

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

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 3, 2014

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 MAY 8 & JUNE 12 MEETINGS:

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. REQUEST FOR COUNTY GROUNDWATER MONITORING AND REPORTING NETWORK & FUNDING & UPDATING GROUNDWATER ORDINANCE AND DETERMINATION OF SIGNIFICANCE TO ADDRESS PREDICTED CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS:** Should County staff be invited to attend the next meeting to provide information and their recommendations for a fact-based groundwater monitoring network and funding for long-term data gathering and reporting to better understand groundwater resources and long-term sustainability; cumulative impacts from numerous industrial-scale energy and transmission projects; and to better address and prepare for predictions of reduced rainfall, recharge, and increased drought-related stress on sole-source resources?
- 2. REQUEST FOR COUNTY REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF POTENTIAL BENEFITS/ADVERSE IMPACTS RELATED TO PROPOSED GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT LEGISLATION SB1168 & OTHER PROPOSALS:** According to the Legislative Counsel's Digest, SB 1168, as amended. *"Existing law requires the Department of Water Resources to identify the extent of monitoring of groundwater elevations that is being undertaken within each basin or subbasin and prioritize groundwater basins and subbasins. This bill would require the department, pursuant to these provisions, to categorize each basin and subbasin as high priority, medium priority, low priority, or very low priority. The bill would require the Department of Fish and Wildlife, in collaboration with the department, to identify those basins and subbasins where species and ecosystems are vulnerable to existing or future groundwater conditions"*: http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201320140SB1168
- 3. REQUEST TO ADD SOUTHEAST END OF TIERRA DEL SOL ROAD (TDS) TO DPW PRIORITY PROJECT LIST:** Impacted property owner (and Planning Group member) Bob Maupin has been in communication with DPW to resolve a decades-long issue. Road widening is needed within the existing easement to allow for emergency services access, staging of large vehicles and equipment, and an adequate homeowner evacuation route during fire events. Currently, most of the road section at issue is only wide enough for one vehicle to pass.
- 4. REQUEST FOR ACTION ON TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION:** Public discussion and determination of what action should be taken regarding the California State Lands Commission's pending decision on the lease application filed by Tule Wind LLC (formerly known as Pacific Wind LLC). The application is to install 1.5 to 3 MW industrial scale wind turbines and other Tule Wind project components on State Lands Commission lands located immediately north of the Manzanita Reservation in the upper McCain Valley area of Boulevard. Legal appeals/challenges are still unresolved for Tule Wind turbines already approved for BLM lands in McCain Valley and Ewiiapaayp tribal lands.
- 5. PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UPDATE (POD13-003):** Planning & Development Services update (POD 13-003) proposes to amend sections of the Zoning Ordinance, make minor revisions to the Noise Ordinance and add a new chapter to the County Code related to Reasonable Accommodation. Changes include allowing industrial wind turbines on 5 acres or more within the new Wind Resource Area north of I-8, and proposed revisions to the County's Defense and Indemnification Agreement. Comment closes on August 11. Related documents are posted on the County website: http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa_public_review.html

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; Soitec DPEIR documents and maps are posted at this link: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>
 4. **NOTICE OF PREPARATION, INITIAL STUDY & REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): Public comment closed on May 19th:** 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72: The DEIR scoping Comment period closed on May 19th Owner: Rough Acres Foundation / Jeff Hamann: Multiple large projects utilizing local groundwater sources, groundwater dependent habitat, fire, noise, biological, cultural resources, and other "Potentially Significant Impacts" or Potentially Significant Unless Mitigation Incorporated". Project manager contact: Jim Bennett; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov; (858) 694-8846.
 5. **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.
 6. **ECO SUBSTATION: A COMPLAINT & SDG&E'S RESPONSE HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE CPUC ON SDG&E'S WATER SUPPLY PLAN:** Construction is ongoing between In-Ko-Pah, Jacumba, and Boulevard Substation. SDG&E filed a response to the non-profit group's complaint, seeking a staff resolution over the requested CPUC hearings. On June 12, the CPUC approved an amended water plan for 16.5 million gallons from the City of San Diego. 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
 7. **NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR MARCH 25 COURT RULING SUPPORTING BLM'S APPROVAL OF IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:** A federal judge ruled to uphold 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. To date, Tule Wind has no Power Purchase Agreement and no Eagle Take Permit. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.
 8. **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>.
 9. **NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:** A Notice of Appeal has been filed for April 25th Superior Court ruling upholding the County's ordinance and Boulevard Plan Amendment.
 10. **SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, WITH IMPORT CAPACITY OF 1,250 MW, WILL CONNECT THEIR \$300 MILLION ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND (ESJ) IN BAJA CALIFORNIA WITH SDG&E'S NEW ECO-SUBSTATION:** US and Mexican legal challenges are still unresolved. Sempra has purchased 47 Vestas 3.3MW turbines and applied to DOE for a permit to export up to 6MW of energy to Mexico to construct and support the ESJ wind turbine project. The April 21st announcement of sale of 50% of project 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/>. Sempra's June 13th announcement of \$270 million in project funding and a value added tax credit facility for up to MX\$45 million is posted here: <http://www.windtech-international.com/project-and-contracts/ienova-receives-loan-and-tax-credits-for-wind-project-in-mexico>; Website for DOE's ESJ cross-border transmission line project: <http://esjprojecteis.org/>.
- G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 7TH, 2014 AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:**

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