

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025, MEETING**

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

- A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):** 1) Manuel Casanova, Jr.; 2) Earl Goodnight; 3) Vacant; 4) Anthony Ralphs (Late arrival); 5) Melanie Hayden; 6) Michael Coyne (Excused); 7) Nancy Good
A quorum was present.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 7th MEETING: February's meeting was not held (lack of quorum). March's meeting was not held (inclement winter weather). No minutes for these months.

M/S: Casanova/Good Approve minutes as written,
January minutes approved: 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Jay Livesay asked the Planning Group for assistance in the AT&T's wires still on wood poles after SDG&E has installed steel pole replacement. Discussions followed on the subject. Chair relayed information supplied by SDG&E from their in-person presentation, a few months ago, regarding AT&T's obligation to transfer wires to the steel poles. It is not the responsibility of SDG&E to do so. Mr. Livesay was advised to continue his efforts with AT&T.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. Supervisor Anderson's office has requested the BCPG's support for Joel Anderson's UNSAFE CAMPING ORDINANCE to control unauthorized camping in San Diego County. After discussions, the Chair asked for a motion to support Anderson's ordinance.
M/S: Casanova/Ralphs Motion failed: 3 No, 2 Yes, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant
Chair then asked for a motion to send a letter to Andersson's office with BCPG decision on the ordinance.
M/S: Ralphs/Hayden Motion passed: 5 Yes, 0 No, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PLANNING GROUP ZOOM MEETING UPDATE:** This meeting was shared on Zoom. This test Zoom meeting is being held prior to the Board's decision to incorporate teleconferencing into future Planning Group meetings. Manny Casanova was the Zoom host for the Planning meeting. A few community members participated via Zoom and interfaced with the meeting. One comment, some of the sound from the room was lacking on Zoom.
- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY:** Applications are being accepted for Seat #3 on the Boulevard Community Planning Board. Seat #3 has a remaining term of four years. Applications must be submitted online using the County's website.
- **OFF HIGHWAY VEHICLE (OHV) PARK (STUDY AND SITE UPDATE):** The County has worked through the second phase of the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) park feasibility study process.
Tier 2 Assessment information was made available. A map showing the 9 locations from the latest feasibility study was included in the agenda packet. It was good news for our community; we are not one of the finalists. The County anticipates making the final report available to the public in the Winter of 2025/26.
- **SAN DIEGO COUNTY CANNABIS PROGRAM:** The Draft Cannabis Program EIR has been released for public review and comments. The comment period closed on March 31st.
A community member shared information from the Draft EIR, via Zoom, that she deemed pertinent.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** The Association of Planning Group SANDAG BOD Macch meeting minutes was included in the agenda packet.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** In January Judge Howard Shore ruled that Herman Smith, 78, will be allowed to leave a state hospital and return to the Jacumba home where he had been living. Merle Wakefield had been placed in the Jacumba home temporarily while Smith was gone. Wakefield has been moved to a location in Campo. Alvin Ray Quarles has been placed in Borrego Springs. Both housing designations are temporary. SVP Gary Snively, 61 has been granted release by Judge Jeffery Fraser. But Fraser refused to release Snively as a transient. He gave the authorities until mid-May for an update on the housing search. Supporting articles were included in the agenda packet.
- **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN:** The Department of Public Works Capitol Improvement Meetings schedule was included in the agenda packet. Learn about planned projects in the listed communities.
- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Chair shared the following with the group.
 - Recently, SDG&E requested funding from the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) a four-year budget to underground 605 miles of overhead power lines but, the CPUC approved funding to underground only 140 miles over the four-year period. We are reducing our SUG work. Customers who have previously been notified directly by SDG&E about underground projects in their community will be updated in the next few weeks via mail on the status of the project.
 - County Fire is proposing to the BOS to increase Fire fees and begin charging for business and State Mandated Inspections. Residents in our rural area will not be impacted by this proposal.
 - This April SDGE & Community Power customers will receive \$81.38 California Climate Credit on your electric bill.
- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS**

Fire Safe:

Fire Safe has received a grant for 9 chipping events and 2 tire collection events. The months for chipping are in April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November, and December.

Tire collection dates are one in June and one in July. 10 tires per load will be strictly enforced.

Flyers are forth coming.

JBRA:

Cleanup dates have been submitted and will post dates once approval has been received.

The facility's solar system has received final approval for the installation and is in full operation.

Fire Safe and JBRA now have the ability to have public Zoom meetings.

The next Fire Safe meeting will be on April 21st at 6:30, JRRRA meeting following at 7:30

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's report was received by email: Starlight is completing the final drafting of the EIR chapters. They hope to have the Draft EIR out for public review in the 2nd quarter of 2025.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** Jim Whalen's report was received by email: The time extension was approved unanimously by the Planning Commission with no opposition. Request is waiting to be docketed by the BOS. Rugged Solar plans on coming to the BPG soon to talk about the changes they want to make to the project (e.g. add batteries).

***** NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 *****

H. Meeting was adjournment at 8:20 PM

Next meeting scheduled for May 1, 2025.

April minutes were approved, with correction of typos, by the Group on 5/1/2025

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair 

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