

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
MINUTES FOR AUGUST 7, 2025 PLANNING MEETING**

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

This meeting was shared via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

1. Manuel Casanova, Jr.
2. Earl Goodnight
3. Vacant
4. Anthony Ralphs (arrived late)
5. Melanie Hayden
6. Michael Coyne (excused, illness)
7. Nancy Good

A quorum was met.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The group recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JULY 10th MEETING

Motion/Second: Casanova/Hayden, Approve the July meeting minutes as presented.

Motion carried, 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Vacant, 1 Absent, 1 Late arrival

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

The public comment period was delayed, to follow the Starlight Solar presentation. Following the presentation, Kathleen Tippit responded via Zoom to share her comments on the Starlight Solar project.

ACTION ITEMS

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR THE DRAFT EIR - STARLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT (PDS2022-MUP-22-010)

The Draft Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was released on July 31st for public review, with comments accepted until September 15th.

County planner Nick Koutoufidis presented the Draft EIR, supported by Bronwyn Brown and Darin Neufeld during a question-and-answer session. The presentation included maps and visual aids showing before-and-after simulations of the solar project, which aided public understanding. Sixteen community members spoke, all voicing opposition to the proposed Starlight Solar project in the Boulevard area.

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

[Starlight Solar \(sandiegocounty.gov\)](https://sandiegocounty.gov)

GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY

The BCPG recommended Carl Anderson for nomination and appointment to the Boulevard Planning Board; this is scheduled for the August Board of Supervisors meeting.

Applications for the vacant seat (3) continue to be accepted until Supervisor Anderson appoints a candidate. All valid applications are kept on file for one year and must be submitted online via the County website.

AES DESERT JEWEL BATTERY ENERGY STORAGE SYSTEM (BESS) PROJECT

Michael Huynh of AES Corporation requested time on the September 4th agenda to introduce the Desert Jewel BESS Project.

ADU ORDINANCE UPDATE - PUBLIC WEBINAR

An update is underway for the Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) ordinance to foster affordable homeownership opportunities in San Diego County. Details for attending the public Zoom webinar were included in the agenda packet.

SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION

A report on the July 2025 SANDAG meetings, submitted by the Association of Planning Groups, was included in the agenda packet.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- SDG&E is cautioning of the latest scammer method. The latest ruse involves sending a fake QR code instructing customers to pay a past due balance at a convenience store such as CVS, 7 eleven or Walmart using the mobile banking service Green Dot. The scammer tells victims to inform the cashier that they are paying their utility bill. Once the QR code is scanned, it goes into the grafter's pocket. SDG&E states that they will never give anyone a QR code to have scanned. The news article was included in the agenda packet.
- Cal Fire has acquired a C-130H firefighting air tanker from the US Coast Guard. The Ramona Air Attack Base will be undergoing a 12-month refurbishment to accommodate the massive C-130 air tanker. During this time the nearest reload station will be Hemet-Ryan Air Attack Base in Riverside County. A temporary reload station will be set up at Brown Field during extended wildfire events. Also, fully loaded air tankers will be maintained at the Ramona Air Attack Base for fast response. The news article was included in the agenda packet.

REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS

Fire Safe Report:

- Two events held in July: a tire recycling event on July 12th (bin filled by 11:30 AM) and brush chipping on July 19th (12 loads dropped off).
- Next chipping and clean-up day: August 19th in Boulevard. Flyers are available.

Revitalization Report:

- The air conditioning unit was lifted to the bay area roof, thanks to volunteers Homero and Benny. Installation of three mini splits is proceeding, which will provide climate control for the bay area upon completion.

PROJECT UPDATES

1. **STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT DRAFT EIR RELEASED JULY 31, 2025 (PDS2022-MUP-22-010).** The latest status update was provided in the first Action Item.
2. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR:** No report.

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

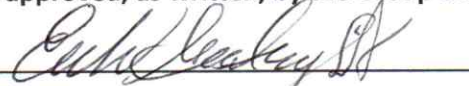
ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2025.

August meeting minutes were approved, as written, by the Group on September 4th.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



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