

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

ZOOM

With the passing of the landlord of the community room the Zoom account used for the meeting was terminated. To maintain Zoom access of the Planning Group, Chair Goodnight purchased a Zoom account for the BCPG meetings. With the new account technical issues prevented activation of Zoom for the meeting. After 15 minutes of delay, Chair instructed the meeting to continue without Zoom.

BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was recited.

APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 5TH MEETING.

Following Board review a typo was noted. A motion was made by Melanie Hayden to approve the February minutes with noted correction, second by Carl Anderson. Chair called for a vote.

Vote 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant

Minutes were approved

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Dennis Berglund summarized the actions of Fire Safe and JBRA since the passing of Mark Ostrander.

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.

This item was tabled from last meeting to acquire more information.

Currently the intent is to bring awareness to the BOS of the problems in the rural communities impacted by the Short-Term Rentals. Stephen Biddle, Campo Planning Group Chair shared their draft letter for support on the STR issue.

The draft letter is included in the agenda packet.

Discussions included the Board and community members. Knowing the STRs are a problem in other Communities and not in our area shouldn't be a reason not to support those that have the problem. One community member added "what is preventing a LLC from buying up the properties in Boulevard for STRs". Others agreed that supporting other groups showing solidarity is the right thing to do to bring the issues to the Board of Supervisors. Chair called for motion. A motion was made by Manny Casanova to support the Julian and Borrego Springs communities, second was made by Carl Anderson. Chair called for a vote.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstain, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant

Motion carried

GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY**

The Registrar of Voters has certified the application for Deborah Gonzales for seat #6 on the Boulevard Planning Group. Ms. Gonzales has completed step 3 of the application process; Next the BCPG Chair adds a meeting agenda item for members to interview and vote on nominating Ms. Gonzales to join the Boulevard Community Planning Group.

Ms. Gonzales answered questions from the Board members ranging from years in Boulevard and background with the community, she was commended for her volunteer work in the area. With no further questions Chair asked for a motion. A motion was made by Manny Casanova to nominate Deborah Gonzales for the vacant seat on the BCPG, second was made by Carl Anderson. Chair called for a vote.

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Melanie Hayden), 2 Absent, 1 Vacant Motion to nominate Deborah Gonzales failed to pass (4 yes votes required).

Chair advised Ms. Gonzales she could apply to be placed on the November ballot for a vacancy on the BCPG.

Chair read the following statement:

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 (boulevardplanninggroup@gmail.com) of their desire to serve.

- **CPSG TRAINING**

BCPG members were reminded of the 2026 Annual CPSG Training, the annual Form 700 and the bi-annual Ethics training.

Chair advised the Board members of their requirement to complete the training listed:

2026 Annual CPSG Training

Form 700

Ethics Training (if due)

- **BCPG BOARD APPROVAL FOR REIMBURSEMENT OF CHAIR EXPENSES:**

A Zoom Workplace Pro annual account was purchased for \$159.90 by the Group Chair. PDS provides reimbursement to CPSG's for the purchase of virtual meeting solutions.

A motion was made by Manny Casanova to approve the reimbursement to Chair Goodnight for \$159.90 Zoom account expense, second by Melanie Hayden. Chair called for a vote.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 0 abstain, 2 Absent, 1 Vacant Reimbursement request approved.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION**

The Association of Planning Groups (APG) Chair Robin Joy Maxon sent commentary to the news media on behalf of the stated goal of attaining a voting seat on the SANDAG Board of Directors.

A full text of the commentary was included in the agenda packet.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chair Goodnight shared email information from Donna Tisdale regarding possible wind turbines in our area.

A "reminder" was posted on the FAA website.

It is for construction of a wind turbine MET tower by Debenham Energy on BLM land north of Camp Monsour, the Navy Seal warfare training site on La Posta Road. The dates are 2021-24 so it may go nowhere. Donna said that

Scott Debenham has been trying to build both small and large wind turbine projects in Campo and Boulevard for many years.

- **FIRE SAFE & REVITALIZATION (JBRA)REPORTS**

- **Fire Safe: (RECFSC)**

Dennis Berglund gave the report.

The fire safe council is recovering from the passing of Mark Ostrander, president.

- The special meeting on Thursday, 2/19 enabled us to proceed with the reorganization.
- The banking problems have been resolved.
- We are working on a new Community Wildfire Protection Plan.
- Carl Anderson would like to join the Fire Safe Council board.
- We are working on an inventory of all the FSC owned equipment.
- We are planning to respond to the California Fire Safe grant request with our proposal.

Please provide us with any ideas on how FSC can better support the community.

- **Revitalization (JBRA):**

The Revitalization report was given by Chair Goodnight.

With Mark Ostrander's involvement in JBRA we have similar issues as Fire Safe.

- Bank meeting for mew check signers and new checks ordered.
- Mailing address changed to the Center; mailbox is being monitored.
- Insurance on the Center has been as current. February's payment made online.
- SDG&E bill paid online.
- We are researching the responsibility of the three propane tanks at the Center.
- The meeting with Supervisor Anderson's office determined there are grant funds still available for this year.

PROJECT UPDATES

1. 100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT

No information provided. Jim Whalen wasn't available for the meeting due to prior commitments.

Referencing the Starlight Solar project, Thomas Wall presented a "Formal Community Response" copy to the Planning Group. Thomas outlined sections of the response:

- Many residents remain opposed to the project as currently proposed.
- Community benefits expectations.
- Construction impacts.
- Respect for the community.

Thomas requested agenda time for the next Planning Group meeting and concluded with additional meetings are planned and results will be presented in that meeting.

2. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PROJECT

No information provided. Jim Whalen wasn't available for the meeting due to prior commitments.

ITEMS 3,4,5,6

Chair reported no movement on agenda items 3,4,5,6 since the last update.

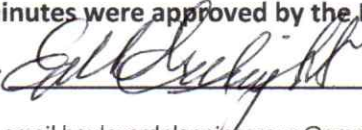
ADJOURNMENT

The BCPG March 2026 meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday April 2, 2026

BCPG March 2026 meeting minutes were approved by the Board on April 2, 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>.