

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
FEBRUARY 5, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

The BCPG meeting was shared via Zoom.

ROLL CALL

- 1) Manuel Casanova, Jr.
- 2) Earl Goodnight
- 3) Carl Anderson III
- 4) Anthony Ralphs (arrived late)
- 5) Melanie Hayden
- 6) Vacant
- 7) Nancy Good

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 8th MEETING

Two typos were identified. Motion to approve January minutes with noted corrections was made by Nancy Good, second by Manny Casanova Jr.

Vote: 5 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Absent, 1 Vacant January minutes approved

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Chair Goodnight made an announcement of Mark Ostrander passing.

Community members shared memories recognizing Mark's contributions to the Resource Center, HVAC systems, facility improvements, and volunteer efforts.

Memorial efforts are underway, including signage, media recognition.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **SHORT TERM RENTALS (STR) IN BACKCOUNTRY COMMUNITIES** William Everett, Vice Chairman, Julian Community Planning Group and John Peterson, Chairman, Borrego Springs Sponsor Group have asked the BCPG for their support.
"We ask the Boulevard Community Planning Group to place the STR issue on the agenda for your next meeting. If STRs are negatively impacting your community, please vote to formally urge the County to act. If STRs are not currently affecting your area, we still ask that you lend your support in recognition of the countywide nature of this issue. Please let us know of any action your group takes so we may coordinate our efforts"
Discussion and vote
Following discussions, concerns were raised that insufficient information is provided to determine level of support and vote.
Chair asked for a motion to table the agenda item until the March planning meeting.
Motion to table the item was made by Nancy Good, second by Carl Anderson III.
Vote: 6 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 1 Vacant Motion carried

GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY**

The County has received an application from Deborah Gonzales for seat #6 on the Boulevard Planning Group. Ms. Gonzales has requested agenda time to present a short presentation to the Board.

Ms. Gonzalas introduced herself and outlined her community involvement. She was advised the appointed seat term expires in 2026 and requires filing with Registrar of Voters to appear on Nov 2026 ballot to retain the position in following years.

Chair Goodnight thanked Deborah for her application and her contributions to the community. Nancy Good congratulated Deborah on advancing to this level in the application process.

Chair advised the application process remains open to applicants until the position is filled.

Applications will continue to be accepted for Seat #6 on the Boulevard Community Planning Board. Seat #6 has a remaining term through 2026. The appointed member to seat #6 will be required to file with the Registrar of Voters to be placed on the 2025 November ballot to retain their seat.

Applications must be submitted online using the County's website. Applicants are requested to inform the Group's Chair Earl Goodnight (blvdgoodnight@gmail.com) of their desire to serve.

Planning Group online application link:

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

- **JACUMBA BOULEVARD REVITALIZATION ALLIANCE (JBRA) REQUEST**

Thomas Wall requested agenda time to discuss:

Thomas Wall presented confirmed scheduled events:

Community Potluck scheduled for Saturday March 14th 5-730pm.

Resource Center Work Party Saturday Feb 28 10am to noon.

Community Impact Sub Committee Thursday Feb 19 7pm at Resource Center.

Other Key Initiatives:

School outreach, tool inventory, potential tool rental program.

Coordination with County Parks and County contacts.

Nonprofit compliance considerations discussed.

Volunteer recruit, there is an ongoing need for volunteers for Fire Safe and JBRA

- **WATER HAULING FROM TIERRA DEL SOL RD. PROPERTY**

Possible illegal water hauling/sales occurring at a property located near the end of Tierra Del Sol Rd. near the border. Thomas Wall is researching the activity.

Thomas Wall reported the information that had circulated on social media.

Reports of trucked water removal (9,000-gallon tanks).

Community concerns regarding groundwater impacts and permit status.

Next Steps:

Initial fact-finding with Border Patrol and contractors

Form Water Steward Committee

Submit water sales to the County

- **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM 1/14/26 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING RECAP**

The Board provided directions on decision points for the draft SĒCP.

Decision Point #1: Land Use (Program Options)

Decision Point #2: Regulations on Temporary Events & Consumption Lounges

Decision Point #3: Community Equity Contribution Program (CECP)

The Board provided additional direction and directed the Chief Administrative Officer to return to the Board with amendments to the Regulatory Code that rely on the State Background Check for receiving a cannabis operating certificate.

Their detailed email was included in the agenda packet.

Kathleen Lippit reported via Zoom:

There is a County Planning Commission hearing scheduled for March 6, 2026 on SECP.

Circulate hearing details and speaking instructions.

Draft coordinated list of concerns.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION**

The Association of Planning Groups (APG) held their in-person meeting on January 10, 2026, at the Lakeside library. Officers for the APG were elected to serve for year 2026. Also, representatives were selected to represent APG at the sub-Board meetings of SANDAG.

Chair advised the APG SANDAG Board of Directors meeting minutes were received too late to include in the agenda packet. A copy was made available.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Chair included Carl DeMaio's email concerning the proposed mileage tax in the agenda packet.

Questions were asked on mileage tax which no one had answers, Chair advised contacting Assemblyman

DeMaio, then added Assemblyman DiMaio is very active on his email account, if you are not receiving his emails, I suggest signing up.

- **REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS**

Grant-funded events ongoing; volunteer capacity remains a concern following the loss of the key non-profits president (Mark Ostrander).

Publish event schedules and volunteer needs.

PROJECT UPDATES

1. **100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT**

Jim Whalen reported back to the group on the Starlight project's response to the Planning Group's previous motion in support of the project, which contained nine separate elements. Jim said they were able to address all of the requests, meeting or exceeding them. Many of the requests were already part of the project, but the widened setbacks and increased community benefits were new. New setbacks ranged from 300 feet along public roads, 400 feet from property lines, and 500 feet from individual residences. Jim stated that he felt the project will now not be easily seen from outside. The increased community benefits would be achieved from the sale of 3 megawatts from Phase 2 using San Diego Community Power's Disadvantaged Communities Green Tariff, with a revenue stream going to qualified Boulevard residents.

Comments came mostly from the audience and included a criticism from the Manzanita Band of Kumeyaay Indians that the County had not adequately consulted with them (the County has indicated they made three failed attempts to engage with the tribe). There were also claims that the locations of protected cultural resources would be illegally revealed by the Starlight open space mapping (the County requires creating buffer areas around the protected resources that are large enough to conceal the location of the protected resources). Some of the other comments came from community members new to the Planning Group, so they

weren't aware of the five years of planning in Starlight. The new date for the Planning Commission for Starlight is now April 10th due to late requests from staff for additional reporting.

2. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR
Nothing to report.

NO MOVEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3,5,7 SINCE THE JUNE UPDATE.

Item 6 90 MW Solar and Battery Storage JVR Park project is now under construction.

Item 4 The non-profit BAD lost their litigation appeal against the Boulder Brush sub-station project.

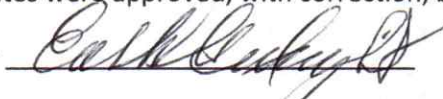
ADJOURNMENT

The BCPG meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday March 5, 2026

BCPG February meeting minutes were approved, with correction, by the Group on March 5, 2026.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



For more information contact Earl Goodnight, email: boulevardplanninggroup@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>.