

Attachment H – Public Documentation

In addition to the attached minutes from the Boulevard Community Planning Group Meetings, the Administrative Record, including all correspondence related to the Soitec Solar Development Projects can be accessed online at:

http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/pds/ceqa/SOITEC_SOLAR_DEVELOPMENT_ADMINISTRATIVE_RECORDS.html

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP

FINAL MINUTES & SUMMARY FOR JUNE 14, 2012 MEETING

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:05 pm

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: 1) Rett Lawrence 4) Donna Tisdale 5) Tammy Daubach 7) Jeffrey McKernan

MEMBERS ABSENT: 2) Manuel Rivera (unexcused) 3) Chris Noland (excused) 6) Audra Burgio (unexcused)

3. MINUTES FOR MAY 3, 2012 MEETING: *M/S: McKernan/Daubach: Approve minutes with minor corrections: Passed: 4-0-0 (no objections from Jim Whalen, consultant for numerous energy projects under review)*

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- No correspondence, other than agenda items.
- US Border Patrol agent, Cory Anderson, reported that the August Community Watch meeting will include high school students to help educate them on the dangers of smuggling.
- New Boulevard Border Patrol station expected to open in February 2013—subject to change.
- Citizen call resulted in 5 non-citizens and 1 US citizen being taken into custody near In-Ko-Pah.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- Emergency items added to agenda by consensus:
- Vote on appealing Planning Commission's approval of ESJ Gen-tie MUP. There was a brief discussion regarding lack of need for this expensive project and the tenuous law enforcement control on the Mexican side of the border in the ESJ project area: *M/S: Lawrence/McKernan: File Appeal of Planning Commission approval of ESJ MUP Gen-tie MUP: Passed 4-0-0.*
- June 21 DRECP comment opportunity: http://www.drecp.org/meetings/2012-06-21_meeting/2012-06-21_meeting_notice.pdf : *M/S: Lawrence/McKernan: Approval for Chair to submit comments for Group: Passed 4-0-0.*
- June 20 General Plan Amendment BOS hearing: public funding of private General Plan Amendments: *M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Oppose GP Amendments and public funding of those amendments: Passed: 4-0-0*
- Move July 5th meeting due to July 4th holiday: *M/S: Daubach/Lawrence: Move July meeting to Thursday July 12: Passed: 4-0-0*

A. SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR LLC MUP (MAP) 3992-1108:

- Jim Whalen was present for the Soitec and Hamann/Rough Acres Ranch applicants and project property owners.
- Questions were generated by the applicant's Project Description and plot plans dated May 2012.
- Chair went over project details: approximately 3,422 Soitec Concentrix CX-S530 CPV 2-axis tracking modules (each 25' x 48' = 1,200 sq ft x 3,422=4,106,400sq ft); 59 Inverter/transformer enclosures (up to 23,600 sq ft) ; 7,500 sq ft O&M building; 2 on-site wells; three 20k gallon water tanks; 20.5 miles of new load bearing on-site roads; 46.5 miles of graded, non-load bearing dirt service roads; 2-acre step up substation ; new 69kV gen-tie line to proposed new Boulevard Substation; 6 ft perimeter fence with 1 ft barbed wire. Preliminary grading and drainage plans list 19,837,494 sq feet (455 acres) of disturbed area; Project will be developed in one phase over

estimated 18 month period, and lack of ability to comply with community plan, general plan and required MUP Findings.

- Rugged Solar's response to the County is due June 15 with an expected 6 week turnaround.
- DOE gave Soitec a \$25 million cash grant for their new San Diego factory.
- The Soitec's Power Purchase Agreement with SDG&E was discussed.
- Whalen said power goes into grid and electrons then go everywhere/anywhere.
- Rugged Solar Gen –tie line had been planned to co-locate with Tule Wind's overhead gen-tie, but that has changed since Planning Commission recommended undergrounding the Tule Wind gen-tie. Still subject to change.
- McKernan raised concerns with noise levels from inverters.
- Whalen stated their noise studies indicate they need a 450- 800 foot setback (depending on open or closed inverters) to comply with the County noise ordinance at their Tierra Del Sol Solar project.
- Inverters do make a clicking noise and may be enclosed.
- Tisdale raised concerns again with fire, transformer oil fires, need to keep emergency backup energy from going back into grid during power outage, potential noise and vibrations from CPV modules during high and low wind events.
- Tisdale stated that winds can be erratic with strong twisting wind shear events. She had witnessed whirlwinds (dust devils) twisting off massive oak limbs and 60 feet of barn roof being torn off on a clear and otherwise windless day.
- McKernan asked about substation fire risk and suppression (page 27 of Project Description), cumulative adverse project impacts with Tule Wind and other projects for traffic, groundwater use, power lines, dust suppression chemicals (52,000 gallons), co-location of O&M.
- Whalen said CPV modules can handle 33 mph maximum winds and will be washed about every 6-8 weeks. Fires are addressed in fire plan; cumulative impacts will be addressed in later analysis.
- Mark Ostrander (retired Cal-fire battalion chief) stated that dry chemicals will be needed instead of water and project will need to be de-energized to fight fires. He asked about voltage and ability to disconnect for fire fighter safety.
- Whalen said inverters go from 1,000 volts DC to 34.5 kV AC with shut offs at the gates and at center control switches.
- Ostrander stated that the panels never shut off; they keep generating power even with some moonlight, and being otherwise disconnected.
- Dennis Berglund (electrical engineer) agreed, stating that solar panels are virtual batteries that always produce some energy—never really turning off completely.
- Ostrander also asked how artificial light affects power generation in the event of a fire and stated these projects represent a major risk and fire-fighters that will need to wait for any fire to burn past the facility's energy zone to fight it due to the danger of electrocution.
- There were questions on the CPV module stow position shown in Figure 4-B, with Whalen disputing Figure 4-B.
- Whalen later remembered that there are two stow positions, one for storm and one for non-storm modes.
- Tisdale remarked on known and unknown project impacts and community being put in position of virtual lab rats in experiments with projects of this unprecedented scale and scope—with the largest operating Soitec project being 1 MW in New Mexico. Rugged Solar is 80 MW.
- McKernan raised questions with use of water from Live Oak Springs and Rough Acres water district

- Whalen reported that the County lost lawsuit with Live Oak Springs over water sales and Rough Acres is now a “public non-community” water district.
- Soitec is in process of putting together water usage plan that addresses water use of all its Boulevard projects using purchased and owned groundwater.
- McKernan raised concerns with 1.8.1 Construction water use of 72.99 acre feet (23,783,900 gallons) and math error with total water use in Table 3.
- Linda Shannon expressed concerns with 3 wells being used on Rough Acres for Rugged Solar, Tule Wind, and proposed new campground and facilities adjacent to their property and well.
- Ostrander reported that Bornt Farms in Jacumba was pulling out in part due to a major drop in the water table, with wells drying up and reportedly impacting wells in Jacume.
- Berglund calculated 33,000,000 gallons over 360 days = 63 gallons per minute.
- McKernan read from a letter from East County Renewables Coalition to the County’s CAO Chandra Waller, dated 10-31-2010 (Whalen is ECRC Executive Director), that referred to our community disparagingly as a small vocal group of NIMBY’s.
- McKernan called those statements arrogant and offensive, especially coming from ‘greed-driven opportunists’, stating that local residents make sacrifices to live here for the quality of life.
- Whalen apologized for any offense, saying we should not resort to labeling.
- ***M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Oppose/deny Rugged Solar for non-compliance with General Plan, Community Plan, MUP Required Findings (bulk, scale, harmony, density, coverage, fire services, utilities, traffic, suitability of site for type and intensity of use) and CEQA—Need to uphold the voice of overwhelming majority of registered voters who elected planning group members to help protect Boulevard’s rural community character from being destroyed from over-development and large-scale industrial projects: Passed 4-0-0***

B. ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE FEIS RELEASED:

- Brief discussion of ESJ Gen-tie FEIS and appeals of Gen-tie MUP approval.

C. RECONFIRM SUPPORT FOR HISTORIC DESIGNATION FOR MCCAIN HOUSE ON MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD AND SUBMIT REQUEST TO COUNTY HISTORIC BOARD:

- Discussion was held on the need to follow up on previous Planning Group support of historic designation for old wooden McCain family homestead house located on Tule Creek in McCain Valley on state corrections property.
- Letters were submitted in 2009 and 2010 to the Cal Fire CEQA coordinator at the time, Mark Ostrander.
- Ostrander was present and stated the state was still working on the designation. He agreed with need to follow up with requests to the County and state. He will check with the archaeologist.
- ***M/S: Tisdale/Daubach: Reconfirm support and follow up on requests for historic designation for the McCain house on McCain Valley Road: Passed: 4-0-0.***

D. NOISE MEASUREMENT REQUEST FROM JAMUL DULZURA PLANNING GROUP:

- Discussion on the JDCPG request support for their recommendation to the County to conduct a review of the current noise ordinance with the specific intent to recognize the lower ambient noise conditions in rural areas, recognizing that a one-size-fits-all approach for the various rural, semi-rural, and urban areas is ineffective.
- It was agreed that noise abatement measurements should address a broad range of frequencies and vibrations, especially with all the proposed wind and solar energy and transmission projects.

- ***M/S: Tisdale/Lawrence: Request that the noise ordinance be updated to address the full spectrum of noise impacts (audible and inaudible): Passed 4-0-0***

E. JULY 20 PLANNING COMMISSION WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT DEIR HEARING:

- Discussion on what happened at the May 11 and May 18 Planning Commission workshop/hearings.
- The proposed Plan Amendment, and changed Findings, also applies to commercial industrial solar projects.
- Tisdale reported that the Commissioners expressed concerns with adverse health impacts, noise, and proximity to residential areas and were very interested in Ostrander's comments on his own small vertical axis wind turbine and solar panels.
- Staff showed graphics showing parcelization of property south of I-8 in the Jewel Valley, Tierra Del Sol area, stating wind energy was not a good fit there.
- Staff also showed graphics of area north of I-8, stating there may be better locations to the north east, further away from homes. However, that graphic did not properly display the existing homes along Ribbonwood Road, on adjacent tribal lands, and on McCain Valley Road.
- Commissioners indicated that they still needed more information and were not ready to exploit our communities or change our community plans for industrial energy generation.
- Ostrander reported that two Commissioners came out to see his vertical axis wind turbine, his solar panels, his meter running backwards, and the visible voltage spikes on his monitor. They remarked on how quiet his turbine was, admired the current viewshed, and seemed taken aback by the noise generated by the Southwest Powerlink, and the magnitude of changes these cumulative impact projects represent.
- ***Consensus that Chair could continue to represent the Group's opposition to industrial wind projects at the July 20th hearing.***

F. CONSIDER SENDING LETTER TO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES (HHA) AND DR. WILMA WOOTEN REGARDING POSITION DENYING ADVERSE HEALTH IMPACTS RELATED TO INDUSTRIAL WIND ENERGY/INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS:

- Discussion on County staff statement at previous wind hearing that HHS was of the opinion that there is no evidence linking adverse health impacts related to proximity and/or operation of industrial wind turbines.
- Letter from Manzanita Band to Planning Commission, dated June 6, was discussed. It confirms that an independent Health Impact Assessment is currently under way to address "an inordinate level of health challenges for their people" related to their living close proximity to a high voltage wind energy project.
- ***M/S: McKernan/Daubach: Approve sending letter to HHA and Dr Wooten addressing adverse health impacts related to industrial wind turbine projects and related infrastructure: Passed: 4-0-0***

G. JUNE 21 CPUC HEARING ON ECO SUBSTATION (TULE WIND) (CPUC APP A.09.08.003):

- Cameron Durckel reported that the ECO Substation had not been pulled from the June 21 agenda (#40), but that could change as late as 5PM the day before.
- The Commissioners may take comments at the hearing, or could approve on consensus without taking comments.
- Personal comments should be sent in as soon as possible.

H. ODD-NUMBERED SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2012:

- Candidates must be 18, registered to vote in, and reside in, the Boulevard Planning Area.
- Applications are due at Registrar of Voters between July 16th and August 10th.

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK /COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- Cameron Durckel reported that the Sunrise Powerlink is being tested and is in service.
- He confirmed that there is no renewable energy linked to Sunrise yet, but could not current name source of power, saying it can come from anywhere.
- Sunrise has 1,000MW capacity and SDG&E has Power Purchase Agreements for 800MW from renewable energy projects. They expect some projects to drop out.
- Rett Lawrence challenged Durckel, stating it was his opinion that Sunrise was intended to import dirty gas-fired electricity from Semptra facilities located in Mexico.
- Durckel disagreed.
- Tisdale raised concerns with recent Sunrise related shorts under Alpine Blvd, Sunrise sparked fires in La Posta and Alpine, state agency reports on expanding both Sunrise and Southwest Powerlinks, the ECO Substation expansion to accommodate at least 4800MW, and Citizen Energy's mysterious involvement with Sunrise, advance lump sum lease payments estimated at \$ 83 million to SDG&E, and the non-profit Citizen's promises to invest "50 % profits" into low income communities in Imperial County. Where are those investments being made?
- Durckel said he will seek answers to our questions—and get back to us.
- Tisdale also asked about CALISO grid congestion reports stating the need to remove 600MW of generation projects from the grid queue in SDG&E's service area, including a several projects proposed in the Boulevard/Jacumba area. Tule Wind matches one project listed as 201 MW.
- Tisdale also asked when the construction fence will be removed from the BLM Moon Valley access area in In-Ko-Pah.
- Durckel said he was aware of transmission expansion talks and will look the other issues for us.

B. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported the following:
- 100 trees were handed out at the Campo CalFire Station
- Free chipping signup sheets are available.
- The CERT earthquake training in Campo included over 200 people.
- Neighborhood Watch, Border Patrol: 25 illegal immigrants were caught during recent border fire near Jewel Valley and Jacumba. Ultra lights are still used for smuggling. Be on look out and call Border Patrol.
- A new border tunnel with rail and cooling system was discovered in Otay and \$6 million worth of marijuana confiscated.
- Problem with community sign over lack of required insurance. Property owner has asked for it to be removed. Ken Koppins cleaned up the property around the sign.
- Chief Francois has agreed to allow the sign to be installed at new Fire Station property.

C. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported the following:
- Mountain Health Clinic has \$5 million for new facility that will create 40 jobs: Dental, pharmacy, x-rays, and psychiatric services. Government subsidies will be used.

- Council formerly requested 1.5 acre pocket part across from new Boulevard Fire Station
- \$3.5 million for new Fire Station has been obtained
- Request made, again, for use of old fire station as community center
- Dianne Jacob will be arranging meeting with Sheriff's Dept., Fire Dept., Park & Recreation, County Library, with Tammy, to go over potential options.
- Jacumba's community garden is up. Focus will now turn to potential Boulevard garden.
- Meals-on-wheels still looking for funding to expand to include hot meals and serve more people in the Boulevard area.
- Camp Lockett will host the Campo Roundup October 13th. The May event was cancelled due to Sunrise Powerlink construction and helicopter traffic.
- Should rumble strips be added to blind intersection at Hwy 94 at Tierra Del Sol?
- Country Fair was well attended for this new event that may become an annual event.
- Live Well Summit 2012 will be held Friday, June 15 from 9-2 at Ronald Reagan Community Center at 195 East Douglas El Cajon with a theme of envisioning ways different generations can work together to strengthen one another and our communities.
- Next Revitalization meeting will be 6:30 PM, Sept. 4th, at Boulevard Fire Training Room. Focus on community clean up.

D. SOITEC'S 20 MW LANEAST LLC:

- No new information.
- Whalen reported that AB2551, that will create renewable energy infrastructure finance zones to benefit these Soitec projects, and remove the required public vote, has passed out of the Assembly. He is now dealing with the Senate and talking to the head person there.

E. SOITEC'S 45-60 MW TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR FARM LLC: MUP Pre-App. 3992: 11-022:

- Bob Maupin reported speaking to project well drillers next to his property, they said they were having trouble finding and keeping water.
- Whalen reported that the TDS Major Use Permit will go in to the County on June 15.
- Project neighbor, Bob Maupin, reported being contacted for a gen-tie easement. He said no to any easement and no to selling his ranch property.
- Whalen also reported that the Rough Acres Campo Ground facility MUP is expected to go in to the County in mid-July
- Regarding the campground MUP, and the inappropriateness of locating a campground near a prison camp, Tammy Daubach reported that one prisoner, at the adjacent McCain Conservation Camp, had committed battery with a deadly weapon. He was in a bar fight and he pulled a knife out and cut a person's throat. This is one example of the kind of criminals in McCain Valley and some offenses are worse. They are not simply drunk drivers.

F. SOITEC 5.4-6.5 MW LANWEST SOLAR LLC MAJOR USE PERMIT (PROJECT #P12-002):

- Group voted to oppose this project at May 3rd meeting.
- Jim Whalen requested more information on the Group's list of LanWest MUP questions/objections.
- He needs more details on the policies the Group thinks the project is considered to be non-compliant with.

G. (error in agenda--no item G)

H. JUNE 8TH TULE WIND MUP & ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ CROSS- BORDER POWER LINE GEN-TIE MUP

HEARING AT PLANNING COMMISSION:

- The Tule Wind MUP decision was deferred from the May 18 hearing to the June 8th hearing.
- The Energia Sierra Juarez Gen-tie MUP was approved by the Planning Commission.
- The proposed staff recommendation for Tule Wind MUP includes denial of turbines on private land, undergrounding the gen-tie line, no plan amendment, certification for the joint CPUC/ BLM EIR/EIS conducted on the ECO Substation with Connected Action projects (Tule Wind and ESJ Gen-tie) and Cumulative Impact projects (Jordan Wind AKA Jewel Valley Wind, Campo Wind AKA Shu'luuk Wind, Manzanita Wind).

I. SOLFOCUS SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD:

- Boulevard / Crestwood locations not yet disclosed.
- The CPUC has issued a draft resolution approving SDG&E Power Purchase Agreement that discloses a new \$13 million cap on network upgrade costs that can be passed on to rate payers: https://www.pge.com/regulation/RenewablePortfolioStdsOIR-IV/Draft-Decisions/CPUC/2012/RenewablePortfolioStdsOIR-IV_Draft-Dec_CPUC_20120313_231456.DOC
- Tisdale reported on going to speak at Ramona Planning Group to share concerns with a similar SolFocus project proposed there.

J. CAMPO NATION/INVENERGY/SDG&E'S 160-250 MW SHU'LUUK WIND PROJECT

- DEIS expected to be released this summer: <http://shuluukwind.com/> ; <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-20/html/2011-12416.htm>

K. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR:

- No new project information.
- Recent Planning Commission denial of Tule Wind turbines on private land indicates a future problem for the Jewel Valley Wind project.
- MET towers installed: <http://www.jewelvalleyproject.com/>

L. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND MUP CASE #3992-11-002; MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: APN #'S 611-060-03; 611-070-01; 611-070-03 AND 611-030-01 KIVA #11-0138043;

- No new information.
- Rough Acres Foundation Major Use Permit App: Conference /Corporate Retreat Center: 2 Campground s with up to 158 sites all on 753 acres, 200 seat amphitheater, 10-20 employees.
- Potential rock crushing operation /wetland restoration on adjacent 28-acre parcel.
- Property is zoned RL80/A72.
- County Project Manager Larry Hofreiter

M. AMONIX JACUMBA SOLAR POWER: Major Use Permit (MPA) 11-1014:

- Tisdale shared articles reporting 200 layoffs at Amonix.
- The approximately 860 Acre (RL 80/S92) project is proposed to be located approximately 1/4 mile west of Jacumba between Historic Rt. 80 and I-8.

N. BP SOLAR NORTH AMERICA LLC: 20 MW JACUMBA SOLAR / MAJOR USE PRE-APP 3992-11-023:

- No new information.
- Proposed 300 acre 20 - 1MW solar PV arrays on 25 degree fixed tilt or single tracking axis.
- 3/5 miles east of Jacumba near Historic Rt 80 and Carrizo Gorge Road RL 80/ S92: next to border fence and proposed ECO Substation.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

8. MEETING ADJOURNMENT AT 9:55 PM

Minutes approved *with changes* at meeting held on July 12, 2013: 5-0-0

Donna Tisdale, Chair 

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MINUTES /SUMMARY OF BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG) MEETING HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2012

1. **Meeting was called to order at 7:16 PM**
2. **Roll Cal:** Members present: Rett Lawrence, Chris Noland, Donna Tisdale, Tammy Daubach, and Jeffrey McKernan. Seats 2 & 6 currently vacant.
3. **July 12, 2012 MINUTES/SUMMARY APPROVED:** *M/S: McKernan/Noland: approve July 12 minutes with correction in Border Patrol update from I-8 to Old Hwy 80 checkpoint: Passed: 5-0-0.*
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:**
 - The Chair distributed copies of the July 17th letter received from Campo Chairman Goff responding positively to BPG's request for a meeting to discuss adverse health impacts related to the siting of industrial wind turbines and related infrastructure too close to occupied structures and distributed renewable energy project alternatives. The Chair stated that she will respond to Chairman Goff request for more details prior to setting meeting date.
 - **PUBLIC SAFETY ANNOUNCEMENT:** Copper thefts and other property thefts were reported with alerts to be on the lookout for an older white flat bed truck, a late 80's white Ford F150 short bed, and a white 4-door Geo Prism.
5. **NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:**
 - A. **SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR LLC: COUNTY SCOPING LETTER; PROJECT ISSUE CHECKLIST; PLOT PLANS; GRADING PLANS :**
 - Comment letter issues were carried forward from July meeting.
 - Previous BPG June 14 vote to deny this project has been registered with the County.
 - Rich Geisler, V.P. of J. Whalen Associates, Inc., was present in the absence of Jim Whalen for applicant.
 - Applicant is waiting for County response on Soitec's resubmittal
 - Project issues concerns/ comments raised by Planners McKernan, Tisdale, Noland, Daubach included the following:
 - Chair reported calculations that just 2 of the 4 Soitec solar projects represent over 7,000,000 square feet of tracking module panel space/density (25 x 48= 1,200 sq ft) = 39 Walmart Supercenters that average 185,000 sq ft each.
 - Non-compliance with General Plan Update, Community Plan, community character, density, bulk, scale, land use; visual resources transformed from open rural to industrial dominant landscape; groundwater drawdown with impacts to private wells, riparian habitat, and springs used by wildlife; issues with project Checklist, overhead lines, conflicting maximum pole heights (50, 75, 125, 150, 175); omission of project pull site locations, cumulative impact projects including at least 13 projects (wind turbine projects, Power Purchase Agreements for additional solar projects, new Border Patrol and Boulevard Fire stations); no 24/7 Boulevard Fire service—some dark days with no staff on-site; project goal to change 4 Boulevard Plan policies and goals; Rough Acres non-transient water district issues; heat island effect that can change storm/ weather patterns especially near mountains as reportedly documented in Atlanta and China ; heat radiation/dissipation of average panel temperature of 104 degrees in winter and 149-158 degrees in summer; military has raised issues with heat seeking missiles being drawn to large sources of heat; Border Patrol heat imaging surveillance equipment may also be adversely impacted reducing abilities to identify bodies from other solar facility generated heat sources; increased

lightning strikes attracted to large-scale energy generation facilities; industrial 10-12' tall security fencing topped with barbed wire around entire project when prison camp next door does not have any security fencing, just 3 stands of barbed wire; grading; location of 2-20,000 gallon water tanks; what are the emission levels of electrical / noise / pollution and vibrations from project and related infrastructure including inverters, switches, transformers, substations, power lines, and wireless communication towers?

- Plot Plan shows 776,160 cubic yards total soil excavation, 760,670 cubic yards of fill and 15,490 cubic yards of soil export. At average 20 yards per truck = 7,745 truck loads just to move soil out—not counting 2-way truck trips or moving fill dirt around project site.
- Cumulative project adverse impacts to microclimate from multiple industrial solar with significant and concentrated increased heat radiation and turbine projects with changes in air flow and turbine wake effects altering weather patterns, storms, rainfall, groundwater recharge.
- Impacted Ribbonwood Road resident, Linda Shannon, raised concerns with noise, well impacts, traffic
- Planners recommended that private well owners get their own independent well monitoring, reports, and documentation.
- Geisler responses included the following: Geisler stated was only filling in for Whalen and does not know all the project details; contact Peter Neubauer at the County regarding the transient water district (858) 694-3113); a 20% grade can be accommodated; 34.5kv poles are generally 75 feet tall and 69kV lines are generally 125' tall; the County is not recommending undergrounding lines; interior collector line placement is up to project developer; a groundwater engineer will model the well production, impacts, and water levels that will need to be monitored.
- **M/S: Noland/Lawrence: Submit comment letter to County: Passed 5-0-0.**

B. SOITEC'S 45-60 MW TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR FARM LLC: MUP Pre-App. 3992: 11-022 FINAL SCOPING LETTER:

- Rich Geisler was present for Jim Whalen / applicant.
- Planner Noland calculated that the Tierra Del Sol Solar project's 3,132,000 square feet of panel space=71 Acres or 17 Walmart Supercenters (avg. 185,000 sq ft)
- Impacted resident Bob Maupin provided a copy of his comment letter sent in to the County.
- His property abuts the project site and prevailing breeze blows his way.
- His wife developed cancer after SDG&E installed and started operating the Southwest Powerlink across his property in the 80's.
- No one would buy their property for reasonable price even if they wanted to move.
- The "A" designation has not yet been removed. His property is included in the Williamson Act designation for the project. He will not release it.
- Allegations were made that fraudulent signatures were involved in a prior unauthorized attempt to remove the "A" Designator on an easement that he successfully overturned.
- Project well drillers reported to Maupin that they were having trouble finding water and asked if he would sell water to the project.
- Two different drilling crews drilled two different wells 100 feet apart and about 2,000 feet deep.
- A request for gen-tie / transmission line easement was also declined by Maupin.
- Maupin well production has dropped from previous 60 gpm down to current 15gpm
- Crews asked Maupin to watch their equipment to prevent theft due to proximity of US/Mexico border
- Project Noise study was requested
- In response to co-location of gen-tie with SDG&E easement, Cameron Durckel confirmed that SDG&E does not share their ROWs.
- Gen-ties can be co-located overhead but not underground due to need for heat related separation.

- Planner Lawrence recommended using many of the same Rugged Solar comments and includes adverse impacts on habitat from water table drawdown.
- Dennis Berglund recommended impacted well owners to start measuring groundwater levels now. One tool costs about \$150 for well sounding device. Need to establish long-term baseline average prior to project groundwater use and drawdown.
- Planner Noland (professional geologist) recommending buying a transducer for wells that will convert data automatically over a 2-year period. He offered his help.
- Tisdale suggested adding wells to existing County groundwater monitoring network with funding from project.
- **Geisler responses:** He would relay Noise Study request to Whalen; does not really know about tracker 'noise' wave pressures; one Soitec module is up and running at UCSD; did not know about gen-tie route or interconnection with Boulevard Substation.
- **M/S: Noland/Lawrence: Send comment letter denying Tierra Del Sol Solar LLC using same reasons stated for opposition to Rugged Solar LLC and LanWest Solar LLC; add Homeland Security and military air traffic and other issues /impacts: Passed: 5-0-0.**

C. PARK LAND DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PDLO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST & RECREATION PROGRAMMING

RECREATION LIST:

- Carried forward from July meeting pending August 1 revitalization meeting with Supervisor Jacob.
- Planner Daubach reported meeting with Supervisor Jacob at her El Cajon office with staffer Adam Wilson, Mark Ostrander, SDCFA, Park & Rec, 2 from General Services, Sheriff Gore (Mark has full list of attendees).
- Sheriff Gore was understood as stating they do not intend to give up the current Fire Station property and will not allow continued community center/fire training room unless they get paid for that use.
- This was not received well based on previous County and CalFire promises, when the Community Center / kitchen area was converted to fire fighter quarters, that Boulevard would be provided a new Community Center in the old Fire Station property once the new Fire Station was built.
- Supervisor Jacob reportedly stated that Boulevard will not get a library. No interest had been shown and no one had asked.
- The Supervisor seemed unaware of BPG's numerous previous requests for a multi-use community center / library complex. Her staffer, Adam Wilson, seemed more aware of those facts.
- Staff was also unaware of small piece of new Fire Station property that is located East of Ribbonwood Road that has been recommended as a pocket park, despite inclusion of that information in previous BPG comments.
- Staff will research and respond.
- BPG's previous PDLO list focused on the vacant 18-acre site that the County is now using for the new Boulevard Fire Station—despite BPG's recommendation of alternate site at Ribbonwood and I-8.
- At a recent meeting in Jacumba, it was reported that money is available for 5-year Active recreation list projects, tied to "Better Health" that is supported by Supervisor Jacob.
- Discussion was held on priority projects with best chance of getting funded.
- Linda Shannon complained that Sunrise Powerlink and Tule Wind project had blocked old horse trail into Carrizo Gorge area. It was determined that the trail likely crossed private Hamann in holdings were previous public access was blocked.
- **M/S: Daubach/Tisdale: Request PLDO funds for : 1) Map and signs for Boulevard recreation/ equestrian trail (using Boulevard trails map); 2) Boulevard community garden project at old County-owned waste transfer bin site; 3) Pocket Park across from new Boulevard Fire Station. Passed 5-0-0.**

D. AUGUST 8: THE TULE WIND MUP HEARING AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- Chair reported that the Board will be voting on the Planning Commission's recommendations for the Tule Wind Major Use Permit and project components under County authority, including wind turbines on private Hamann family land, new project access road, 5 acre substation, 5 acre O& M building, and use of on-site groundwater for construction and operation:
www.sdcountry.ca.gov/cob/docs/notices/080812TuleWindEnergy.doc.
- The Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors seem to be focusing potential wind energy projects north of I-8 in the McCain Valley, Ribbonwood Road area, due to high parcelization of areas south of I-8.
- The public was encouraged to send in comments, especially on impacts from fire, noise, public health and safety, wildlife.

E. AUGUST 8: ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ (ESJ) GEN-TIE MUP APPEAL HEARING AT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

- Chair reported that the Board of Supervisors will take action on appeals filed by the Planning Group and Backcountry Against Dumps challenging the Planning Commission's previous approval of the MUP for Sempra's 500kV cross-border transmission line meant to serve their 1,250 MW Energia Sierra Juarez Wind project immediately south of the US/Mexico border.
- The Chair stated that the ESJ line was approved for 1,250 MW—more than the full capacity of either the 500kV Southwest Powerlink or the 500kV Sunrise Powerlink
- The public was encouraged to send in comments.

F. ADDRESS FILLING VACANT SEATS #2 & 6:

- The filling of vacant seats 2 and 6 either before or after the November 2012 elections was discussed.
- It was agreed that filling them sooner rather than later was preferred.
- **M/S: Noland/McKernan: Advertise the 2 vacant as soon as possible: Passed: 5-0-0**

Action will be taken on the resignation of Manuel Rivera from Seat # 6:

- Manuel Rivera's sudden move out of the area, stated reason due to expected adverse impacts from Soitec's LanWest Solar project, his missing more than 3 consecutive meetings, and informal resignation were discussed.
- **M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Formally accept Manuel Rivera's in formal /verbal resignation. Passed: 5-0-0**

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. US BORDER PATROL COMMUNITY UPDATE: No report

B. SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK /COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- Cameron Durckel wanted to clarify that SDG&E did not necessarily support all of the comments made at the Suncrest Substation/Sunrise Powerlink celebration ceremony. He said he cringed at some of the comments made about protestors and impacted residents.
- SDG&E must comply with Federal goals and state mandate of 33% renewable energy.
- Questions were raised on the SDG&E 69kV line work along Old Hwy 80 near Buckman Springs Road, including the Diversified Utility Services construction yard at that intersection, spools of new cable, and upgrading for increased transmission capacity. He will look into it and respond.
- In response to questions about additional transmission lines for additional wind and solar projects, and maxed out transmission lines, Durckel stated that SDG&E is not interested in spending another 8 years in permitting and expanding their two 500kV lines.
- SWPL was built in 1981 and Sunrise in 2012.
- Energy conservation and self generation is up and power demand is down.

- Resident Dennis Berglund challenged Cameron on why SDG&E told him they did not need to ground anything on his property related to proximity and operation of the Sunrise Powerlink, and then he found they had installed 3 grounds on his fencing, but they won't provide grounding specs ; Sunrise mitigation requires La Posta Truck Trail maintenance, but SDG&E won't provide a maintenance plan; the Sunrise towers were not supposed to be shiny within the Forest lands; Forest Service made SDG&E oxidize the towers, but all the bases are still shiny; SDG&E does not answer questions; the public needs to establish a record of SDG&E actions and inactions.

C. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Next meeting : 7 PM August 27 at the Boulevard Fire Training Room
- September 8th : free chipping in Jacumba
- Campo and Lake Morena are joining the Boulevard/Jacumba/LaPosta Fire Safe Council
- 3 suspicious ultra light aircraft were reported to authorities

D. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Additional discussion of meeting with Supervisor Jacob.
- New Boulevard Fire Station will be 15,000 square feet—with plenty of room to co-locate new Sheriff Substation facilities.
- CalFire is reportedly willing to co-locate with Sheriff Dept.
- Old Community Center now going to the Sheriff's Dept despite previous repeated promises to the community and BPG.
- Discussion and consensus on historic sites deserving of recognition, designation, protections (requiring willing owners): McCain ranch house in McCain Valley on state conservation camp land; Wisteria Candy Cottage; Old Court House / Fire station building dedicated in 1968; Manzanita Diner.
- **M/S: Noland/McKernan: Send letter to Supervisor Jacob reinforcing previous requests for a Boulevard library; new community center; use of existing fire station/community center property option; place action item on next agenda requesting co-location of Sheriff substation/ Boulevard Fire station. Passed 4-0-0. (Lawrence left prior to vote at 9:30 PM)**

E. JULY 20 PLANNING COMMISSION WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT DEIR HEARING:

- The Chair reported on Planning Commission's disappointing actions taken at July 20 hearing, supporting a wind energy focus area north of I-8 in the McCain Valley / Ribbonwood Road area, that will require Plan Amendments and other significant changes.
- Planning Commission hearing videos and documents are posted here:
http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/PC/sop/PChearing_stream.html
- October 31 Board of Supervisors hearing.

F. ECO SUBSTATION (CPUC APP A.09.08.003):

- Cameron Durckel reported that ECO Substation construction was awaiting BLM Record of Decision and other permits.

G. ODD-NUMBERED SEATS UP FOR ELECTION IN NOVEMBER 2012:

- Candidates must be 18, registered to vote and reside in the Boulevard Planning Area.
- Applications are due at Registrar of Voters between July 16th and August 10th.

H. SOITEC 5.4-6.5 MW LANWEST SOLAR LLC MAJOR USE PERMIT (PROJECT #P12-002): Group voted to oppose this project at May 3rd meeting.

I. TULE WIND MUP: AUG 8 TENTATIVE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEARING DATE:

- The County Board of Supervisors will hold a hearing on the Tule Wind MUP and project components

located on land under their jurisdiction, mostly on Rough Acres Ranch between McCain Valley Road and Ribbonwood Road. In June, Planning Commissioners denied the wind turbines proposed on Rough Acres Ranch but approved the 5 acre Tule Wind substation, 5 acre O&M Building, use of groundwater for construction and operation, new access road, underground gen-tie line to Boulevard Substation.

J. SOLFOCUS SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD:

- No information
- The five Boulevard / Crestwood locations are not yet disclosed.
- The CPUC has issued a resolution approving SDG&E Power Purchase Agreement that discloses a new \$13 million cap on network upgrade costs that can be passed on to rate payers:
https://www.pge.com/regulation/RenewablePortfolioStdsOIR-IV/Draft-Decisions/CPUC/2012/RenewablePortfolioStdsOIR-IV_Draft-Dec_CPUC_20120313_231456.DOC

K. CAMPO NATION/INVENERGY/SDG&E'S 160-250 MW SHU'LUUK WIND PROJECT:

- The Draft EIS is expected to be released this summer. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-05-20/html/2011-12416.htm> ; <http://shuluukwind.com>

L. M. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR:

- Nothing new: <http://www.jewelvalleyproject.com/> .

M. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND MUP CASE #3992-11-002; MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: APN #'S 611-060-03; 611-070-01; 611-070-03 AND 611-030-01 KIVA #11-0138043;

- Nothing new.

N. AMONIX JACUMBA SOLAR POWER: Major Use Permit (MPA) 11-1014:

- Nothing new other than reports of Amonix cutting back and shutting down.

O. BP SOLAR NORTH AMERICA LLC: 20 MW JACUMBA SOLAR / MAJOR USE PRE-APP 3992-11-023:

- Nothing new.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10 PM:

- Planner Lawrence had left the meeting at 9:30 PM (work related)

Minutes approved by BPG at meeting held on: 9-6-12

Donna Tisdale, Chair: _____

MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG)

MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

1. CALLED TO ORDER at 7:04 PM

2. MEMBERS PRESENT: Rett Lawrence; Chris Noland; Donna Tisdale; Tammy Daubach; Jeffrey McKernan: Vacant Seats: 2 & 6

3. AUGUST 2ND MINUTES: ***M/S: Noland/Daubach: Passed 5-0-0: approve minutes with changes/clarifications to include adverse solar project impacts related to heat island effects; interference with homeland security thermal imaging and Border Patrol and military operations. (Border Patrol agent informally confirmed local use of thermal imaging and potential for interference from heat sources, other than undocumented immigrants and smugglers who are being tracked)***

4. CORRESPONDENCE/PUBLIC DISCUSSION:

- DPLU is now Dept of Planning and Development Services with a new address
- Watershed Workshop announcement
- **AB2551:** The Chair reported that consultant Jim Whalen had repeatedly asked for AB2551 to be placed on the agenda for a vote. However, when asked if the BPG could vote on state legislation, Chief Deputy County Counsel responded via e-mail that we “may not do so”.
- Whalen insisted that the Group was authorized and should vote on AB2551, pointing to other County correspondence and stating he knew the Chair opposed it but he did not know where others stood.
- There was an intense and sometimes hostile back and forth exchange between vested AB2551 proponents/sponsors Jim Whalen, Greg Lansing and John Gibson of Hamann Companies, Planning Group members, and the public.
- When asked for a show of hands for those supporting AB2551, only the 3 proponents and a single employee of one vested land owner raised their hands.
- All board members and remaining members of the public raised their hands in opposition.
- There was Group consensus not to add AB2551 to the agenda as an emergency item based on County Counsel’s response that “we may not do so”.
- Proponents were reminded that the Planning Group members are elected during general elections and any interim appointments to vacated seats are made by elected members that successfully ran on a platform of keeping Boulevard rural opposing master-planned and industrial energy project developments.
- No Action taken.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

A. SEPTEMBER 5: DUE DATE FOR APPLICATIONS FOR FILLING VACANT SEATS #2 & 6:

- The Chair announced that Melody Ponchat’s was the only application that had been received.
- A call had been received from “Josh” who stated interest in applying but did not follow through.
- Ms. Ponchat stated her desire to serve on the Group to help keep Boulevard rural and stated her opposition to the industrialization of Boulevard and numerous wind turbine, and solar energy, and related projects.
- *M/S: McKernan/ Noland: Approve Melody Ponchat’s application for Seat 2: Passed 5-0-0.*

B. 2012 ELECTION FOR 4 ODD-NUMBERED SEATS WAS CANCELLED BY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS AFTER ONLY 3 CANDIDATES FILED:

- Noland reported that the Board of Supervisors will act to fill the odd-numbered seats by appointing the 3 people who qualified for the election ballot at their next meeting: Noland, McKernan and Bob Maupin.

C. REQUEST FOR RE-APPOINTMENT TO CURRENT SEAT BY RETT LAWRENCE:

- The Chair reported that Rett Lawrence had missed the election filing deadline and had requested re-appointment to his current seat #1.

- It was agreed that any re-appointments for Seat 1 should be advertised.
- M/S: McKernan/Daubach: Passed 5-0-0: Publish a notice of vacancy for applicants to fill Seats 1 & 6.

D. PUBLIC REQUEST FOR NO LITTERING SIGN INSTALLATION ON HISTORIC ROUTE 80:

- The Chair reported that local property owners had asked for the Group's consideration of a "motion to apply to the County of San Diego to place "No Littering" signs along the section of highway from Crestwood to the Kitchen Creek exit".
- M/S: Noland/Lawrence: Passed 5-0-0: Support the installation of No Littering signs (along section of Historic Route 80) from Crestwood Road to Kitchen Creek I-8 ramps.

E. SOITEC'S TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR LLC: 2-PHASE 60 MW; MUP 3300-12-010; REZONE 3600-12-005; REMOVAL OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE 3921-77-046-01 (AP77-046W1) :

- Soitec consultant, Jim Whalen was present for the applicant.
- Several project neighbors were also present, some claiming they had learned of the project through neighbors but had not been notified by the County.
- DPLU's August 22nd documents and Sept 5th letter requesting an EIR was discussed.
- Neighbor Bob Maupin asked when the 2 wells would be tested as required for 72 hours at 50 gpm.
- Maupin asked if the test water could be directed to his creek bed area and questioned the sustainability of the well production to meet the stated and the actual water needs of the project without adversely impacting the neighbors' wells.
- Project neighbors / property owners raised concerns with adverse impacts to visual, environmental, groundwater and biological resources, property values, public health and safety, glint and glare, electrical pollution/ interference, quality of life, community character, and overall lack of need.
- Group members expressed similar concerns in addition to adverse impacts to Border Patrol operations
- Some neighbors reported being approached and /or rejecting requests for right-of-way easements needed for the project gen-tie line to loop into SDG&E's lines and the new Boulevard Substation.
- The Chair reminded those present of the Group's August 2nd vote to deny the Tierra Del Sol Solar project, requesting further authorization to submit comments including the Sept 5th DPLU letter.
- M/S: McKernan/Lawrence: Authorize Chair to submit additional comments including Sept 5th letter: Passed: 5-0-0.

F. SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR LLC; 3300 12-007 (MUP); 3910 12-21-003 (ER): 1st ITERATION LETTER:

- John Gibson was present for Hamann Companies; Rough Acres Ranch; Waterstone Support Foundation, Inc; Vista Oaks Business Park; Harmony Grove Partners , along with Soitec consultant Jim Whalen, and Greg Lansing land owner for Soitec's LanWest Solar and LanEast Solar projects.
- The Chair reminded those present that the Group had voted to deny this project at the August 2nd meeting, but new information was available for comment.
- The County's August 28th letter lists both resolved and unresolved project issues including non-compliance with the Boulevard Community Plan that may be amended in the Wind Energy Ordinance.
- Project plot plans and grading plans were made available for public review, along with the Chair's summary list of selected information from those plans.
- Whalen stated that their last submission was still with the County
- Cumulative project water studies are focused North of I-8, including Live Oak Springs, because "that is where the water is".
- The Chair challenged that statement and noted the fragile fractured rock nature of the aquifer and the existence of local recharge zones.
- It was reported that numerous groundwater studies had been conducted by professionals for the Tierra Del Sol and general area related the federal designation of the Campo/Cottonwood Creek Sole Source Aquifer and opposition to the Campo Landfill proposal.
- The County's long-term groundwater monitoring of private wells in the area, since the early 1990's, was

discussed with a recommendation that other property owners should get involved in long-term monitoring.

- Project proponents (Gibson, Whalen, Lansing) made numerous serious allegations against Chair Tisdale related to her non-planning group activities challenging industrial energy /transmission projects.
- Tisdale denied the allegations and stated that those making the false allegations should produce documentation.
- No such documentation was produced.
- Proponents made other allegations against the Chair and Planning Group members regarding failure to accept monies for the community offered by Tule Wind (\$600,000) and SDG&E (\$5 million) at the expense of our community.
- Gibson and Lansing appeared to using their phones to take photos/ video during the meeting.
- The Chair and Group members reminded proponents that the Planning Group is not authorized to accept or handle money for projects and that the Community Needs/Mitigation list , with references to local non-profit groups that could accept community benefit funding, had been generated at numerous public meetings and provided to the County and project developers.
- Whalen pointed to previous minutes where the Group had voted to reject Iberdrola's offer of \$600,000 (\$20,000 per year for 30 years) for community projects, in exchange for approval to change the underground Gen-tie to the less expensive overhead line.
- The Chair stated that overhead lines can represent a higher risk of wildfire ignition and impediments to fire fighting that could result in damages far in excess of the proposed \$600,000 over 30 years.
- Gibson asked Tisdale if 'her non-profits' would contribute to the impacted community.
- Tisdale responded that those Boards likely would be willing to offer grants for local causes if money and qualified applicants were available.
- Tisdale then asked Gibson if their 501-c 3 non-profit Waterstone Support Foundation, Inc., based in Colorado Springs, would donate profits from Tule Wind and Rugged Solar to the impacted community.
- Gibson responded yes. They would donate 100% to East County communities in El Cajon.
- Gibson also stated they had already spent \$3 million at Rough Acres Ranch for a conference center.
- M/S: McKernan/Noland: Authorize the Chair to submit additional comments including the August 28th DPLU letter: Passed: 5-0-0

G. PRESENTATION ON MOUNTAIN EMPIRE SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PROPOSITION G.

- The Chair reminded everyone that no action could be taken by the BPG.
- The 'information only' Prop. G presentation was made by Superintendent Stephan Van Zant on the bond measure on the November 2012 ballot. Clover Flat principal was also present
- Van Zandt discussed the lack of adequate funds, current sad state of school maintenance and list of needs that were the drivers for Prop G.
- Solar projects planned at Clover Flat, Pine Valley, and Campo schools would be placed on unused land in exchange for cheaper electricity rates.

H. NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL EIR: FOREST CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (FCI) LANDS GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT: GPA 12-004:

- The GPA will revise the existing land uses on approximately 75,000 acres, located in and around the Cleveland National Forest, and previously covered by the FCI.
- A public scoping meeting is scheduled for 6PM on Sept 17 at DPLU hearing room 5201 Ruffin Rd, Ste B.
- Comment deadline is 4 PM Sept 28: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/gpupdate/environmental.html>
- No action taken

I. OCTOBER 31: BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT HEARING:

- Comments should be submitted to matthew.schneider@sdcounty.ca.gov, by close of business Oct 12 for inclusion in Board hearing package.

- Between Oct 12 and 30th, comments should be sent to the following: Clerk of the Board for Board of Supervisors: County documents posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dplu/ordamend.html>
- M/S: McKernan/Noland: Authorize Chair to submit comments and to represent the Group at the October 31st hearing. Passed: 5-0-0.

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. US BORDER PATROL COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- Border Patrol Agent Richard Marzec was present to respond to questions:
- Water in on-site tanks is groundwater
- 2 wells @ 500' each hit flowing water
- County DPW did require Border Patrol to improve, widen, and stripe Ribbonwood Road frontage
- County DPW survey of road bed location differs from Army Corps road bed survey
- Roadrunner Lane is not a BP access road
- No comment on use of Roadrunner Lane as access road for Soitec's commercial /industrial Rugged Solar project that includes some of Frankie Thibodeau's property.
- Communications tower with is 160' tall with automatic lights for helicopters and FAA required lights
- The helicopter landing pad is not a heliport. It is for infrequent BP use and emergencies like for CAL Fire stage refueling
- Parking shade cover supports solar panels
- The new building is expected to be LEED Gold certified with reduced use of water and energy
- Move in is expected around February 2013.
- Unfortunately, BP cannot donate used Boulevard station modular buildings to schools or others due to liability issues: they will be destroyed or maintained for use by the federal government.
- Bob Maupin recommended contacting Congressman Hunter regarding potential re-use of modulars.

B. SDG&E'S SUNRISE POWERLINK /COMMUNITY UPDATE (POWER OUTAGES):

- Cameron Durckel was not present
- The Chair shared Durckel's e-mail response stating the transmission line upgrade along Historic Route 80 in the Buckman Springs Road area was an emergency reconductoring project.
- Durckel's response stated that PUC was notified but PUC approval was not needed
- Concerns were raised that the work was increasing the voltage /amperage capacity of the 69kV line that could be used for proposed renewable energy projects.
- There was a brief discussion of the Kumeyaay Wind planned and unplanned outages between mid June and August 31, some of which were during flex alerts.
- One person reported hearing radio transmissions at the time, talking about the damages being worse than expected and speculated the substation damage may have been linked to lightning strikes and power fluctuations in the area at that time.
- It was also reported that Border Patrol emergency generators kicked on at the Boulevard station during that time due to low power flows on SDG&E lines.
- Someone raised the potential for use of SDG&E's modulars that will be removed from the Sunrise Powerlink construction yard on Tavern Road in Alpine.

C. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach gave report

D. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach gave report

E. SOITEC 5.4-6.5 MW LANWEST SOLAR LLC MAJOR USE PERMIT (PROJECT #P12-002):

- Group voted to deny this project on May 3rd.
- No new information

F. SOITEC'S 20 MW LANEAST LLC:

- No new information available.

G. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND MUP CASE #3992-11-002; MCCAIN VALLEY ROAD: APN #'S 611-060-03; 611-070-01; 611-070-03 AND 611-030-01 KIVA #11-0138043:

- The MUP is being revised
- At least 1-2 more months before MUP release

H. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Several permits are still outstanding from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and State Lands Commission
- BLM is considering amending the Record of Decision to change the gen-tie line from underground to overhead.

I. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE:

- Approved by DOE and San Diego County Board of Supervisors in August.

J. FIVE SOLORCHARD SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD:

- When asked, Jim Whalen denied any knowledge of the locations, or the source of information, for the 2 SolOrchard projects shown near the Tierra Del Sol road / Old 80 intersection and south of Old 80 near Jewel Valley Road, that were on the map he HAD provided previously in support of AB2551.

K. CAMPO NATION/INVENERGY/SDG&E'S 160-250 MW SHU'LUUK WIND PROJECT:

- The Draft EIS is expected to be released this summer

L. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR:

- Nothing new to report

M. AMONIX JACUMBA SOLAR POWER: Major Use Permit (MPA) 11-1014:

- It was reported that Amonix may have filed for bankruptcy
- The County has reportedly not heard from the applicants lately.

O. BP SOLAR NORTH AMERICA LLC: 20 MW JACUMBA SOLAR / MAJOR USE PRE-APP 3992-11-023:

- Mark Ostrander reported that he had not received any responses to his requests for status updates.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Planner Noland reported a Certificate of Convenience notice for survey work
- First step in title search for 80 acre property located between Clover Flat Elementary and Jewel Valley Court properties
- There was speculation that another solar project may be in the planning stages there

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:49 PM

Minutes approved by group 5-0-0 on October 4, 2012:

Donna Tisdale, Chair

BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP (BPG) MINUTES/SUMMARY FINAL

FOR MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 13, 2012

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM

2. MEMBERS PRESENT (2) Melody Ponchot 3) Chris Noland 4) Donna Tisdale 5) Tammy Daubach
7) Jeffrey McKernan **SEATS 1 AND 6: VACANT**

3. NOVEMBER MINUTES WERE NOT AVAILABLE:

4. CORRESPONDENCE:

- The Chair hand out the Registrar of Voter Election Certificates to Chris Noland, Bob Maupin and Jeff McKernan, with congratulations, and expressed loss of having Tammy Daubach as a valuable member. Daubach received a note of appreciation signed by members.

5. NEW BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS:

- Chair noted the addition of 2 emergency action items received after agenda was posted:

1. RESPOND TO COUNTY REQUEST FOR COMMENT LETTERS:

- Draft template comment letter provided by County staff for consideration for Draft San Diego Region Municipal Stormwater Permit.
- Chair and Noland reported seeing County presentation on this issue to the Jamul Dulzura Community Planning Group.
- The Regional Water Board is attempting to control run off.
- There was a discussion on the unfunded costs that could reach into the billions at the public's expense.
- Consultant Jim Whalen expressed pleasant surprise at the County's actions.
- ***M/S: Noland/McKernan: Adopt and submit the draft letter: Passed 5-0-0.***

2. NOTICE OF PROGRAMMATIC EIR FOR 4 SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS TOTALING 1,473 ACRES AND 168.5 MW OF CONCENTRATING PV SOLAR:

- Rugged Solar land owner representative, John Gibson, and consultant Jim Whalen were both present.
- Tierra Del Sol Solar and Rugged Solar to be evaluated at a project-specific level and LanWest and LanEast to be evaluated at a program level.
- General Plan Amendment, Rezone, Major Use Permits and the Disestablishment of an Agricultural Preserve.
- Comments must be received no later than **January 7, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.**
- County contact: Robert Hingtgen at (858) 694-3712 or by e-mail at Robert.Hingtgen@sdcounty.ca.gov ?
- Project documents posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/ceqa/GPA12-010.html>
- Adverse and cumulative project impacts were discussed again.
- The Chair recommended asking for an extension due to the short notice coming over the holidays, in addition to the many other project deadlines.
- ***M/S: Noland/McKernan: Request a 30-day comment extension: Passed: 5-0-0***

A. DECEMBER 18TH SCOPING HEARING FOR 4 SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS TO BE HELD AT 6 PM AT BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM LOCATED AT 39919 RIBBONWOOD ROAD:

- County staff will be present to answer questions and take comments for Rugged Solar, Tierra Del Sol Solar, LanEast Solar and LanWest Solar projects.
- Everyone was encouraged to participate at the Dec 18th hearing and to bring friends and neighbors.

B. REQUIRED ANNUAL TRAINING MEETINGS FOR PLANNING & SPONSOR GROUPS SCHEDULED FOR DEC-JANUARY.

- Members were reminded of planned trainings.
- New members must attend at least one training in person.
- Incumbent members are allowed to do annual training on-line when available in January.

C. SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE TO DISCUSS COMMUNITY USE OF BOULEVARD FIRE STATION PROPERTY:

- Rural Area Commander, Rose Kupas, and Pine Valley Sergeant, Michael Clough, were present for the Sheriff's Department.
- Commander Kupas confirmed that Sheriff's Department does plan to take over the Boulevard Fire station property; they do not have firm plans for the main building.
- There are no plans for continued community use of the Fire Training Room modular that is planned for removal.
- There was a discussion on previous commitments made to the community when they were displaced from their previous use of the fire station's main room and kitchen when it was converted to sleeping quarters for the volunteer firefighters.
- The Chair produced a 2009 e-mail message from County staff, Jeff Murphy, responding to follow-up questions, which stated "Once a new fire station is constructed, discussions can commence with the BCPG (or other appropriate agency) for a possible lease agreement".
- Kupas and Clough asked about community use of the Highland Center in Jacumba or the new Boulevard Fire Station facilities.
- Daubach reported that the new fire station cannot allow community use due to post 9-11 Homeland Security restrictions and sometimes we have large community meetings for big and controversial projects.
- Chair responded that the Highland Center is about a 20 mile round trip at least and that Boulevard deserves its own community center closer to home, especially with all the disruptive industrial scale projects that are planned to
- There was no resolution. They were thanked for coming.

D. SOITEC APPLICATION FOR GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT (GPA) FOR 4 INDUSTRIAL SCALE SOLAR PROJECTS THAT ARE INCONSISTENT WITH THE BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLAN: 3992-12-009:

- John Gibson and Jim Whalen were present for Rugged Solar land owner and applicant.
- The Chair asked if Rough Acres proposed Rock Crushing facility will serve all 4 local Soitec projects.
- Gibson said they were not sure. They need to use it on-site to reduce need for trucking in sand and rock.
- They want to avoid what SDG&E went through for Sunrise Powerlink construction and Green House Gas emissions.

- McKernan commented that in reality these projects are commercial industrial projects and to amend our Boulevard Community Plan to change that meaning just slimy.
- In response to questions, Gibson and Whalen stated they may use concrete to set CPV module pedestals, use pre-cast for posts, or just vibrate them in, depending on the soil conditions.

E. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND & ROCK CRUSHING MUP APPLICATION:

- Jim Whalen said they are responding to staff's letter dated Nov 20th.
- Changing the underground line to overhead is being discussed with BLM and Iberdrola.
- He agreed that changes to the BLM Final EIS would likely require a formal amendment.
- There was a discussion on the cumulative impacts related to this and other projects, especially those that use the same Rough Acres Ranch land, water, sand, access and facilities.
- ***M/S: Noland/Ponchot: Recommend an EIR for MUP to address large-scale project with many cumulative impacts: Passed: 5-0-0.***

F. STRATEGIES TO ESTABLISH LARGE SCALE SOLAR SITING FACILITY POLICY AS DIRECTED BY PLANNING COMMISSION:

- The November Planning Commission hearing was rescheduled for Dec 14th.
- Whalen said they are now talking about cumulative wind and solar projects.
- When asked where the map he had previously displayed for his proposed renewable energy infrastructure zone, showing large solar projects near the intersections of Old 80, Tierra Del Sol and Hwy 94, he said it came from staff and pre-applications. He did not know those project details.
- The Chair requested group endorsement of comments she had submitted prior to the November hearing date with relevant additions.
- ***M/S: Noland/McKernan: Endorse Chair's previous comments with relevant additions: Passed: 5-0-0.***

6. UPDATES / POTENTIAL ACTION ITEMS:

A. US BORDER PATROL COMMUNITY UPDATE:

- Tammy Daubach reported that the new larger street lights will be working soon.

B. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA /LA POSTA FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported that there will be no meeting in December.
- Next meeting is January 28th.
- Chipping services should be available through June 2013.
- Lorrie Ostrander may be new Secretary.

C. BOULEVARD /JACUMBA REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported that the next Revitalization meeting will be 2:30 PM January 10th at the Campo Community Center.
- Changes are needed for the projects on the matrix.
- The need for a Boulevard Community Center is on the matrix.

D. DECEMBER 5TH HEARING CANCELLED FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT:

- The Wind Energy Ordinance & Plan Amendment will change the Boulevard Community Plan and MUP Findings for large-scale turbines and make changes to allow industrial

scale solar projects.

- Letters from Jamul/Dulzura and Valley Center Planning Groups and VC Design Review Board supported the Boulevard Planning group opposition.
- Chair had requested that Jamul Dulzura Planning Group member, Steve Wragg, recuse himself due to his employment with RBF Consulting and Sol Orchard whose Boulevard projects will need the same Plan Amendments proposed in the Wind Ordinance.
- That request was denied when Mr. Wragg claimed that RBF has nothing to do with wind and that Sol Orchard's Boulevard projects do not require plan amendments.

E. SHU'LUUK WIND SCOPING REPORT : 160-250 MW PROJECT PROPOSED BY INVENERGY WIND CALIFORNIA LLC, WITHIN 4,660 ACRES OF THE CAMPO KUMEYAAY NATION TRIBAL LANDS - NORTH AND SOUTH OF I-8 , OLD 80 AND HWY 94:

- Chair reported new map and information received for SDG&E's gen-tie line through Boulevard to the Boulevard Substation.
- Work on tribal lands looks like it has already been done.
- Construction Yards and helicopter landing zones were reviewed and discussed.
- When the Chair pointed it out, Whalen seemed surprised to see one construction yard planned for the same property as Soitec's LanWest project.
- *M/S: McKernan/Daubach: Authorize Chair to submit comments and request full EIR along with SDG&E's (Connected Action) Shu'luuk Substation, and other cumulative impact projects: Passed: 5-0-0*

F. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER/ROCKCRUSHING: MUP #11-002; 3300-12-020(P12-020),3300-12-021(P-12-021):

- Duplicate agenda item addressed above as item 5E.

G. AT&T MOBILITY, LLC, 41749 OLD HWY 80 CELL SITE; MUP: 3300-12-017 (P12-017); (FORMERLY P10-012 AT&T RUIZ PROPERTY /CHAPMAN RANCH PULLED BY AT&T 7-18-11):

- Nothing new to report

H. SOITEC 5.4-6.5 MW LANWEST SOLAR LLC MAJOR USE PERMIT (PROJECT #P12-002):

- Whalen stated LanWest is easier than LanEast because it is smaller and closer to the Boulevard Substation.

I. SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR LLC; 3300 12-007 (MUP); 3910 12-21-003 (ER): 1st ITERATION LETTER:

- Addressed under Soitec PEIR agenda item above.

J. SOITEC'S TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR LLC: 2-PHASE 60 MW; MUP 3300-12-010; REZONE 3600-12-005; REMOVAL OF AGRICULTURAL PRESERVE 3921-77-046-01 (AP77-046W1):

- Whalen listed main concerns as biological, fire, water, community character, and health.
- Right of Way easement across non-participating private land is only partially secured for connection to SDG&E's new ECO Substation transmission line in the southern Jewel Valley Area.
- Bob Maupin reported that the condition of his well, post Dudek work, is still unknown. The tank is full but no one has drawn any water from the tank since Dudek was there.

K. SOITEC'S 20 MW LANEAST LLC :

- Whalen said this is the last on Soitec's list.

L. FIVE SOLORCHARD SOLAR PROJECT APPLICATIONS FOR BOULEVARD/CRESTWOOD:

- Still no information available on these projects or their locations, other than that available in SDG&E's amended Power Purchase Agreement.

M. ENEL'S 158 MW JEWEL VALLEY WIND & 10 MW SOLAR:

- No new information or confirmation of rumors that Enel did not renew options for Lansing's land north of I-8.

N. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Permits from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and State Lands Commission are still pending.
- BLM has issued a ROW Notice to Proceed and Notice to Proceed for Geotechnical work.
- Iberdrola has no Power Purchase Agreement and they are shedding assets reportedly due to the high cost of wind and low cost of natural gas.

O. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ GEN-TIE:

- No new information other than announcement that construction will start on the ECO Substation, Boulevard Substation.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS:

- Comments were made that these solar projects de-ionized water for panel washing and that equipment uses lots of power.
- The location of these de-ionizing facilities and the power they use is not being addressed.

8. MEETING ADJOURNED AT

Minutes approved by Planning Group 5-0-0 at meeting held on 1-3-13



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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP

*****APPROVED** MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR JULY 11, 2013***

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:05 PM, Thursday, July 11, 2013 *(moved from regular first Thursday that fell on July 4th)*

A. ROLL CALL:

- **Members Present:** 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Melody Ponchot; 3) Chris Noland; 4) Donna Tisdale; 7) Jeffrey McKernan
- **Seats 5 & 6 Vacant:** The Chair announced that seats 5 and 6 are open for application to registered voters living within the Boulevard Planning Area and that Nazar Najor had hand-delivered an application at last meeting.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. MINUTES FOR JUNE 6th MEETING:

- **M/S: Noland/Maupin: Accept as amended: Passed 5-0-0**

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- None

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. **NAZAR NAJOR'S APPLICATION FOR A SEAT ON THE PLANNING GROUP:**

- Mr. Najor chose not to make a statement regarding his desire to serve the community
- In response to questions asked by Planners Noland and McKernan, Mr. Najor made the following responses:
 - He sees the Planning Group as slow-to-no growth.
 - He would need to look at applications for industrial development to see what they could do for the community.
 - Sunrise Powerlink was delayed by two years but was built anyway, so the community should have supported it to get community benefits from SDG&E.
- Planner Maupin said he was hearing that Mr. Najor was taking the "Bob Filner" approach--to go along with a project for money.
- The Chair stated she could not support Mr. Najor's application based on her knowledge and first hand experiences with him, including recent actions taken against him by the CPUC including the Administrative Law Judge's recent proposed decision to take Live Oak Springs Water into receivership along with the resort and fines of \$1 million or so for misrepresentations during the proceedings.
- Mr. Najor expressed his distrust of the Chair, calling the Chair a liar.
- The Chair reminded Mr. Najor that Planning Group members were elected on platform of keeping the area rural to protect quality of life and the investments of those who choose to actually live here.
- M. Morgan questioned if Mr. Najor's heart was in supporting the community or seeking revenge
- L. Shannon said she supports the Group who works for the majority of the community, but does not support industrialization or those who support industrialization.
- C. Diefenbach asked Mr. Najor if he knew that the governing document to review projects is the community plan and that these projects are not in compliance.
- Planner Ponchot noted that Live Oak Springs had gone downhill since Najor took over.

- There was no support for Mr. Najor's application.
- **Najor's application was rejected unanimously: 5-0-0.**

2. **ADDRESS LACK OF ADEQUATE PUBLIC NOTICE FOR AB900 FAST-TRACKING CERTIFICATION FOR SOITEC'S 80 MW RUGGED SOLAR AND 60 MW TIERRA REAL SOLAR:**

- Chair reported learning about Soitec's AB900 certification for Rugged Solar and Tierra Del Sol Solar (TDS Solar) at CleanTECH's June 25th Showcase event held at USD's Joan Kroc Center for Peace and Justice
- She had purchased a \$65 ticket to hear speakers Supervisor Dave Roberts, Soitec's Clark Crawford, and SDG&E's Jim Avery.
- Supervisor Roberts publicly noticed her presence in the audience, alerting others.
- Research showed that Soitec, Whalen, PDS, and the State all failed to notify the Planning Group or the public of the limited comment period.
- Discussion on potential adverse impacts to civil rights, civil liberties, and equal protections under the law related to AB900's streamlined judicial review under CEQA.
- The Chair confirmed with the Governor's Office of Planning and Research (OPR) that the only public notice was posted online on the OPR website: http://opr.ca.gov/s_californiajobs.php
- AB900 certification by Governor Brown (April ?, 2013--undated) , Air Resources Board (April 16, 2013) Joint Legislative Budget Committee (May 31, 2013)
- San Diego County PDS was notified of Soitec's AB900 application (at meeting on August 23, 2012, via letter dated November 7, 2012; via letter dated February 11, 2013)
- No direct notice or indirect was provided to Planning Group or impacted neighbors
- The only public notice found was posted on Governor's Office of Planning And Research (OPR) website, and confirmed as the 'only' notice via e-mail by OPR Deputy Director, Administration Scott Morgan.
- Discussion of the fact that the Green House Gas Analysis reports for Rugged Solar and TDS Solar were provided for AB900 Certification but not provided to Planning Group for review or comment.
- **M/S: Noland/Maupin: Send letter to Supervisor Jacob and Director Wardlaw expressing displeasure with lack of public notice and ask County Counsel to look into violation of public notice requirements for AB900 certification and Air Board certification; copy project manager and interested parties: Passed: 5-0-0**

3. **SIGNS & BANNERS IN RIGHT-OF-WAY:**

- Review and discussion of Department of Public Works' Draft Negative Declaration for proposal to amend County Zoning Ordinance and County Code to allow placement of four major sign types within right of way, subject to limitations and requirements: Community Identification Signs, Directionally Way finding Signs, Temporary Community Event Banners and Neighborhood and Business Watch Program Signs.
- DPW Contact: Gail Jugella 858-694-3911
- Comment deadline is 4:00PM August 1 by e-mail: Gail.Jurgella@sdcounty.ca.gov .
- Project documents are posted here: <http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/dpw/environment/envrnsvcs.html>.
- There was no opposition
- **No action taken**

4. **PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:**

- Boulevard's previous PLDO lists were reviewed and discussed

- Other communities routinely receive funds that could come to Boulevard
- It was agreed that we have limited options and need County input to help with potential recreation PLDO eligible projects.
- County Contact: Sean O'Neill: 858-966-1355; sean.o'neill@sdcounty.ca.gov
- **M/S: McKernan/Maupin: Request Park & Rec staff to attend Boulevard meeting to discuss future community use of current Boulevard Fire/Sheriff Dept property when the new Fire/Sheriff facility is built across the street: Passed 5-0-0**

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

1. **Border Patrol:** No report
2. **Revitalization:** Tammy Daubach gave the report: New amateur radio club;; next meeting at Jacumba Library on August 6th @6:30; Aug 20th Back to School supplies; July 20th Campo Band Star Gazing event; SANDAG update; Manzanita Diner has new management with offers to provide space for certain community meetings for free
3. **Fire Safe Council:** Tammy Daubach gave the report: Next meeting July 29th @6:30 at White Star Fire Station on TDS; Fire Safe speakers are available; Awards received; Clearance extended; Community Fire Protection Plan Update meeting July 28th @ Manzanita Diner ; New website for alerts: www.nixle.com.
4. **AT&T MOBILITY / RUIZ CELL TOWER MUP APPLICATION 3300-12-017:**
 - Approved by Planning Commission despite opposition from Group and several neighbors.
5. **WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & BOULEVARD COMMUNITY PLAN AMENDMENT:**
 - CEQA LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MAY 15TH APPROVALS
 - County documents and maps are posted here:
<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/pds/advance/POD10007FEIR.html>;
 - CEQA lawsuit is posted here: <http://www.sandiegoreader.com/documents/2013/jun/18/lawsuit-over-wind-turbines-backcountry/>
6. **PROGRAMMATIC EIR FOR 4 SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS: 168.5 MW OF CONCENTRATING PV SOLAR (7,290 tracking CPV modules @1,200 sq ft each) TOTALING 1,473 ACRES: REVISED DOCUMENTS:**
 - Consultant Jim Whalen was out of town and not able to attend
 - Planner Maupin reported Dudek is monitoring the wells of participating TDS Solar neighbors again, including his wells.
 - Maupin reported that his pasture well level dropped from 25' to 40' during the period of Dudek testing and his request for a copy of the gathered well information / graph was not successful.
7. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER/ROCKCRUSHING: MUP #11-002; 3300-12-020(P12-020),3300-12-021(P-12-021); REVISED DOCUMENTS RECEIVED:**
 - Consultant Jim Whalen not present
 - No new information
8. **ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN: CONSIDER ENDORSING CHAIR'S COMMENTS:**
 - Consultant Jim Whalen not present
 - L. Shannon reported getting more information from DPW but they did not appreciate her recommendation to name it "Cemetery Road" to demonstrate the destruction these projects will cause.
9. **LIVE OAK SPRINGS BULK WATER SALES; SOURCE CAPACITY ASSESSMENT; CPUC INVESTIGATION PROCEEDING # I.12-08-004:**
 - Nazar Najor said he is waiting for County's response to Dudek's source capacity assessment but they are not responding to phone calls or e-mails.

- Najor reported filing an appeal to CPUC on Proposed Decision.
- CPUC Assigned Administrative Law Judge's Proposed Decision dated May 14, 2013 is posted here: <http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/PublishedDocs/Efile/G000/M064/K723/64723607.PDF>.
- All CPUC proceeding documents are posted here including Nazar Najor's filings for Live Oak Springs Water Company and his June 13th appeal: <http://delaps1.cpuc.ca.gov/CPUCProceedingLookup/f?p=401:56:184981512850101::NO>

10. SOL ORCHARD BOULEVARD SOLAR MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION (P12-025) FOR 108 ACRES SOUTH OF OLD 80 AND EAST OF TULE JIM ROAD:

- The Chair and Planner Maupin reported on June 29th meeting held at the fire training room requested by Sol Orchard's President, Jeff Brothers.
- Brothers indicated that their Boulevard solar project was at a point where they are trying to decide to move forward—or not.
- Brothers' claims that the energy will serve local load was challenged by pointing out 50 MW Kumeyaay Wind and estimated community energy use of less than 3-5 MW.
- Tisdale and Maupin reported encouraging Brothers to drop the larger project located on undeveloped chaparral covered land, with known cultural resources, adjacent to sensitive receptors, and to find a better location for smaller point-of-use project like the new Border Patrol solar parking shade and recommended he approach the Golden Acorn Casino.
- Brothers said Sol Orchard would make a decision in the next 2 weeks or so and report back.

11. INVENERGY'S 160-250MW SHU'LUUK WIND & SOLAR FINAL EIS IS PENDING PUBLIC RELEASE:

- Between 160MW and 250MW, using 54 to 85 wind turbines (2-3 MW each and up to 515' tall) and 310 acres for 40 MW solar project. Study area spans 4,739 acres, about 1/3 of Campo tribal lands both north DEIS documents, maps, are posted here: www.shuluukwind.com
- The Chair reported information from sources on the Campo Reservation confirming a June tribal vote rejecting the lease with Invenergy, reportedly based on adverse impacts, inadequate economic benefits.
- Allegations were also received that the vote was technically invalid due to lack of adequate notice and lack of the required quorum.
- Another vote is expected with pressure from project supporters to approve Invenergy's lease.

12. SDG&E's APPLICATION PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT TRANSMISSION LINE 6931: FIRE HARDENING /SHU'LUUK WIND INTERCONNECTION PROJECT: CPUC APPLICATION NO. 12-12-007 UNDERGOING PUBLIC REVIEW:

- Contact CPUC Public Advisor at public.advisor.la@cpuc.ca.gov or 866-849-8390: SDG&E's application and related documents are posted here: <http://www.sdge.com/regulatory-filing/3968/sdge%E2%80%99s-application-permit-construct-tl-6931-fire-hardeningwind-interconnect>

13. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Golden Eagle expert, Dave Bittner's sentencing hearing scheduled for July 11th was postponed.
- Permits from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and State Lands Commission are still pending.
- A complaint for injunctive and declaratory relief was filed against BLM approvals in US District Court by non-profit groups in March: <http://eastcountymagazine.org/print/12724>. Tule Wind Map: <http://tulewindecomp.com/Figure2-ProjectLocation.pdf>.

14. PROPOSED BOULEVARD /JACUMBA HISTORIC DISTRICT:

- 501 c 3 is being formed

15. SDG&E's NEW 85-ACRE ECO SUBSTATION, 13 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE, AND NEW LARGER BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:

- Construction is currently underway in Jacumba and getting started in Jewel Valley
- Water truck traffic, Green House Gas impacts, and water source concerns were discussed
- CPUC Construction Mitigation & Monitoring documents and reports:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/ecosub/MMCRP.htm>:
- Contacts during construction: ecosub@dudek.com; (800) 371-8854.

16. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE WILL CONNECT THEIR ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:

- No new information
- Vestas 3.3MW turbines purchased.
- Import capacity of 1,250 MW.
- Approved by the CPUC, BLM and DOE. Litigation filed against federal approval on 12-26-12:
<http://esiprojecteis.org/>

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:05 PM / NEXT MEETING SET FOR AUGUST 1:

Minutes Approved by Group on: 8-1-13

Submitted by: 

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<http://www.sdcountry.ca.gov/pds/Groups/Boulevard.html>

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
APPROVED MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2014**

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, February 6, 2014 at Boulevard Fire Station Equipment Bay

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):

- Members present: **1)** Robert Maupin **3)** Chris Noland; **4)** Donna Tisdale; **5)** Michele Strand; **7)** Jeffrey McKiernan
- **2)** VACANT **6)** VACANT
- Chair announced that seat 2 is now vacant and open for application to registered voters living within the Boulevard Planning Area; Contact the Chair for applications. One applicant has applied for vacant Seat 6.
- Chair reminded everyone that this was a formal planning group meeting and asked everyone to remain civil and respect the rights of others' opinions.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER 7TH MEETING:

- Jim Whalen had one correction that the 1st and 3rd bullets on page 1 were duplicated.
- Patrick Brown had one correction on page 6 that he went to work for Soitec, not Dudek.
- McKernan's name was spelled wrong.

M/S: Noland/McKernan: Approve January 3rd minutes with corrections: Passed 5-0-0

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Linda Shannon requested speed limit signs be installed on Ribbonwood Road.
- Chair asked Linda to send an email requesting this item be put on the agenda for the next meeting, for action, and then it will be forwarded to the Traffic Advisory Committee for action.

E. ACTION ITEMS (some items taken out of order upon consensus):

1. COLIO PERMIT APPLICATION FOR IRRIGATION WELL PDS2013-AD-13-047:

- Mr. Colio has owned his Tierra Heights property for about 10 years; he and his family live in El Centro.
- He wants to plant some trees and grapes (or other fruit).
- Chair asked if Colio had spoken to neighbors or if he knew of any concerns.
- One house is vacant and the one below doesn't mind.
- Community members raised concerns regarding how much water would be needed to sustain the proposed vineyard/agricultural use.
- Chair asked County groundwater geologist, Jim Bennett, if this was an allowed use on vacant property and if there is a limit on how much water can be drawn.
- Bennett responded that once the permits are granted, there is no limit.
- Another community member brought up that sometimes folks bring a trailer up and hookup to the well illegally. Colio stated he would not do that.
- Strand asked if there was going to be an automatic (or timed) watering system, and if so, what precautions would be taken if an irrigation line broke. Colio responded that he would fill the tank and water from there.
- Noland asked what size tank he was installing, and what type of trees/vineyards he was planning to plant. Response was inaudible. Colio responded: 2,000 gallon tank
- Chair asked if this was a specific type of permit that only allowed for irrigation (not dwelling use).

- Bennett responded that since the lot is zoned residential, the owner could use the well for that purpose, and could apply for additional permits down the road.
- Another community member stressed the importance of not wasting water.
- **M/S: McKernan/Maupin: BPG support Colio's application: Passed 5-0-0**

PRESENTATION BY COUNTY STAFF ON SOITEC PROJECTS:

- Bob Maupin recused himself and took a seat with the other members of the public, disclosing that he lives immediately adjacent to the proposed Soitec Tierra del Sol project.
- Present were SD County Planners Robert Hingtgen, Ashley Gungle, and Mindy Fogg. Jim Bennett and Donna Beddow were also present.
- Soitec's Mike Armstrong and Patrick Brown were present along with Dudek's Megan Lawson (environmental planner), Brock Ortega (Principal/Senior Wildlife Biologist) and Michael Huff (Fire Protection & Urban Forestry).
- County staff gave a Power Point presentation summarizing the proposed Soitec Solar Development Draft PEIR, project analyses and proposed mitigation measures.
- A community member asked if they thought the community of Boulevard has value. Hingtgen responded every community has value.
- Hingtgen suggested that everyone write comments and bring up their complaints. Chair reminded everyone the deadline was two weeks away.
- Chair agreed that the Draft PEIR's Project Description does not accurately describe or portray the important resources or value of the Boulevard community or the extremely close proximity of project neighbors.
- Community member asked if there are any financial contingencies for our wells going dry. 30 million gallons estimate for ECO, now it's almost 100 million.
- There are NO financial contingencies.
- The Chair reported that ground water monitoring just restarted. Contact Jim Bennett if you want your well included. Monitoring should be conducted by the County or a 3rd party, *not by Soitec or Dudek*.
- A Jacumba Hot Springs resident complained about Jacumba selling water for this project. Chair informed him that as a ratepayer, they have the power to elect the members of the Water Board and if you don't like their actions, you should be able to recall them.
- Chair reminded everyone that they need to attend the public Soitec hearings in town to be seen and to let the decision makers know that you care.
- A community member commented how unbalanced it seems that the applicant hires and pays for the environmental reports. It is a skeptical situation.
- Another community member has called every Supervisor for the County except Greg Cox. Their response was that not enough people are speaking up.
- Don't be a hothead. Be nice. Get your facts straight. Water and Fire are the main issues.
- Infrastructure Finance District legislation is coming. Chair's opinion is it won't help the community, but it will help the developers. Be aware! They will move property taxes around within the planning area as their Board sees fit—their goal is to repeal the required vote of impacted property owners.
- Another community member brought up concerns about traffic accidents, increased traffic, and road damage.
- Will some of the permit fees be used to pave the road or install additional water tanks if the wells run dry?
- Where does the permit money go?

- Chair reported taking County staff around Boulevard, today, to show them the substandard roads, ECO substation damage, TDS narrow road, no site lines, one way in and one way out roads, proximity of neighbors.
- Many community members expressed outrage at the proposed projects in general.
- Chair suggested that long term well monitoring should be paid for by the applicant.
- In the TDS area, zoned 1 dwelling unit per 80 acres, the amount of water to be used during construction is equal to that of 100 homes, and ongoing long-term use would be equal to 12 homes.
- Are there any benefits for Boulevard with these projects?
- Hingtgen stated that *the benefits are BEYOND this community*.
- Boulevard is a sacrificial lamb.
- One community member complained that his property was trespassed on to obtain a soil sample for the DEIR, without permission. Chair advised him to put it in writing for the comments.
- Yet another community member voiced concerns about water, property values, traffic on a private easement road, etc.
- Renewable energy industry is heavily subsidized. 30% income tax credit. Sales and use tax exclusion, accelerated depreciation, investment tax credits, and more.
- How does the 501c3 status of Water Stone Support Foundation affect the projects / Soitec?
- Chair asked if equipment is delivered to the site, is it taxable or non-taxable?
- Patrick Brown responded that lots of things are taxable.
- Patrick Brown said it's not the underlying land owner, but the project. He confirmed that any equipment that gets delivered there will be taxed. He said it has to be received in the unincorporated area, not AZ then shipped over. There has to be a special agreement or special condition.
- A comment letter from Marty Kennell, owner of Well Done Pump Service & Supply Inc., was read aloud.
- Kennell's letter stated that he has three decades of "hands on experience" and the majority of his current service calls result in booster pumps, pump savers, and large water tanks due to water shortages or increased depth to water.
- Kennell ended his letter by stating that the much of what Soitec alleges will not affect the residents is just the opposite of what he has found to be fact, and that, based on his experience, Soitec solar projects will have a detrimental effect on water supply, usage and potability
- Bob Maupin asked about the AG Preserve on Soitec's TDS Solar project.
- The Applicant has applied to remove the AG Preserve on that portion of the property.
- A comment was made that corruption was involved, and land use restrictions that have been in place for decades are now being removed/changed to accommodate industrialization.
- One community member asked Soitec exactly how many local Boulevard residents are in the plan for jobs.
- Soitec responded that NO local people are employed currently, in this planning stage of the project.
- The Chair asked if anyone was aware of any local residents working on SDG&E's current ECO substation project construction.
- The response was NO.
- The Chair stated that East County Chamber, East County Economic Development Council, hold job fairs in East County.
- According to their websites, those organizations don't represent areas east of El Cajon, Santee or Alpine.
- That is one of Boulevard's concerns. Even though we are in East County, some people testify as East County residents when they actually live and work in La Mesa or El Cajon—not in our impacted rural communities.

- This is a Programmatic EIR as requested by Soitec. In Chair's opinion, these are dangerous. Other projects can just tie in to the PEIR, later.
- Processing two permits now. TDS and Rugged Solar. Lan East and West are not up for approval or denial at this time. They could coat tail on to the PEIR, later. A project can get denied initially, then come back years later in a different variation and get approved.
- Chair reminded that these projects are tied to Federal incentives. If the incentives go away, the projects will likely go away, too.
- More questions about taxes. One time exclusion for solar installations. Residential and utility scale get the same tax free benefit.
- A community member brought up the glare issue. His house is nearby, but is not included in project study for glare.
- A prospective home buyer shared concerns about the water and property values, and ability to resell.
- The Chair stated that these projects amend our community plan and override considerations on all significant impacts.
- Howard Cook brought up Table 1-6, 1st chapter, construction water demand by project, lists the activities.
- Cook stated that the Draft PEIR water demand estimate does not seem to include project components listed in Table 1-8, that are not included in Table 1-6: water needed for road construction; fencing of projects; project substations; cement making and rock crushing; O & M buildings, trenching for the underground gen tie line.
- The ECO substation Water Supply change order shows over 3x water used as estimated (from 30 million gallons estimated in FEIR to 90 million gallons in CPUC approved Amended Water Supply Plan).
- Cook commented that if ECO Substation, at 100 acres, requires 100 million gallons of water, then Soitec's projects, at 1,500 acres, may require 1.5 billion gallons, based on similar soil and terrain.
- It was stated that maximum pumping thresholds will be used.
- Jim Bennett stated he did not have the information to respond and promised to get back to Howard Cook the following week regarding the miscalculations.
- Bennett also stated that Cook's comments were very effective and they should be submitted in writing.
- The Chair stated that cumulative groundwater and other impacts from multiple projects are a major concern.
- A community member asked if Soitec owned all of the property that these projects are slated for.
- There are multiple owners.
- In response to repeated questions from the Chair, Soitec's Patrick Brown responded that the Alexander Haagen family, who owns the Empire Ranch (site of Soitec's Los Robles Alternative site), had approved the potential for the project, confirming that they are in the loop.
- Bill Hopkins, Boulevard resident adjacent to Soitec's LanEast site, said that some of his 500 year old oak trees in Pine Valley have died, he believes in part due to Pine Valley Water District selling water and lowering the water table.
- Is Soitec willing to guarantee property values? NO.
- The Chair showed Mr. Mike Armstrong, of Soitec, the pictures she took at Soitec's 1.5 MW Newberry Solar 1 project in Newberry Springs, east of Barstow (displayed on a large foam board for public review and dated Aug 20-Dec 27 2013).

- The Chair stated that at a recent Planning Commission hearing (1-24-14), Armstrong had publicly claimed that Newberry Springs was a Test Site. However, there is no documentation or any evidence that it is a Test Site.
- The Chair asked Armstrong to explain that.
- Initially, Armstrong attempted to avoid answering any questions about the Newberry Springs project, stating that the Newberry site was not relevant.
- The Chair pointed out that the Newberry site and operation questions are relevant to the reliability of the product they are selling.
- If Newberry is considered a Test Site, then what is Soitec basing the reliability of the Boulevard projects on that they are proposing?
- The Chair again pointed out that Armstrong testified in front of the Planning Commission (1-24-14) that Newberry Springs is a Test Site where Soitec is constantly changing out inverters and trackers and other components.
- Armstrong replied, "Donna, that is a correct statement. It is a Test Site; it does evaluate the technology, we run two different types of drives, we have two different types of trackers. We have several different types of inverters. The site is also a money-maker for us. It is connected to the SCE, but again, that is not part of the CEQA process for this particular project."
- The Chair replied that Soitec is selling this project for increased RELIABILITY.
- Armstrong replied, "No, we're not. No we're not".
- The Chair then asked Armstrong, "What are the "Objectives" of the project?"
- County staff looked up the Objectives and handed the binder to the Chair.
- The Chair then read the Project Objective (#2): To "Create utility scale solar energy in-basin to Improve reliability for the San Diego Region by Providing a source of local generation", and repeated, "RELIABILITY"
- The Chair reported that she looked through the San Bernardino County documents and did not see anywhere where the Newberry site was described or promoted as a Test Site.
- The Chair reported asking adjacent neighbors who said it was never promoted as a Test Site.
- The Chair did note that the Conditional Use Permit includes three different sized Soitec CPV modules were to be used, but the Newberry site only includes one type and size of module, based on her own visual observation and research.
- She asked Armstrong if that was true. He replied, "No, it has two different types of modules".
- Then the Chair asked why it was promoted in Soitec's Fact Sheet as using only one type of module.
- Patrick Brown asked to clarify if she was questioning the system height. The Chair said she was talking about the actual Model of CPV module.
- Patrick Brown clarified the M5 is the newest model that is at Newberry Springs site. He said, "It's a Demonstration Site, just like any other company in the world has a demonstration site."
- The Chair asked. "What will the Boulevard project be?"
- Patrick Brown answered, "Bankable Technology". Mr. Brown added that there is no bank out there in the world that is going to give \$400 million dollars on a project that doesn't work and is not proven. And if it doesn't work and it doesn't prove, then the project won't happen.
- The Chair then asked if Newberry was going through a test process now for the potential buyers.
- Brown answered, "No, we do all different types and we change the technology".
- The Chair surmised that is was because they are not working, not because it is a test site.
- Brown then made an analogy to the Model "T" car not driving down the road today.

- The Chair responded that the Model “T” isn’t being built or proposed in our community, “These experimental trackers *are* being proposed for our community”.
- The Chair then pointed out that Soitec wants to avoid discussing the Newberry Springs project and that they appeared to have had the Planning Commission prepped to avoid talking about it during the Ocotillo Wells Solar project hearing, where she spoke out, and showed a power point with photographs.
- Patrick Brown said that Newberry is irrelevant to the current CEQA documents.
- The Chair disagreed and asked the audience if any of them thought it was irrelevant. They responded with a resounding, “NO”.
- Patrick Brown responded, “Last time I looked, in December 2013, we are here for *this* CEQA.”
- Brown went on to say they were here for *this* project, *this* EIR, *this* scoping, and *these* comments only.
- The Chair responded that she went to *that* community to find out what Soitec was doing in *that* community because she believes *that* is representative of what is being proposed *here*.
- She asked him, “Are you saying it’s different?” Brown replied, “Absolutely.”
- The Chair asked if Soitec was going to do things differently here in Boulevard.
- Brown replied to the Chair, “Absolutely. When you took these pictures this plant was still under construction.”
- The Chair exclaimed, “No, No, you announced it; that it was finished in July. I went in August and December because you had announcements; press releases; you had a groundbreaking.”
- Brown said that the project went commercial operational in January.
- The Chair objected, stating that Soitec had told the County, in an e-mail message, that it went commercial in December, but announced to others that it went commercial in July.
- The Chair reported that she has done research and has evidence of this.
- Brown replied that this is not a Q&A on the Newberry Springs project.
- The Chair clarified that it is a Q&A on Soitec and asked, “What else do we have to go by? La Questa? La Questa is a different CPV module. These are the modules you’re promoting.”
- Brown responded that a few months from now Soitec’s Borrego Springs project is supposed to start construction.
- The Chair said she thinks the Boulevard projects should wait until the Borrego project (Desert Green) is built and operational—for comparison. So far, all they have now is a so-called test facility.
- She then asked if the test results from their test facility would be provided publicly.
- Brown responded that it is not a test facility, but a demonstration site.
- The Chair corrected him that Armstrong, himself, called it a Test Site while Brown called it a demo site and said that she could not see there was a difference.
- A community member interjected that he had called Soitec and asked how often the trackers would have to be washed and was told that they could not tell him because they need experience to know, and they have no experience yet.
- Since the County does not have the resources to write these reports themselves, consultants are hired by the applicant to do so, then the County reviews the information.
- Wells went dry in Poway, after City review and approval of a Dudek report.
- Howard Cook stated that Soitec already received a \$25 million grant to build the Rancho Bernardo facility.
- An audience member said that the dust in Borrego has increased substantially and despite promises by the developer, to do something, it is still unbearable.

- The Chair said that Imperial County Air Pollution Control has received complaints from Borrego residents and submitted a comment letter on the Ocotillo Wells Solar project, stating such.
- Noland (a geologist by trade) asked County Geologist about the draw down.
- Why was a 19.9 feet draw down deemed acceptable when 20 feet would have not been?
- Noland asked if isotope was used to determine age of water. Bennett responded: NO

ACTION: M/S: Noland/McKernan: Approve Draft proposed Action/motion for Soitec Solar Draft PEIR: Passed 4-0-1 (Maupin recused himself)

2. DRAFT REVISED BOULEVARD NEEDS AND MITIGATION LIST; ACTION:

- McKernan requested addition of foam fire fighting apparatus and training needed to fight electrical fires.
- Jim Whalen stated that he would prefer a numbered list (in order of importance), on an Excel spreadsheet.
- Chair responded that probably wouldn't work because there are too many items of equal importance, and they were not prepared to do that now.

ACTION: M/S:NOLAND/MAUPIN: Accept the revised Boulevard Needs List with McKernan's added item. Passed: 5-0-0

3. REQUEST TO ENDORSE REPORT BY DR. V.M. PONCE ENTITLED "IMPACTS OF SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS ON BOULEVARD AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES"; ACTION:

- The Chair reported that a copy of Dr Ponce report was available for review. The report recommends using imported water only. The report is also posted on Dr. Ponce's SDSU website here: <http://www.ponce.sdsu.edu/boulevardsoitec.html>

ACTION: M/S: MCKERNAN/NOLAND: To endorse Dr. Ponce's report. Passed: 5-0-0

4. APPLICATION FOR VACANT SEAT ON PLANNING GROUP FROM PAULA BYRD; ACTION:

- Boulevard resident Paula Byrd spoke of her and her husband's love of horses, trail riding, and the fresh country air. She wants to keep Boulevard clean and safe.
- Paula is a retired financial planner and her husband works for Granite Construction.
- They bought in Boulevard eight years ago. They love their ranch and peace and tranquility that Boulevard offers. They want to keep it that way.
- She wants to support work of current Planning Group members
- Chair reported that the Registrar of Voters had confirmed that Paula is a registered voter and eligible to serve on the Boulevard Planning Group.

ACTION: M/S: STRAND/NOLAND: Accept Paula Byrd's application. Passed: 5-0-0

5. SDG&E MASTER SPECIAL USE PERMIT FOR \$418.5M PROJECT- INCLUDING LINES IN THE CRESTWOOD-MILLER VALLEY AREA: FEB 5TH CPUC PRE-HEARING CONFERENCE IN ALPINE & FEB 19TH SUPPLEMENTAL SCOPING NOTICE FOR JOINT CPUC AND CLEVAND NATIONAL FOREST REVIEW; ACTION:

- This project is being sold as a "fire hardening" project, yet there are serious questions about whether it will increase carrying capacity and accommodate some of these proposed public projects.
- There are cheaper and better alternatives and they have not proven this is the most cost effective way to improve fire safety.
- Dudek is the preparer of that EIR as well.

- The CPUC/ USFS will hold a prehearing conference at 1:30 PM at Alpine Community Center (Oak Room), 1830 Alpine Blvd, to determine if evidentiary hearings are necessary.
- A supplemental scoping meeting will be held February 19th in the same location from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. The project route map is posted here:
<http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/ProjectLocationMap.pdf> Supplemental scoping comments are due March 7, 2014, send to: cnfmsup@dudek.com.
- The MSUP documents are posted here: <http://www.cpuc.ca.gov/environment/info/dudek/CNF/CNF.htm>.

ACTION:M/S:MCKERNAN/NOLAND: To give the Chair permission and approval to submit comments and act on behalf of the group at the next hearing in Alpine on February 19th. Passed: 5-0-0

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

1. Revitalization Report:

- Tammy Daubach displayed posters and flyers for the Jacumba Hot Springs Centennial.
- www.jacumbahotspringscentennial.org
- SDG&E is offering an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) class.
- Sacred Rocks RV park is now called The Oaks
- Jacumba Hot Springs has recycling on Sunday mornings from 9:00-12:00 and Wednesdays from 9:00-2:00 at the Highlands Center, proceeds go to Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization Committee.
- Application has been submitted for the Great Neighborhood Challenge Grant for two outdoor message centers.

2. Fire Safe Council Report:

- Tammy Daubach gave the report.
- Next meeting is March 29th at 5:30 at Jacumba Hot Springs Fire Station. Meetings are now bi-monthly and the last Saturday of the month.
- The new Boulevard Fire Station had their ground breaking on January 23rd.
- Fire Safe Council did not receive an invitation.
- No draw down at neighboring wells during pumping.
- A new Sheriff Substation now is number 3 on the list
- Sheriff's Protection Program was held at the Jacumba Highlands Center on February 26th at 6:00pm. Food was provided.
- Fire Chief John Francois is retiring this November.
- CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Project) removed the information about how many "dark" days the Boulevard Fire Station experienced in the fall of 2013.
- Because the County has to sign the CWPP, as well as Calfire and the County Fire Authority, they did not want the dark days information included. Tammy asked if that information could be added back in the form of an Addendum or attachment. Dave Nissen and Chief Francois both wrote letters saying the dark days happened.
- Dave Nissen stated that the question posed to the District was not if the station was covered 24/7, but rather, is the station covered with career staffing. The answer was it is not always covered with career staffing.
- Chief Francois confirmed that Boulevard had 135 "Dark" days in 2013.

- Lake Morena is permanently staffed with career fire fighters. Jacumba Hot springs had 19 dark days.
- Just because a station is “staffed”, does not mean there is an engineer to drive the trucks. Which is an insurance rating issue?
- SDG&E has their own fire department and are now attending the Fire Safe Council meetings.
- The Soitec report incorrectly states that Boulevard has 27 volunteer fire fighters.

3. ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP):

- Chair received the document and it will be on next month's agenda.
- 753 acres
- Rough Acres Foundation, another non-profit.
- They are having to do the full EIR (recommended by BPG) at a cost of over \$200,000.00
- An EIR was needed due to cumulative impacts.
- Noland asked if this was also a Dudek project. Not sure yet.

4. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:

- Nothing new to report

5. SDG&E's NEW 85-ACRE ECO SUBSTATION, 13 MILES OF NEW TRANSMISSION LINE, AND NEW LARGER BOULEVARD SUBSTATION:

- Construction is ongoing

6. MAJOR PRE-APPLICATION: INFIGEN'S 30 MW FOX ACRES SOLAR (PDS2013-MPA-12-012):

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed.

7. CHAPMAN RANCH SOLAR PROJECT PROPOSAL:

- Nothing new to report. No formal application yet filed. Solar Electric Solutions.

8. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER TRANSMISSION LINE WILL CONNECT THEIR ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND PROJECT WITH SDG&E'S ECO-SUBSTATION:

- Nothing new to report. No ruling from Federal Judge on legal challenge.

9. REPORT ON LAND DEVELOPMENT PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S OCTOBER MEETING:

- Nothing to report

10. IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- Federal Court hearing on February 20th in downtown.

11. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- The Chair reported on the Dec 16th approval by the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs for up to 20 turbines of Ewiiyaapaayp tribal lands.
- They are claiming that Iberdrola is going to apply for an Eagle take permit for golden Eagles. State Lands Commissions still has to approve project components on their land.
- Need new road through BLM lands in McCain Valley or through tribal lands.
- It has been reported to the Chair that the health and sleep quality of residents living nearby the existing turbines has been improving since the turbines have been out of service since the December 16th turbine explosion/fire at Infigen's Kumeyaay Wind. They were experiencing much relief from the stress.
- Fuller reported that, as of December 3rd David Bittner, eagle expert who was taken to court by the feds, has not turned in eagle data, as required by his probation.

- Noland stated that the main author of the AB32 (reducing green house gases), who claimed to be a Harvard graduate, reportedly got his degree online.
- The whole bill was based on his reports and he was allowed to keep his job despite his false claims regarding his education.
- Chair reported submitting the Dec 16th turbine fire and Bittner guilty plea information to the Bureau of Indian Affairs, not knowing the Record of Decision (ROD) had been approved on the 16th.
- The ROD still has not been published in the federal register. How long do they have?

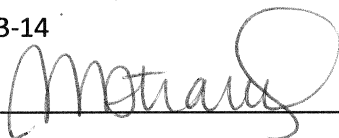
12. WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE & PLAN AMENDMENT WERE APPROVED IN MAY: CEQA SUIT FILED IN JUNE:

- The Chair reported that a Court hearing is currently set for April 25, 2014 in state court in San Diego, on the CEQA complaint filed against County approvals.

G. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:45 PM/NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR APRIL 3, 2014:

Minutes approved by Group on 4-3-14

Michele Strand, Secretary: _____



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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO
BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP
MINUTES/SUMMARY FOR AUGUST 7, 2014

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 PM, Thursday, August 7, 2014 at Boulevard Community Center located east of the Boulevard Fire Station.

A. ROLL CALL (Determination of quorum):

- Members present: 1) Robert Maupin; 2) Earl Goodnight 3) Chris Noland; 4) Donna Tisdale; 5) Michele Strand; 6) Paula Byrd; 7) Jeffrey McKernan:

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

C. APPROVE MINUTES FOR JULY 3RD MEETING:

ACTION: M/S: MAUPIN/BYRD: *Approve the July 3, 2014 minutes as written.* PASSED: 7-0-0

D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATION:

- Tammy Daubach announced a Clean-Up Day on August 30th at the Boulevard Fire Station, on September 20th in Jacumba, and October 18th in Campo. Free waste disposal. Please take advantage of this service!
- Danielle Cook talked about a grant for upcoming tourist brochures. One for Jacumba Hot Springs proper, and one including Boulevard and surrounding areas. Send any suggestions or comments to Danielle96@yahoo.com
- Bob Maupin read an email he received from a biology professor calling this an "exceptional drought" that we are experiencing now, the most severe category.

E. ACTION ITEMS:

1. 45' FAUX WATER TOWER WIRELESS COMMUNICATIONS FACILITY; MAJOR USE PERMIT APPLICATION # PDS2014-MUP-14-005 (MUP14-005) PROPOSED BY SITEMASTER, INC, FOR 35654 OLD HWY 80:

- Steve Laub was present for Site Master along with project neighbor, Oscar Traubel.
- Laub reported meeting on-site with County staff, Donna Tisdale (Chair), and Oscar Traubel.
- He stressed the Verizon wireless communications facility is not a cell site, it is a backhaul facility where their wireless facilities connect with all antennas and focus into the adjacent on-site fiber optic substation. Moving to faster 4 G.
- Chris Noland and others commented that 4 G services are already available through Verizon facilities at White Star.
- They are proposing a faux water tank, as the Group had requested.
- Laub admitted that his visit to the BPG meeting may have been a bit premature as he did not have all of the information requested by the group, Traubel, and/or community members.
- The Chair questioned the "Line of Site" and the necessity of placing the unit at that particular location, as it greatly impacts the Trauble residence.
- Laub reported he is still working on answers about lowering the tower and re-location.
- The more elevated and already cleared project area is the best suited; trenchless boring is proposed and moving site to the south side of property would create more surface disturbance and more extensive boring and expense.
- Kevin Keene identified himself as a local resident and electrical engineer who is teaching classes on microwave communications; generally, they want towers as high as possible to help reduce radiation effect on the ground, and to allow for more and taller trees in the future.
- Traubel, reported driving 3 hours from job in Blythe to make the meeting and expressed extreme frustration that Laub's presentation did not include information repeatedly requested previously.

- Traubel said the facility affects him personally, alleging that the proposed location had been cleared illegally when the fiber optic facility was in, and debris from clearing was not removed.
- Traubel also reported problems with adjacent fiber optic facility, air conditioner, and emergency generator noise until they added mufflers and moved the generator to the south side. Road and landscape maintenance promises have not been kept.
- The current project documents fail to show views from his home, which is the closest. That view will be of industrial support equipment and barbed wire.
- Laub reported the County suggested landscape screening at the Traubel property line.
- Traubel left early, again expressing frustration that Laub was still unprepared after 3 years.
- Laub expressed mutual frustration.
- The Chair commented that years ago, when the BPG approved the original fiber-optic facility there, they thought it would be a benign facility, but unfortunately it ended up having a lot of unintended consequences that caused grief to the neighbors with noise, and air conditioning units running almost non-stop, etc. Those concerns remain for the impacted neighbors.
- Laub promised to return when he has more information; will try to incorporate all comments from the Group, County staff, and his supervisors.
- No action taken due to the requested information not being made available.

2. COUNTY GROUNDWATER GEOLOGIST, JIM BENNETT, PRESENTATION AND QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION AS REQUESTED BY THE GROUP:

- Jim Bennett provided a PowerPoint and commentary: jim.bennett@sdcounty.ca.gov; 858-964-3820
- Proposed legislation is the most radical change in groundwater regulation since he has worked at the County. First major change since early 1900's.
- There are two bills, AB1739 and SB1168: Sustainable Groundwater Management Act.
- Dept of Water Resources mapped 500 basins. Boulevard has NO mapped basins. So this legislation does not apply to Boulevard.
- Jacumba, Campo Valley, Cottonwood Valley, and local desert / alluvial basins are mapped.
- County has authority to use legislation in Campo, Jacumba and other basins, if they choose to do so.
- Anyone using less than 2 acre feet/ year would not be monitored, which could change.
- Chris Noland noted that Los Angeles has 20-30 adjudicated basins.
- Areas are prioritized by population, ground water removal rate, overdraft conditions. Only medium and high priority basins are covered by legislation.
- Danielle Cook asked about Jacumba groundwater use/mapping for big energy projects.
- Bennett stated there was no comprehensive groundwater study for Jacumba for ECO Substation; now looking through Soitec comments; lots of good info documenting the problem; groundwater demand found to be too low; now being revised and reviewed.
- Bennett said Soitec issues alone could take up an entire meeting and recommended a future meeting be requested of Soitec Project Manager and dedicated solely to Soitec water issues.
- In San Diego, Borrego Valley, San Luis Rey River and San Pasqual, and San Diego River Valley and Santa Margarita watershed were noted. Things are changing daily; bills were amended twice in the last week.
- Fast tracking bill. It could fail. Who knows?
- A lengthy discussion occurred on climate change and County's determination of significance; they look at 30 year balance; off-site well interference; adequate well yield; groundwater dependent habitat; groundwater quality; if threshold is exceeded, use can be curtailed through MUP; in fractured rock aquifer, 20 foot drop is significant; Records from Campo July 1947 to date with average of 14 inches; averages are extreme from 5" to 37" of rain; above average rainfall generates most recharge; several

significant droughts; evapotranspiration rates are 62.5 inches per year in Boulevard; average recharge for Boulevard and Campo comes in Dec-April; soil moisture is measured; water quality issues include nitrates, radio nuclides.

- Climate change includes increased temperatures, increased evapotranspiration rates and increased water demands; changes in total precipitation and distribution, intensity, duration and timing.
- County is restarting groundwater monitoring; no monitoring 2008-13 due to recession cuts
- Some Boulevard wells approaching 2004 drought levels (6 year drought)
- County is looking at climate change models; need legal adequacy for documents; unprecedented number of large scale projects; caps can be put in place like 18 acre feet for Soitec's Tierra Del Sol.
- Pine Valley and Jacumba water districts are their own authority; however, County can ask for water level threshold limits for CEQA projects
- Pine Valley water sales to Guatay would need to be considered cumulative
- Tim Cass commented that Tierra Del Sol is different than Campo and local weather data is needed.
- Data was collected in Boulevard from 1931-1995 when it stopped; Jacumba data collection stopped 4 years ago
- Rand Allen at the County told Cass that there is no funding for data collection; it is all volunteer
- Bob Maupin raised concerns with water quality issues and problems he witnessed with Border Patrol (National Guard?) use of Gorilla Snot soil stabilizers on his property which gets very slippery when wet, generates run off, and requires reapplications; Soitec informed him that they add a chemical to soften the well water for use.
- Miriam Raftery raised soil stabilizer and oil leak issues being looked at by DTSC for Ocotillo Wind project.
- The Chair noted that SDG&E's ECO Substation HazMat list includes soil stabilizers.
- Paula Byrd raised concerns with groundwater levels and potential for manipulation of data; reported allegations of manipulation of project water use at some large solar projects to indicate lower use until project approved; use is increased after approval
- Level of importance and public outcry over Soitec projects can result in short time frames, restricted pumping, County access, and verification requirements for MUPs.
- Bennett reported that about 100 wells are now being monitored. He will provide large local map.
- The Chair asked if local tribes were sharing their water monitoring data with the County.
- When asked, Bennett confirmed his support for asking project developers to pay for automatic transducers for specified wells so data can be correlated with that from manually monitored wells.

ACTION: M/S: NOLAND/MAUPIN: Authorize Chair to send letter to the appropriate County representatives requesting funding for full-time staffing to conduct ground water well monitoring and expand network to include automated transducers and collection of rainfall data in Boulevard and Jacumba, at a minimum.
Passed 7-0-0.

3. REQUESTED ACTION ON SOITEC'S TIERRA DEL SOL SOLAR PROJECT: Planning Group member, Jeff McKernan, is requesting action on his proposed (revised) motion:

- Jeff McKernan stated why he asked for this item on Soitec dropping their lease option for Tierra Del Sol Solar (TDS); he read Mindy Fogg's e-mail response to the Chair's lease option question; he noted that the TDS project is 60 MW which equals almost 50% of Soitec's entire project; project cannot be developed without lease; without valid lease, all TDS references must be removed from the PEIR.

- Jim Whalen, Soitec consultant, said that there is a difference between a lease and an option agreement. It is not a lease. They have a purchase option agreement in place and the project is moving forward. No reason to remove it from the PEIR.
- McKernan asked if the Option was on file at the County.
- Whalen said they only need to have control of the property to do the MUP, and they do have control; Authorization letter from owner is included in the application submittal.
- Chair asked why property owner Joe Brown was said to be so upset that Soitec was not renewing the TDS lease/option and noted that the County also referred to it as a lease. Did the option expire?
- As far as Whalen knows, they are moving forward.

ACTION: M/S: MCKERNAN/GOODNIGHT: Authorize Chair to request clarification on whether or not Soitec Solar maintains site control of the Tierra Del Sol Solar project through a current lease or purchase option
APPROVED: 7-0-0.

4. WHITE STAR FIRE STATION CLOSURE CONCERNS:

- Resident Tim Cass expressed concerns and shared his research regarding pending closure of the Cal Fire station and related weather station/data gathering.
- Cass is interested in long-term rainfall data. Rand Allen with County was the most helpful.
- The White Star weather station is reportedly gone and they don't collect data
- The interest is in long term rainfall collection data. White Star used to collect data, but stopped for several years.

ACTION: M/S: BYRD/MAUPIN: Request that White Star Station stay "as is"; that White Star continue, improve, or reinstate the on-site weather station and data gathering; and to provide any available historical data to the County (or other appropriate entity). Approved: 7-0-0.

5. PARK LANDS DEDICATION ORDINANCE (PLDO) PROJECT PRIORITY LIST:

- Discussion and determination of 2014-15 update of 5-year park priority list for PLDO funds to construct projects; and an age-specific recreation programming list for activities such as after school programs, recreation, cultural arts or special events.
- Communities within the Mountain Empire Park Planning Area compete for the same limited funds that are generated through building permit fees for new houses. Permit fees are currently \$3,422 per dwelling unit.

ACTION: M/S: STRAND/BYRD: Authorize the Chair to request County to initiate commitment/confirmation that the current Boulevard Fire /Sheriff Station be secured for future use as a multi-use community center with necessary upgrades and improvements--once the new fire station and sheriff substation are operational.
Approved: 7-0-0.

F. GROUP BUSINESS: Announcements; correspondence; discussion items; project updates

6. REVITALIZATION REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach reported that Boulevard/Jacumba Revitalization won a grant from the County for \$17,500.00. It will be going towards murals, benches, maps, and signage. Their next meeting will be on September 3rd at 6:30pm at the Jacumba Library.
- The backpack and school supply giveaway is on August 19th from 5:00pm-6:30pm at the Community Center in Campo.

7. FIRE SAFE COUNCIL REPORT:

- Tammy Daubach thanked everyone who participated at the Cal Fire meet and greet at the Manzanita Diner just prior to the Planning Group meeting, and hoped that all questions were answered.
- Daubach reported that part of Soitec's mitigation includes the donation of an ambulance for Campo.
- She asked that it be kept in Boulevard impact area pointing out that the new Boulevard Fire Dept will have an empty ambulance bay while Campo already has an ambulance.
- CalFire reportedly stated that they usually place the equipment where the statistics show a need.
- Concerns were raised over Soitec mitigation benefits going to Campo instead of Boulevard, and the need to seek changes.

8. 2014 GENERAL ELECTION FOR SEATS 2, 4 & 6 OF BOULEVARD PLANNING GROUP; CANDIDATE FILING PERIOD JULY 15-AUGUST 8:

- The Chair reminded everyone that August 8th was the filing deadline to run for one of three seats and reported that three incumbents had all filed on time.

9. TULE WIND'S LEASE APPLICATION WITH STATE LANDS COMMISSION:

- Potential for Commission hearing to be held in San Diego at 1PM on October 14th with written comments due 3 business days prior to meeting; no confirmation until the agenda is released 10 days in advance of meeting.
- Tule Wind consultant, Jim Whalen, apologized for missing the last meeting, but wanted to comment on the previous month's minutes regarding the comment about Tule Winds application with State Lands Commission – the last bullet said that if the State can't authorize the take of Golden Eagles, how can the County?
- Whalen clarified that the State CAN authorize the take of Golden Eagles, and the County gets delegated the authority through the MSCP when there is a NCCP/MSCP in place.
- Chair said there was no authorized MSCP for East County.
- Whalen said there is a draft program that can be used when completed. However, they are not expecting to have any take.
- Chair stated that BLM and US Fish and Wildlife recommended Tule Wind apply for a Take Permit for turbines on BLM land, but they had not done so, to date.

10. SOITEC SOLAR PROJECTS (PDS2012-3910-120005): DRAFT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT (DPEIR) REPORT FOR FOUR BOULEVARD PROJECTS WITH 7,409-8,415 CPV SOLAR TRACKERS @ 1,200 SQ FT EACH:

- The Chair stated, for the record, that Soitec / Jim Whalen had confirmed that she was purposely and specifically not invited. A copy of the e-mail message was included in the agenda package.
- The Chair said she had received several reports from some of those who did go to the private meetings at Lansing's Empire Ranch, and shared some comments which were consistent overall.
- No support was reported other than that expressed by Soitec's paid consultants and employees.
- Bob Maupin shared his tongue-in-cheek meeting summary: Soitec claimed there would no dust or glare; fenced cattle ranch land = no wildlife; they can't control labor; Patrick Brown is now claiming that Dudek groundwater investigation is "exact science"; new ambulance will go to Campo.
- Maupin also reported that Joe Brown (TDS land owner) was upset that Soitec dropped the lease and Brown had allowed a herd of cattle to be brought in for grazing the TDS site; most of the pumps were pulled from the on-site wells; Brown is not trustworthy.
- Earl Goodnight reported attending the meeting, provided a copy, and agreed with other reports

- Whalen commented that if you want to annex into a water agency you only have to have a business relationship. Isn't that fascinating?

11. NOTICE OF PREPARATION, INITIAL STUDY & REQUEST FOR ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT (EIR) FOR ROUGH ACRES RANCH CAMPGROUND/CONFERENCE CENTER MUP: PDS2012-3300-12-021 (MUP):

- Whalen reported that Greg Lansing owns all of Lake Domingo and the reported ultra-lite flyovers reported along Ribbonwood Road could have been Jeff Hamman who flies one.
- McKernan asked Whalen if he knew ahead of time that they would be pulling rock crushing off of the permits and that it was going to be allowed "by right". Whalen said no, but it was good to know.

12. ROUGH ACRES RANCH ROAD MAJOR GRADING PERMIT: PDS2011-2700-15622: APPLICANT GREGG HAMANN:

- Chair reported no news on grading permit
- Whalen said he thought it might have been approved

13. ECO SUBSTATION: A COMPLAINT & SDG&E'S RESPONSE HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE CPUC ON SDG&E'S WATER SUPPLY PLAN:

- Chair reported on Sept 12th CPUC pre-hearing conference on complaint set for San Diego.
- Recommended confirming that no changes to time and date had been made prior to hearing.
- A letter to the CPUC from Volker Law, with corrections to SDG&E's MPRR#14 on water use and truck miles, was included in agenda package, revealing the following:
 - Water use through May 31 was undercounted by approximately 4 million gallons (math error)
 - The Maximum Water Use Allowed identified in SDG&E's Table 1 was misleading. Only 19.5 million gallons of water resources remained by May 31st, but the water trucks were still rolling.
 - Total mileage for all water truck loads was undercounted by approximately 840,000 miles. As of May 31, the total mileage was 1,331,875 and water trucked solely from the City of San Diego had already exceeded the 1.15 million miles and green house gases authorized for all water trucking.
 - When added together, the correct figures represent an increase of 621,593 miles over the 1.15 million authorized, over 50% more.

14. NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR MARCH 25 COURT RULING SUPPORTING BLM'S APPROVAL OF IBERDROLA'S 200 MW TULE WIND:

- No news to report

15. TULE WIND PHASE II:

- No news to report

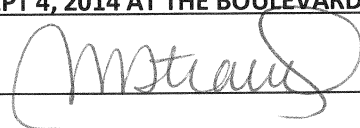
16. NOTICE OF APPEAL FILED FOR WIND ENERGY ORDINANCE AND PLAN AMENDMENT:

- No news to report

17. SEMPRA'S CROSS-BORDER HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE, WITH IMPORT CAPACITY OF 1,250 MW, WILL CONNECT THEIR \$300 MILLION ENERGIA SIERRA JUAREZ WIND (ESJ) IN BAJA CALIFORNIA WITH SDG&E'S NEW \$435 MILLION ECO SUBSTATION:

- Litigation is still unresolved but new roads and other construction is underway with lights visible at night

G. ADJOURNED at 10:05. NEXT REGULAR MEETING SET FOR SEPT 4, 2014 AT THE BOULEVARD FIRE TRAINING ROOM.

Approved by group on: 10.2.14 Secretary: 

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