

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

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 7, 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 JULY 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. 45' FAUX WATER TOWER WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY; MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION # PDS2014-MUP-14-005 (MUP14-005) PROPOSED BY SITEMASTER, INC, FOR 6549 OLD HWY 80:** APN 609-040-09 is a 10 acre parcel, with existing fiber optic facility, located west of the Golden Acorn Casino and Church Road, south of Old Hwy 80, and adjacent to existing homes. The proposed 45 foot tall faux water tank will be color coated steel with RF transparent material tank with weathered wood appearance; 9 Verizon microwave antennas (2 total) concealed inside structure; Verizon wireless 20kVA fixed emergency diesel generator; 6' chain link fence topped with 3 strands of barbed wire. County Project Manager: Marisa Smith: marisa.smith@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2621
- 2. COUNTY GROUNDWATER GEOLOGIST, JIM BENNETT, WILL CONDUCT A PRESENTATION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION ON THE FOLLOWING ITEMS AS REQUESTED BY THE GROUP:** County groundwater monitoring and reporting network, (long-term) funding; updating the Groundwater Ordinance and Determination of Significance to address predicted climate change impacts; review and clarification of potential benefits/adverse impacts related to proposed groundwater management legislation SB1168 and other similar proposals. Jim Bennett: jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-964-3820
- 3. REQUESTED ACTION ON SOITEC'S TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR PROJECT:** Planning Group member, Jeff McKernan, is requesting action on his proposed motion: Request that the County remove all language referencing the Tierra Del Sol Solar project from the (Soitec Solar Development) Programmatic EIR (PEIR) due to Soitec's decision not to renew the property lease and therefore has no rights to develop that property; and request County staff and County Counsel review the validity and viability of the PEIR due to the removal of the Tierra Del Sol Solar project.
- 4. WHITE STAR FIRE STATION CLOSURE CONCERNS:** Review and address concerns raised by Boulevard resident, Tim Cass, regarding pending closure of the Cal Fire station and related weather station/data gathering.
- 5. PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:** Discussion and determination of 2014-15 update of 5-year park priority list for PLDO funds to construct projects; and an age-specific recreation programming list for activities such as after school programs, recreation, cultural arts or special events. Communities within the Mountain Empire Park Planning Area compete for the same limited funds that are generated through building permit fees for new houses. Permit fees are currently \$3,422 per dwelling unit.

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

6. REVITALIZATION REPORT:

7. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

8. 2014 GENERAL ELECTION FOR SEATS 2, 4 & 6 OF BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP; CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD JULY 15-AUGUST 8: Notice posted here: http://www.sdvote.com/voters/Eng/election/CANDIDATE_SCHEDULE_GENERAL.pdf

Candidate form: http://www.sdvote.com/voters/Eng/election/CANDIDATE_AUTHORIZATION_GENERAL.pdf

9. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION:** Potential for Commission hearing to be held in San Diego in October. However, no date has yet been determined.
10. **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. CEQA allows comments to be accepted up until the date of actual decision hearings. County project manager: Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov; Soitec Draft PEIR documents, maps, and public comments are posted at this link: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>
11. **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.
12. **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.
13. **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
14. **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://tulewindecamp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.
15. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** On December 16, 2013 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. Iberdrola has applied for an Eagle Take Permit for Phase II but not for Phase I located on BLM and private land.
16. **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.
17. **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 \$435 MILLION 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. In April 21st Sempra announcement of sale of 50% of project In June, Sempra announced \$270 million in project funding and a value added tax credit facility for up to MX\$45 million. The Dept of Justice recently filed and withdrew a premature appeal of the tentative court ruling that partially favors the plaintiffs. Website link for DOE's ESJ cross-border transmission line project: <http://esjprojecteis.org/>.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR SEPT 4, 2014 AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:

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