



February 28, 2023

Supervisor Jimmy Paulding, 4th District Supervisor
County Government Center
San Luis Obispo, CA 93408

Dear Supervisor Paulding:

The South County Advisory Council held an in-person meeting on Monday, February 27, at 6:30 p.m. at 148 S. Wilson Street in Nipomo. During the meeting the Council took the following action:

Boulevard Associates, LLC – N-DRC2021-00029 – This proposal would build, own, and operate a utility-scale battery energy storage facility immediately southeast of the existing Pacific Gas and Electric Mesa Substation on Joshua Street. The project is approximately 1.6 miles south of the community of Nipomo and approximately 1 mile north of the City of Santa Maria in San Luis Obispo County, California. The Project would occupy approximately 37 acres and would consist of batteries housed in enclosures, a substation, pad-mounted transformers, auxiliary transformers, inverters, fire suppression system, and an HVAC system.

This project drew a capacity crowd of interested community members. Following a presentation and question and answer session, approximately 12 individuals chose to address the Council with their opposition to the project. Their concerns related to this project's location being too close to their residences and posing a public safety hazard. Specifically, they mentioned the potential for fire and explosions that could emit toxic fumes, limited egress from their housing area which is down-wind from the project, noise, a lack of facility security and the deficiency of emergency response personnel for this type of potential disaster.

Subsequent to this presentation and discussion, the Council entertained a motion and voted 5 to 1 to recommend denial of this project.

On behalf of the South County Advisory Council,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard Wright".

Richard Wright,
Correspondence Secretary