COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

*** 7 PM THURSDAY August 3rd, 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 July 6th MEETING:

<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. **VOTE ON APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT #4:** Anthony Ralphs has applied for appointment to seat #4. Anthony will have an opportunity to express why he wants to be recommended for appointment. Board members may interview Anthony before voting. Board recommendation will require Board of Supervisors vote and appointment.
- 2. **VOTE ON APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT #5:** Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden has applied for appointment to seat #5. Melanie will have an opportunity to express why she wants to be recommended for appointment. Board members may interview Melanie before voting. Board recommendation will require Board of Supervisors vote and appointment.

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- MOUNTAIN TOP MARKET POWER CONNECTION TO THE SDG&E'S MICRO GRID: The Board's letter of support was sent 7/24/2023 to Dallin Young, DYoung1@sdge.com, and copied to Supervisor Anderson. Response from Dallin stated that the requirements for "necessary facilities" have been revised to include gas stations and markets. SDG&E is assessing how they may include Mountain Top Market in our future undergrounding projects.
- LIVE OAKS SPRINGS MARKET GENERATOR BOARD SUPPORT LETTER: I contacted Sam Matthe, owner of the market to see if he wanted the Board to proceed in his behalf, he gave the OK to send the letter to SDG&E. The letter was emailed to Dallin Young on 7/28/2023. Confirmation of receipt was received by phone the same day.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION UPDATE:** The Association of San Diego County Planning Groups have submitted the DRAFT INTERIM GROUP BYLAWS to County Councel for review. Delays are expected with county vacations ongoing.
 - On Friday, July 28, 2023, SANDAG's executive director Hasan Ikhrata submitted his resignation with his last day being Dec 29th. Source: https://www.sandiegouniontribune.com/business/story/2023-07-28/sandag-ceo.
- <u>COUNTY ACTION PLAN (CAP):</u> In the CAP's newsletter, residents are urged to submit the survey that followed the CAP presentation. It is short, taking about five minutes. The County wants your opinion. Submit online: www.surveymonkey.com/r/CPLX2DY.
- SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM: Planning & Development Services have completed Phase 3 of their outreach. Next will be developing an Environmental Review Process (EIR). Followed by public review of the EIR. For more information go online: www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/cannabis.html.
- 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: 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. 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.

- 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
- 3. <u>BOULEVARD ENERGY STORAGE PLANNED FOR BOULEVARD PDS2017-ZAP-17-006:</u> This project was formally withdrawn on July 27,2023. Confirming email from: Nicholas.Koutoufidis1@sdcounty.ca.gov.
- 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 was submitted on 6/20/2023 by a non-profit. Project docs and maps link: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html.
- 5. **SDG&E'S BOULEVARD MICROGRID:** Dallin Young, SDG&E, reported that the project is on schedule to be completed this August as previously reported.
- 6. 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. TERRA-GEN'S 126 MW
- 8. TORREY WIND PROJECT WITH 30-4.2 MW TURBINES: PDS2018-MUP-18-014: The Torrey Wind project was formally withdrawn on 6/12/2023.
- 9. <u>60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road;</u> No project progress reported. The absentee owner is still promoting it. Permit was set to expire at the end of July 2022. Another Major Use Permit Time Extension is reportedly being processed.
- 10. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND**: 300 MW wind & 500 MW Volta Mexicali battery storage project in Mexico. Nothing to report.
- 11. <u>TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW</u>: Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiaapayaap Reservation. No progress since approximately 2016.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 7TH, 2023.

For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email 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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