

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
APRIL 2, 2026, MEETING MINUTES**

This meeting was shared on Zoom.

BCPG Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL

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

A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The pledge was recited.

APPROVE MARCH 5th MEETING MINUTES

Following Board review, a motion was made by Carl Anderson to approve the March minutes as presented, second by Nancy Good. Chair called for a vote on the minutes.

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

Motion carried, minutes approved

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Becky Rapt on Zoom voiced her concerns on behavior help and youth apartments for those in need. The County offers no help. Alex Scarpinato, representing Supervisor Anderson's office introduced himself, provided a booklet outlining the 2025 Legislative Actions & Accomplishments of Supervisor Anderson. He extended the offer of assistance from their office. Encouraged all to sign up for addition to Anderson's email list.

ACTION ITEMS

No Actions Items this month

GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

• **SUB-COMMITTEE UPDATE ON STARLIGHT SOLAR PROJECT**

Thomas Wall spokesman for the No Starlight Solar sub-committee shared a video that has been aired on local media within their presentation on conditions they deem necessary for the Starlight Solar to move forward.

Thomas summarized what was in that third letter. Highlights:

- Opposed to this project in their backyard;
- Starlight is "all taking, no giving";
- County asked them to come up with what they want;
- The group will keep asking for concessions as long as they can and can ask for more. They're here in "good faith";
- Fire plan is "atrocious";
- They want fire safety, more setbacks (this time from all roads, not just the public roads in previous requests), and \$7MM;

- For fire safety, they want a 200,000-gallon water tank, a dedicated fire truck, 4 hazmat suits for firefighters, and a training of a brigade to fight fires and create jobs for future firefighters. They also want Phase 2 BESS to be moved way to the south.
- They know the Planning Group can't reconsider its vote, but would they please send a letter to the County anyway

The "Formal Letter Community Response" was submitted to the Boulevard Planning Group as an agenda item for their approval.

Chair Goodnight informed the group that since the BCPG had previously voted on the project he contacted Nick Koutoufidis for advice.

Nick's response:

Under Board Policy I-001 (see attached), Article VI, Section VI, "Reconsideration of a previous vote is only permissible if pertinent new information is brought to the attention of the group, and that information could not, with the exercise of reasonable diligence, have been provided at or before the meeting when the prior vote was taken. A motion to reconsider would also require a majority vote of the group."

PDS is not aware of any new information that would warrant a new vote at this time since the project has not changed. The Boulevard CPG would first need to vote to reconsider the project and provide justification for why and what new information is now available.

Alternatively, the Boulevard CPG could consider taking action to submit a formal letter to PDS expressing its position and responding to the issues. Under Policy I-001, group recommendations and comments must be in writing and may be forwarded to PDS for inclusion in the project correspondence and staff report.

Following advising the group of the alternative Board action available, Chair Goodnight called for a motion to submit a formal letter to the County Planner for inclusion of the "Formal Letter Community Response" into the Starlight Solar Project records. The motion was made by Carl Anderson, second by Melainie Hayden.

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

- **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM**

Planning & Development Services (PDS) released the Final Program Environmental Impact Report (Final PEIR) including responses to public comments.

The Final PEIR, prepared in accordance with State of California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines, can be viewed on the County's [CEQA website](#).

The Cannabis Program is set to go to the Planning Commission on April 10.

- **COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE PARK – STUDY AND SITE UPDATE**

The County's OHV Feasibility Study is available on the County Parks website: [County OHV Feasibility Study](#)
For more project information, please visit the [Off-Highway Vehicles](#) webpage.

Chair advised the group that the OHV sites currently identified are not in the Boulevard/ backcountry area.

- **COUNTYWIDE ROAD REPAIR SCHEDULE FOR SELECTED LOCATIONS**

Projects are slated to go to the County Board of Supervisors on May 6, 2026.

Upon Board approval and award of a construction contract, construction is anticipated to begin in summer 2026 and be completed in mid-2027.

Boulevard's list of locations was included in the agenda packet.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION**

The Association of Planning Groups (APG) report on February 2026 Board of Director meetings at SANDAG was included in the agenda packet.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

No report.

FIRE SAFE & REVITALIZATION (JBRA)REPORT

Fire Safe:

Sunrise Powerlink Mitigation grant has been received again for year 2026 chipping, tire recycling, and cleanup events. Flyers are available for these events. The first chipping date will be April 18th. Volunteers are needed for all events.

JBRA:

Andrew Hayes from Supervisor Anderson's office will hold a town hall meeting at the center on April 16th at the Center. Several events are planned at the Resource Center, watch for flyers.

PROJECT UPDATES

1. 100 MW STARLIGHT SOLAR AND BATTERY STORAGE PROJECT

On behalf of the Starlight project, Jim Whalen responded:

- County Board of Supervisors has ordered decarbonization to 100% renewables by 2035. They also want local resilience to prevent disruption from external forces (e.g., closure of the Strait of Hormuz);
- Starlight is a direct response to that and began planning five years ago when we began working with the community;
- We haven't had the same experience in Boulevard as they did in Jacumba, and aren't the same project either, don't compare us;
- We gave them 90% of what they are asking for;
- Talk to County Fire, not Starlight, on fire safety concerns—we aren't in charge or know enough to respond;
- Jim asked the opponents if they meant for all solar projects in the County to pay \$22,222/MW like JVR did, even if Starlight doesn't know when or even if the second phase can connect to SDG&E's grid and if there is no power purchase agreements to sell the power, i.e. no way to estimate the project's economic value. JVR has both sold its power and has an interconnection agreement with SDG&E. There was no immediate response;
- Jim said that we fully support committing to community benefits commensurate with what we did in Phase 1, once the second phase of the project has sold its power and has an interconnection. There was no immediate response.

The Chair agreed to write a letter to the County. It isn't going to be the so-called subcommittee's letter; he is to draft the Planning Group's own letter.

2. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR PROJECT

Nothing new to report.

NO MOVEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 3,4,5,6

ADJOURNMENT

BCPG meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 7, 2026

BCPG April meeting minutes were approved, as written, by the Group on May 7, 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>.