

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
***MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 4, 2024 ***
COMMUNITY ROOM IN BACK AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905**

Meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM.

A. ROLL CALL: 1) Manuel Casanova Jr. (excused); 2) Earl Goodnight; 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Anthony Ralphs;
5) Melanie Zardeneta-Hayden; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good
A quorum was present

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR DECEMBER 7TH MEETING:

- *M/S: Keven/Good: Approve December 7, 2023, minutes. Passed: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Abstain (Coyne)*

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Chair Goodnight presented a follow-up on Frank Davoli public comment (12/7/2023 meeting) regarding monitoring of private residential wells. The Chair had contacted Jim Bennett, County Groundwater Geologist. Results, the County has about 40 wells that are monitored for capacity only. The last monitoring results showed all wells in our area are healthy. All wells being monitored are done on a voluntary basis only. Final statement from Jim Bennett was the County or any other agency does not have the authority to control private residential wells.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS:** Nominations were made for Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary, following discussion acceptance by all; Earl Goodnight was elected Chair, Nancy Good as Vice Chair, Anthony Ralphs as Secretary to serve as officers for 2024.
2. **LETTER TO ASSEMBLY MEMBER MARIE WALDRON:** Rett Lawrence requested the Groups support in his effort to make aware and change California's laws on penalties for hit and run accidents. Following discussions, a letter from the BPG would show community support on this issue. A motion to send the letter was made by Nancy Good and seconded by Kevin Keane. **Motion carried by vote; 6 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent**

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **GROUP MEMBER ANNUAL CSPG TRAINING:** Chair Goodnight reported to all seated members that they must complete CSPG Annual Training for 2024. Two virtual (Zoom) meetings will be available for the training, January 20, 2024 & February 10, 2024.
Effective 1/1/2024 the annual submittal procedure for Form 700 has been changed to online submittals (if the member has a wet signature copy on file with the state). The Clerk of the Board of the BOS will be sending the login information; members are asked to hold off submitting Form 700 until they receive this information from the Clerk. The new filing procedure is anticipated to be completed by the end of February.
- **COUNTY OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK--STUDY UPDATE:** Chair Goodnight reported the Tier 1 phase of the OHV project is complete. A map of the proposed sites was supplied to the public in attendance. A second virtual (Zoom) meeting will be held 1/30/2024 to obtain and incorporate community feedback.
- **NEW SOLAR PROJECT IN BOULEVARD:** Bear Peak Power, Denver, identified the site as a 5MW Solar and Battery Storage Project on 45.7 acres at 1746 Tierra Del Sol Rd. The address, parcel number, and owner of the property was shared. This information was forwarded to the County. Response back was no record on this property or any other new projects in Boulevard.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED PRESENTATION:** On 12/8/2023, the SANDAG BODs approved a motion to have an Association of Planning Groups representative on the SANDAG BOD. The first formal in-person APD meeting is scheduled for 1/10/2024.
- **FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS ON TIERED WINERY EXPANSION:** Information for the 1/10/2024, PDS virtual (Zoom) meeting at 6pm was shared. A link to the Zoom meeting was provided for interested parties.
- **CANNABIS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE:** The BOS will conduct a public hearing on 1/10/2024 on the request for authorization for PDS to accept grant funds from the California Board of State and Community Corrections Services. Grant amount of \$2,092,520 was awarded in the Spring of 2023. Chair Goodnight gave a brief history on the Cannabis Program from the BOS transferring the Cannabis Licensing Program from the Sheriff's Dept. to the PDS and the dates leading up to the awarding of the grant. This is brought about with voters passing Proposition 64.
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:** Mark Ostrander supplied the following information to the Chair since he was unable to attend.
Fire safe Council had completed 8 chipping events planned for this calendar year; the last event was 12/16/2023. All four cleanup events have been completed. Clean up events are made possible with the help of EDCO, Community Protection Grant from SDG&E, and the Grant from San Diego Fire Foundation.

JBRA held a Christmas event 12/16/2023, approx. 80 children received toys from Santa. JBRA is planning a Medical Health Day to be held 10/6/2024 at the Resource Center. The Food Pantry Program each Monday is made possible from a grant administered through San Ysidro Health. EDCO furnishes a recycle bin for household recyclables. The mattress recycling is ongoing sponsored by Mattress Recycle Council. Both recycles are open on Mondays and other times by appointment, call 201-890-3344 for time. Community support and volunteers are needed to maintain operation and maintenance of the Center. All donations are tax deductible and can be made out to JBRA, mailed to 43577 Old Hwy. 80, Jacumba, CA 91934.

G. PROJECT UPDATES

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR PLUS BATTERIES ON THE EMPIRE RANCH-** Jim Whalen's updates included details about the progress of developments for the Solar Project on the Haagen property:
 - An invasive reptile species has been found in the water ways on the property.
 - 33 Cultural resource areas have been located. The County has been advised that these areas would not be disturbed.

Chair Goodnight reported traffic concerns from residents living on Jewel Valley Way. Should construction start, some type of warning system should be installed on Jewel Valley Rd for vehicle traffic traveling north alerting that they are approaching a blind intersection.

Jim Whalen shared Mr. Haagen will pay to install the necessary equipment for the Resource Center to have WIFI and the ability to have virtual (Zoom) meetings. All monthly internet costs will also be paid by Mr. Haagen.

2. **RUGGED SOLAR:** Jim Whalen reported the project is undergoing a change of ownership, no further progress to report.

Chair Goodnight stated that there is nothing new to report on Projects 3 through 8 on the agenda.

H. MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 8:20 PM: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024.

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Minutes were approved by the Group on 2/1/2024.

Signed: Anthony Ralphs, Secretary _____



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