

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
MINUTES FROM THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2025, MEETING**

Boulevard CPG meeting was called to order at 7:27 PM (Delay waiting for a member to arrive).

TONIGHT'S MEETING WAS SHARED ON ZOOM.

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR APRIL 3rd MEETING:

M/S: Casanova/Coyne, Approve minutes, with correction of typos.
April minutes approved, 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant.

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Local resident Carl Anderson inquired about the seat vacancy on the Board. Information on the requirements and application process was given by the Chair. Syda Stark gave an update from the previous Fire Safe meeting regarding recruiting enough interest to have a speaker on fire safety at the next Fire Safe meeting.

Jay Lively updated the meeting on his progress with AT&T (removal of excess wood poles and unsightly obsolete wires). He shared pictures showing the problems he is working on. He has contacts at Senator Padilla's office and is working with Supervisor Anderson's office.

E. ACTION ITEMS

1. **SUPPORT FOR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** The San Diego County Board of Supervisors are considering a proposal to extend the public review period for meeting agendas—an important step toward enhancing transparency, accessibility, and community engagement in the County's decision-making process. Supervisor Anderson's office has requested BCPG's support for this proposal.
After discussions, it was determined that the proposal had merit and would help in the rural areas where instant communication is not as available as in the downtown areas.
Motion was made to support Anderson's proposal, if vote is in favor, the Chair shall submit a letter of support.

M/S: Coyne/Casanova

Motion passed, 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant

2. **PLANNING GROUP ZOOM MEETING ACTION:** With the completion of the requested test Zoom meetings the Board needs to approve continuing teleconferencing (Zoom) in future meetings. **Discussion and vote.**
 - Approval of future Zoom meetings will require an addition to the BCPG's Standing Rules to incorporate the County's AB 2449 teleconferencing guidelines.After discussions, all agreed that meetings with Zoom participation should continue as our future meetings format.
A member of the public recommended that Zoom should start on time so those trying to log on would know why there is a delay in the meeting start. The Chair agreed, explaining tonight was a rarity. The Zoom host arrived late, and our Zoom back-up host was out of town and excused from the meeting.
The Chair recommended that the provided draft Zoom bylaws be re-titled to Standing Rules to agree with the BCPG's Standing Rules format.
Two motions were made, one to include Zoom in future meetings, and the other to revise BCPG Standing Rules to include the County's AB 2449 teleconferencing requirements.

M/S: Casanova/Coyne on both motions.

Both motions passed, 4 Yes, 0 No, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY:** Applications are being accepted for Seat #3 on the Boulevard Community Planning Board. Seat #3 has a remaining term through 2028. Applications must be submitted online using the County's website.
The Chair asked the community to distribute the vacancy notice flyers.
- **CALFIRE WILDFIRE RISK MAP:** Cal Fire has released its latest wildfire severity maps on their website: <https://osfm.fire.ca.gov/what-we-do/community-wildfire-preparedness-and-mitigation/fire-hazard-severity-zones>
The website has a search feature that allows typing in an address to find your severity zone.
Instructions were included in the agenda packet.
- **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETINGS:** Starting April 2, no more paper slips, no more waiting until the day of the BOS meeting to request to speak. Anyone can [submit a simplified speakers' slip online](#) using your phone, laptop or other device, at any time during the meeting, before the Board starts taking public comment on the item. For those interested further information was included in the agenda packet.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** The Association of Planning Groups has a representative also attending SANDAG Transportation Committee meetings. The Association of Planning Group will hold their in-person members meeting on May 31, 2025.
- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATORS:** Senator Brain Jones co-authored Senate Bill 286 (SB 285) to block older paroles for violent sex offenders from receiving elderly parole, the bill has cleared the Senate Committee. SB 285 was also sponsored by the San Diego County Districts Attorney's Office. The current program makes parole hearing available for inmates over 50 years of age if they have served at least 20 years of their prison sentence. SB 285 corrects this failure and ensures that SVPs don't get out of jail just because they turn 50. A supporting article was included in the agenda packet.
The Chair reported the following:
Andrew Hayes, Supervisor Anderson's office is following up on the McCain Detention Center to house SVPs. Of the 60 SVPs released 21 have been placed in San Diego County. The Chair reported his findings on the District Attorney's web page. Within the past 6 years 13 SVPs have been placed in our area. 9- Jacumba, 1- Boulevard, 1- Campo, 1- Borrego Springs, and 2 released as transients. The numbers include more than one placement per SVP, meaning some have been returned to the state hospital.
- **PROPOSED COST RECOVERY FEES:** Each year, County departments update cost recovery packages by revising fees, deposits, and hourly rates. A summary of the proposed fee adjustments for departments involved in the land development process is available for your review.
The Chair made available a hard copy of the County's 14-page proposed cost recovery fees
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan April newsletter was included in the agenda packet.
- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** Supervisor Anderson held a meeting this past Monday for the Planning Group Chairs in his District 2. Anderson covered several topics, none that have much bearing in our area. The final item on his

agenda was for issues from Chairs. Unfortunately, Joel Anderson ran out of time, not many Chairs had a chance to speak.

There are two reports from the FAA with elevation information for 90' antenna towers. One on Terra Del Sol Rd, the other appears to be on the old Border Patrol station in Campo.

The County has no knowledge of these sites. That leaves Border Patrol activity.

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

Fire Safe

A chipping event was held on Saturday, April 19th, 11 loads of vegetation were dropped off.

It was announced that chipping events will be held in Boulevard each month throughout the year.

Flyers were made available for these events.

Flyers for the cleanup and tire collection events will be available soon.

No report from Revitalization.

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 reported: They are approximately 2 months away from releasing the Draft EIR. Nichols Koutoufidis, County Project Planner, will hold a public meeting prior to the release of the EIR, he will contact the Group's Chair with time and place. Starlight Solar has contracted a North Carolina firm to conduct their required project battery study.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** Jim Whalen reported: No new information on Rugged Solar, all is the same as reported last month.

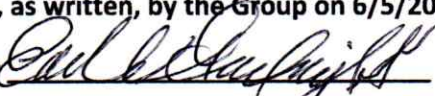
***** NO PROGRESS TO REPORT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 *****

H. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 8:39 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for June 5, 2025.

May minutes were approved, as written, by the Group on 6/5/2025.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



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