

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
MINUTES FOR THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025, MEETING**

Boulevard CPG meeting was called to order at 7:07 PM.

TONIGHT'S MEETING IS BEING SHARED ON ZOOM.

Zoom participation was not available due to the absence of our teleconferencing operator.

ROLL CALL: 1) Manuel Casanova, Jr. Unexcused; 2) Earl Goodnight; 3) Vacant; 4) Anthony Ralphs Unexcused; 5) Melanie Hayden; 6) Michael Coyne; 7) Nancy Good

A quorum was present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JUNE 5th MEETING:

Motion/Second, Coyne/ Good: Approve minutes with correction of typo.

Motion passed, 4 yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, 2 Absent

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Residents were seeking help with the problem of illegal trash dumping on private property in the High Pass Road area. They were advised to contact Code Compliance and report the location address.

Nancy Good gave a report on Carl DeMaio's June 20th meeting. Chairs from CPSG were invited. Cal Fire presented fire safety information and focused on evacuations routes. During DeMaio's meeting Nancy raised her concern that property owners with animals are prevented access to their property when fires force closure of their roads. She was advised there is a County issued AG permit that allows animal owners permission to pass blocked roads. Nancy will follow up and provide more information in a future meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

1. BOULEVARD CPG SEAT VACANCY:

Applicant Carl Anderson has qualified through stage 3 of the County's application process, For stage 4, the BCPG Board is required to interview the applicant.

BCPG sitting members to decide on recommending Carl Anderson to a seat on the Boulevard Planning Board. Following discussion with questions and answers from Mr. Anderson, Chair Goodnight asked for a motion.

Motion/Second, Good / Hayden: Recommend Carl Anderson to Supervisor Anderson for appointment to seat 3 on the BCPG Board.

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

2. AES DESERT JEWEL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT

The proposed project location is Old Hwy 80 near Ozz Road in Boulevard. Michael Huynh, AES Corporation, requested agenda time on BCPG's August agenda for a public presentation. Nick Koutoufidis, County Project Planner, had already requested time on BCPG's August agenda to hold a public meeting on the Draft EIR for the Starlight Solar Project. AES then asked the BCPG to hold a special meeting in August for their presentation.

Shall the BCPG agree to a special meeting in August?

After considerable discussions on the pros and cons of a special meeting (8/18/2025 or 8/21/2025) requested by AES, Chair Goodnight asked for a motion to approve of a special meeting for AES.

Motion/Second, Good/Hayden: Grant AES request for a special meeting on either date offered.

Motion defeated, 0 Yes, 4 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant, 2 Absent.

GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY**

Although the Board is interviewing an applicant for seat #3 tonight, applications will continue to be accepted until Supervisor Anderson appoints an applicant to seat #3.

The County maintains all valid applications on file for one (1) year.

Applications must be submitted online using the County's website.

- **PARKS AND RECREATION COMMUNITY SURVEY**

County Parks is committed to creating great parks and recreation experiences for everyone. To understand how well they are meeting your needs—and where they can do better—they are inviting you to [complete a survey](#) to tell them how they are doing.

For more information about the survey, visit:

<https://engage.sandiegocounty.gov/county-parks-community-needs-assessment>

- **SANDAG UNICORPATED REPRESENTATION**

The APG report on the SANDAG April, May and Board Retreat meetings of 2025 was included in the agenda packet for review.

- **SANDAG PROPOSED TRANSPORTATION UPGRADES IN RURAL SAN DIEGO COUNTY**

SANDAG is hosting an event to learn more about the transportation improvements in the [Draft 2025 Regional Plan](#). SANDAG welcomes your input.

- Virtual (Zoom) meeting on July 16th, 6:00 – 7:00 PM. There will be a 20-minute presentation followed by educational virtual breakout rooms, including a questions and answers session.

You will be required to RSVP to receive the zoom link.

[RSVP here](#): this helps SANDAG ensure there are enough staff available for groups in virtual breakout rooms to answer questions.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chair shared these two items of information that became available after the agenda was posted

Planning & Development Services is holding a Zoom meeting on Tuesday July 22nd at 6:00 PM to learn about the County's implementation of the 2024 CAP,

If interested, Chair to forward the information.

Old Cottonwood golf course:

The San Diego County Planning Commission has rejected a proposal to build a large sand mine at this location.

The vote was 3 Yes, 3 No (no majority). The land's owner plans to appeal the decision to the Board of Supervisors.

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 a project labor agreement has been signed. He is working with Community Power to purchase local generated power, They are currently buying cheaper power out of state. Starlight Solar is anticipating the Draft EIR release on 7/17. Nick Koutoufidis, County Planner and Jim Whalen, Project Rep will host a public meeting at the BCPG 8/7 regular meeting. Comments and questions concerning the Draft EIR are encouraged.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:** Per Jim Whalen there is no movement from previously reported.

NO MOVEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3 THROUGH 7 SINCE THE JUNE UPDATE.

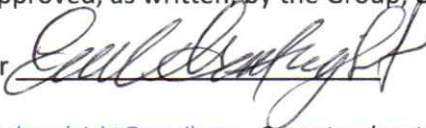
The Chair added the following late update on the Campo Wind Project: Donna Tisdale advised the hearing date set for June 6th was canceled due to a change in Judges. No explanation was given and no new hearing date has been provided.

ADJOURNMENT With no further discussions, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for August 7, 2025.

BCPG's July meeting minutes were approved, as written, by the Group; on 8/7/2025

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



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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