

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)
*****7 PM THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024 – FINAL AGENDA / NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING**
AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905***

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 1st MEETING:

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: 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. **Comments shall be limited to (3) minutes.**

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

1. AT&T REQUEST TO THE CPUC TO DISBAND LANDLINE SERVICE: Should the Boulevard Community Planning Group submit public comments to the CPUC representing the residents in our area?

AT&T California has applied to the CPUC to Withdraw its Eligible Telecommunications Carrier Designation and Relief from its Carrier of Last Resort Obligation (COLR). **In California, AT&T is designated as the Carrier of Last Resort.**

- AT&T filed this application to end its Carrier of Last Resort obligation in March 2023.
- AT&T has said it won't cut off phone service immediately, AT&T's application said it would provide basic phone service in all areas for at least six months, and indefinitely in areas without any alternative voice service.
- Ending the COLR obligation would make it easier for AT&T to drop all landline service in the future.

Send comments to California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC).

Use link: [Proceedings Tab5 - Public Comments \(ca.gov\)](#)

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• **NEW SOLAR PROJECTS IN BOULEVARD:**

- Bear Peak Power, Denver identifies the site as a 5MW Solar and Battery Storage project on 45.7 acres at 1746 Tierra Del Sol Rd, Boulevard. No further information.
- There is a new addition to the CAISO interconnection application list (item 56).
Project name - **Boulevardier:** A hydrogen generated powered 348 MW system, with Battery Storage, is proposed for Boulevard, with a 148 KV transmission line connecting to the Boulevard substation.
Location of this project is unknown currently.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Robin Joy Maxson, Chair, Association of Planning Groups report from the SANDAG February BOD meeting.

Caltrans:

A Disaster Declaration from the President would release funds for highway repairs due to the recent rainstorms.

125 Toll Road Action Plan:

Feb. 9th meeting Coleen Clementson reported that SANDAG would be presenting an action plan for the 125 Toll Road at the February 13th City of Chula Vista Council meeting.

Report of SANDAG Draft 2025 Regional Plan:

Susan Huntington, Antoinette Meier, Ray Majors and Allan Kosup continued their presentation of an initial concept of the Draft 2025 Regional Plan.

SANDAG Response - Express bus routes from unincorporated communities are being implemented soon.

SANDAG Roadside Service:

General discussion on the increased cost for this program since SANDAG began running operations.

Inland Rail Trail (bike path):

Update on Phases 3 and 4 on bike paths from Escondido to Oceanside.

Airport Transit Connection:

Update on the progress of the new plan for moving people from the SD Airport to downtown and other destinations.

- **CANNABIS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE:** A virtual listening meeting (Zoom) was held 2/7/2024, hosted by Brandon Lewis, Program Manager, covering the programs timeline and program details.
 - 2023 Finalized the program and are scheduled to provide an update to the BOS 3/12/2024.
 - 2024 Accepting applications for storefront license.
 - 2025 Issuing storefront licenses.

A Cannabis Community Collaborative will be set up consisting of a 9-member group, one member appointed by the BOS, balance of the group will be filled from applicants. The Group will assist on shaping the ownership/benefits program and will be required to provide an annual report to the BOS.

For further information contact: Brandon Lewis, Brandon.Lewis@sdcounty.ca.gov

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- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** Assemblymember Marie Waldron and Senator Brian Jones have co-authored Senate Bill 1074.

SB 1074 will make public safety the highest criteria for housing SVPs in any area, with the Director of State Hospitals being held responsible for ensuring that public safety is the major consideration. The DSH will be required to take ownership by approving any placements before leases can be signed.

- **SDG&E ELECTRIC SYSTEM HARDENING NOTIFICATION:** Construction notification letters were mailed 2/2/2024, 2/9/2024 and 2/16/2024 for the Boulevard area.
 - C445 – Boulevard: Tierra Del Sol Rd, Zarina Lake Dr, Jewel Valley Rd, Mary Joe Ln, Tierra Real Rd, Tierra Estrella (dated 2/2/2024)

Crews will be installing new steel poles and replacing overhead wires. Hardening of overhead wires will result in the wires withstanding 85 MPH winds and in some specific cases wind speeds more than 110 MPH. Wood poles not containing third party (phone) lines will be removed. Third parties will be responsible for removing their wood poles.

- C0445 N – Boulevard: Highway 94, Rancho Manzanita Dr, Old Highway 94 (dated 2/9/24 – 90-day construction)
- C445D – Boulevard: Ribbonwood Rd, Clements St, Opalocka Rd (dated 2/16/24 – 90-day construction)

This work includes site preparation, staging yard preparation, structure removal, road work and vault installation, trenching, conduit installation, trench backfill, cable pulling and splicing as well as clean up and restoration.

- **OPTIONS FOR STREAMLINING AFFORDABLE AND ATTAINABLE HOUSING:** The BOS has directed PDS to explore the feasibility of Developing three potential housing programs.
PDS hosted a virtual public meeting 2/15/2024 providing information and to receive input on the following.
 - Small Lot Subdivision Program
 - A Senior and Assisted Living Housing Program
 - A County Buy-Right Program

Interested parties can join a second virtual (Zoom) meeting to be held March 13, 2024 at 6:00 PM.

Accessed at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0qdeyggTgrH9I-vSZMqRlizoK7KGtHgFOG>

Meeting ID: 897 2587 3156 Passcode: 624645

- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT ON 565 ACRES OF THE EMPIRE RANCH ON JEWEL VALLEY RD; PROJECT: PDS2022-MPA-22-006.** Jim Whalen to report.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 MAJOR USE PERMIT MODIFICATION APPROVED BY BOS ON 10-12-22:** Change of ownership is ongoing. Jim Whalen to report.

AGENDA ITEMS NUMBERS 3 THROUGH 8 HAD NO ACTIVITY, NOTHING TO REPORT.

3. **TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW:** Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiapayaap Reservation. Avangrid Inc. (parent company of Tule Wind) and Vitol Inc. have reached a transfer agreement for the 2023 **production tax credits** of the Tule Wind Project. Going forward, we will have to see how it affects the project.
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 the non-profit BAD.** Project docs and maps link: <https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/ceqa/BoulderBrush.html>.
5. **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 non-profit BAD won their appeal against the FAA approval of the project.**
6. **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>.
7. **60 MW 420 ACRE BOULEVARD SOLAR MUP12-010TE PDS2012-3300-12-00 @ 796 Tierra Del Sol Road;** 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.
8. **SEMPRA'S CIMMARON WIND:** 300 MW wind & 500 MW Volta Mexicali battery storage project in Mexico. This project, near Tecate, has received the green light from the environment ministry in Mexico. It will link to the existing transmission line used to export energy generated by the Sierra Juarez wind farm and transmitted to the Boulevard substation.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY MARCH 7TH, 2024.

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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