

MINUTES /SUMMARY

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP MEETING HELD ON JULY 12, 2012

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM

2. **Members present:** Rett Lawrence (left at 9:30/work), Chris Noland, Donna Tisdale, Tammy Daubach, Jeff McKernan

Absent: Audra (resigned as of 7-5-12), Manuel Rivera (unexcused)

3. **APPROVAL JUNE 14 MINUTES:** M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: ***Approve minutes with approved changes: Passed: 5-0-0***

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Audra Burgio's resignation was discussed and accepted: M/S: Noland/McKernan: Passed 5-0-0

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- **SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR: COUNTY SCOPING LETTER & PROJECT ISSUE CHECKLIST RELEASED:** Jim Whalen was present for the applicant/developer.
M/S: Noland/Lawrence: Table until August meeting for review time: Passed: 5-0-0
- **PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST & RECREATION PROGRAMMING RECREATION LIST:** Tammy Daubach read through list. She and others would be meeting with Dianne Jacob on August 1 to discuss potential community use of current Boulevard Fire Station property that will be vacated when new Fire Station is completed. Dianne Jacob wants to address a new library first. ***M/S: Table POD discussion to August meeting: Passed: 5-0-0***

BORDER PATROL UPDATE:

- New Station should be ready around February 2013
- BP is building out checkpoint on Historic Route 80, using basically the same leased footprint
- Private groups are using drones in our area.
- Beware and report suspicious activities including ultra light aircraft being used by smugglers

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK /COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- Cameron Durckel was present for SDG&E
- ECO Substation is waiting for BLM ROD and other permits
- Construction expected by end of the year
- SDG&E crews are doing local easement road maintenance
- Bob Maupin said they accidentally took out 20' of his fencing while doing maintenance.
- \$200 million spent on replacing more than 1650 poles
- Another \$900 Million more 4-5 years to change out old poles
- Dennis Berglund asked if \$128,000 per pole was reasonable
- Old poles withstood 56 mph winds. New poles designed for 86 mph winds.
- Daubach stated that SDG&E made comments at another meeting that the pole replacement was part of Sunrise powerlink mitigation
- Durkel responded that there was a Sunrise component in some of the pole upgrades
- L. Shannon asked the source of the steel poles. China?

- EV Day stands or High Heat
- SDG&E will make \$800 million on Sunrise over life of project
- Sunrise capacity is 800-1,000 for now. CALISO runs the line.
- Maupin asked about the end of the 50 year SWPL ROW easement across his property
- In response to questions about EMF measurements under SWPL, Durckel said the same current capacity should measure same strength. Call ISO with questions

B. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Oak tree / oak borer damages discussed

BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported the August 1 meeting with Dianne Jacob on community center issues.

D. ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE MUP APPEAL UPDATE:

- August 8 is tentative Board of Supervisors hearing date.

E. JULY 20 PLANNING COMMISSION WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT DEIR HEARING:

- *M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Approve Chair to represent Group at hearing with previous and new information: Passed: 5-0-0*

F. JUNE 21 CPUC HEARING ON ECO SUBSTATION (TULE WIND) (CPUC APP A.09.08.003):

- The Public Utilities Commission voted to approve the \$435 ECO Substation project, on consent, without discussion.

G. ODD-NUMBERED SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2012:

- Applications are due at Registrar of Voters between July 16th and August 10th. At least one incumbent of 3 has confirmed running

H. SOITEC'S 20 MW LANEAST LLC:

- Whalen reported nothing new. Project is last in priority

I. SOITEC'S 45-60 MW TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR FARM LLC: MUP Pre-App. 3992: 11-022:

J. SOITEC 5.4-6.5 MW LANWEST SOLAR LLC MAJOR USE PERMIT (PROJECT #P12-002):

- Still waiting for County. Nothing new

AB2551:

- Whalen confirmed he worked on the bill with Assemblyman Ben Hueso so local jurisdictions can incentivize renewable energy and return benefits to the communities
- Solar tax exclusions from property taxes through 2016
- Whalen handed out county "cumulative projects" map with 28 projects
- He gave map to committee members in Sacramento
- Used existing infrastructure finance law—only used twice in state at Lego Land and San Francisco housing project
- Handed out his comparison between AB2551 and Infrastructure Finance Districts
- Changed AB2551 to make sure funds stay in impacted area
- Discussion on bill's negatives and blood money aspects
- District boundaries could be same as Boulevard Planning Area boundaries.
- Whalen quoted Dianne Jacob about opposing projects while accepting benefits
- First week in August the Senate Appropriations Committee will vote on AB2551 for a second time.
- At last hearing, Howard Jarvis Tax Association and Real Estate Board lobbyists spoke in

opposition

- Now, Lancaster and Mojave are interested in AB2551
- Senator Juan Vargas supports AB2551
- Existing law would allow money generated in one area to be moved out of the impacted area
- M. Ostrander stated this was all a shell game, robbing Peter to pay Paul, that will create funding problems elsewhere when that funding is diverted to infrastructure zone.
- Lawrence reminded Whalen of his 'lobbyist' status and asked for disclosure on how his clients will benefit from AB2551 approval
- Whalen used the example of a \$2M turbine and that AB2551 would compel part of County's 1 % of 11% to stay in the new district
- Will need to go through legislative counsel
- Berglund asked about solar tax in 2016. If County sees reduction in taxes in one area they will want to restore it
- Whalen claimed that land values have gone up 7%--but not houses.
- Maupin complained the he is now stuck between Soitec's Tierra Del Sol project, Lansing's wind projects with his agriculture preserve tax increase by 16% and he is not allowed to protest.

K. TULE WIND MUP: AUG 8 TENTATIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING DATE:

- Reviewed issues in advance of hearing

L. SOLFOCUS SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD:

- Nothing to report

M. CAMPO NATION/INVENERGY/SDG&E'S 160-250 MW SHU'LUUK WIND PROJECT:

- Daubach reported attending the June 11 Shuluuk presentation at the renewable energy society meeting at the California Center for Sustainable Energy
- Concerned citizens from Boulevard, Campo and Jacumba were present. Less than 20 people present
- Good questions were asked—not much new information
- DEIR should be out soon for public review

N. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR:

- No new information other than potential impacts to Jewel Valley Wind related to Planning Commission looking to exclude residential areas south of I-8 due to parcelization and density of existing residents.

O. 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:

- Whalen reported that they are finishing up the final. It is the toughest and it looks like the submittal will be filed with the County in August.
- Tammy Daubach reported that three more McCain Conservation Camp inmates were returned to prison for infractions, stating that campgrounds should not be placed next to prison camps. No Action taken.

P. AMONIX JACUMBA SOLAR POWER: Major Use Permit (MPA) 11-1014: No new information.

Q. BP SOLAR NORTH AMERICA LLC: 20 MW JACUMBA SOLAR / MAJOR USE PRE-APP 3992-11-023:

- No new information

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Dennis Berglund shared their Citizens Research Council report on EMF/RFR measurements and fires
- Working with Dr. Milham on measurements
- They are looking at issues in a scientific manner
- Berglund offered to provide support for anyone wanting to sue SDG&E. He previously won a case against them
- It was reported and confirmed that an ultra light was seen flying over I-8 and reported to BP.

8. ADJOURNED AT 10: PM

Minutes approved 8-2-12: _____ Donna Tisdale, Chair

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