

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
APPROVED MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 1, 2013**

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

A. ROLL CALL:

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

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES FOR JULY 11TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: Maupin/Ponchot: Accept as written: Passed: 5-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- none

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER/ROCKCRUSHING: REVISED DOCUMENTS RECEIVED: MUP #11-002; 3300-12-020(P12-020),3300-12-021(P-12-021):**
 - Consultant Jim Whalen was present for applicant
 - They are hoping for Mitigated Negative Declaration determination in Sept-October time frame
 - Rock crushing is not in current version of project
 - May consider “temporary construction use”
 - Some campsites lost due to cultural resources and oak canopies
 - County wanted more details on “events”, attendance and parking spaces for each: conferences; weddings; health and wellness
 - 75 events expected annually averaging 6-49 people; 48 weddings averaging 50-499 people; 4 annual special events averaging 500-2500 people; mud runs
 - Chair noted that “health and wellness” could be translated as drug and alcohol rehab which is controversial as is the past and current on-site Set-Free presence that was never disclosed to community or planning group.
 - County Project Manager: Jim Bennett; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov ; (858) 694-8846.
2. **Office of Planning and Research (OPR) & Natural Resources Agency soliciting comments for improvements to the CEQA Guidelines that accomplish the following goals:**
 - OPR Notice was provided and is posted here: http://opr.ca.gov/docs/OPR_SOI07012013.pdf
 - Discussion on OPR’s solicitation for comments on CEQA’s environmental review process to make it more efficient and meaningful • Reflect California’s adopted policy priorities, including, among others, addressing climate change, promoting of infill development, and conserving natural and fiscal resources
 - Reflect statutory changes to CEQA and cases interpreting CEQA.
 - Chair requested authorization to submit comments based on Group’s positions and concerns related to large scale energy and infrastructure projects — if time allowed.
 - Comments due by 5PM August 30: CEQA.Guidelines@ceres.ca.gov
 - ***M/S: McKernan/Maupin: Authorize Chair to submit comments with review by Chris Noland: Passed: 5-0-0***
3. **COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PROTECTION PLAN (CWPP):**
 - Chair reported attending recent CWPP meeting and provided copies of previous Community Protection and Evacuation Plans and instructions for completing those plans.

- Current plans are outdated. 5 basics are needed
- Input needed for the Draft Map being prepared by The Real East County Fire Safe Council
- A consultant (Orson) has been hired by our Fire Safe Council to help write the CWPP
- Ad-hoc committee (Jeff McKernan & Tammy Daubach) will report back

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

4. Border Patrol Report: no BP representatives present

5. Revitalization Report:

- Sam McKernan gave report. Next meeting will be August 6th at Jacumba Library
- There is an opening on the Board. Currently no Boulevard residents are on the board.
- Looking for donations for Back to School Supplies giveaway that will be held in Campo only
- Sheriff's Department is holding Night Out Against Crime on August 6, 4-7 at 2751 Alpine Blvd.
- First general meeting of new Mountain Empire Amateur Radio Club at 5 PM, August 24th, at Major's Dine in Pine Valley
- Mud bog planned for Miller's Garage opening, with help from East County Posse.
- Chair stated she believed that Hamann Companies' John Gibson is associated with EC Posse.

6. Fire Safe Council Report:

- Sam McKernan gave the report. Next meeting: 6:30 August 26th @ Boulevard Fire Training Room
- More community involvement is needed
- At her recent Campo coffee meeting, Supervisor Dianne Jacob said she will look into Boulevard Fire dark days, when we had no coverage for 17 days in June and 24 days in July.
- Chief Francois reportedly stated part of problem was lack of driver-operators and a large turnover rate
- The Fire Fee is back, with bills expected to arrive in September
- New Boulevard Fire Station is expected to be finished in December 2014. Plans still under review.
- Supervisor Jacob is still trying to retain the current Fire Station as a Boulevard Community Center when new station is built. No discussion of Sheriff Department moving to new Fire Station.
- The Ramona Air Tack Base is only guaranteed until September.
- No news on status of new Cameron Fire Station helipad that was part of Sunrise Powerlink's mitigation

7. Chair's report on July 18th meeting of the Land Development Performance Review Committee:

- The Review Committee was formed by Board of Supervisors' in response to the Red Tape Task Force recommendations
- Committee and staff reviewed the Supervisors actions and goals to streamline the planning process, reduce costs, and reduce timelines. Reviewed progress made to-date and pending improvements.
- New online services are available and in the works at Planning & Development Services:
<http://www.countynewscenter.com/news/planning-and-development-services-customers-get-new-online-services>.

8. WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT: CEQA LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 15TH APPROVALS:

- Court mandated pre-hearing settlement discussions are reportedly in process
- County documents and maps are posted here:
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/advance/POD10007FEIR.html>:
- The CEQA lawsuit is posted here: <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/documents/2013/jun/18/lawsuit-over-wind-turbines-backcountry/>

9. **PROGRAMMATIC EIR FOR 4 SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS: 168.5 MW OF CONCENTRATING PV SOLAR (7,290 tracking CPV modules @1,200 sq ft each) TOTALING 1,473 ACRES: AB900 CERTIFICATION FOR FAST-TRACKING SIGNED BY GOVERNOR FOR RUGGED SOLAR AND TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR:**

- 60 MW Tierra Del Sol Solar & 80 MW Rugged Solar projects are being evaluated at a project-specific level. 6.5 MW LanWest and 22 MW LanEast evaluated at a programmatic level.
- Consultant Jim Whalen said they were looking at release of the PEIR around Labor Day
- Chair provided copies of a 1-page Gunther Portfolio excerpt that included two photos of Soitec's new 1.5 MW Newberry Springs Solar located on Mountain View Road in Newberry Springs near Barstow.
- Copies were provided of Planning and Conservation League's 1-page report (April 1, 2013) on their AB900 litigation stating that the Court found that AB900's streamlined CEQA Court review, bypassing Superior Court, was unconstitutional and will not stand.
- Whalen was asked why Soitec had not disclosed this critical AB900 detail to the Group or the media.
- County project manager: Robert Hingtgen: Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov or (858) 694-3712
- County documents posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/GPA12-010.html>

10. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN: CONSIDER ENDORSING CHAIR'S COMMENTS:**

- New private connector road proposed across Tule Creek 100-year flood plain between Ribbonwood Road and McCain Valley Road to serve as access for Iberdrola's Tule Wind, Soitec Solar's Rugged Solar, and proposed Rough Acres Campground & Conference Center.
- Jim Whalen reported nothing new on Rough Acres Ranch Road. Need to verify name.
- Planning and Development Services Director Wardlaw will make decision with no public hearing.
- Project Manager: Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.

11. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS BULK WATER SALES; SOURCE CAPACITY ASSESSMENT; CPUC INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING # I.12-08-004:**

- Chair provided copies of the summary of the Modified Presiding Officer's decision authorizing superior court action for appointment of a receiver for Live Oak Springs Water Company, dated 7-29-2013.
- CPUC Assigned Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision dated May 14, 2013 is posted here: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M064/K723/64723607.PDF>.
- CPUC proceeding documents are posted here including the Modified Presiding Officer's decision, Nazar Najor's Live Oak Springs Water Company filings, and June 13th appeal: <http://delaps1.cpuc.ca.gov/CPUCProceedingLookup/f?p=401:56:184981512850101::NO>

12. **SOL ORCHARD BOULEVARD SOLAR MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION (P12-025) FOR 108 ACRES SOUTH OF OLD 80 AND EAST OF TULE JIM ROAD:**

- Chair reported that Sol Orchard's President, Jeff Brothers, e-mailed her (July 23) confirming that Sol Orchard *is not* moving forward with their 5MW Boulevard Solar project adjacent to the expanded Boulevard Substation site.
- They do expect to move forward with a smaller 1 MW or so project, with storage, at the same site.
- County project manager: Mark Slovick: 858-495-5172; Mark.Slovick@sdcounty.ca.gov

13. **INVENERGY'S 160-250MW SHU'LUUK WIND & SOLAR FINAL EIS IS PENDING PUBLIC RELEASE:**

- Chair confirmed cancellation of the Shu'luuk Wind by Invenergy's Tecate Divide Wind Energy LLC, after a second tribal vote was taken to reject the project lease.
- The Tecate Divide Wind Energy LLC letter to SDG&E's Transmission Planning Manager is dated June 21, 2013 and requests that "...all current permitting and licensing activities associated with SDG&E Interconnection Facilities (as defined by LGIA) be ceased".
- The project website was disabled in June: www.shuluukwind.com
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Project contact: Lenore Lamb (BIA): (951)276-6625 (ext.254).

14. SDG&E's APPLICATION PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION LINE 6931: FIRE HARDENING /SHU'LUUK WIND INTERCONNECTION PROJECT: CPUC APPLICATION NO. 12-12-007 & PUBLIC REVIEW:

- On June 21st SDG&E filed a Motion to Withdraw the Shu'luluk Gen-tie Application.
- SDG&E's motion stated that they "...will re-evaluate TL 6931 as part of its ongoing efforts to replace existing wood poles with steel poles in high risk fire areas".
- The CPUC has not yet posted SDG&E's Motion to Withdraw on the project's website: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/Wind_Interconnect/Wind_Interconnect.htm

15. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Consultant Jim Whalen reported that Tule Wind is tracking construction of the ECO Substation.
- When asked if the survey stakes visible in the McCain Valley Road Right-of-way were for the Tule Wind Gen-tie, he said they could be but he could not confirm that.
- Chair reported that permits are still pending from the Bureau of Indian Affairs for Tule's turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands and from the State Lands Commission, for turbines proposed on State land.
- Tule Wind has no Power Purchase Agreement and their Golden Eagle expert, Dave Bittner, is scheduled for sentencing in Federal Court on August 13th for unlawful take of Golden Eagles and working without valid permit.
- A complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief was filed against BLM approvals in US District Court by non-profit groups in March: <http://eastcountymagazine.org/print/12724>.
- Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.

16. PROPOSED BOULEVARD /JACUMBA HISTORIC DISTRICT:

- Non-profit status pending. Nothing new to report

17. SDG&E's NEW 85-ACRE ECO SUBSTATION, 13 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE, AND NEW LARGER BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:


- Construction currently underway in Jacumba and in Boulevard's Jewel Valley area.
- Discussion on reportedly unauthorized bulk water sales (57 million gallons) from Campo tribal wells located at formerly proposed Campo Landfill site adjacent to tribal and off-reservation homes and wells.
- Chair provided copies of photographs she had taken of several 10,000 gallon water trucks lined up at the new water mining location and stanchion, and extensive earth moving taking place on BIA 10 to widen the project's access road.
- Tribal members allege that required votes and authorizations have not been conducted.
- Contacts during construction: ecosub@dudek.com; (800) 371-8854.
- CPUC Construction Mitigation & Monitoring documents and reports: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ecosub/MMCRP.htm>

18. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE WILL CONNECT THEIR ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:

- Nothing new to report
- Vestas 3.3MW turbines purchased.
- Import capacity of 1,250 MW.
- Approved by the CPUC, BLM and DOE. Litigation filed against federal approval on 12-26-12: <http://esprojecteis.org/>

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:15 PM/NEXT MEETING SET FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2013:

Minutes approved by Group on: 9-5-13

Submitted by:  **Donna Tisdale, Chair**