COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG) ***7 PM THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2025 – FINAL AGENDA / NOTICE FOR IN-PERSON MEETING COMMUNITY ROOM, 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD, BOULEVARD, CA, 91905***

TONIGHT'S MEETING IS BEING SHARED ON ZOOM. The current login and passcode are provided:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83009745457?pwd=bOTEaqUQezBBXRJCC3b6kbCUpXy4sv.1 Meeting ID: 830 0974 5457

Passcode: 951242

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (optional):

C. APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JULY 10th MEETING:

<u>D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION</u>: This is an opportunity for public comment on any subject 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:

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT EIR FOR THE STARLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT (PDS2022-MUP-22-010):
 The Draft EIR was released July 31st for public review and comments. The comment period will close on September 15th. Nick Koutpufidis, County Planner, will provide a Starlight Solar presentation to the Group.
 Discussions with question and answers. No vote required.

The Draft EIR is available in hard copy at the Jacumba library and available on-line on the Public Disclosure Website using the link provided:

Starlight Solar (sandiegocounty.gov)

F. GROUP BUSINESS, ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY:** At last report the BCPG recommendation for Carl Andersons nomination and appointment to the Boulevard Planning Board is set for the August BOS meeting.

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.

https://sandiegocounty.primegov.com/Portal/NewForm/1?committeeld=315

- <u>AES DESERT JEWEL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT:</u> Michael Huynh, AES Corporation has requested September 4th agenda time to introduce the Desert Jewel BESS Project.
- ADU ORDINANCE UPDATE PUBLIC WEBINAR: For those interested and are following the Accessory Dwelling
 Units (ADUs). PDS, in collaboration with community input, is in the process of refining the ADU Ordinance to
 provide affordable homeownership opportunities in San Diego County.

The full invitation with contacts is included in your agenda packet.

If you would like to attend the public webinar (Zoom) meeting, register in advance using the link provided below:

August 13th, 2025, at 6:00 pm

Registration Link

Meeting ID: 894 6059 5313

Passcode: 037509

- **SANDAG UNICORPATED REPRESENTATION:** The report on SANDAG's July 2025 Meetings submitted by the Association of Planning Groups is included in your agenda packet.
- CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Information that has been received considered of interest to the community.
- REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

Fire Safe

Two events were held in July, a tire recycle on the 12th the bin was filled by 11:30, chipping on the19th with 12 loads of brush dropped off. The next chipping day will be August 19th. This date will include a clean-up event. Both will be held here in Boulevard. Flyers are available.

Revitalization

The air conditioning unit has been lifted to the roof of the bay area. Thanks to two volunteers Homero and Benny and their strong backs. The installation of the three mini splits can now be completed. When completed the bay area will have climate control.

G. PROJECT UPDATES:

- 1. 100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT DRAFT EIR RELEASED 7/31/2025 (PDS2022-MUP-22-010): The latest project status was presented in our first Action Item of this meeting.
- 2. <u>74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:</u> Jim Whalen to report.

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

- **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: 90 megawatt (MW) solar energy facility and a battery energy storage system of up to 90 MW. 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. This project is currently still in process with the County; however, they have not received a new submittal for some time.
 An absentee owner is promoting the project.

H. ADJOURNMENT: NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 4, 2025.

For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email <u>blvdgoodnight@gmail.com</u>, 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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