

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
***** FINAL MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON May 4th, 2023*****
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905

An informal session was held prior to the meeting to honor Donna Tisdale and Michele Strand for their exemplary service over the past years.

Meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Manuel Casanova; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Vacant; 5) Vacant; 7) Nancy Good; 6) Michael Coyne

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR APRIL 6TH MEETING:

- *M/S: Casanova/Keane: Approve April 6, 2023, minutes/summary as written. PASSED: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 VACANT*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: No public comment was made.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Vacancies for Vice- Chair and Secretary were voted on. Manny Casanova was nominated for secretary to serve on an interim basis until seat vacancies are filled.
Casanova for secretary: *M/S Good/Keane: PASSED: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 VACANT*
Nancy Good volunteered For the Vice Chair position.
Nancy Good for Vice Chair: *M/S Coyne/Casanova: PASSED: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 VACANT*
2. **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO IS PLANNING A OHV PARK IN THE COUNTY**
Goodnight reported on the webinar that the County held on April 13th. There was stiff opposition to the proposal by the attending public. Chair will monitor the County's proposal and provide updates on future moves by the county.
No action taken by the board.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Applications are being accepted for vacant seats #4 & #5. Applicants should apply on online to the Clerk of the Board's website.
- Goodnight reported that BPG's Chair submitted a letter to the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) endorsing the proposed changes to Policy I-1 requesting an advisory seat on (SANDAG).
- Goodnight reported that Donna Tisdale had sent a letter to Supervisor Anderson asking his assistance to persuade SDG&E to follow through on its commitment to connect the Mountain Top Market to the Boulevard Microgrid. The only response was from Dallin Young, (SDG&E) stating their will be a standby generator supplied to the market 48 hours prior to a PSPS.
- Goodnight reported on the planned SDG&E's undergrounding of circuits C445F and C445O.
- Nancy Good gave a presentation on the proposal that Lake Moreno had received regarding the planned cemetery near the Crestwood area. Interested parties were asked to contact Nancy Good for further information.

1. **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**
No Report

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES PLANNED FOR 565 ACRES ON THE EMPIRE RANCH**
 A number of comments had been sent to the county from the participants of the April 12th community meeting held at the Resource Center equipment bay.
 A Draft EIR is expected in the fall of 2023.
2. **CAISO GRID QUEUE WIND & SOLAR PROJECT LIST FOR BOULEVARD / JACUMBA AREA:**
 - The CAISO Grid Queue was updated in April. Chair reported that the updates to the group will be delayed until next month's meeting due to lack of time by the Chair.
3. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK (RDF):**
 - The BOS's consideration of the Integrated Regional Decarbonization Framework will be rescheduled to a future date following the confirmation of a new District 4 representative. Time frame for a new representative will be after January 2024.
4. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:**
 - An appeal by a non-profit is still in process.
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 Board of Supervisors approved the project on October 21st, 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.
6. **DECORATIVE COMMUNITY SIGN:**
 - No news. 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 is targeted for completion in August 2023
8. **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:**
 - An appeal of FAA approval is still in process at the 9th Circuit.
9. **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 still in process.
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.
 - Terra-Gen was granted another project time extension through March 22, 2023:
11. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road:**
 - No project progress. Approved in 2014 and terminated by Soitec Solar in March 2015.
 Another Major Use Permit Time Extension was reportedly being processed.
12. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCED OPERATIONS:**
 - CAISO Grid Queue Report has moved this project from active to completed.
13. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND:**
 - 300 MW wind & 500 MW Volta Mexicali battery storage project in Mexico.
 Nothing new to report.
14. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:**
 - Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation.
 - No progress since approximately 2016:

H. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:39 PM: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023.

Minutes were approved, as corrected, by the Group on: 6/1/2023.

Manuel Casanova, Secretary: *Manuel Casanova Jr*

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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