

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
FINAL MEETING AGENDA

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, January 8th, 2015 (*note change from usual 1st Thursday meeting date)

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Equipment Bay, 39919 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard CA 91905

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Formal appointment of Kevin Keane is pending; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Jeffrey McKernan

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

C. APPROVE DECEMBER MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY:

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. **SOITEC SOLAR'S FINAL PROGRAMATIC EIR PRESENTATION BY COUNTY STAFF:** The Final PEIR for Soitec Solar's 4 Boulevard projects proposed for about 1,500 acres of private land and another 760-1,000 acre Jewel Valley alternative site has been posted online: <http://sdcounty.ca.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html>. County staff, including Jim Bennett the County's groundwater geologist, will make presentations on the FEIR, discuss the preferred alternative, and respond to related questions. A Planning Commission hearing on the FEIR is currently set for January 16th and a Board of Supervisor's hearing is tentatively set for February 4th. The Soitec Solar Development includes two projects (80MW Rugged Solar and 60MW Tierra Del Sol Solar), evaluated at the project level, and two projects (22MW LanEast and 6.5MW LanWest) evaluated at a program level due to lack of sufficient information. The County's project manager is Ashley Gungle: 858-495-5375; Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov
2. **CHAIR'S REQUEST FOR AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT FORMAL COMMENTS ON SOITEC'S FINAL PEIR AND TO REPRESENT GROUP AT UPCOMING SOITEC SOLAR HEARINGS AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

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

1. **BORDER PATROL PRESENTATION ON NEW I-8 CHECKPOINT CONSTRUCTION PROJECT:** Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Richard Marzec will provide a basic overview of work that will occur and its impact on drivers traveling on Interstate 8 both during construction and afterwards. Project start dates are not yet final but expected to be mid-2015. The comment period for this project is closed.
2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
4. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP) DRAFT DEIR/EIS COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED BY 45 DAYS TO FEBRUARY 23, 2015:** The DRECP is a joint state/ federal plan to streamline industrial scale renewable energy projects (solar and wind) on over 2 million acres including public and private lands in Imperial County and San Diego County. New transmission lines will be needed. Maps in the DRECP's Appendix K-Transmission show plans for one-two new 500kV lines, like the Sunrise Powerlink, along a similar route through East County. *Public comment period now extended through 2-23-15.* All DRECP documents/ maps are posted here: www.drecep.org; 2-page Preferred Alternative fact sheet and map is posted here: http://drecep.org/documents/docs/fact_sheets/DRECP_PREFERRED_ALTERNATIVE.pdf.
5. **UPDATE ON STATUS OF \$100 MILLION LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JACOB, DONNA TISDALE, BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP, AND OTHERS BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING:** A hearing is set for March 2015 for Case No.: 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL.
6. **NEXTERA'S 20MW JACUMBA SOLAR PROJECT:** NextEra's PV solar project proposed for 108 acres of a 304 acre site located in Jacumba Planning Area adjacent to SDG&E's ECO Substation between Historic Route 80 and the

US/Mexico border. Project maps, documents, and comments are posted on the County's project website here: http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba_solar.html

7. **CHAPMAN RANCH SOLAR PROJECT:** In early planning stages on Chapman Ranch, McCain Valley Road.
8. **SDG&E's ECO SUBSTATION:** Construction on the two new substations in Jacumba and Boulevard, with 14 miles of new 138kV line in between, is almost completed. CPUC Mitigation, monitoring, and other reports are posted here: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ECOSUB/MMCRP.htm>. CPUC Project Manager: Eric Chiang: 415-703-1956 eric.chiang@cpuc.ca.gov
9. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION HEARING WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION TO ALLOW WIND TURBINES, ROADS, INFRASTRUCTURE, HAS BEEN DELAYED:** According to SLC staff, Tule Wind's lease application may or may not be heard at their February meeting. The agenda will be posted 10 days prior to the hearing: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>
10. **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.
11. **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.
12. **IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND: OPENING BRIEF WAS FILED OCTOBER 1ST IN NON-PROFIT GROUP'S 9TH CIRCUIT APPEAL OF DISTRICT COURT RULING THAT SUPPORTED BLM APPROVALS FOR THE TULE WIND PROJECT:** Tule Wind's Major Use Permit with San Diego County has expired; Tule Wind is reportedly working with County staff; No project Power Purchase Agreement has been reported. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindccmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>
13. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** On August 1st, USFWS rejected Tule Wind's Eagle Take Permit application; a lawsuit was filed challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 2013 approval of 20 turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands for Tule Wind II.
14. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:** An appeal was filed on December 22nd by a non-profit group over the April 25th Superior Court ruling upholding the County's ordinance and Boulevard Community Plan Amendment. The County has 60 days to file a response.
15. **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:** Turbine construction is underway in Mexico along the Sierra Juarez ridgeline east of Jacumba Hot Springs. Litigation remains unresolved. DOE's ESJ cross-border transmission line project website: <http://esjprojecteis.org/>.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5TH, AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM:

For More information contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or tisdale.donna@gmail.com;
current and past meeting notices and approved minutes are posted on the County website:
<http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Groups/Boulevard.html>

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