

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JULY 2, 2015*****

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 2nd, 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 7) Ron Hynum**

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR MARCH 5TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: STRAND/MAUPIN: Approve June 1st minutes. Passed 7-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Linda Shannon warned residents that a gentleman in a wheelchair has been traveling on Ribbonwood Road at night without lights as late as 10:00-10:30 PM. There have been several close calls with area residents almost hitting him while driving on their narrow road. CHP told her that her only option is to call 911 if she comes upon him again and they will come out and assess the situation.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. REQUEST FOR NEW BOULEVARD FIRE STATION SIGNS FOR EAST AND WEST BOUND I-8 EXITS:

- There was discussion regarding placing new Fire Department signs and moving some existing signs so people know where to find the new station.
- The new station is not yet a Safe Surrender site, but will be set up soon. The old White Star station still has the ability to receive surrendered babies.
- ***M/S: MAUPIN/HYNUM: Approve moving existing signs and adding new directional signs for the Boulevard Fire Station at I-8 exits east and west and at the foot of both off ramps. Passed: 7-0-0***

2. SHOULD THE GROUP SUBMIT COMMENTS ON SANDAG'S SAN DIEGO FORWARD REGIONAL PLAN BY THE JULY 15TH DEADLINE?

- After reviewing the San Diego Forward Plan attachment, discussion followed and concerns were raised that this plan was inadequate for the backcountry, despite the fact that backcountry residents reportedly pay a .5 sales tax towards SANDAG funding.
- The term "taxation without representation" was brought up and others agreed.
- With limited bicycle traffic, it was agreed that \$3 million bike lanes proposed for our rural I-8 off ramps are not needed.
- A better use of this money would be to continue the senior driving and school safety programs.
- Why doesn't the backcountry receive more benefits, especially with the types of programs and improvements that are actually wanted?

- Additional concerns were limited backcountry outreach on this plan, water impacts, renewable energy conversion of rural lands, neighborhoods and scenic resources, disproportionate impacts to predominantly low-income communities, transportation needs, need to correct errors.
- Boulevard and Jacumba are included in the MEGA REGION for industrialization and exploitation but receive little to no funding from SANDAG. The proposed private rail project is included but questionable and the private Jacumba Port of Entry project is also included despite the fact that the project area is being converted into a solar/transmission zone.
- ***M/S: HYNUM/BYRD: Authorize Chair to submit comments to SANDAG (through the PDS) on the group's behalf. Passed: 7-0-0***

3. CAL-TRANS BATCH PLANT WATER SOURCE AT THE OLD BORDER PATROL STATION:

- This item was added at the request of a group member and due to numerous calls from concerned residents.
- The batch plant is spread out over the old BP station property and the hotel property, and seems to be expanding.
- The Chair reported that after the agenda went up (and was pulled down), Mike Abdul, the owner of the Backcountry Inn Motel, called to report that he is not providing water from his wells. Water is being hauled in from off-site but he did not know the source.
- Mr. Abdul provided the project manager's name and number. Ron Taggart is staying at the motel.
- Mr. Taggart informed the Chair that they have an agreement with JCSD to provide water for the I-8 project which will run through Sept or October. They will take a break and come back in May for another 6 months or so.
- JCSD ratepayers are reportedly seeking a copy of that water agreement.
- Neighbors reported that there are workers at this batch plant location starting as early as 4:30am, before the sun comes up, using big yard lights and making lots of noise.
- Another resident reported seeing a large hose attached to a faucet on the hotel, adjacent to the batch plant, but the end of the hose was not visible.
- Concerns were expressed that the water for this project was not included in the cumulative impacts for Jacumba Solar and other projects that are using JCSD groundwater.
- ***M/S: BYRD/STRAND: Authorize Chair to contact the County to determine if the temporary batch plant is an authorized use at current location and to determine the water source: Passed: 7-0-0***

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

1. REVITALIZATION & FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORTS:

1. A. REVITALIZATION REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- EDCO and Fire Safe will be having trash, e-waste, and chipping services on August 29th in Campo, September 26th in Boulevard, and October 24th in Jacumba.
- SANDAG needs comment forms filled out from our area. Comment cards are available and you can also leave a comment online at SDForward.com. There is nothing planned for our area, currently. This means it is more important to send in comments to let them know that we need programs and encouraging them to keep up the Senior Driving Program. SANDAG will come out and give a talk to the community if that is wanted.

- Tzu-Chi free health clinic will be held September 20th starting at 8:00 AM at the Mt. Empire High School. Eye care, dental, pharmacy, etc. will be available. Volunteers and patients needed.
- Bill Perno of Public Strategies (501c3) has asked Tammy to find out if the Boulevard area would be interested in learning about zoning laws for alcohol. He will come out and give a presentation to the Board and community if wanted.
- Feeding America is providing free lunches for children, ages 0 to 18, at the Jacumba Library from Noon to 1:00 PM until August 21st. Not available on Sundays or Mondays.
- The Solana Center is waiting for more funding before they can host a manure management workshop in our area. Until then, there is a workshop in Valley Center on July 11th from 10AM-Noon.
- According to the County, the potential Boulevard community center annual expenses include approximately \$10,465 for electricity, \$22,686 in routine maintenance, \$5,830 in contracted services, such as trash, for a total of \$38,981 with a 3 to 5% increase each year for all expenses annually to be shared with the Sheriff's Dept. 77.16% would be community space making the community's share around \$30,077 annually. The County is assessing what needs to be repaired at the moment.
- Dianne Jacob's office is monitoring the County to make sure this project is on track. The County is still working on assessing all the repairs for a safe building.
- Tzu-Chi is currently having a shoe drive to collect money to keep community centers open. That runs until July 15th.

1. B. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT by Tammy Daubach:

- The next Fire Safe meeting is July 25th at 5:30 PM at the Campo Fire Dept.
- At the grand opening of the Boulevard fire station, Tammy was told that after Pine Valley's new fire station, Jacumba will be next in line for a new fire station. Chief Kurt Zingheim is looking for properties that may be suitable for a fire station.
- The foam engine will not be moving to Jacumba, because when they took the foam engine up to the substation, it is too big to effectively maneuver. It will be staying in Lake Morena and two small foam gel trucks will be moved to Boulevard and Jacumba.
- The new Boulevard fire station's phone number is 619-390-2020. They do not have a baby drop off / surrender box yet. They need to be inspected and approved first.

2. 2.9MW CHAPMAN SOLAR RANCH, PDS2015-MUP-15-005. LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-21-001: EIR SCOPING HEARING WAS HELD ON MAY 6TH.

- Consultant Jim Whalen reported that all project submittals were provided to County on time.
- The County will review all technical reports
- Project is on track.

3. JACUMBA SOLAR PDS2014 MUP-14-041 DRAFT EIR:

- No news to report

4. STATUS OF LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY, SUPERVISOR JACOB, DONNA TISDALE, BOIULEVARD PLANNING GROUP, AND OTHERS BY VARIOUS ENTITIES RELATED TO DEVELOPER GREGORY LANSING: CASE:37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL.: Update on May 29th court hearing.

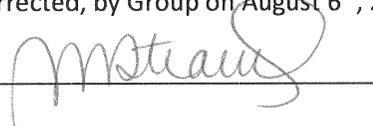
- Chair reported that Judge Wohlfeil stated that he had tried but could not produce a tentative ruling prior to the hearing on June 25th. He said the record was about 80,000 pages
- Oral arguments were presented by both sides with Soitec's attorneys representing their projects and the County's approvals.

- A ruling should be issued issue in next week or two.
 - Two law clerks monitored the hearing which is unusual.
 - Patrick Brown was there for Soitec
5. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY POD (CREP) 13-007:**
 - Seems to be delayed—County is reviewing draft CREP
 - No new meeting date set
 6. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): DRAFT EIR IS PENDING:**
 - No news
 7. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD – MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**
 - No news
 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:**
 - No news on hearing date.
 9. **IBERDROLA’S 200 MW TULE WIND:**
 - No news
 10. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**
 - No news
 11. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:**
 - No news from Court of Appeals. No hearing date set.
 12. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP) DRAFT DEIR/EIS COMMENT PERIOD EXTENDED BY 45 DAYS TO FEBRUARY 23, 2015:**
 - No news

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 7:55 PM

Minutes were approved, as corrected, by Group on August 6th, 2015

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



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

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