

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*****FINAL MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR APRIL 11, 2013 SPECIAL**
MEETING***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 Pm @ Boulevard Fire Training / Community Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard CA 91905

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Melody Ponchot; 3) Chris Noland; 4) Donna Tisdale; 7) Jeffrey McKernan: The Chair announced that *vacant seats 5 and 6 are open for application to registered voters living within the Boulevard Planning Area*

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APRIL 4TH MINUTES WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR REVIEW:

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: None

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. PROPOSED FINAL EIR FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT (POD 10 007). BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING SET FOR MAY 8TH:

- Carry-over item from April 4th meeting
- Draft comments were reviewed and discussed with many side comments
- Dave Elliott, impacted Kumeyaay Wind neighbor, expressed concerns that tribal leaders and Supervisors would support more wind turbine projects when experience and research on chronic exposures to noise and electrical pollution shows adverse health impacts, cancer, and premature death can be end results.
- Supervisors should arrange to take real field trip and spend time at impacted homes
- Bob Maupin stated that his wife came down with a bone marrow cancer that is second cousin to leukemia, after the Southwest Powerlink was built across their ranch and energized. It has gone into her liver and spleen. The line is quiet when not energized.
- SDG&E employee on Maupin's ranch rejected health impact concerns but admitted to Maupin that he had moved to a remote area of Alpine with no transmission lines.
- Maupin reports impacts and concerns to his doctors at Indian Health Services Clinic and stated that several friends living in Alpine cannot drive down Alpine Blvd since the Sunrise Powerlink was buried there—because it makes their pacemakers malfunction
- Elliott reported working on Sunrise Powerlink during Alpine underground construction and that one SDG&E supervisor said he was glad he does not live in Alpine due to the increased EMF levels and that concrete encasement does not suppress EMF.
- Federal government has fiduciary duty to protect tribal people and resources but don't.
- Government employees report being given orders from above to approve projects.
- Elliott stated that he can personally attest to the impacts referenced in draft comments
- There is static buildup, pressure, and an energy that bothers his ears and head and that turbine noise seems to get worse once the sun goes down. It makes him feel jumpy. He has lost 35-40 pounds due to stress, stomach pain, and loss of appetite.

- Turbine impacts get worse over time. Symptoms subside or go away when he leaves the area but come back soon after he returns home. Feeling on edge, unexplained panic attacks, sleep disruption, noise, electromagnetic interference with TV and phones.
- Workers at La Posta tribal hall reportedly complained about their small on-site wind turbine bothering them and asked the Chairwoman to turn it off. She did turn it off.
- Marie Morgan reported hearing turbines at her home on Ribbonwood Road almost 2 miles east of turbines.
- Melody Ponchot reported experiencing similar symptoms when living in a home off of Opalaka, a mile or so east the turbines. Symptoms subsided when she moved about 5 miles away from the turbines, but started again when she volunteered at the Desert Museum near the Ocotillo Wind turbines. She had to stop volunteering there.
- The Chair reported experiencing overwhelming jet-like noise at homes near turbines during certain weather events and patterns, and feeling strange energy fields in the air and ground when turbines are operating, triggering uneasy feelings and impacts.
- **No action taken, previously approved submitting comments at April 4th meeting**

2. PROGRAMMATIC EIR FOR 4 SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS TOTALING 1,473 ACRES AND 168.5 MW OF CONCENTRATING PV SOLAR (GPA 12-010):

- The Chair requested formal Group endorsement of the 6-pages of comments she had submitted to the County's Project Manager as an individual in January.
- Copies of the comments were included in the agenda package and were reviewed and discussed with no objections.
- **M/S:McKernan/Maupin: Endorse Tisdale's Soitec comments: Passed:5-0-0**

3. DRAFT GENERAL PLAN CLEAN-UP GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA 12-007):

- GPA 12-007 proposes changes to the land use plan, policy documents, Mobility Element, and certain community and sub regional plans and four very-low complexity General Plan property specific requests being processed concurrently as GPA 12-012.
- The process is only meant to be used for minor changes or additions to the General Plan that do not result in additional significant impacts.
- The Chair asked if this opportunity should be used to address group's previous unanimous vote on March 1, 2012 to *"request County consideration to expand the Boulevard Planning Area to include several private properties that can only be accessed via McCain Valley Road and Miller Valley Road"*.
- These parcels cannot be accessed through any other Planning Areas and any development on those parcels will impact Boulevard Planning Area and roads more than other Planning Areas.
- Maps were reviewed showing the limited number and location of parcels that would be subject to requested change, and sole access via Miller Valley and McCain Valley Roads.
- **M/S: Noland/Ponchot: Request County consideration to expand the Boulevard Planning Area to include several private properties that can only be accessed via McCain Valley Road and Miller Valley Road: Passed: 5-0-0.**

F.MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:35: NEXT MEETING SET FOR May 2, 2013

Approved by group as amended on June 6, 2013: m/s: McKernan/Ponchot: 5-0-0

Submitted by Chair: Donna Tisdale 

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