

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MEETING AGENDA**

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, May 8, 2014 **note change of date from usual first Thursday to second Thursday*

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39919 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (modular behind station on the right)

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): **1)** Robert Maupin; **2)** Earl Goodnight **3)** Chris Noland; **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand; **6)** Paula Byrd; **7)** Jeffrey McKernan:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: (please silence cell phones)

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR APRIL 3RD MEETING:

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: Opportunity for public comment on any subject matter within the Group's jurisdiction that is not on the posted agenda. No action can be taken on non-agenda items.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **NOTICE OF PREPARATION: ROUGH ACRES RANCH MAJOR USE PERMIT FOR CONFERENCE CENTER / RETREAT AND WELLNESS CENTER AND CAMPGROUND FACILITY: PDS2012-3300-12-021, LOG NO. PDS2012-3910-1221005; Applicant: Jeff Hamann, Rough Acres Foundation:** The project is a Major Use Permit for the Rough Acres Ranch Conference / Retreat and Wellness Center and Campground Facility located on 713 acres at 2750 McCain Valley Road, Boulevard. The land is zoned RL80 (1 dwelling unit per 80 acres) & A72 General Agriculture. Comments on the Notice of Preparation document must be received no later than **May 12, 2014** at 4:00 p.m. Issues include cumulative impacts: multiple large projects utilizing local groundwater sources, groundwater dependent habitat, fire, noise, biological, visual and cultural resources, and other "Potentially Significant Impacts" or "Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated". These issues will be discussed and analyzed in the EIR. Project documents, maps, and plot plans are posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/3300-12-021.html>. The Notice of Preparation can also be reviewed at the Jacumba Library or the Campo-Morena Branch Library. Boulevard has no library. For more information, please contact the County's Project Manager, Jim Bennett at (858) 694-3820; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov.
2. **COUNTY REQUEST FOR SUPPORT LETTER FOR CALIFORNIA ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (ATP):** The County of San Diego, Department of Planning & Development Services (PDS), Public Works (DPW) and Parks and Recreation (DPR) is requesting the Planning Group's support for a grant application for the California Active Transportation Program. The ATP would update and/or integrate these existing County plans and efforts: 1) Trails Master Plan (2009); 2) Bicycle Transportation Plan (2003) (and sync with General Plan Mobility Element (2011)); 3) Pedestrian Area Plans: Alpine, Borrego Springs, Fallbrook Town Center, Lakeside Town Center, Spring Valley (2010); 4) Safe Routes to Schools and School Safety Zone Review; 4) New Pedestrian Gap Analysis: existing conditions for sidewalk and pathway networks. A Health Impact Analysis (HIA) or creation of a Health-In-All-Policy (HIAP) assessment is also a potential consideration for the plan. Thus, this application will functionally thread many departments' efforts and also align with other County initiatives; including the 2014 Strategic Initiative *Live Well! San Diego: Thrive* (with an emphasis on the built environment. **Comment deadline is May 14th**. County Project Manager: Everett.Hauser@sdcounty.ca.gov
3. **REQUEST TO MOVE JUNE MEETING TO 2ND THURSDAY, JUNE 12:** to accommodate Chair's schedule conflict.

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

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**

2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
3. **SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS (PDS2012-3910-120005): DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (DPEIR) REPORT FOR FOUR BOULEVARD PROJECTS WITH 7,409-8,415 CPV SOLAR TRACKERS @ 1,200 SQ FT EACH:**
Public comment closed on March 3rd for the Soitec Solar Development DPEIR that includes two projects (80MW Rugged Solar and 60MW Tierra Del Sol Solar) which have been evaluated at the project level and two projects (22MW LanEast and 6.5MW LanWest) that have been evaluated at a program level due to lack of sufficient information. County project manager: Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov; The Soitec DPEIR documents are posted at this link: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>
4. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**
New private connector road proposed between Ribbonwood Road and McCain Valley Road to serve as access for Iberdrola's Tule Wind, proposed Rough Acres Campground & Conference Center, and Rugged Solar. County Project Manager: Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.
5. **ECO SUBSTATION: A COMPLAINT HAS BEEN FILED WITH THE CPUC AGAINST SDG&E'S WATER SUPPLY PLAN:**
Construction is ongoing between In-Ko-Pah, Jacumba, and Boulevard Substation. The CPUC has requested a response from SDG&E and is expected to schedule local hearings on the complaint. CPUC project manager: Eric Chiang: 415-703-1956 eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov; Mitigation, monitoring, and modification reports are posted here: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/MMCRP.htm>; Project map is posted here: http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/ProjectLocationMap_Updated.pdf
6. **APPEAL PENDING FOR MARCH 25 COURT RULING REJECTING LEGAL CHALLENGE TO BLM'S APPROVAL OF IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:** Federal judge ruled to support the BLM's approval of the Tule Wind 2012 Record of Decision, rejecting the legal challenges brought by non-profit groups. The County approved the Major Use Permit in May 2012. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.
7. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** December 16th, the Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs approved the Record of Decision for Tule Wind Phase II for up to 20 industrial wind turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands. The press release states that the applicant (Iberdrola) will apply for an eagle take permit for Golden Eagles: <http://www.bia.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/text/idc1-024577.pdf>. A separate Tule Wind lease application is still pending at the California State Lands Commission, for roads and turbines.
8. **WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT WERE APPROVED IN MAY 2012 AND CEQA LAWSUIT WAS DISMISSED AT APRIL 25TH HEARING.** Superior Court Judge Timothy Taylor signed his tentative ruling and dismissed the case after hearing oral arguments: County documents and maps are posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/advance/POD10007FEIR.html>.
9. **SOLAR ELECTRIC SOLUTIONS Electric Solutions LLC** has confirmed that they continue to study local solar options, including a 50 acre solar project on 132.94 acres (APN 612-030-15) known as Chapman Ranch located at McCain Valley Road and Rocky Knoll Road north of I-8: Company website: <http://www.solarelectricsolutions.com/>
10. **SEMPRA'S IENOVA ANNOUNCED AGREEMENT WITH INTERGEN FOR SALE OF 50% OF PHASE I OF THE \$300 MILLION (USD) ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND (ESJ) PROJECT. A CROSS-BORDER HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, WITH IMPORT CAPACITY OF 1,250 MW, WILL CONNECT THE WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:** On March 27th, federal Judge Lorenz issued an order, partially in favor of Plaintiff's challenge of the ESJ permit, that Presidential permits are subject to the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and other federal environmental laws, and allowed for an amended Complaint to address the potential liability under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) and the Eagle Act of operators who construct and operate wind turbine facilities that will directly kill or take migratory birds and eagles. A precedent was set with the court ruling that the APA does apply to cross-border Presidential Permit applications. Sempra previously announced purchase of 47 Vestas 3.3MW turbines. Import capacity of 1,250 MW. IEnova's April 21st announcement is posted here: <http://www.4-traders.com/SEMPRA-ENERGY-14471/news/Sempra-Energy--IEnova-Announces-Agreement-with-InterGen-for-the-Sale-of-50-Percent-of-the-First-Pha-18301049/>. Website for DOE's ESJ transmission line project: <http://esjprojecteis.org/>.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR JUNE 5, 2014 at Boulevard Fire Training Room:

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com