DATE & TIME: 7:00 PM, Thursday, June 2, 2016

MEETING LOCATION: Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905 (behind old Fire 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. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR MAY 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 (Agenda items may be taken out of order)
1. EAGLE PERMITS: PROPOSED REVISIONS TO REGULATIONS FOR EAGLE INCIDENTAL TAKE AND TAKE OF EAGLE NESTS; ID: FWS-R9MB-2011-0094-1052: Should BPG submit comments by July 5th deadline through the County, as required by PDS? US Fish & Wildlife Service has proposed reinstating 30-year permits for industrial wind turbine projects, like Tule Wind, and others to replace current 5-year permits: https://www.regulations.gov/#/docketDetail?D=FWS-R9-MB-2011-0094

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY
1. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:
2. REVITALIZATION REPORT:
3. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:
4. 20MW JACUMBA SOLAR LLC MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041; REPORT ON MAY 20th PLANNING COMMISSION HEARING: 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. PDS Project Manager: Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-495-5375. The Final EIR is posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/jacumba_solar/Final_EIR.html.

5. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP); DRAFT EIR PENDING: Application, by Rough Acres Foundation, Inc (RAF), 1000 Pioneer Way, El Cajon, for Conference, Retreat and Wellness Center, and Campground Facility on 713 acres ZONED RL80/A72 known as Rough Acres Ranch located at 2750 MCCAiN VALLEY ROAD. PDS Project Manager, Bronwyn.Brown@sdcounty.ca.gov (858) 495-5516. Project documents are posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Projects/Rough_Acres_ranch.html


7. SOITEC SOLAR: Soitec’s Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar projects are permitted for CPV solar and have survived legal challenges after court-ordered removal of the 160 cargo containers of battery storage. Soitec has discontinued operations of their CPV solar business, their San Diego factory has been sold, and efforts continue to sell off the residual assets of its Solar activities, which includes their Boulevard projects. Project water sales contracts between Soitec, Rough Acres Water Company (RAWC), and Pine Valley Mutual Water Company were cancelled in early 2015 (Soitec) and February 2016 (RAWC), according to PVMWC’s website. PDS project manager: Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov; (858) 495-5375. Soitec project records are posted@ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/Soitec-Solar-EIR.html

8. TULE WIND PHASE 1 – SCE’s 15-YEAR POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENT (PPA) FOR 132MW APPROVED BY CPUC ON 4-21-16: CPUC’s vote on the draft resolution proposing approval of the Power Purchase Agreement was temporarily delayed, after SCE amended their Advice Letter on April 1st, regarding project generated infrastructure impacts. The CPUC approved Resolution E-4746 on 4-21-16: http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Published/G000/M160/K099/160099557.PDF. Tule Wind is currently working with County staff on compliance with Major Use Permit (MUP) conditions. BLM’s project website

9. TULE WIND DECISION PENDING FROM 9TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS APRIL 6TH HEARING CHALLENGING BLM PROJECT APPROVALS: The hearing with the 3-judge panel focused mostly on project impacts to Golden Eagles, eagle take permits, and why Iberdrola has not applied for an eagle take permit for Phase I. Tule Wind was approved for over 12,000 public acres of BLM lands in the McCain Valley Resource conservation and recreation Area. Backcountry Against Dumps, et al., v. Sally Jewell, et al. Ninth Circuit Case No. 14-55666 (consolidated with No. 14-55842 Protect Our Communities Foundation v. Sally Jewel). The approximate 40 minute video for the 9th Circuit hearing on April 6th is posted @ http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/media/view_video.php?pk_vid=0000009399

10. PUBLIC HEARING IS CURRENTLY SET FOR JUNE 28TH IN SACRAMENTO FOR TULE WIND’S LEASE APPLICATION FOR PHASE II WIND TURBINES, ROADS & INFRASTRUCTURE PROPOSED FOR STATE LANDS COMMISSION LAND ABUTTING MANZANITA RESERVATION’S NORTHWEST CORNER AND THE CLEVELAND NATIONAL FOREST EAST OF THING VALLEY: The Commission will vote on Tule Wind’s lease application and land appraisal report for 7 wind turbines and other infrastructure. 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.

11. TULE WIND PHASE II: The March 29th US District Court ruling dismissed the federal lawsuit filed in 2014 by The Protect Our Communities Foundation, challenging the Bureau of Indian Affairs’ 2013 approval of 20 turbines and related infrastructure on Ewiaapappay tribal lands for Tule Phase II. USFWS has determined that Tule Wind phase 1 and phase II are separate projects for the sake of their Eagle Act take permit. Permit work continues on Phase II.

12. COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007: The draft report from the private contractor has been made available for public review. The Project manager reports they are currently working to align the remainder of the work with other energy and climate related efforts. A final CREP report is tentatively scheduled for review by the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors during the late spring/summer of 2016 County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; noah.alvey@sdc county.ca.gov; CREP website: http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html

13. LANSING PRIVATE ROAD GRADING PDS2012-2700-15676, LOG NO. PDS2015-er-15-21-002: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: PDS reports that the biological mitigation plan must start over because the proposed mitigation land is no longer available. The project is described as a grading plan for an existing “private road” that covers 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@sdc county.ca.gov; 858-694-2728. Project documents are posted @ http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/2700-15676.html.

14. SAN DIEGO GAS & ELECTRIC’S MASTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT / PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT APPLICATION A1210009. THE FOREST SERVICE AND THE CPUC HAVE APPROVED THE FINAL EIR/EIS AND PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT: The project will replace thousands of wooden poles with taller steel poles with potential for an estimated 4-5 times increased carrying capacity. 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 at the Golden Acorn Casino. The Forest contact is Jeff Heys; 858-674-2959. The Forest Service’s Record of Decision is posted @http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/MSUP_Final%20ROD_Mitigation_Appendix.pdf. The CPUC’s approval resolution is posted @ http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M159/K884/159884144.PDF.

G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, JULY 7TH, @ 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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