ABSTAINED.*

### 3. **COMMUNITY BENEFITS AGREEMENTS (CBA); POD: 21-007:**

- The Project is to investigate the feasibility and resources needed for the County to establish CBA programs, policies and/or guidelines and return to the Board of Supervisors with options for additional direction including what types of projects would be included, such as renewable energy projects.
- Chair Tisdale provided copies of her draft list of CBA comments with 12 bullet points for review and discussion.
- They were reviewed one by one.
- Jim Whalen asked for a correction to #8: Rugged Solar offer of \$10,000 per 88.7 MW DC = \$887,000.
- There were no objections and no additions.
- *M/S: CASANOVA/GOOD: Endorse the CBA comments and submit to the County: PASSED: 4-0-0*

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

1. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS: No report provided.**
2. SANDAG Get Connected program to connect people and communities by raising awareness of available resources to access affordable high-speed internet: [www.getconnected.sandag.org](http://www.getconnected.sandag.org)

### **G. PROJECT UPDATES:**

1. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM COUNTY SERVICE AREA 127:**
  - June 29: Board of Supervisors approved MND 4-1 vote with Lawson-Remer absent : See Item 8 <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/dam/sdc/bos/agenda/sop/06292022%20SOP.pdf>
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION; ADDENDUM TO REVISED PROGRAMMATIC EIR & COMMUNITY BENEFITS UPDATE:**
  - Planning Commission Hearing set for 7/22.
3. **20 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR + 80 MW EXPANSION:**
  - Jim Whalen reported that they are close to an agreement with a new partner.
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 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT APPEAL ON 2-22-22:**
  - Legal arguments to be held in 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter at court in Pasadena.
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:**
  - A merits hearing will be held December 16<sup>th</sup> with Judge Frazier.
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:**
  - A Merits hearing was held in court on June 17<sup>th</sup>. Waiting for judge's ruling.
7. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCES OPERATIONS:**
  - FEB 8, 2022: Sempra commenced operations of their 108 MW (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.  
<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>
  - On March 14<sup>th</sup>, PDS granted Terra-Gens March 14<sup>th</sup> request for project time extension through September 24, 2022.
9. **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. <https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents>
  - No progress since approximately 2016:
10. **100 MW BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE PDS2017-ZAP-17-006:**
- The Boulevard Energy Storage application will need to be withdrawn from processing if a new permit applicant is applied for as part of the Starlight Solar project.
  - Jim Whalen reported that Alexander Haagen nows owns this property next to the Boulevard Substation.
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. The absentee owner still promoting it.
  - Permit reportedly expires in July 2022.

**H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, 2022.**

Minutes / summary approved by Group on August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Michele Strand: \_\_\_\_\_



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