COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP (BCPG)
OCTOBER 1, 2026, MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was shared on Zoom.

CALL TO ORDER
BCPG meeting was called to order at 7:12

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVE MINUTES/ SUMMARY FOR September 3rd & September 11th MEETINGS:
Due to technical difficulties with the electronic recorder the minutes are not available for this meeting.
Chair tabled this item to the November meeting.

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION
Welcome to new community member Ruth Acevado moving her business from Campo to the space behind Jameson's Market.
Nov. 15th = 3rd Quarterly Bizarre Bazaar. Sunday, 10AM - 4PM.
Cleanup event in Jacumba - volunteers needed October 17th - Maureen is leading the coordinating, email the Fire Safety Council to reach out to her.
Jeff Osborne mentioned there's an organic breakfast every Sunday, with lunch on Wednesday at the Jacumba Rec Center.
1st annual "Spooktacular" Halloween event is coming up, and locals are looking for candy donations.

ACTION ITEMS:
No action items for this agenda.

GROUP BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **PATRICK KEELEY, SUPERINTENDENT MOUNTAIN EMPIRE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT :**
  Dr. Keeley will be sharing information about the bond program and facilities funding for the school district. He will be presenting factual information about the bond and our plan to leverage the local bond funding to access state funding for additional facilities repairs and upgrades.

Presentation by Dr. Keeley:
Mountain Empire High School is in a multiple step process of acquiring bonds and grants necessary to rebuild the High School, your Vote in support is needed for *Measure L*, if you wish to see local schools funded.

Patrick Keeley is a proud Graduate of Mountain Empire High School, Descanso elementary, and the current Principal of Mountain Empire High School.

He wants groups and community to consider what do our local kids need and deserve for their best education possible. The County Office of Education recently wrote a letter commending teachers for serving in the backcountry, where it's by no means an easy job!
Mountain Empire High School is applying through bonds and grants to rebuild the High School, and more, through the 4H program.
4H is the nation's largest youth development organization, serving over 6 million members across the United States.
4H Program is a U.S. youth development initiative for ages 5-21 that builds skills in Agriculture, STEM, healthy living, and civic engagement, through hands-on projects and mentoring, administered by USDA and land grant universities.
Through the 4-H Program - it is possible to address some of the challenges created by inadequate school facilities, and the increased challenge of attempting to retain personnel in the backcountry associated with increased gas prices, which has resulted in bussing costs doubling in the last 6 months.

***Footnote**: Dr. Keeley says this was the most well-attended planning group of them all that he has attended. *

- **STARLIGHT SOLAR BOARD OF SUPERVISOR'S DECISION:** The Board of Supervisors voted 5 - 0 to approve the Starlight Solar project following the Planning Cominission prior approval.
  The following are included in your agenda packet:
  - Minute Order for BOS 9/16 hearing.
  - Supervisor Anderson's response to the 9/16 BOS hearing.

  Open discussion period.
  Discussions centered around the unanimous decision by the BOS, citing Joel Anderson not supporting Boulevard, Thomas Wall thanked all that supported the opposition's effort. He felt that through all of this it has brought the community together.

- **MOBILE FOOD PANTRY POSSIBILITIES IN MOUNTAIN EMPIRE:** Andrew from Supervisor Anderson's Office. wanted to reach out to let us know that the food distribution services offered by Jacobs & Cushman are set to be expanded to the Mountain Empire Health and Community Centers.
  Currently, in Boulevard, they are operating at these locations:
  - Manzanita MAC (39 Crestwood Rd. Boulevard, CA 91905)
  - La Posta (777 Crestwood Rd. Boulevard, CA 91905)
  - Back Country Support (39919 Ribbonwood Rd., Boulevard, CA 91934)

  If the community has any suggestions for a location for other food distribution spots, contact Andrew Hayes, Supervisor Amderson's office.
  This information was forwarded to Deborah Gonzales to possibly expand her food pantry distribution in the area.

- **ADU ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT:** Adding Local Criteria for the Separate Sale of ADUs to Support Homeownership and Owner Occupancy – Adopted by Board of Supervisors.
  For those interested, the amendments were included in the agenda packet.

- **PLANNING GROUP SEAT VACANCIES:** Board seats numbers 2,4,6 will be vacant at the end of the year. Anthony Ralphs has applied for his seat and should be appointed by the Board of Supervisors for another four year term. Applications are being accepted for the remaining seats. Contact the BCPG Chair for further information.
  Earl Goodnight, boulevardplanninggroup@gmail.com

- **SANDAG UNINCORPORATED REPRESENTATION:** Association of Planning Groups (APG)
  Nothing to report.
  APG's next in-person meeting will be on Saturday, December 5, 2026.

- **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT:**
  Resource Center will be the polling place for the November election again this year. Poll workers will occupy the auditorium starting Friday October 23rd through November 4th. After-hours access will not be allowed during these days.
  Desert Jewel BESS project shows signs of activity with the County.
  Two SVPs are up for release in Boulevard.
  Anthony Ralphs is on the BOS Oct. 6th agenda to be appointed to the BCPG.

- **FIRE SAFE & REVITALIZATION (JBRA) REPORTS:**
  Dennis Berglund to present.

PROJECT UPDATES:

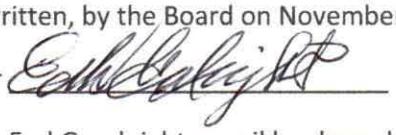
1. **74 MW RUGGED SOLAR DISCRETIONARY PDS2017-MUP-12-007W1 TIME EXTENSION PERMIT:**
   No report.

   NO MOVEMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS 2,3,4,5

ADJOURNMENT
BCPG meeting was adjourned at 9:11.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday November 5, 2026

Minutes were approved, as written, by the Board on November 5, 2026.

Signed: Earl Goodnight, Chair 

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