

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)  
MAY 7, 2026 – MEETING MINUTES**

THIS MEETING WAS SHARED ON ZOOM

The BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

**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 (excused, family matter)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 2nd MEETING:**

A motion was made by Casanova to accept the April minutes as written, second was made by Anderson.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Ralphs), 1 Absent, 1 Vacant. Motion carried, minutes were approved.

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATION**

Boulevard Bazaar scheduled for Sunday, May 17 being proposed as a quarterly event; event will include live music (Murph Smith organizing), vendors (no vendor fee planned), potential car display, and community information sharing.

Request made for board volunteers to staff an information booth promoting the planning committee and resource center.

Follow-ups identified from prior town hall: clean-up of area at the post office, meeting with Starlight Solar project representatives, and planning a grant workshop related to animal/ livestock concerns.

County contact Andrew Hayes is working with the group on grant matters and meeting coordination.

Overview provided of school district issues: three schools currently without safe drinking water, high school deemed unsafe; Pat Kelly (Superintendent) pursuing funding and has secured state match designation.

Health risk for children due to contaminated well water at schools; infrastructure and facility deficiency risk.

Complex funding process requiring local bond support and public outreach; liability and procedural constraints for volunteer work on school property.

Intention to organize planning groups across Mountain Empire to support a school bond on the November ballot (community outreach to follow).

Recognition of robotics program success by David Bergreen's program at Mountain Empire High School, won the world championship in Houston Texas.

**ACTION ITEMS**

1. **DEMAIO OPPOSITION LETTER TO STARLIGHT SOLAR**

Payton Galves, from DeMaio's office has offered their assistance to the Boulevard community by sending a letter to Nick Koutoufidis, County Planner opposing the Starlight Solar project. This letter is before the BCPG for consideration and support by the Group.

Following discussions, a motion was made by Casanova to support Carl DeMaio's letter, second by Anderson.

Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Ralphs), 1 Absent, 1 Vacant. Motion carried.

Group Chair to coordinate with Payton Galves on letter submittal.

## **GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCY**

Applications are being accepted for Seat #6 on the Boulevard Community Planning Group. Seat #6 has a remaining term running through year 2026.

To be eligible for appointment to the group candidates must provide a completed on-line application, be at least 18 years of age, reside in and be registered to vote in the Boulevard CPG area.

Applicants are requested to inform the Group's Chair (Earl Goodnight, (boulevardplaninggroup@gmail.com) of their desire to serve.

- **JUNE PRIMARY VOTING CENTER**

The Registrar of Voters has selected the Backcountry Resource Center as the polling center for this district. In person voting and ballot drop off dates are Saturday 5/23 through Tuesday 6/2.

- **SEXUALLY VIOLENT PREDATOR (SVP) PLACEMENT**

Borrego Springs has been targeted for placement of SVP Gary Snavely. He has been conditionally released twice before and returned to state custody both times for violating his conditions for release. Again, he is eligible for release.

Assemblyman Carl DeMaio is strongly opposing this placement and fighting to stop the broader policy of releasing SVPs into residential neighborhoods.

- **SOCIALLY EQUITABLE CANNABIS PROGRAM**

The County Planning Commission held their hearing on April 10<sup>th</sup> voting 4-1 recommending alternate #4 of the final EIR. Sometime in June it will go to the Board of Supervisors for their decision.

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION**

No report from the Association of Planning Groups (APG).

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

Both SDG&E and Community Power customers will receive Supper Off-peak Rates from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM Monday through Friday. This offer was for March & April only, now extended to 12 months. More information was included in the agenda packet.

AES has withdrawn the BESS slated for near Escondido. Keep our opposition if AES continues here. More information was included in the agenda packet.

The new 145-mile SDG&E transmission line now is known as Golden Pacific Powerlink. SDG&E will host virtual open houses at 12:00 noon and 5:30 PM on May 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> for the public to learn more. More information was included in the agenda packet

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

### Fire Safe

San Diego Fire Foundation grant application was submitted for address signage.

Dave Etnire was able to access Mark's computers.

- We have the tool list from the computer.
- We have information on the old activities and finances.

We are building the mailing list in conjunction with JBRA.;

We had the first chipping event in April.

We are planning for the first tire collection event in June and our next June chipping event.

### Revitalization (JBRA)

Our county grant for the kitchen improvements, back patio and replacement front doors has been approved, and we are waiting for the funds.

Our communications subcommittee are doing great work, and we will soon have a easy to use mailing program.

- We have a growing mailing list

This weekend, we have:

- Ping Pong Tournament
- Karaoke night
- Walking stick making demonstration

The Maker's Area remodel has started.

### PROJECT UPDATES

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

No report

#### 2. 74 MW RUGGED SOLAR

No report.

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

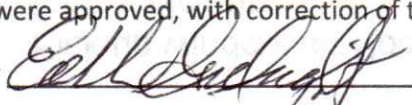
### ADJOURNMENT

The BCPG meeting was adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Next meeting is scheduled for Thursday June 4, 2026

BCPG May meeting minutes were approved, with correction of typo, by the Board on June 4,2026.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair



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