

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO  
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP  
\*\*\*FINAL MEETING AGENDA/NOTICE\*\*\***

**DATE & TIME:** 7:00 PM, Thursday, July 7th, 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 JUNE 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. POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request)**

1. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH MAJOR USE PERMIT PDS2012-3300-12-021; FOURTH ITERATION REVIEW OF INITIAL STUDIES/INFORMATION:** *Should the Group submit any comments in response to the fourth iteration letter?* Application, by Rough Acres Foundation, Inc (RAF), 1000 Pioneer Way, El Cajon, for Conference, Retreat, 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](mailto:Bronwyn.Brown@sdcounty.ca.gov) (858) 495-5516. Project documents are posted @ [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current\\_Protects/Rough\\_Acres\\_ranch.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Protects/Rough_Acres_ranch.html)
2. **SHOULD THE GROUP REQUEST A STAFF PRESENTATION AND UPDATE ON THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED CONSTRUCTION STATUS OF IBERDROLA'S TULE WIND PROJECT?**

**F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY**

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**
  - a. County groundwater geologist, Jim Bennett, will do a presentation on local groundwater monitoring results at the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Boulevard Planning Group.
  - b. American Society of Landscape Architects' (ASLA) \$5,000 community landscaping grant program
  - c. SDG&E has preliminary plans to convert a portion of the Southwest Powerlink from AC to HVDC (Desert Tortoise Expressway) to increase import capacity by 500-1,000MW at estimated cost of \$700-900 million.
  - d. **US DROUGHT MONITOR: EXTREME DROUGHT CONDITIONS EXPECTED TO CONTINUE LOCALLY THROUGH SEPTEMBER 2016:** [http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/pdfs/20160614/20160614\\_usdm.pdf](http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/data/pdfs/20160614/20160614_usdm.pdf); [http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert\\_assessment/seasonal\\_drought.pdf](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/seasonal_drought.pdf)
2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT:**
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:**
4. **CALIFORNIA ENERGY COMMISSION DOCKET # 15-RETI-02 INCLUDES POTENTIAL FOR PARTIAL SOUTHWEST POWERLINK CONVERSION FROM AC TO DC AT ESTIMATED COST OF \$700-900 MILLION:** The Transmission Technical Input Group (TTIG) for the Renewable Energy Transmission Initiative 2.0 includes SDG&E's proposal to increase import capacity on the Southwest Powerlink by 500-1,000 MW, and to reduce Local Capacity Requirements in the San Diego area, by converting portions of existing infrastructure (*within existing right-of-way between Arizona and Miguel Substation near Bonita*) from AC to High Voltage Direct Current (HVDC) by 2025, as described on the last page of the TTIG's Revised Interim Report dated June 21, 2016 posted: [http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-RETI-02/TN211927\\_20160621T144839\\_Revised\\_Transmission\\_Technical\\_Input\\_Group\\_Interim\\_Report.pdf](http://docketpublic.energy.ca.gov/PublicDocuments/15-RETI-02/TN211927_20160621T144839_Revised_Transmission_Technical_Input_Group_Interim_Report.pdf)
5. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007:** The draft report from the private contractor has been made available for public review. The PDS 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 summer. County Project Manager: Noah Alvey; 858-694-8846; [noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:noah.alvey@sdcounty.ca.gov); CREP website: <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/pds/advance/CREP.html>

6. **TULE WIND: 9<sup>TH</sup> CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS OPINION (6-7-16) UPHOLDS BLM'S PROJECT APPROVALS:** The linked Courthouse News Service article summarizes the opinion and includes an embedded copy of the full court document: <http://www.courthousenews.com/2016/06/07/ninth-circuit-upholds-wind-farm-approval.htm>
7. **TULE WIND LEASE APPLICATION WAS PULLED FROM THE STATE LANDS COMMISSION'S JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> AGENDA :** The Commission will eventually vote on Tule Wind's lease application and land appraisal report for 7 wind turbines and other infrastructure. The next meeting is scheduled for August 9<sup>th</sup> in Los Angeles. 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](mailto:CSLC.CommissionMeetings@slc.ca.gov)
8. **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's Rugged Solar. County Project Manager: [Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kenneth.Brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov); 858-694-2728.
9. **SOITEC'S SOLAR PROJECTS FOR SALE:** 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 and sold their San Diego factory. Efforts reportedly continue to sell off their Boulevard projects in McCain Valley and Tierra Del Sol. [Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto: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>
10. **JACUMBA SOLAR LLC MUP PDS2014 MUP-14-041; APPROVED ON MAY 20<sup>TH</sup> BY COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION:** 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](mailto:Ashley.Smith2@sdcounty.ca.gov); 858-495-5375. The Final EIR is posted @ [http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current\\_Protects/jacumba\\_solar/Final\\_EIR.html](http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/Current_Protects/jacumba_solar/Final_EIR.html).
11. **LANSING PRIVATE ROAD GRADING PDS2012-2700-15676, LOG NO. PDS2015-er-15-21-002: NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION: QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RAISED OVER CURRENT OWNERSHIP OF EMPIRE RANCH.** PDS staff 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@sdcounty.ca.gov](mailto:Kenneth.brazell@sdcounty.ca.gov); 858-694-2728. Project documents are posted @ <http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/2700-15676.html>.

**G. ADJOURNMENT/NEXT MEETING DATE IS THURSDAY, AUGUST 4TH, @ BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.**

**For More information** contact Donna Tisdale, Chair at 619-766-4170 or [tisdale.donna@gmail.com](mailto: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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