

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR NOVEMBER 3, 2016**

DATE & TIME: Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM, at the Boulevard Fire Training Room, 39923 Ribbonwood Rd, Boulevard CA 91905.

A. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Kevin Keane; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd: **MEMBERS ABSENT /EXCUSED:** 7) Ronald Hynum

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER 13TH MEETING:

- *M/S: Approve October 13th minutes/summary as written: Passed: 6-0-0*

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.

- Lee and Connie Kosla announced their pending Mountain Empire Community Solar project.
- Community solar is mandated by law to allow locals to purchase renewable energy.
- They have an option to purchase 35 acres for 10 acre 2 MW solar project.
- They want to know about community interest and can take letters of interest from local consumers.
- No more than 50% of energy can go to commercial interests.
- Part of SDG&E's Share the Sun program.
- They are not planning energy storage at this time, despite previous affiliation with Saft Energy Storage.
- In response to question, they stated they had not yet spoken to project neighbors.
- A new neighbor was present and spoke up in opposition to the project, saying he had recently purchased his property and already has his own solar energy. He does not want a commercial solar project next door.
- Linda Shannon reported speaking to a man from Minnesota who had a water truck idling near her driveway. The truck belonged to Parr and had not California DOT stickers. He said he was checking the thickness of asphalt on Ribbonwood Road and was concerned it was really thin. New survey markers have also shown up, related to Tule Wind project.
- Earl Goodnight raised concerns with patchy and inadequate paving project on Jewel Valley Road that left big gaps of old asphalt. He asked that the issue be added to next agenda.

E. ACTION ITEMS (Agenda items may be taken out of order upon request)

1. **CLIMATE ACTION PLAN (CAP) NOTICE OF EIR PREPARATION PDS2016-16-00-003 & PDS2016-GPA-16-007:**

- Discussion on project, the November 21st comment deadline, and reminder to include project ID in any comment letters or emails addressed to CAP@sdcounty.ca.gov .
- *M/S: Strand/Maupin: Authorize Chair to submit comments on CAP NOP by updating comments sent to PC on Oct 13 and including other pertinent information: Passed: 6-0-0*

2. **LOCAL PARK PLANNING AREA REALIGNMENT RECOMMENDATION:**

- Discussion on Dept of Park and Recreation's request and recommendation and lack of other viable alternatives.
 - ***M/S: Keane/Maupin: Approve Local Park Planning Area realignment as recommended: Passed: 6-0-0.***
3. **STRATEGIC PLAN TO REDUCE WASTE IN UNINCORPORATED COUNTY:**
 4. ***M/S: Strand/Goodnight: Authorize Chair to submit comments for the Group by December 15: Passed: 6-0-0.***
 5. **DECEMBER MEETING DATE:**
 - Discussion on whether or not to change meeting date to accommodate the Chair's absence or go on as scheduled for Thursday December 1st.
 - ***M/S: Keane/Maupin: Approve moving December meeting date to Tuesday, December 6th: Passed: 6-0-0***

F. GROUP BUSINESS & PROJECT UPDATES – DISCUSSION ONLY

1. **ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - The Medical Marijuana Ordinance Options report will be presented by PDS staff to the County Planning Commission on **November 4, 2016 at 9:00 am** in the Planning Commission Hearing Room located at the County Operations Center. County contact: Joe Farace (858) 694-3690 or Joseph.Farace@sdcounty.ca.gov
 - Caltrans response to dumping of asphalt grindings from I-8 project included in agenda packet.
 - Chair reported she had requested more information on applicable laws, enforcement, and number of properties with signed agreements with contractor.
2. **REVITALIZATION REPORT BY TAMMY DAUBACH:**
 - Jacumba Clean-up will be from 7AM to 1PM on November 19th the last clean-up of the year. There will be more mulch and chipping.
 - Nine bins were filled at the Boulevard Clean-up. 607 tires were collected. The biggest problem for waste companies is binder twine. It gets caught in the blades of their shredder machines.
 - There will be a recycling and waste meeting in town for the unincorporated areas on Monday, November 7th from 5-7 PM.
 - The Mt. Health Clinic's new building is over budget. They are currently selling personalized bricks for donations. Contact the Campo Community Center for more information.
 - The next Revitalization meeting is November 7th at 6:30 PM
 - Mt. Empire Collaborative meets at the Mt. Empire High School on the 2nd Monday of every month. Everyone is encouraged to attend.
 - Supervisor Dianne Jacob's Matrix Meeting is December 8th at 2:30 PM at the Campo Community Center.
3. **FIRE SAFE COUNCIL (FSC) REPORT BY TAMMY DAUBACH:**
 - Border Patrol will be holding a Back Country Fire Responders Open House on Saturday, November 19th from 10AM-2PM at the Campo Border Patrol Station.

- RECFSC will be sponsoring an emergency evacuation fair on March 2nd from 5-8 PM at the Mt. Empire High School. Sheriffs, fire fighters, OES, Red Cross, and more will be there. They will answer questions about evacuations and other emergencies, including before, during, and after emergencies.
- The next FSC will be at 5:30 PM on November 19th at the Boulevard Fire Dept. Training Room.

4. **COMPREHENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PLAN (CREP) POD 13-007: REPORT ON OCTOBER 14TH PLANNING COMMISSION (PC) HEARING ACTION.**

- Chair reported she could not attend PC hearing due to other obligations
- The PC action sheet not yet posted on County website.
- Alpine Sun article reports that the PC voted 4-0 (3 absent) to approve staff recommended prioritized actions including recommending 11 of 17 best management practices for further consideration.
- Jan 25th is the date expected for a vote by the Board of Supervisors.
- It is impossible to reduce mileage for rural areas without electric cars which are not practical with current limited range and lack of chargers.

5. **TULE WIND PROJECT:**

- *On Sept 27th, the County issued a Notice of Determination approving Iberdrola's application for Minor Deviation of their MUP and Revised Plot Plan,* that relocates the O&M building 1,700 ft north and increases O&M building from 5,000 sq ft to 5,500 sq feet, moves two wind turbines, and includes road and other project modifications. The addendum report claims there is no significant new groundwater information that would require further CEQA review.
- Jim Whalen reported construction expected to start within two weeks or so.
- Harley McDonald is going over final checklist.

6. **TULE WIND LEASE APPLICATION: OCTOBER 13TH STATE LANDS COMMISSION'S HEARING.**

- Chair reported she could not attend the hearing
- UT article included in agenda package.
- Staff presentation was made on Item 63. It was approved as presented by a vote of 3-0 (Yee-YES; Williams-YES; Ortega-YES):
 - **PACIFIC WIND DEVELOPMENT, LLC (APPLICANT):** Consider application for a General Lease – Industrial Use, of 640 acres, more or less, of State school land located in Section 16, Township 16 South, Range 6 East, SBM, north of Boulevard, San Diego County, for the construction, operation, maintenance, and decommissioning of a new wind energy facility. CEQA Consideration: Environmental Impact Report/Statement (EIR/EIS), certified by the California Public Utilities Commission, State Clearinghouse No. 2009121079, and adoption of a Mitigation Monitoring Program, Statement of Findings, and Statement of Overriding Considerations. (W 26245; RA# 05707) (A 71; S 40) (Staff: J. Porter, P. Huber, J. Mattox).

7. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP); DRAFT EIR PENDING:**

- PDS Staff has directed the applicant to submit a revised project description for review, including groundwater and biological reports and wastewater system design (letter dated 10-12-16). The applicant was directed to work directly with the Colorado River Regional Water Quality Control Board on the wastewater system design. Revised new cost is currently estimated at \$594,404.

8. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD - MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN: Public notice issued on Sept 23rd. BPG request for extended comment deadline has been denied.**

- Paula Byrd read the responses to her questions and observations that she had received from Edwin Sinsay, PD Manager at PDS Land Development.
- Jim Whalen said he would try to get and share a copy of the traffic plan.

9. **SOITEC'S SOLAR PROJECTS FOR SALE:**

- The Chair reported that Soitec recently sold their solar business to STACE, a Canadian company. See article for details: <https://renewables.seenews.com/news/canadian-stace-buys-solar-business-of-french-soitec-report-544321>.
- Efforts reportedly continue to sell off their Boulevard projects in McCain Valley and Tierra Del Sol.
- No news from Jim Whalen.

10. **JACUMBA SOLAR:**

- Jacumba Solar project was approved by Board of Supervisors' at October 19th Board hearing.
- The board voted to grant a major use permit, certify an environmental impact report and approve agreements for fire and emergency services for the 108-acre plant about 1 1/2 miles east of Jacumba Hot Springs next to SDG&E's ECO Substation.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:10PM: DECEMBER MEETING WAS FORMALLY MOVED TO TUESDAY DECEMBER 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/gpupdate/comm/blvd.html>

Minutes approved as corrected by Group on 1-5-17

Michele Strand, Secretary:

