

COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
APPROVED MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR APRIL 2, 2015

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Boulevard Fire Training Room behind the Boulevard Fire Department located at 39919 Ribbonwood Road, Boulevard CA 91905

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):

- **Members present:** 1) Robert Maupin 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd: **Vacant:** 7) (Jeff McKernan resigned 3-19-15)

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 5TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: MAUPIN/BYRD: Approve March 5th minutes with the spelling correction of Nick Doenges: Passed 6-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Michele reported seeing the Google Earth car and camera going down her dirt road. She asked about the legality of it and if anyone else had seen it their neighborhoods. Kevin said they are not supposed to be on private roads. Removal requests can be sent to Google.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **SEPV BOULEVARD LLC: 2.9 MW SOLAR PROJECT: SHOULD THE SCOPING HEARING FOR MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION (PDS2015-MUP-15-005) BE HELD AT A REGULAR BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP MEETING OR AT A SEPARATE MEETING?:**

- Jim Whalen (consultant) and property owner, Ralph (Bruce) Chapman, were present.
- Chapman will be an owner/operator. He has been a Boulevard resident for 60 years, on and off.
- Chapman's background as a former satellite system installer has prepared him for the job.
- Tisdale asked why Chapman was copied on the County's letter at an address in North Carolina if he resides in Boulevard. He said that is the co-owner's address.
- Whalen confirmed he is representing both sPower (Sustainable Power Group) and Chapman.
- SDG&E's Power Purchase Agreement was signed in June 2014 with Solar Electric (former developer).
- Project reduced from 77 acres to 30 acres. Area was previously graded in the 1970's for runway.
- Discussion was held on choice for scoping meeting to be held at a regular Planning Group meeting or as a separate meeting held by the County.
- Discussion held on previous change of May BPG meeting date from May 7th to Friday May 1st.
- It was agreed that scoping should be held at a BPG meeting but a Friday night meeting is problematic.
- Whalen said he would probably not be able to make the May 1st meeting.
- Both Whalen and Chapman agreed they could be available for the June 4th BPG meeting date.
- ***M/S: KEANE/MAUPIN: To hold SEPV Solar (Chapman Ranch) Scoping Meeting at the regular Planning Group Meeting on June 4th. Passed 6-0-0***

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

1. NOTICE OF VACANCY – SEAT #7:

- Jeff McKernan’s resignation letter was discussed along with how much he will be missed.
- The Chair reminded everyone that applications are being accepted to fill vacant Seat #7, and pointed to application forms on the table.
- Ron Hynum stated he moved to Boulevard about a year ago and wants to get involved.
- Hynum handed the Chair his completed application form.
- There was a brief discussion on the application process.

2. REVITALIZATION REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- Next meeting is May 6th at 6:30pm at the Boulevard Training Center.
- CDBG Grant application for multi-use community center:
 - April Torbett informed Tammy that the Community Center is an “Ineligible Project” and “Not Ready to Proceed”.
 - Torbett suggested that Tammy continue to attend meetings because General Services, the County, and District 2 are 100% behind the project.
 - Tammy was invited to fill out another application next year.
 - Alice Re, with Supervisor Dianne Jacob’s office, called to schedule an appointment for May 20th.
 - Matthew Parr sent an email confirming Dianne Jacob’s support for the project and that she wants to see a plan.
- Free Compost and Vermicompost (worms) Basics at the Jacumba Library on May 30th from 10am-noon.
- Compost project is due to TEAME’s involvement with the trash project – please support it.
- Border Patrol contact number is 766-3000. Christopher Staples is our current liaison. 10 to 40 illegal immigrants are coming through each day. Please call and report all low flying aircraft.
- Salvation Army will be handing out food at Jacumba Highland Center on April 10th from 10am-2pm. No info or ID needed.

3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- Next meeting is April 25th at 5:30pm.
- Cameron Station off of Kitchen Creek will have the helipad up and running by July (Sunrise Powerlink mitigation).
- With the new Mercy ambulance contract, there will be a backfill policy so that there will always be an ambulance available.
- The Mercy contract also encompasses Imperial County, so they will be available to assist if necessary.
- The Grand Opening for the Boulevard Fire Dept is set for June.
- The foam engine (ECO Substation mitigation) has not made its way to Jacumba yet. It is being repaired.

- CalFire has hired 12 forestry aides for San Diego County. Their work priorities will be power pole inspections followed by defensible space inspections.
 - Our FSC was told to alert the community to please comply with the inspectors. They are only looking for fire risks and will not be reporting any code enforcement violations.
 - Greater San Diego FSC – Put insurance on their next agenda with special insurance speaker.
4. **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: CASE: 37-2014-00025797-CU-MC-CTL:**
- Tisdale reported that, at the March 20th court hearing, defendants Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group, Backcountry Against Dumps, other non-profits, and Supervisor Dianne Jacob were dismissed from the case when the Judge confirmed his tentative rulings.
 - Most, but not all, alleged causes of action were dismissed against the County, the Board of Supervisors, and Planning Commissioner Michael Beck.
 - However, Plaintiffs were granted the right to amend their complaint by April 10th to provide more evidence to support limited remaining allegations against the County and Beck related to inverse condemnation, misrepresentation, and conflict of interest.
5. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY POD (CREP) 13-007:**
- The County's CREP Technical Advisory Group has scheduled a meeting for 1-4pm on Friday, April 24th at Planning and Development Services, 5510 Overland Avenue, Third Floor, Drake Conference Room.
6. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): DRAFT EIR IS PENDING:**
- Nothing new to report
7. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD – MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**
- Nothing new to report
8. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION HEARING WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC) FOR WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY BE PLACED ON AGENDA BETWEEN JUNE AND AUGUST:**
- Tule Wind has submitted land appraisal for lease application.
 - No hearing date set so far.
9. **IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:**
- Unresolved federal lawsuit appeals and Eagle Take Permit application.
 - BLM extended Notice To Proceed to December 2015. Tule Wind wanted 2-year extension to 2016.
10. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**

- Eagle Take Permit application still under review by USFW.
- Unresolved appeal was filed in Sept 2014, challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs approval of 20 wind turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands.

11. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:** Case No. 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL.

- Unresolved non-profit group's appeal filed in December 2014, with the Fourth District Court of Appeal, challenging the Superior Court ruling upholding the County's ordinance and Boulevard Community Plan Amendment;
- The County's response brief was filed on March 17th.

12. **SOITEC SOLAR'S FINAL PROGRAMMATIC EIR WAS APPROVED FOR THE 765 ACRE RUGGED SOLAR AND 420 ACRE TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR PROJECTS BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ON FEBRUARY 4, 2015:**

- Chair reported on Soitec's termination of their Tierra Del Sol Solar project due to lack of buyers and the March 2nd Board of Supervisor's vote to deny the Franchise Agreement for underground line in Tierra Del Sol Road Right-of-Way, at Soitec's request.
- A non-profit lawsuit was filed on March 4th, challenging the County's Soitec approvals.
- The County's response brief is due in mid-late May.
- In response to questions about closure status of Soitec's CPV factory, Jim Whalen said they still have a few orders to fill before closing.
- Whalen also reported that March 4th will be Patrick Brown's last day with Soitec.
- Negative comments were made regarding Soitec's Boulevard projects and Patrick Brown's jumping ship from his job with the County to his job with Soitec.

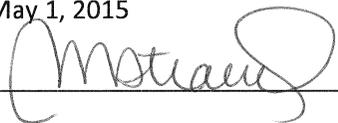
13. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP) DRAFT DEIR/EIS:**

- A post-comment period press release stated that, "...agencies are adjusting the planning process and will use a phased approach to approve the plan's three fundamental components: the BLM Land Use Plan Amendment; federal General Conservation Plan; and the state Natural Community Conservation Plan".

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:00 PM/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR FRIDAY, MAY 1, 2015 (changed from May 7):

Minutes approved by Group on May 1, 2015

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



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