COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

*** 7 PM THURSDAY MAY 4^{, TH} 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) Vacant; 5) Vacant 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR APRIL 6TH METING:

<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.

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

- 1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Group members will vote to elect Vice Chair and Secretary for balance of year 2023.
- 2. COUNTY OF SANDIEGO PARKS AND RECREATION HELD A WEBINAR APRIL 13TH FOR AN OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) PARK IN SAN DIEGO COUNTY: At the 2/10/2021 Board of Supervisors meeting, the BOS directed the DPR to begin the process to site an OHV park in San Diego County. DPR applied for a state grant and received funding for a feasibility study for the OHV park. Additional webinars will be held. For more information on the proposed park project, you can contact Emmet Aquino (emmet.aquino@sdcounty.ca.gov).

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- APPLICATIONS FOR VACANT SEATS #4 AND #5 ARE BEING ACCEPTED: Interested candidates should apply on the
 Clerk of the Board's website. The application can be found at
 https://sandiegocounty.primegov.com/Portal/NewForm/1?committeeld=315. After submitting the application,
 the candidate will receive an email containing a copy of his/her application and a supplement page for
 certification. The candidate should complete the top portion of the certification page and then provide both
 documents to the group chair for endorsement.
- BPG's chair submitted the letter endorsing the proposed changes to Policy I-1 requesting an advisory seat at the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG).
- Donna Tisdale submitted a letter to Supervisor Anderson for help on SDG&E's commitment to connecting the Mountain Top Market to SDG&E's Boulevard Microgrid. She received a response from Dallin Young (SDG&E) stating that the commitment from SDG&E was for a standby generator for the market.
- Strategic Undergrounding notifications for 2 locations were mailed. The street names affected are:
 C445F Boulevard: Tierra Heights Rd, Old Highway 80, Tierra Del Sol Rd, Angel Dr, Angel Rd, High Horse Hill,
 Crows Landing, Tierra Heights Summit, Lilac Ln.
 - C4450 Boulevard: Old Highway 80, Oaks Ct.
- The Campo Lake Morena Community Planning Group received application documents for a cemetery near Miller Valley. Anyone feeling this may affect them can contact Nancy Good (<u>nancykgood@gmail.com</u>) for further information and updates.
- REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. 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. 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. <u>UPDATED CAISO GRID QUEUE WIND & SOLAR PROJECT LIST FOR BOULEVARD / JACUMBA AREA:</u> Some wind and solar projects have been withdrawn. New list with additional projects will be published in mid-late April.
- 3. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK (RDF):** The San Diego County Board of Supervisors' consideration of the Integrated Regional Decarbonization Framework will be rescheduled to a future date following the confirmation of a new District 4 representative.

Any questions should be directed to the project team at zerocarbon@sdcounty.ca.gov/rdf.

- 4. 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.
- 5. 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
- 6. **DECORATIVE COMMUNITY SIGN:** Waiting for response to our interest from Kenton Jones at DPW.
- 7. **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.
- 8. 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.
- 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.
- 10. 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
- 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. It has been confirmed by Mr. Haagen that there is no easement across Empire Ranch for gen-tie line.
- 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.** <u>SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND</u>: 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
- 14. <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

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1ST 2023.

For More information contact Earl Goodnight at blvdgoodnight@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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