

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP MINUTES / SUMMARY FOR FEB 2, 2012

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

2. Members present: Rett Lawrence; Jeffrey McKernan; Donna Tisdale; Tammy Daubach; Audra Burgio; Chris Noland ; Seat 2 vacant

3. Minutes were not available: Chair stated lack of time to review and add additional information.

4. CORRESPONDENCE: Reminder of March 31 Form 700 filing date.

After a brief discussion, with Group approval, Tammy Daubach agreed to replace Audra Burgio as the group's Secretary.

5. A. VOTE TO FILL REMAINING TERM FOR SEAT NUMBER 2: Timely applications were received from Edgardo Manuel Rivera and Robert (Bob) Maupin. Both gave brief statements of their background, community service, and their appreciation for Boulevard's rugged beauty and rural character. Both also expressed a desire to serve and protect the Boulevard Planning Area, and their strong opposition to any proposed industrialization or over development of the area. Mr. Rivera stated the need to reduce the harm of proposed projects that do move forward. Mr. Maupin stated that his wife developed cancer after the Southwest Powerlink was installed on their property and that his Napa Auto Parts store/property in Alpine had recently closed, blamed in part on the Sunrise Powerlink construction that blocked access. **The vote was split: Rivera 3; Maupin 3. Mr. Maupin stepped back and ceded Seat 2 to Mr. Rivera. Mr. Rivera's appointment was approved by consensus.**

B. ANONYMOUS LETTER TO COMMUNITY OF BOULEVARD: At the request of several group members, a public review and discussion was conducted on the draft response to address the false allegations and misinformation contained in the anonymous letter circulated to Boulevard "Residents" through the mail on January 26th, with references to the Boulevard Planning Group. **M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Approve response to "Bill" with changes. Send to Supervisor Dianne Jacob with a copy of the string of 2008 e-mails (Colodonato /Coupens /Debenham). Send copy of all to PUC's ALJ Yacknin to be included as comments in the current ECO Substation review: Passed 6-0-0.**

C. FEB 13: MEUSD BOARD WILL REVISIT TULE WIND DONATION AGREEMENT / PROJECT SUPPORT; ADDRESS OTHER AGREEMENTS: Discussion of the issues. No Action taken.

D. GENERAL PLAN PROPERTY SPECIFIC REQUESTS WORKSHOP: ME 19 /Frankie Thibodeau's request to change to commercial designation for smokehouse: The group discussed the staff report/ request regarding a single property identified as ME19 / Frankie Thibodeau: 164.7 acres located at end of Roadrunner Lane, a 1/2 mile dead-end road. Land owners request to change to commercial designation for smokehouse, identified as a Major change. The Chair reported that Thibodeau had been contacted via e-mail and had declined to attend, saying she expected a NO Vote and that she was satisfied with meeting with staff. Audra Ono Borgio was concerned with the other potential "by-right" projects that could be allowed if the zoning were changed to commercial. Change to expand commercial zoning would be precedent setting. Concerns were also raised regarding the current inclusion of some of the Thibodeau's property in MUP for Soitec's Rugged Solar LLC. There was consensus that there were several commercial properties available in the Boulevard village commercial zone. **M/S: McKernan/Noland: Deny Thibodeau's request for commercial zoning based on reasons stated: Passed 6-0-0)**

E. COUNTYWIDE SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL GUIDELINES (POD 11-008): The proposed residential design guidelines, meant to provide direction and guidance on how best to design subdivisions that meet the objectives of applicants and the General Plan, while maintaining the existing character of unincorporated communities, were discussed. There was consensus that guidelines provided

protections for rural community character, slopes, sensitive resources, including views, that should also be applied to industrial wind and solar projects. **M/S: Tisdale/Lawrence: Support the Countywide Single Family Residential Guidelines: Passed 6-0-0**

E. STAR RANCH SPECIAL STUDY AREA DRAFT EIR SCOPING COMMENTS DUE FEB 3: 3810 05-002(SP), 3800 05-008(GPA), 3600 05-019(R), 3100 5459RPL1(TM), LOG NO. 3910 05-20-003(ER). The Group reviewed and discussed the current proposed 453 residential units; 9.9 acres of commercial space on approximately 2,161 acres, and our previous opposition to this large-scale leap-frog type development and the negative precedent that project approval would set for the backcountry overall. The perc / septic failure of the new Circle K at Cameron Corners, where clustered commercial / residential would be increased was also discussed. It was stated that the Circle K owners had to purchase an adjacent residential property to use that septic system to avoid the use of port a potties. There was no support for this project from those present: **M/S: Burgio/McKernan: Authorize the Chair to send letter of opposition, include objections, concerns, Circle K septic issues, and previous water studies conducted by Dr. V.M. Ponce.: Passed 6-0-0.**

F. US FOREST SERVICE KITCHEN CREEK HELITANKER DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT 30-DAY COMMENT DEADLINE: The Cleveland National Forest proposed Type 1 helitanker base at Kitchen Creek, on approximately eight acres, north of I-8 at the Cameron Fire Station, was discussed. Mark Ostrander, retired Cal Fire Battalion Chief stated that the Forest Service does not do structure fires and they are not classified as firefighters under OSHA. Type 1 is considered a National resource and could be called out to any fire in the US. There is no guarantee that it would stay here to fight local fires. It would be better to use Sunrise Powerlink mitigation money to buy another helicopter for the current base at Ramona. The Forest Service already has a MOU with Cal Fire at Ramona that is 5 air minutes away, so this would be a duplicative project and create too much industrial type density and use in this scenic area that is highly visible to the public on I-8. Additional concerns included the removal of mature oaks, when so many are dying, and cumulative impacts to Golden Eagles, visual resources, sense of place, lack of required service to adjacent residential areas based on Forest Service mandate. **M/S: Lawrence/McKernan: Reaffirm previous opposition comments. Request amendment to better use mitigation dollars and to examine cost / maintenance benefit for new helitanker base versus adding a new Type 1 helitanker to existing Ramona facility. Passed 6-0-0.**

G. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND MUP CASE #3992-11-002; MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: APN #'S 611-060-03; 611-070-01; 611-070-03 AND 611-030-01 KIVA #11-0138043; Discussion was tabled until next meeting.

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK /COMMUNITY UPDATE: *Cameron Durckel reported* that Sunrise Powerlink is 72% complete; 92% underground; 62% overhead; 90% Substations; ECO Substation PUC Public Participation hearing set for Jan 24 in Jacumba with ALJ Yacknin; expect decision in several weeks; 30 day comment period prior to full PUC Board action; 7.2 miles of ECO line will be undergrounded; Jewel Valley 12kV underground is a distribution line; Sunrise is using 300,000 gallons of City of San Diego potable water per day; 527 acre feet; approximately 10,000 gallon tankers; promised to get number of trucks used to haul water; admitted to project's wear and tear on local roads; could not say how damage to Historic Route 80/ Hwy 94 can be repaired; promised to provide number of helicopters, the number of flights and gallons of fuel used to date; claimed over 2,000 jobs created; Union Project Labor Agreement requirements; had no information on arson questions related to wooden poles along Buckman Springs Road or HR 80 **Community Concerns raised:** Sam McKernan stated that a 100 year old ranch in McCain Valley is impacted by about 600 workers per day; Mr. Jellyman expressed concerns with laydown yards, grading, boulder removals; Chris Dunn asked about

Parr's out of state license plates; Rett Lawrence reported that Parr has a blanket agreement with the State for fees; Chris Noland questioned lack of worker carpooling and asked if vehicle trip emissions are being counted; Jewel Valley underground work / cleanup complaints can be filed on CPUC website-- they go straight to the full PUC Board for resolution.

B. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL: Next meeting : Feb 27 Boulevard Training Room . CERT training March 23, 24, 28, 29 & 30.

C . BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT: Next meeting is 6:30 March 6 in the Boulevard Training Room. Community calendar is late. Boulevard Community Watch Feb 7th: Border Patrol reported rash of thefts including weapons, ammo, equipment, quads, Border Patrol (BP) quads stolen on Jewel Valley Road; trencher was stolen from Mr. Jellyman that had to involve big truck, roll back; 2 graders were stolen; beware of cloned vehicles used in smuggling. Best number to call BP: 766-3000; Ask for inside supervisor. 619-938-8700 is best for west bound checkpoint response. BP busted 60# of coke and 11# of heroin at PV Checkpoint. SDG&E has new gates locked on some BP access roads. BP reported job opportunities like mission support and equipment operator at new station. Go to USA job site. Par vehicles speeding concerns were raised. Community/ Neighborhood Watch signs may be available from Farm Bureau.

D. VERIZON COMPLAINT: Verizon investigation into degraded / dropped cell service in Tierra Del Sol area revealed jamming signals coming from area near maximum security Mexican prison south of the border. BP confirmed Mexican jamming has been documented that interferes with BP communications. Verizon engineer showed impacted residents how to stand behind metal barn or water tank to receive service from White Star tower. Verizon is working through proper channels to address Mexican jamming signal. Smart Meter interference was still an unresolved issue. Cameron Durckel could not say when Smart Meter transmitting equipment was installed at SDG&E's White Star communications facility. Chris Dunn said his Verizon hot spot wireless router was being overridden by the new Smart Meter. He had to change to a multiunit router to correct the problem

E. FEB 29 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING SET FOR RED TAPE TASK FORCE RECOMMENDATIONS, INCLUDING POTENTIAL ELIMINATION OF PLANNING/SPONSOR GROUPS: Tammy Daubach reported and provided notes on the organized meeting with planning and sponsor groups. 39 people attended. There was consensus on Oliver Smith's draft response.

F. ECO SUBSTATION / TULE WIND/ ESJ FEIR/EIS CHANGES TO FINAL EIR/EIS (PUC APP A.09.08.003): The new CEQA Amendment to Final EIR/EIS Fire Mitigation Measure FF-3 Fire Fuels Management (received Jan 27) was discussed. Mark Ostrander stated that with a 66% turnover rate, 2 trainings per year per individual is inadequate. Budget cuts could eliminate stipends. Need permanent paid staff. Need certified staff to keep insurance ratings. Need to ask for permanent staff, regular training, consistent coverage. Stipends are not adequate, especially with high gas prices. San Diego Rural Fire cannot keep staffing from other stations. Pine Valley rating went from 4 to 8. Boulevard is rated 9-- across from the Fire Station. We need enough coverage to achieve 7-8 insurance rating. The Jan 24 hearing was briefly discussed and concerns raised with vested interests being allowed to speak and the need to request that PUC post the hearing transcript to the project proceedings website instead of charging the public for copies: **M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Send comment letter on CEQA Amendment to FEIR/EIS: Passed 6-0-0.**

G. TULE WIND MAJOR USE PERMIT 3300 09-019, GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT 3800 11-001, LOG NO. 09-021-002: Jim Whalen reported Tule Wind wants Planning Commission docket in mid-February.

H. WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT DEIR:
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ceqa/POD1007.html>

I. SOITEC 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR MUP (MAP) 3992-1108: Proposed for Rough Acres Ranch on McCain Valley Road.

J. SOITEC 6.5 MW LANWEST MAJOR USE PERMIT APP 11-017: Jim Whalen reported that the MUP submitted on February 1.

K. SOITEC 22 MW LANEAST MAJOR USE PERMIT APP 11-018: Jim Whalen reported that the LanEast MUP is still a month or more away.

L. SOITEC 60 MW TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR FARM LLC: MUP Pre-App. 3992: 11-022: Jim Whalen reported the Rugged Solar MUP is expected in mid-late February: Fire, cultural, visual. No tech studies done yet. Soitec/Concentrix modules have ISO/IEEE/ CEC approval. No information provided on noise / EMF/EMR emission questions.

M. AMONIX JACUMBA SOLAR POWER : Major Use Permit (MPA) 11-1014: The approximately 860 Acre (RL 80/S92)project is proposed to be located approximately 1/4 mile west of Jacumba between Historic Rt. 80 and I-8.

N. BP SOLAR NORTH AMERICA LLC: 20 MW JACUMBA SOLAR / MAJOR USE PRE-APP 3992-11-023: Mark Ostrander, Chair of Jacumba Sponsor Group, reported that BP's Richard Chandler has asked for a meeting.

O. SOLFOCUS SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD: locations undisclosed

P. CAMPO NATION/INVENERGY/SDG&E'S 160-250 MW SHU'LUUK WIND PROJECT:
<http://shuluukwind.com/>

Q. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR: <http://www.jewelvalleyproject.com/>

R. 7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS: No formal action can be taken on items that are not on the agenda. Public comment, or other agenda items, may be taken out of order upon request

8. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 10:35 PM

Approved with corrections on 3-1-12: M/S: McKernan/Burgio: 5-0-0 (Rivera & Noland absent/excused)

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