

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
*** MINUTES/SUMMARY*****

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 4, 2016 @ Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old Station)

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight; 4) Donna Tisdale; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Ronald Hynum;
MEMBERS ABSENT: 3) Kevin Keane (excused-work related); 5) Michele Strand (unexcused)

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

C. MEETING MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JANUARY 7TH MEETING:

- ***M/S: Maupin/Byrd: Accept minutes as corrected: Passed: 5-0-0***

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION: *No comments*

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. PARKLAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO):

- Chuck Tucker was present from Dept. of Parks and Recreation for project manager Marcus Lubich. He provided handouts and discussed the annual PLDO request for “*active recreation amenities*” project proposals and what types of projects that would be considered.
- PLDO comments are due to Marcus Lubich by May 1st.
- Mountain Empire LPPA account holds \$60,000.
- Boulevard is far below the required amount of parkland per resident, with only 3.76 acres/10,000 residents when we should have 10 acres/10,000. Distant parks like Lake Morena should not count.
- Jacumba residents, Bill Pape and Richard Alcorn, asked if projects for parks owned by the water district (JCSD) would qualify for funding.
- Mr. Tucker said he was unsure and would need to research that issue.
- Mr. Tucker also mentioned there is a new proposal to separate the current Mountain Empire district into 3 smaller districts.
- Marcus Lubich can be requested to make another presentation on that proposal
- The split could help avoid the current situation where one community facility in Campo receives the vast majority of available funding for the entire district.
- The Chair commented that separation would have its pros and cons, especially since the Boulevard/Jacumba areas do not have as much residential development as some other communities, resulting in reduced PLDO funding.
- It was also noted that if renewable energy development projects were required to pay into the PLD districts, then Boulevard and Jacumba would be set due to the number of large projects already approved and pending.
- ***Additional information was requested from staff, including the amount of past and current funds generated in the Boulevard Planning Area, and for other communities within the current Mountain Empire PLD district.***

2. SANDAG’S REGIONAL PLAN FORWARD – REQUEST FOR COMMENTS:

- The PLAN outlines a variety of projects and programs designed to provide choices for daily travel plans — from transit, light rail and highway improvements, environmental mitigation and preservation efforts, investments in the region’s bikeways and walkways, and to promote active transportation options.
- SANDAG is now considering placing a measure on the November ballot to raise funds via ½ cent sales tax increase to implement the plan, and other regional infrastructure improvements.
- Public comments are invited at several upcoming meetings on Feb. 5, Feb 12, March 10 and March 25th
- The Chair reported that another resident had e-mailed a message that local commuters should be interested in the proposed expansion of I-8 lanes in Los Coaches Road area to 3 lanes.
- Concerns were expressed with the apparent lack of response to previous comments and concerns submitted.

- Jim Whalen noted that the committee retreat at the Barona Resort would be the closest meeting location and suggested that any requests focus on targeted infrastructure projects.
- ***M/S: Maupin/Byrd: Authorize Chair to update and resend previous comments to SANDAG and the County: Passed: 5-0-0***

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

1. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
 - Tammy Daubach reported that Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization is working on grants for signage and trees.
 - TEAME met with Supervisor Jacob and secured four trash pickup events in Boulevard, Jacumba, Campo, and Potrero.
 - It is unknown how long the hosting of free events can continue.
 - Options to financially support the trash events are being considered. Community suggestions are welcome.
 - The old deep freezer has been returned to the Old Boulevard fire department and a new refrigerator/ freezer has been purchased and delivered as well.
 - The next meeting is set for March 7th @ 6:30 at Boulevard Fire Training Room
2. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC) REPORT:**
 - Tammy Daubach reported that Sunrise Powerlink mini-grant coverage had been expanded in the Boulevard area.
 - Grant forms are available and SDG&E will be holding a meeting on that subject on Tuesday, January 26th at the Boulevard Fire Training Room.
 - FSC used SDG&E's mini grant to remove and chip dead trees at Smith Center in Jacumba, as first project.
3. **ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FORMS MUST BE FILED BY APRIL 1ST:**
 - Chair reminded members that their Statement of Economic Interest, Form 700's, are due by April 1st
 - Forms and directions are posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/cob/conflict_interest/info.html.
4. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS WATER COMPANY'S PROPOSED RATE HIKE AND AUTHORIZATION FOR BULK WATER SALES:**
 - The Division of Water Audit's (DWA) draft Resolution for Advice Letter 30W-A is expected to be released for public comment in mid-February to early March.
 - Chair reported that no new information is currently available.
 - DWA's Regulatory Analyst contact is Moises Chavez: moises.chavez@cpuc.ca.gov or 415-703-2805.
 - Live Oak Springs Water contact is Nazar Najor: nazar@liveoaksprings.com or 619-889-8666.
5. **SOITEC SOLAR:**
 - Jim Whalen confirmed that Soitec continues efforts to sell their Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar projects.
6. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP): DRAFT EIR EXPECTED BY YEAR END:**
 - The County's Project Manager, Jim Bennett, confirmed that the first draft of the Draft EIR was submitted last week for staff review. No word on when it might be circulated for comment
7. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT PENDING: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:**
 - The Tule Wind project will trigger construction of this new road.
8. **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:**
 - Nothing new from CPUC regarding review of Advice Letter for Power Purchase Agreement.
 - Tule Wind is still working with County staff on compliance with Major Use Permit (MUP) conditions.
 - Grading permit is still pending.
 - The hearing date has not been announced for the 9th Circuit Court of Appeal for legal challenge of Tule Wind.
 - Jim Whalen confirmed that the fall of 2016 is the date targeted for construction to start. He also stated that no public notification or comment was required for Tule's 401 permit that he secured for them.

9. **TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION (SLC) FOR WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE:**
 - Tule Wind's lease application and land appraisal report is currently under review for SLC land that abuts the Manzanita Reservation on the north.
 - Tule Wind's application was not on the SLC's February hearing agenda.
 - SLC hearing date is still unknown. The hearing was repeatedly pushed back throughout 2014-2015.
10. **TULE WIND PHASE II:**
 - No news on the unresolved federal lawsuit filed by The Protect Our Communities Foundation in September 2014, challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs' 2013 approval of 20 turbines on Ewiiapaayp tribal lands for Tule Phase II.
 - USFWS recently determined that Tule Wind 1 and II are separate projects for their Eagle Act take permit. Permit work continues.
11. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007:**
 - When asked, Jim Whalen responded that the consultants' work product was given to staff (Noah Alvey) to revise before submittal to the Board of Supervisors.
 - The consultants were from out of the area and their proposal was not in line with Board objectives.
12. **LANSING PRIVATE ROAD GRADING PDS2012-2700-15676, LOG NO. PDS2015-er-15-21-002: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION:**
 - Nothing new on staff reports that the mitigation plan is being redone to address previous removal of mature oaks.
 - The project is described as a grading plan for an existing private road that actually covers the same footprint as a controversial airstrip located on Empire Ranch on Jewel Valley Road.
13. **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:**
 - Chair reported that the decision on this controversial project to replace 2,000 or so wooden poles with much larger metal poles and wires is getting close, pending the Forest Service's final approval.
 - The same CPUC Administrative Law Judge, ALJ Yacknin, who approved SDG&E's ECO Substation project, along with the Tule Wind, and Energia Sierra Juarez projects, has taken over this case from ALJ Veith who recently retired.
 - ALJ Yacknin recently reversed herself after originally striking full testimony from two fire experts, on behalf of intervenor's Backcountry Against Dumps and Cleveland National Forest Foundation, while allowing SDG&E's response testimony to remain in the record.
 - The January evidentiary hearing was cancelled. CPUC approval is expected, as usual.
14. **20MW JACUMBA SOLAR LLC MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041; FINAL EIR PENDING & WATER CONTRACT CANCELLED:**
 - Jacumba residents Bill Pape and Richard Alcorn confirmed previous reports that Jacumba Solar had cancelled their water contract with JCSD as of January 15th.
 - County Project Manager, Ashley Smith, has confirmed that staff continues to process the applicant's permit.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED @ 7:35 PM / NEXT MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, MARCH 3RD, 2016 @ BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Approved by Group on March 3, 2016

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



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