

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)**

***** 7 PM THURSDAY JANUARY 12, 2023 – 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) Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 3RD MEETING (December meeting was cancelled):

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):

1. **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Group members will vote to elect Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary for 2023.
2. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK OUTREACH:** This project still focuses on large-scale wind and solar projects in the Boulevard / Jacumba area to allegedly reduce carbon emissions regionally. Various outreach meetings are being held by County staff, but none are currently listed for rural East County which is the targeted area. See details: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/sustainability/regional-decarbonization/outreach-and-engagement.html>
3. **FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONE (FHSZ) MAP RELEASED BY STATE FIRE MARSHALL:** The FHSZ is a comprehensive map that ranks California's State Responsibility Area (SRA)—or rural, unincorporated areas—based on the likelihood different areas will experience wildfire. A public hearing was held Jan 9th. The majority of Boulevard Planning Area south of I-8 was reduced from Very High to High Severity Zone. See Cal Fire link: <https://calfire-forestry.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=fd937aba2b044c3484a642ae03c35677>; State Fire Marshall's link: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/divisions/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/wildfire-preparedness/fire-hazard-severity-zones/>

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **NOVEMBER 9TH VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING WAS HELD TO HELP IDENTIFY ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE COMMUNITIES WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED REGION:** The County is requesting public input to expand the identification of "Environmental Justice Communities". Contact: Denise Vo: PDS.LongRangePlanning@sdcounty.ca.gov ; 858-505-6677. Project website: <https://sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/longrangeplanning/ejcriteria.html> .
2. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:** On October 21, Judge Ronald Frazier granted Intervenor-Defendant Campo Band of Diegueno Mission Indians' Motion to Dismiss the legal challenge to the County's approval of this project, due to their sovereign immunity: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>. An appeal is in process by a non-profit.
3. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION APPROVED ON 10-12-22.** The developer agreed to remove the concertina wire from fencing; to reduce interior pole height to 40ft; and to include additional \$25,000 to community benefit donation. The Board of Supervisors approved the project on October 12 with direction to the Chief Administrative Officer to report back to the Board within 180 days with the three options for the Mountain Empire area: <https://bosagenda.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/cosd/cob/doc?id=0901127e80f2ae72>
4. **DECORATIVE COMMUNITY SIGN:** Waiting for response to our interest from Kenton Jones at DPW.
5. **SDG&E'S BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:** CPUC approved the project on 6/23/22. It will serve selected Boulevard and Campo Reservation facilities.
6. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES ON 570 ACRES IN 8 AREAS OF JEWEL VALLEY AREA; MAJOR USE PERMIT (MUP) APPLICATION SCOPING LETTER: PDS2022-MPA-22-006. MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION IS**

PENDING: Project is industrial scale 100 MW solar facility with battery energy storage system (BESS), collector substation, transformers, inverters, gen-tie line, and 24' internal roads, water tanks for fire protection, security fencing, lighting, and signage. South of I-8 and Old 80 and east of Tierra Del Sol Road. Project has proposed eight solar array areas with approximately 300,000 PV modules on support structures.

7. **TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT. ON OCTOBER 27th THE 9th CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DIMISSED THE LEGAL CHALLENGE BASED ON TRIBAL SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY:** Campo Wind was 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 based on sovereignty. The case was appealed to 9th Circuit. In 2021, the FAA approved the project for second time despite SO CAL TRACON objections over significant aviation impacts. An appeal of FAA approval is still in process at the 9th Circuit.
8. **90 MW JACUMBA VALLEY RANCH ENERGY PARK (JVR SOLAR); APPROVED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON 8-18-21. CEQA LAWSUIT WAS FILED AND DISMISSED. AN APPEAL IS REPORTEDLY BEING FILED:** 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW (360 MWh) on 613 acres. Project documents are posted at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/MUP-18-022.html>.
9. **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. Terra-Gen was granted another project time extension through March 22, 2023. <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>
10. **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 progress since approximately 2016: <https://www.eastcountymagazine.org/state-approves-tule-wind-phase-ii-opponents-voice-concern-eagles-wildlife-residents>
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 was set to expire at the end of July 2022. Another Major Use Permit Time Extension is reportedly being processed. Property is for sale.
12. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCED 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 SDG&E's ECO Substation. Full capacity at build out is 1,000-1,200 MW.
13. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND:** New 300 MW wind & 500 MW Volta Mexicali battery storage project in Mexico announced for Jacumba border area. Both projects to connect cross border at SDG&E's ECO Substation. <https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/story/2022-10-28/sempra-power-purchase-deal-with-santa-clara>

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2023.

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