

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

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 6, 2015

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old Station)

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum): 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Ronald Hynum

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

C. MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JULY 2ND 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. **ALCOHOL LICENSING, COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP INVOLVEMENT, AND BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY I-121 "PUBLIC CONVENIENCE OR NECESSITY":** William Perno, Alcohol and other Drug Prevention Specialist with the Institute For Public Strategies, will discuss the role of communities, Community Planning, and the process of providing a recommendation for determination of "Public Convenience or Necessity" on certain alcohol license applications within the unincorporated areas of the County of San Diego. Policy I-121 is posted @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/docs/policy/I-121.pdf> .
2. **JOINT CPUC AND FOREST SERVICE FINAL EIR/EIS AND FOREST SERVICE DRAFT RECORD OF DECISION HAVE BEEN RELEASED FOR SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC'S MASTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT / PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT APPLICATION:** The selected Environmentally Superior Alternative includes the reconstruction and upgrade of SDG&E's Transmission Line 6931 (TL6931) that runs east-west through Boulevard and connects the Boulevard Substation to the Crestwood Substation by the Golden Acorn Casino, rather than developing the alternative TL625 loop-in along the Sunrise Powerlink, to compensate for removal of TL626. Wood poles will be replaced with taller metal poles with thicker wires. The project also includes wood-to-steel pole swaps and other upgrades through the Cleveland National Forest, the Campo Reservation, Campo, Pine Valley, Decanso, Japatul, and Barrett. The FEIR/EIS and the Forest Service's Draft Record of Decision are posted at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/CNF.htm>. The FEIR/EIS Notice of Availability is posted @ http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/NOA_Final.pdf.

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

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
3. **COURT OVERTURNS SOITEC SOLAR'S FINAL PROGRAMATIC EIR APPROVAL:** A hearing on the CEQA suit filed by a non-profit was held on June 25th in San Diego Superior Court. On July 8th, Judge Meyer issued an order setting aside the County's approvals. Previously, Soitec announced the sale of most, but not all, of their solar assets to ConcenSolar, a business partner with Suncore: http://www.soitec.com/pdf/soitec_concensolar_pr_21may2015_final_en.pdf. Soitec retained their Rugged Solar project and are entertaining buyers. Soitec terminated the Tierra Del Sol project in February, one month after County approval, claiming a lack of buyers.
4. **GREGORY LANSING'S SLAPP SUIT DISMISSED: CASE: 37-2014-00025797 CU-MC-CTL:** Lansing's 3rd amended complaint against the County was filed June 12th. On June 24th, Judge Meyer confirmed his tentative ruling dismissing the remainder of the case against the County. All other parties, including Donna Tisdale, Boulevard Planning Group and Backcountry Against Dumps, were previously dismissed from the case on March 20th with attorney fees and costs awarded on May 29th.
5. **TULE WIND - IBERDROLA ANNOUNCES 15-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) FOR 132MW:** On July 28th, Iberdrola announced they had signed a PPA with Southern California Edison for up to 67 wind turbines on close to 14,000 acres of BLM land in McCain Valley, with potential expansion later. Two unresolved appeals remain in the 9th Circuit Court, challenging the District Court's ruling that supported BLM's Tule Wind project approvals. On 11-19-14, Tule Wind formally requested that BLM extend their deadline for their construction Notice to Proceed (NTP) by two years to December 31, 2016. **BLM only extended the NTP to 12-31-15, saying a two year extension "may not be consistent with the best use of public lands"**. Tule Wind is currently working with County staff on compliance with MUP conditions; No Eagle Take Permits issued. Iberdrola's press release: <http://globenewswire.com/news-release/2015/07/29/755995/10143661/en/Iberdrola-Renewables-Announces-Wind-Power-Agreement-with-California-Utility.html>. Tule Wind Map:

<http://tulewindecmp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf> . BLM's project website with related documents:
<http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/nepa/tule.html>

6. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC) FOR WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY BE HEARD IN OCTOBER:** Tule Wind's lease application land appraisal is currently under review for SLC land abutting the Manzanita Reservation on the north. SLC'S staff reports that the hearing could take place at their October 16th meeting, currently planned for San Diego, or at a later meeting. Commission agendas are posted 10 days prior to hearing dates: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>
7. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** USFWS rejected Tule Wind's Eagle Take Permit application. However, data review and permit work continues. An unresolved lawsuit was filed by a non-profit group in September 2014, challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 2013 approval of 20 turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands for Tule II: http://protectourcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/TuleWindII_Complaint_9-24-14.pdf
8. **2.9MW CHAPMAN SOLAR RANCH, PDS2015-MUP-15-005, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-21-001: Revised Plot Plans & Grading Plans received 6-10-15:** Public comment period closed on May 15th. Project documents and maps posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/ChapmanSolarRanch.html . sPower's website: www.spower.com . Project Manager: Benjamin.Mills@sdcounty.ca.gov ; 858-495-5234.
9. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY (CREP) POD 13-007:** No new meeting date has been announced. County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov ; CREP documents: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>
10. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): ANOTHER 30-DAY DRAFT EIR EXTENSION:** 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72: Major Use Permit for a Conference, Retreat, Wellness Center, and Campground Facility on 713 acres located between McCain Valley Road and Ribbonwood Road. Project Manager: Jim Bennett: (858) 6948846; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov .
11. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:** New private connector road proposed between Ribbonwood Road and McCain Valley Road as main access for Iberdrola's Tule Wind project, and secondary access for the Rough Acres Campground & Conference Center. County Project Manager: Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov ; 858-694-2728 ph; 858-694-8928 fax.
12. **20MW JACUMBA SOLAR PDS2014 MUP-14-041 DRAFT EIR:** Public comment closed on the Jacumba Solar DEIR on June 1st. The project, with 10MW of battery storage in 10 cargo containers, is proposed for 108 acres of 304 acre site located south of Old Hwy 80 and west of SDG&E's ECO Substation. Project Manager: Ashley.gungle@sdcounty.ca.gov ; 858-495-5375. The DEIR is posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba_solar.html
13. **APPEAL OF WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT: Case No. 37-2013-00052926-CU-TT-CTL.** An appeal was filed by a non-profit group challenging the Superior Court ruling upholding the County's Wind Energy Ordinance and Boulevard Community Plan amendments. No hearing date has been set.
14. **DESERT RENEWABLE ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN (DRECP); MARCH 10TH PRESS RELEASE ANNOUNCED NEW PHASED APPROACH:** The BLM, California Energy Commission, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and California Department of Fish and Wildlife are working towards completing Phase I of the DRECP, and releasing a final BLM Land Use Plan Amendment and Final EIS later this year. New Phase 1 Preferred Alternative map for BLM land only is posted @ http://www.drecp.org/factsheets/documents/BLM_Land_Use_plan_Amendment_Phase_I.pdf . DRECP public comments, documents, and additional maps are posted @ www.drecp.org .

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT REGULAR MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 6TH @ 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 agendas and approved minutes are posted on the County website @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Groups/Boulevard.html>

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