COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

7 PM THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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 MARCH 3rd 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. Comments shall be limited to (3) minutes.

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

No action items on this months agenda

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- AT&T REQUEST TO THE CPUC TO DISBAND LANDLINE SERVICE: On March 19, 2024, the California Public Utilities Commission held their virtual public meeting for input from the communities. It was reported that most of the calls were against removal of their landline service with a few calls stating it would improve AT&Ts overall service if the expense of maintaining the landlines costs were invested in newer systems. The CPUC will hold a hearing in April, date to be determined. A final decision is not expected until the fall.
- 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 138 KV transmission line connecting to the Boulevard substation.
 Location of this project is unknown currently.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** SANDAD's Board of Directors held a special meeting on 3/29/2024 to report the findings of the independent audit on the 126 Toll Road operations.
- <u>CANNABIS LICENSING & ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM NOTICE</u>: In the virtual Supervisor Staff meeting (3/9/2024),
 These points were clarified.
 - The 25-cannabis cap is for storefront only, currently there is no cap on cultivation operations.
 - The Cannabis Community Collaborative will have nine members. Each Supervisor will appoint one member from their district, the remaining four members will be selected from applicants.

Previously it was thought that only one member would be appointed by the BOS.

The Cannabis update presentation to the BOS was scheduled for 3/12/2024 but was withdrawn by the Cannabis Staff. The BOS have not received word when it will be scheduled.

• **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** A SVP is scheduled to be placed in Campo in March, despite the objections of the community. Residents were notified that a sexually violent predator is scheduled to move into their community by the end of the month, sheriff's officials said. Alan Earl James will be moved from a state mental health hospital to a residence at 1138 Custer Road, near state Route 94 and Campo Road, , on or before March 22, according to the District Attorney's Office website.

The latest status on SB 1074 (Sexually Violent Predators): A hearing date of April 9th is set for the Senate Public Safety Commission.

- SDG&E ELECTRIC SYSTEM HARDENING NOTIFICATION: A 30 day updated construction notification was mailed out March 4th for the below project.
 - o C445D Boulevard Ribbonwood Rd, Clements St, and Opalocka Rd

SDG&E or its contractors will be performing undergrounding in these areas. Should you have any questions or concerns during construction, call (844) 765-6388 or email Jennifer Ramp at: JRamp@sdge.com. More information can also be found on their website at sdge.com/undergrounding-overhead-powerlines.

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.
- 3. <u>TULE WIND PHASE II-69MW</u>: Currently permitted to erect up to 24 new turbines on State land and the Ewiiaapayaap 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: Ruling on appeal submitted 6/20/2023 by non-profit: On March 13, the Court of Appeal, Fourth Appellate District, ruled in favor by issuing a judgement that reverses the previous court dismissal of BADs legal challenge. The new ruling remands San Diego County's 2021 approval of Terra-Gen's Boulder Brush Substation back to superior court to vacate their judgement of dismissal and the underlying order granting Campo's motion to dismiss, and to enter a new order denying the motion to dismiss.
 - 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 Baja, Mexico. Sempra is moving forward with \$550 million phase 3 of Energia Sierra Juarez Wind, connecting to ECO Substation at the border near Jacumba. They have a 20-year PPA contract with Silicon Valley Power. It will include 64 5 MW Vestas turbines. This will bring ESJ complex to 580 MW. They have the capacity for an additional 300 MW and future potential for an additional expansion of 650 MW.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY MAY 2nd, 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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