

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

DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, December 3, 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 NOVEMBER 5TH 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. **SOULD THE GROUP REQUEST A GROUNDWATER MONITORING UPDATE FROM JIM BENNETT:** Should the Group request a presentation-report on the Boulevard / Jacumba groundwater monitoring program from the County groundwater geologist, Jim Bennett, at our January or February meeting?

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES: Announcements; correspondence; discussion only items

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
3. **SOITEC SOLAR DEVELOPMENT; PDS2012-3910-120005:** On Oct 21st, Soitec and San Diego County filed a joint motion to discharge the writ of mandate based on Board of Supervisor actions taken on October 14th in response to a court order in Case NO. 37-2015-00007420-CU-TT-CTL. On November 13th, Backcountry Against Dumps filed their opposition to the joint motion to discharge. A court hearing is currently scheduled for December 11th. County PDS project manager contact: Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5375.
4. **2.9MW CHAPMAN SOLAR RANCH, PDS2015-MUP-15-005, LOG NO. PDS2015-ER-15-21-001: Revised Plot Plans & Grading Plans received:** On Oct. 30th, County staff issued their 2nd Iteration Review of Initial Studies/Information filed by the applicant. Estimated DEIR release date is March 2016. Project documents, plot plans, and maps are posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/ChapmanSolarRanch.html . sPower's website: www.spower.com. PDS contact: Darin Neufeld – darin.neufeld@sdcounty.ca.gov, (858) 694-3455.
5. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): DRAFT EIR EXPECTED BY YEAR END:** MUP application for a Conference, Retreat, Wellness Center, and Campground Facility on 713 acres. Applicant: Rough Acres Foundation, Inc (RAF), 1000 Pioneer Way, El Cajon. Listed RAF Agent @ www.sos.ca.gov is John Gibson. Project is proposed for Rough Acres Ranch located at 2750 MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: 753 ACRES ZONED RL80/A72. PDS Project Manager: Jim Bennett: (858) 694-8846; jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov .
6. **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 and Soitec Solar. County Project Manager: Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728.
7. **TULE WIND – SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON'S ADVICE LETTER 3287-E SEEKING CPUC FOR APPROVAL OF 15-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) FOR 132MW HAS BEEN SUSPENDED FOR UP TO 120 DAYS:** A Protest of the PPA was filed on October 27th. On November 5th the CPUC suspended the PPA for up to 120 days with potential for additional 180 day extension. On Oct 20th, BLM extended the Right-of-Way Grant to December 2016. On October 7th, Southern California Edison submitted Advice Letter 3287-E to the CPUC for approval for

the PPA for up to 67 wind turbines on close to 14,000 acres of BLM land in McCain Valley, with potential expansion later. Unresolved appeals, filed by non-profit groups, remain in the 9th Circuit Court, challenging the District Court's support of BLM's Tule Wind project approvals. Tule Wind is currently working with County staff on compliance with Major Use Permit (MUP) conditions; No Eagle Take Permits have been issued. SCE AL3287-E is posted @ <https://www.sce.com/NR/sc3/tm2/pdf/3287-E.pdf>. BLM's project website with related documents and maps: <http://www.blm.gov/ca/st/en/fo/elcentro/nepa/tule.html>. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindecomp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.

8. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC) FOR WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE, MAY BE HEARD DECEMBER 18TH:** Tule Wind's lease application and land appraisal report is currently under review for SLC land that abuts the Manzanita Reservation on the north. The SLC hearing could take place at their December 18th meeting in Sacramento. Commission agendas are posted 10 days prior to hearing dates: <http://www.slc.ca.gov/>. Comments can be submitted to: CSLC.CommissionMeetings@slc.ca.gov.
9. **TULE WIND PHASE II:** 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 Phase II: http://protectourcommunities.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/TuleWindII_Complaint_9-24-14.pdf. USFWS recently determined that Tule Wind 1 and II are separate projects for their Eagle Act take permit. Permit work continues. In August 2015, US District Judge Koh overturned FWS's 2013 rule allowing 30-year Take Permits because FWS did not complete a National Environmental Policy Act-compliant impact statement or environmental assessment before increasing the eagle take permits sixfold: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2015/08/13/judge-rules-for-eagles-over-wind-power.htm>. New take permits would be for five years instead of 30.
10. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007:** County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov; CREP documents: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>
11. **LANSING PRIVATE ROAD GRADING PDS2012-2700-15676, LOG NO. PDS2015-er-15-21-002: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:** The project is described as a grading plan for an existing private road that appears to cover the same footprint as a controversial airstrip located on Empire Ranch on Jewel Valley Road. The comment period is closed. For more information, contact County Project Manager @ Kenneth.brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-694-2728. Project documents are posted @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/2700-15676.html>.
12. **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 project includes replacing 1,800 wooden poles with taller steel poles with potential for an estimated 4-5 times increased carrying capacity. *Approximately 5-10 million gallons of water per year will be used during 5-years of construction.* The selected Environmentally Superior Alternative includes the reconstruction and upgrade of SDG&E's Transmission Line 6931 (TL6931) that runs east-west through Boulevard, connecting the Boulevard Substation to the Crestwood Substation, by the Golden Acorn Casino. The FEIR/EIS Notice of Availability is posted @ http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/NOA_Final.pdf. FEIR/EIS and Forest Service's Draft Record of Decision are posted at: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/CNF.htm>.
13. **20MW JACUMBA SOLAR LLC MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041 DRAFT EIR:** Jacumba Solar LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of NextEra Energy based in Juno Beach, Florida. 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. Public comment on the Jacumba Solar DEIR closed on June 1st. The Draft EIR is posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/regulatory/docs/jacumba_solar.html. PDS Project Manager: Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5375.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 2016 @ 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/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>

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