

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
FINAL MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 1ST, 2023
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905**

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 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 MAY 4TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: Coyne/Good: Approve May 4th, 2023, minutes/summary as corrected. PASSED: 5 YES, 0 NO, 2 VACANT***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Rubert Pedrin raised a concern about the SDG&E Microgrid/Battery sub-station saying the work being conducted is polluting the wetlands on his property. After contacting the County, he was informed that SDG&E is exempt from procuring an Environmental report.

Pedrin is requesting an Environment Report from the County or SDG&E. He has contacted Nick Koutoufidis, Land Use & environmental Planner, with his concerns about natural water flow disturbance due to the new construction.

Pedrin shared the contact information from Nick Koutoufidis to the community group should they have any concerns with the current SDG&E Microgrid/Battery sub-station project. NicholasKoutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov (619)356-8348.

Pedrin requested that we add to our next meeting a discussion requesting more assistance from the county on current and future construction projects in the area.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP)UPDATE:** San Diego County representative, Megan Kelly led the (CAP) power point presentation. San Diego County's CAP is mandated by the state of California. There will be public review of the County's CAP in the fall of 2023.
 - Community feedback during the presentation:
 - How the CAP would address the high electric bills.
 - CAP projects are utilizing natural resources in our community and impacting native wildlife.
 - SDG&E power safety shutoffs impacts our community while power generated in our area is used to continue power to other communities in the county.
 - The high costs of residential solar does not allow our low-income community to take advantage of tax incentives when most are not required to pay income taxes.
 - The Boulevard community is routinely the target for Green Energy Projects, however there is no county reinvestment in the community to offset the negative impacts these projects have on our community.
2. **MOUNTAIN TOP MARKET POWER CONNECTION TO SDG&E'S MICROGRID:** Should the Board act on behalf of Mountain Top Market in getting connected to SDG&E's Microgrid?
 - SDG&E had previously committed to connecting the market to the Microgrid to ensure the community had access to essentials during power shutoffs as addressed in an email sent by Donna Tisdale (former Chair).
 - The response came from Dallin Young (SDG&E) now claiming the commitment was for a generator to be furnished with fuel and operating personnel during any power safety shutoff.
 - A motion was made to have Nick (owner of Mountain Top Market) to supply the BPG with what action he would like the Board to assist with, and to table the discussion until next meeting.
 - ***M/S: Kevin Keane/Nancy Good: Passed: 4 YES, 1 NO, 2 VACANT***

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Applications are being accepted for vacant seats #4 and #5. Applicants should apply online to the Clerk of the Board's website.
- Goodnight gave an update on the unincorporated area representation on SANDAG. Stating that on 5/24/2023 the BOS voted 4 – 0 in support of the creation of a plan to place a representative from incorporated areas on the SANDAG Board.
- **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**
 - Jim Whalen reported that they were processing about 30 comment letters that were submitted.
 - A Draft EIR is expected in the fall of 2023.
1. **CAISO GRID QUEUE WIND & SOLAR PROJECT LIST FOR BOULEVARD / JACUMBA AREA:**
 - Goodnight reported the changes to the CAISO Grid Queue that was updated in April 2023. Four projects were moved to completed status and two projects were moved to withdrawn status.
2. **REGIONAL DECARBONIZATION FRAMEWORK (RDF):**
 - Nothing to report.
3. **TERRA-GEN'S BOULDER BRUSH FACILITIES (SUBSTATION GEN-TIE) PDS2022-MUP-19-002TE:**
 - An appeal by a non-profit is still in process.
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 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.
 - Goodnight asked about the 180 days for the Chief Administrator Officer's report since the 180 days had passed. Jim responded that it takes time, and there is only one option.
5. **DECORATIVE COMMUNITY SIGN:**
 - No news. Waiting for a response to our interest from Kenton Jones at DPW.
6. **SDG&E'S BOULEVARD MICROGRID & STRATEGIC UNDERGROUNDING:**
 - No changes.
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:**
 - 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 still in process.
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.
 - Terra-Gen was granted another project time extension through March 22, 2023:
10. **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.
11. **ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) WIND II-EXPANSION COMMENCED OPERATIONS:**
 - CAISO Grid Queue Report has moved this project from active to completed.
12. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND:**
 - Nothing new to report.
13. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:**
 - No progress since approximately 2016:

H. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:47 PM: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023.

Minutes were approved, as corrected, by the Group on 7/6/2023.

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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