

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*** 7 PM THURSDAY APRIL 6, 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 FEBRUARY 2ND MEETING / MARCH 3RD 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. **APRIL 12 COMMUNITY MEETING AT 6PM AT BACKCOUNTRY RESOURCE CENTER EQUIPMENT BAY. 100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES PLANNED FOR 565 ACRES IN 8 EMPIRE RANCH AREAS OF JEWEL VALLEY AREA; MAJOR USE PERMIT (MUP) NOTICE OF PROJECT: PDS2022-MPA-22-006. 20 MW POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT REPORTED WITH SDG&E: DISCUSSION AND VOTE:** 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. **Comment deadline is April 24, 2023.** Project documents are posted at: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/PDS2022-MUP-22-010.html> . County project manager: Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov (619) 857-8012.
2. **SHOULD THE BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP JOIN OTHER SPONSOR AND PLANNING GROUPS IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA SEEKING CHANGES TO POLICY I-1 NEEDED TO ALLOW A REQUEST FOR AN ADVISORY SEAT AT THE SAN DIEGO ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS (SANDAG):** Review and take action on whether or not to endorse the proposed Policy I-1 changes and approval of the sample letter, or similar letter, to the SANDAG Chair, Vice-Chair and First Vice-Chair.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Effective as of April 25, after 32 years as a volunteer community planner, Donna Tisdale is resigning from the Boulevard Planning Group, due to the pending sale of her home and plans to move out of state.
 - The Draft 20 year Transmission Outlook <https://www.powermag.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/draft20-yeartransmissionoutlook.pdf>
1. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **UPDATED CAISO GRID QUEUE WIND & SOLAR PROJECT LIST FOR BOULEVARD / JACUMBA AREA:** Some wind and solar projects have been withdrawn. New list with additional projects will be published in mid-late April.
2. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK (RDF):** A lawsuit was filed by The Protect Our Communities Foundation, challenging the RDF's focus on developing wind, solar, and transmission projects in Boulevard and Jacumba instead of solar on rooftops, parking lots and other infill locations in the already built environment.
3. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:** The County vested Terra-Gen's project so their permit Time Extension application has been withdrawn. 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. An appeal is in process by a non-profit. Project docs and maps link: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>.
4. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION APPROVED ON 10-12-22. CONSTRUCTION EXPECTED TO START WITHIN A YEAR OR SO:** 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, 2022 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>

5. **DECORATIVE COMMUNITY SIGN:** Waiting for response to our interest from Kenton Jones at DPW.
6. **SDG&E's BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:** CPUC approved the project on 6/23/22. It will serve selected Boulevard and Campo Reservation facilities. Work in progress.
7. **TERRA-GEN'S 252 MW-60 TURBINE CAMPO WIND PROJECT. ON OCTOBER 27th THE 9th CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS DISMISSED 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 WAS 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. **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. It has been confirmed by Mr. Haagen that there is no easement across Empire Ranch for gen-tie line.
11. **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.
12. **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>
13. **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>

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, MAY 4 2023.

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