

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)  
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JUNE 5, 2025, MEETING**

The BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM

TONIGHT'S MEETING IS BEING SHARED ON ZOOM.

Due to technical difficulties the Zoom function was not operating.

- 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 (Unexcused); **7)** Nancy Good  
**A quorum was present.**

**B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):**

**C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR MAY 1st MEETING:**

M/S, Casanova / Good: Approve minutes as written.

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

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:** Rett Lawrence asked for permission to speak out on the JVR Solar Project in Jacumba. Rett acknowledged that this project was not within BCPG area, but wanted to ask the community's support should they have the chance to comment on the battery storage system at the JVR Project. Rett stated his concern for battery caused fires so close to the residents of Jacumba.

Jeff Osborne, Chair, Jacumba Sponsor Group gave an update on the project. The BOS have approved the project, but certain project detail wording is being worked out, the details must be interpreted in Jacumba's favor.

**E. ACTION ITEMS**

1. **STARLIGHT SOLAR MEETING:** The Starlight EIR is almost done and ready for public review. County Planner Nick Koutoufidis wants to have a County-hosted meeting in Boulevard to take questions, etc. He proposes any of these dates --7/15, 7/16, 7/21, 7/22, or 7/23. The community room will not be available on 7/21 (Fire Safe meeting). The Board needs to reach an agreement on a date to accommodate all. Chair to advise County Planner.  
**Discussion and decision only, no vote required.**  
Before discussions began, the Chair reported that after the agenda was posted, he had received an email requesting 7/23 for the public meeting. The chair asked if this date could be accommodated, all agreed. The Chair will contact Nick Koutoufidis to confirm the 7/23 date.
2. **CONGRESSMAN ISSA SUPPORT LETTER REQUEST:** Every 5 years, Congress passes a Surface Transportation Reauthorization Act. While this does not directly fund projects, it sets priorities and language around where surface transportation should focus. Congressman Issa is asking community groups to provide letters of support.  
Issa's list of suggestions was included in the agenda packet for review.  
**Discussion and vote**  
The discussions also included comments from the public on Issa's list.

M/S, Casanova/ Good: Support Issa's list with exception, strike the last paragraph (NEPA Reform).

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

**F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY:** The County has received an application from Deborah Gonzales for seat #3 on the Boulevard Planning Group. Ms. Gonzales has requested agenda time to present a short presentation to the Board.  
Deborah Gonzales couldn't attend the meeting due to personal issues.  
Chair reported that after the agenda posting, Carl Anderson's application had been approved. The Chair asked Carl Anderson if he would like to make his presentation to the Group.  
Carl gave a brief statement. Recently relocated to Boulevard from Campo. Employed at Dixieline for 23 years. Has a woodworking business. Wants to volunteer, be involved and contribute to the community.
- **2025 SDG&E WILDFIRE SAFETY FAIR:** SDG&E has released their 2025 Wildfire Safety Fair schedule. There will be four (4) events to learn more about how to develop an emergency plan, learn how to create and maintain defensible space, and provide safety tips with information and materials provided by their regional partners along with SDG&E. Visit their website for details:  
<https://www.sdge.com/summer-wildfire-safety-fairs>
- **DPW RESURFACING PROGRAM STATUS FY 25-26:** The San Diego County Department of Public Works (DPW) has released an update regarding the status of their FY 2025-26 annual resurfacing program.  
The list was in the agenda packet, for district 2, Boulevard is not listed.
- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** The Association of Planning Group held their in-person members meeting in Lakeside on May 31, 2025. APG representatives were selected for the SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees (Public Safety, Regional Planning, Transportation, and Borders) to attend their scheduled meetings. Carol Hake, Lakeside Chair requested permission to represent the APG in their Audit Committee but was denied due to privacies concerns.
- **CAL FIRE SUSPENDS BURN PERMITS:** From an article in East County Magazine all burn permits issued by CAL FIRE have been suspended that's within the State Responsibility Area (SRA) of San Diego County. This went into effect on June 2, 2025.
- **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN:** The Climate Action Plan May newsletter is included in your agenda packet. The Chair apologized for omitting the newsletter from the agenda packet. A copy was made available for anyone interested.

**CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:** The County's Housing and Community Development Services is hosting their annual plan engagement sessions. Requesting input from the community. Flyers were made available.

SANDAG is hosting in El Cajon, an East County Regional Plan Learning Session. Learn about proposed transportation improvements and programs in the East County you will be able to share your input. Flyers were made available.

On Tuesday, June 3, the Board of Supervisors received an important PowerPoint update on fire preparedness efforts throughout the County. A printout of the PowerPoint presentation was made available.

- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:**  
**Fire Safe:** Two chipping events have been held in Boulevard. Chipping events will continue monthly throughout the year, flyers are available.  
The first tire collection event is scheduled for June 7<sup>th</sup> at the Boulevard Resource Center 8:00 am – 12:00 or until the bin is full. A strict limit of ten (10) tires per load will be enforced.  
**Revitalization:** No report

## **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 that the Draft EIR is nearing completion.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** Jim Whalen reported that nothing new, no changes from last report.

#### **COUNTY UPDATES ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7:**

County planner Nick Koutoufidis has supplied an update on the open projects in our area. The following list was included in the agenda packet.

Tule Wind Phase II-69MW - This project falls under the authority of the California State Lands Commission and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA). Based on my latest research, the project remains permitted, but has not progressed to construction. I have not heard anything on further status on this one.

Terra-Gen's Boulder Brush Facilities (substation Gen-Tie) – This Time Extension was withdrawn, however the project was issued a "Vesting Determination". I've attached the determination for your review, but it means that the project doesn't expire.

Terra-Gen's 252 MW-60 Turbine Campo Wind Project – This project is under the jurisdiction of the BIA. It is related to the Boulder Brush Facilities, but I have not heard any progress on this as there is still ongoing litigation.

Plaintiffs Non-profit Backcountry Against Dumps and Donna and Ed Tisdale have a Plaintiffs reply trial brief for a hearing set for June 6th.

This is the last legal hurdle that Terra-Gen needs to win before they can start construction on both Boulder Brush and Campo Wind. Not sure where they are financially on these projects or if they plan on selling the permits instead of constructing them. I believe they have tried to sell Campo Wind at some point.

90MW Jacumba Valley Ranch Energy Park (JVR Solar) – This project is currently going through the process of satisfying conditions of their Major Use Permit in order to proceed with the project's construction.

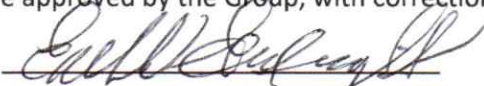
60 MW 420-acre Boulevard Solar – This project is currently still in process with the County, however we have not received a new submittal in some time. Nick will follow up with this applicant to check on the status. Absentee owner is still promoting

**H. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Next meeting scheduled for July 10, 2025 (second Thursday due to the 4<sup>th</sup> holiday).

June 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved by the Group, with correction of typo, on 7/10/2025.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



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