COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
SEPTEMBER 11, 2026 – SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER
BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:15.

ROLL CALL
1) Manuel Casanova, Jr.
2) Earl Goodnight
3) Carl Anderson III
4) Anthony Ralphs (Excused, work related)
5) Melanie Hayden
6) Vacant
7) Nancy Good
A quorum was present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ACTION ITEMS

1. **STARLIGHT SOLAR RECOMMENDATION LETTER TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** The County has agreed to a revised letter from the opposition group with the removal of any reference to the BCPG being opposed to the Starlight Solar Project. Thomas Wall submitted the revised Draft Letter for the Board's review/approval to be sent to the Board of Supervisors prior to the September 16th hearing on the Starlight Solar Project.
   Discussion and vote

Following discussions and final editing in the letter, Nancy Good made the motion for the Chair to submit the edited opposition letter to the Board of Supervisors, second was made by Carl Anderson.
Chair called for the Board vote. **Vote: 4 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain (Goodnight), 1 Absent, 1 Vacant** **Motion carried**

ADJOURNMENT
BCPG meeting was adjourned at 7:50.

Minutes were approved, with noted corrections, on November 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.

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Dear San Diego County Board of Supervisors,

The Boulevard Community Planning Group (BCPG) supports the following safety and community protection recommendations regarding the Starlight Solar/BESS Project. These recommendations reflect significant concerns regarding fire safety, public health, groundwater,

evacuation, and the long-term impacts of this project on the Boulevard community.
We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to incorporate the following recommendations as conditions of approval if the project moves forward.
1. Require a New, Truly Independent Plume Study
BCPG supports requiring a new plume analysis conducted by a qualified atmospheric-dispersion engineering firm with no relationship to the applicant, Jensen Hughes, or other project consultants.
A third-party review of the existing analysis is not the same as a new, independent study. Given the size of the BESS, nearby residences, evacuation concerns, and potential toxic emissions, we believe a truly independent scientific analysis should be completed using the final battery technology and locations.
2. Move ALL Phase 1 and Phase 2 Batteries to Phase 2 and Underground ALL Electrical Lines
BCPG supports relocating all Phase 1 and Phase 2 BESS batteries to the furthest feasible southern location within Phase 2, maximizing distance from residential homes and evacuation routes.
BCPG also supports requiring all new electrical and utility lines associated with the BESS relocation to be underground. Moving the batteries to a safer location should not require Boulevard to accept approximately 1.76 miles of new overhead 69-kV electrical infrastructure on structures 50–80 feet tall.
Battery containers and groups should also be separated to the maximum feasible extent to reduce the potential for cascading events.
3. Protect Groundwater and Residential Wells
BCPG supports developer-funded groundwater and private-well protections, including baseline groundwater and water-quality testing before construction, monitoring throughout construction, testing of participating private wells near the project, and continued monitoring during the operational life of the project.
If significant project-related changes are identified, an independent investigation and developer-funded corrective action should be required.
Our goal is straightforward: Establish the condition of Boulevard's groundwater and residential wells before construction so any future changes can be identified and addressed.
4. Resolve the Construction Water Source
BCPG supports requiring disclosure of the actual construction water source and haul distance. The County should determine whether a change from the construction water source analyzed in the EIR creates additional transportation, air-quality, or other environmental impacts and complete any additional analysis required.
The community deserves clarity about where the water will come from and the impacts associated with transporting it to the project.
5. Guarantee the Full Community Impact Payment
BCPG supports requiring the full committed Community Impact Payment to be guaranteed and secured before Phase 1 construction begins.
The impacts to Boulevard begin with Phase 1. The community should not risk losing the majority of the committed funding if Phase 2 is delayed, reduced, or never constructed.
These recommendations are intended to provide meaningful protections for the residents of Boulevard if the Starlight Solar/BESS Project moves forward.
We respectfully ask the Board of Supervisors to support these recommendations and incorporate them into the project as enforceable conditions of approval.

Respectfully,
Boulevard Community Planning Group