

2014  
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRIBAL SUMMIT



Barona Indian Reservation

**Proceedings**

**April 11, 2014**

## Introduction

On April 11, the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit was hosted by the Barona Band of Mission Indians. The summit was the result of collaboration between the San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG) and the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA). The purpose was to bring together elected leaders from the 19 local governments who make up the SANDAG Board of Directors and the 18 federally recognized tribal governments



in the San Diego region to discuss policy issues of mutual interest related to transportation and regional planning. The goal was to identify priority actions that could be addressed through continued collaboration and coordination. In particular, with SANDAG work underway on San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, the Tribal Summit provided a timely opportunity for tribal input regarding transportation and regional planning issues.

## PROCEEDINGS

These proceedings have been prepared as a supplement to the April 11, 2014, Meeting Minutes that were approved by the SANDAG Board of Directors on May 23, 2014 (Attachment 1). The purpose of the proceedings is to inform the development of San Diego Forward and to identify opportunities for continued SANDAG and SCTCA collaboration. Presentations and information presented have been summarized for the purpose of identifying key points and issues raised.

### Networking Among Elected Officials

Members of the SCTCA, the SANDAG Board of Directors, and other guests participated in an informal networking forum.

This was an opportunity for local and tribal elected officials to meet in an informal setting prior to the business discussions of the summit.



## Welcome and Opening Remarks

Santee Councilmember and SANDAG Board Chairman Jack Dale called the meeting of the 2014 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit to order at 10 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached (Attachment 2).

Barona Tribal Elder Albert 'Boxie' Phoenix provided the traditional tribal blessing for the meeting, which was followed by a formal welcome from Barona Chairman and SCTCA Board Member Clifford LaChappa.



Chairman Dale and Pala Band of Mission Indians and SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith addressed the Summit participants.

Chairman Dale welcomed the assembly and introduced the program. He provided an overview of the *TransNet* half cent countywide sales tax program that was first passed by San Diego voters in 1987 to address the transportation needs of the region. Projects such as State Route 52, Interstate 805, as well as rail projects such as the San Diego Trolley, SPRINTER, and COASTER all provide connections between homes and jobs.

He stated the importance of SANDAG as a forum for local jurisdictions to come together to think regionally. He acknowledged that there is never enough funding to do all that is needed and that hard choices have to be made. Chairman Dale also noted that while investments in transportation are being made, it is important to take care of the environment and to address social equity and social justice.

Chairman Dale emphasized that the region needs to speak with one voice to Sacramento and Washington, D.C. to achieve regional goals. He pointed out the opportunity for SANDAG and the SCTCA to work together to bring more resources to the region.

Finally, Chairman Dale remarked that the region is growing and that planning for the future together is important. Growing by nearly one million people, with a projection of 479,000 new jobs and the need for 333,000 new housing units, considerations are being given to how we get around and the environment that we leave in as part of San Diego Forward.





Chairman Smith made his opening remarks. He was pleased to see so many elected officials in attendance – both tribal and non-tribal. He noted that he was the first tribal representative to sit on the SANDAG Board and that much progress has been made in the relationship between tribal nations and SANDAG. There has been much work between the tribes and SANDAG on transportation issues. He looked forward to the discussion and a positive exchange at the Summit.

### **Sovereignty and Tribal Nations in the San Diego Region**

Viejas Tribal Chairman Anthony Pico briefed the assembly regarding the background of tribal sovereignty and on the tribal nations in the San Diego region.

In his remarks he noted the importance of the Summit as an innovative effort between the region's local governments and tribal nations to collaborate on planning issues of common concern. He commented, "I applaud SANDAG for opening its doors to us, and tribes for walking through that opened door."

He set the context for why understanding tribal sovereignty is critical to establishing government to government dialogue on planning issues. He noted that the Constitution names three types of government: federal, state, and tribal. Tribes are not subdivisions of states, but rather sovereign domestic nations with the right to self-determination. Tribal nations are subject only to federal law. He shared with the Summit participants the history of key federal policies through the years that have shaped the nature of the struggle of Native Americans for asserting their sovereign right to control their land, people, and culture.

The history of that struggle for Native Americans in California was particularly brutal. He noted, "Unfortunately, when California became a state in 1850, treatment of Indians went from imprisonment, abuse, slavery, and death from disease and poverty, to extermination." Conflicts over land have always been an issue for California tribes as the treaties agreed upon with the federal agents before California became a state were never ratified and tribal reservations only were established twenty years later through Executive Order under President Ulysses S. Grant. Although they finally attained a portion of their land that was originally promised to them, it was not the coastal nor agricultural land that would be suitable for economic activities. Tribal nations in the San Diego region struggled to support their people through the years as other Native Americans throughout the United States.



Chairman Pico noted that with the Indian Self Determination Act of the 1970's under President Nixon and its reassertion with every succeeding President, tribal nations progressively began to assert their inherent rights and build their communities again. "We have the primary responsibility for nurturing employment and economic opportunities, as well as social well-being and maintenance of the environment and infrastructures on reservations," he added, but without a source of funding it was difficult to fulfill those responsibilities. With the advent of gaming, the landscape of opportunities for tribal nations changed. The Supreme Court case against Cabazon was a 'game changer' as it established that the federal Indian Self-Determination Act, which holds that a tribal nation has the right to pursue economic opportunities for its people, such as gaming, trumps a state law against it.

Gaming as a viable economic enterprise, also threw Indian communities, previously struggling just to survive, into a 'fast track exercise in modern governance.' Chairman Pico explained, "We have participatory democracies, since our government lands are held in common. Our citizens have the final say about the use of tribal land. They also have an investment and share in the profits arising from commercial use of these lands. Instead of political parties, our political divisions and diversity come from family politics. We have dual citizenships - Indian and United States."

He added, "Indians do not want others to provide for our future and people. We want to speak for ourselves. We do not wish to be dependent. We like controlling our destiny and standing on our own two feet," Chairman Pico stated, "Yet we wish to be recognized and included. We want to be friends with our neighbors and cooperate with local governments. We want to contribute to problem solving on issues that go beyond our reservations. But, only if this doesn't compromise our sovereignty."



Chairman Pico concluded, "The question before this group is how to develop regional planning that respects tribal interests and governments. Today is a brilliant start. I am excited, because we are pursuing a different paradigm than our ancestors. Together, we are searching for a better and wiser way for the people of San Diego to face the future. That better way is through cooperation and respect between Indian and non-Indian neighbors. Today, we are proving that local and tribal governments can achieve mutually beneficial goals through collective action. And, this is something new under the sun."\*

\* For the full transcript of Chairman Pico's presentation contact the Viejas Tribal Office at (619) 659-2323.

## San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan – Video

Imperial Beach Mayor and SANDAG First Vice Chair Jim Janney introduced a video which provided an overview of the SANDAG current planning effort, San Diego Forward.

The plan will combine a big-picture vision for how the region will grow over the next 35 years, with an implementation program to help make the vision a reality. Working in close partnership with the 19 local governments, SANDAG will seek to create an innovative plan for the growing community that fuels the economy, protects the environment, and maintains the region's quality of life.

### Review of Policy Areas for Discussion

As part of the tribal consultation process for San Diego Forward, the SCTCA and SANDAG conducted a survey of tribal nations to determine what areas within San Diego Forward were of interest to the tribes.

Solana Beach Deputy Mayor and SANDAG Regional Planning Committee (RPC) Chair Lesa Heebner introduced the item.

La Jolla Band of the Luiseño Indians Tribal Chair and SCTCA



Board Member Lavonne Peck briefed the assembly on the topic areas to set the context for dialogue. The areas identified were cultural resources, economic development, energy, and environmental conservation. Both reiterated that real tribal consultation is more than 'checking a box.'

#### ***Cultural Resources***

Chair Peck noted that cultural resources are very important to tribes. Because many California tribes were moved away from their traditional lands, lands of cultural significance are often not within the boundaries of reservations. This can cause conflict between tribes and developers and/or land use authorities who propose development on land that the tribe does not control, but has cultural or religious significance to them. Often, local governments and developers are not aware of the laws pertaining to tribal consultation.

With regard to the SANDAG role as a developer of regional transportation projects, RPC Chair Heebner stated that the agency follows laws that call for the protection of cultural resources and in many cases will have a tribal monitor on hand during construction in areas where there are possible or known cultural resources.

## ***Economic Development***

Moving to economic development, RPC Chair Heebner explained that SANDAG prepares a regional economic prosperity strategy which identifies demographic and economic challenges facing the San Diego region, and suggests a strategy to meet these challenges through collaboration.

She added that SANDAG, also a developer of the regional transportation network, contributes to job creation and facilitates the movement of people and goods to support economic growth and development.



"Economic development is a complex topic for tribes," noted Chair Peck, but one that was raised as something to think about. There are eight tribes in the San Diego region with active gaming facilities, but many tribes are looking to diversify. And non-gaming tribes are looking for other economic opportunities.

## ***Energy***

She continued, one of the ways that tribes are diversifying is actually the next topic on our list of policy issues, the area of energy. Tribes in the San Diego region are at various stages of energy development. Some have projects that are already completed, such as Campo and Rincon, others have projects in the construction stage, some are in the planning stages, and others are investigating options. Plans locally range from solar to wind to alternative fuel production.

While some tribes seek energy production as an enterprise, others seek energy independence. As mentioned in the discussion paper, the 2005 Renewable Energy Act had an "Energy Self-Determination Act." It gives tribes the ability to establish Tribal Energy Resource Agreements (TERA). Under TERA, a tribe may enter into leases and business agreements for the purpose of energy resource development on tribal land. So energy is a policy area we might examine to find ways that we can work together more closely as a region. Working with SANDAG, tribes can bring more federal funds to the region for energy.

RPC Chair Heebner shared that SANDAG regularly prepares a Regional Energy Strategy. It serves as an energy policy guide to support decision-making by SANDAG and its member agencies as the region strives to meet the energy needs of a growing population, an increasing housing stock, and an expanding number of workers. At the same time, we are working to maintain and enhance regional quality of life and economic stability.

The Regional Energy Strategy sets the stage for work SANDAG has done to look at the deployment of electric vehicle readiness and energy roadmaps prepared for member agencies.

*Environmental Conservation*

RPC Chair Heebner noted that SANDAG plays an important role in the region from a planning perspective through regional habitat planning efforts. In addition, the *TransNet* Environmental Mitigation Program provides funding to mitigate habitat impacts from regional and local transportation projects, and provides funding for regional land management and biological monitoring.

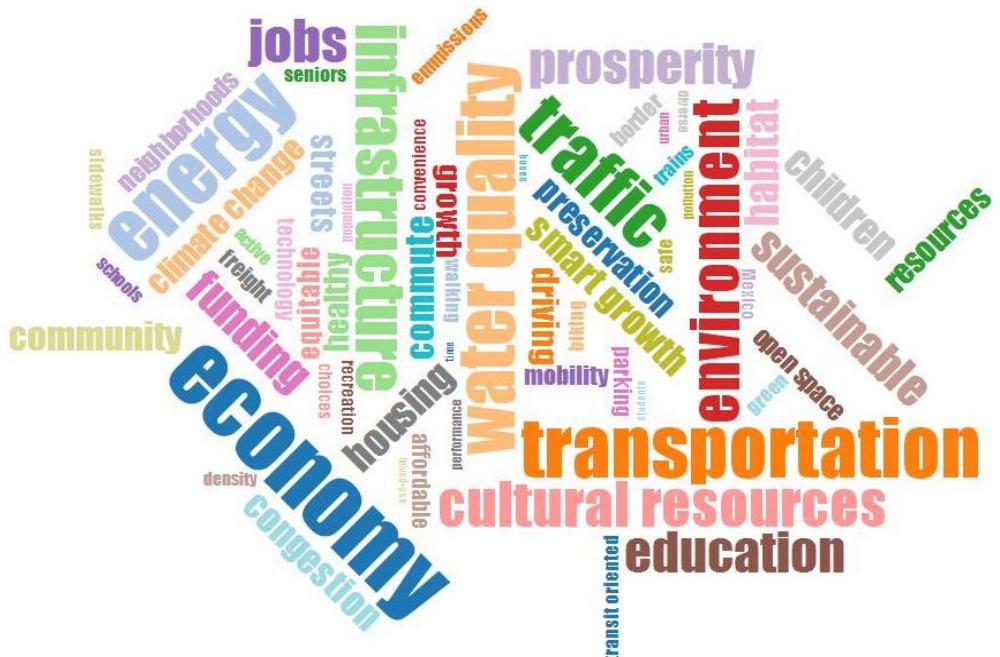
Chair Peck stated that what was raised in the discussion paper is that tribal concerns and values when it comes to the environment are not widely known. While most conservation planning is done from a species and biological perspective, tribal conservation planning comes from a cultural perspective. Certain plants and animals have great cultural significance to tribes in the region, but do not necessarily fit the definition of endangered species. In addition, she noted that tribes have raised the issue that our conservation programs assume that tribal lands are open space.

## *Discussion*

Using an interactive tool, the SCTCA and SANDAG Boards reviewed the previously identified policy areas, and with the assistance of a facilitator, determined those of mutual interest for further discussion.

Lewis Michaelson, Facilitator, led the assembly in a word cloud exercise designed to focus the discussion on areas of mutual interest. The areas that appeared as most often selected were economy, energy, transportation, water quality, infrastructure, traffic, environment, cultural resources, education, jobs, sustainability, and prosperity. The assembly discussed the word cloud exercise results and expressed their concerns and priorities.

Participants were asked to click the words most important to them and to suggest words to add. Once all participants had completed their input, the word cloud was processed and the group was shown the following result:



Mr. Michaelson noted that the most prominent words were economy, transportation, water quality, infrastructure, energy, and cultural resources. He asked summit participants to comment.

Rincon Band of the Luiseño Tribal Chairman Bo Mazzetti noted that water quality is important because it causes tension among tribes and other jurisdictions. If we start working together to address this now, we can prevent a collision course in the future.

Escondido Mayor Sam Abed observed that some of the terms are very vague, such as jobs and traffic. He would have liked to see fewer categories, and more explanation to the choices. He was surprised 'climate change' and 'smart growth' were so small. He felt the terms were too general to have meaningful discussion.

Oceanside Councilmember Jack Feller noted that economic development is important and something that we should be welcoming in our communities. The City of Oceanside would support the tribes if the opportunity is there. He also noted that water storage is important.

San Pasqual Band of Diseño Indians Tribal Chairman Allen Lawson stated that there seems to be consensus that the future of water is important. Where is the water going to come from if we don't have the Colorado River? He notes that tribes are also concerned about the environment.

County of San Diego Supervisor Dave Roberts suggested an area of collaboration might be clean technology.

RPC Chair Heebner commented on the balanced results in the word cloud and stated the importance of cultural resources.

San Marcos Councilmember Chris Orlando commented that no topics happen in a vacuum, all are interrelated.

San Diego Councilmember Todd Gloria commented that he is struck by balance and that despite the diversity of the region, there are many common issues.

Reservation Transportation Authority Board Member Dave Toler commented on the need to control zoning changes to go up, not out, in order to protect the environment and the region's back country.

Encinitas Councilmember Teresa Barth stated that "affordable" is not highlighted, but affordability is a big issue in the City of Encinitas.

Oceanside Councilmember Jack Feller stated there public private partnerships may be an opportunity for additional funding.

## **Luncheon**

The Summit participants continued informal discussions over lunch. SCTCA and SANDAG elected officials were seated at each table to share their perspective.

## Group Discussion: Prioritize Strategic Policy Areas

SCTCA and SANDAG Board members discussed policy areas related to San Diego Forward to include economy, energy, transportation, water quality, infrastructure, traffic, environment, cultural resources, education, jobs, sustainability, and prosperity. The assembly identified collaborative opportunities and discussed possible strategic actions of mutual concern.

Mr. Michaelson facilitated the discussion.

Chairman Lawson stated his concerns about roads in rural areas and commercial businesses along two-lane roads. Tribes need assistance in making those roads better.

RPC Chair Heebner stated that energy is a priority and that there may be opportunities for collaboration on energy issues on a government to government basis.



Chairman Mazzetti stated that tribes can bring a comparative advantage to the table. They can expedite projects because they have fewer regulations than the state and there is interesting opportunity to partner with SANDAG.

Port of San Diego Commissioner Bob Nelson stated that there is an opportunity to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and partner with the Port of San Diego. It is important to stop using coal burning fuels.

Chair Peck noted that energy tax credits are opportunities for tribes. The issue is that people come to tribes to lease land, not to become partners. Tribes want to be partners with SDG&E and do not want to lease the land. She noted that more partnerships need to happen. If tribes and local governments work together, the potential to fast-track projects is enormous.

Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians Tribal Chairman Mark Romero commented that Mesa Grande is partnering with a company in Minnesota for an energy project in Illinois. There are opportunities to partner with large, energy-producing companies. The Bureau of Land Management provided Mesa Grande 800 acres in 1988, and with their partner, created a solar/wind farm. The problem is will the grid sustain this energy? The closing of San Onofre presents an opportunity for green energy.

First Vice Chair Janney commented on the importance of SANDAG partnering with tribes to leverage federal funding for transportation projects.

SANDAG Executive Director Gary L. Gallegos stated that the federal government is starting reauthorization for the next transportation bill. SANDAG and the SCTCA can work with the congressional and state legislators.

Chairman Mazzetti agreed with Mr. Gallegos and stated that there are high priority projects programs in the new federal transportation bill and there are opportunities for more funding.

La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Tribal Secretary Adam Geisler recommended that the SCTCA and SANDAG partner in reviewing the Moving Ahead for Progress in the 21st Century Act (MAP-21) Negotiated Rule Making Process. He noted the importance of reviewing the federal performance measures being developed for transportation projects because there is potential to bring more funding to the region by demonstrating Metropolitan Planning Organizations are working with tribes.

Secretary Geisler added that he is an active member of the State Freight Advisory Committee and that SANDAG and the SCTCA should collaborate with legislators such as Senator Barbara Boxer to identify additional funding for the region. Secretary Geisler also recommended that the Port of San Diego partner with the tribes to meet its energy needs. This requires SANDAG and SCTCA to collaborate with SDG&E.

Chairman Pico stated that cultural and natural resources are very important to tribal governments because they represent who their people were and their appreciation of the past. Chairman Pico recommended that the County of San Diego and any agencies involved in public lands have a tribal cultural resource office. He noted that tribes are notified too late in the process for federal government energy projects such as the energy project in Ocotillo Valley, which was insensitive toward important tribal cultural resources. He added that tribes were blocked from receiving information on the project through the Freedom of Information Act.

La Mesa Vice Mayor Kristine Alessio stated that SANDAG as a Board needs to be conscious of what is being done in the back country on energy. She noted the need to protect the heritage of San Diego, including the animals and people. If the environment and cultural resources are forgotten, we lose San Diego.

Chairman Pico commented that collaboration with local jurisdictions also is important. The tribes need to know about land use and transportation projects early in the process to identify potential cultural resources.

First Vice Chair Janney suggested that the SCTCA create a process for cultural resource review for jurisdictions.

Mr. Gallegos noted that SANDAG and Caltrans follow all guidelines for consultation on transportation projects. He noted that Native American cultural monitors are involved in the construction of transportation projects, such as during the State Route 76 interchange construction.

Chairman Romero agreed with Mr. Gallegos but, commented that there were tribal villages in Balboa Park, Old Town, Imperial Beach, and Coronado, for example, noting that just because the tribes are not located on a site today, does not mean there were not villages in that location in the past.

Mr. Toler stated that cultural resources have been destroyed with early transportation projects, which makes the few remaining even more precious. He gave examples of state and federal government "steam-rolling" tribes in the process of construction projects. This is a concern.

Tribal Elder Phoenix commented that the Kumeyaay lands stretched to the ocean. He noted that his parents would tell stories of big villages located in 'Shell Town,' but all these cultural resources were lost. Tribal Elder Phoenix requested that jurisdictions let the tribes know when major construction projects are happening, so the resources can be gathered.



Commissioner Nelson commented that SANDAG and SCTCA, as nonprofits, can bring in private partners who can finance activities and take tax credits to develop projects for the tribes.

Councilmember Barth commented that the City of Encinitas recognizes their beach area is culturally significant. Councilmember Barth asked what entity jurisdictions should contact regarding cultural resources? She also commented

that the community would benefit from educational signage regarding tribal cultural resources.

Chairman Lawson suggested that the SCTCA prepare a tribal cultural resources contact list for jurisdictions.

Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association Executive Director Denis Turner, thanked the City of Encinitas for allowing SCTCA to have their annual Grunion Run Festival.

Chair Peck commented that there is a lot of misinformation about tribes. She gave an example of a conversation at lunch where an official thought tribes do not pay taxes. Chairwoman Peck suggested SCTCA hold forums on taxation, land, cultural resources, and other issues so locals can understand the basics on tribes. She also suggested presentations at local city councils.

La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians Tribal Secretary Adam Geisler suggested emergency management be considered an opportunity for collaboration. The Intertribal Long Term-Recovery Foundation has been working with the County Office of Emergency Services and others on training and improved coordination.

Lemon Grove Mayor Mary Sessom commented that it seems the Public Safety Committee is underutilized and could be helpful for tribal coordination.

Chairman Romero announced that the Intertribal Long-Term Recovery Foundation would be holding its annual gala on May 2, 2014.

## **Next Steps and Closing Remarks**

Chairman Dale noted in his closing remarks that, "there is much work to be done, but we leave today with a better understanding of how we can achieve our mutual goals."

He added that there is so much potential for collaborating in different areas in which none of us has sufficient resources to carry out all that we want to do, but by cooperative planning we can grow that pie and tackle some critical issues.

He noted the following as areas of action:

### *Transportation*

- Collaborate on legislation/MAP-21 rulemaking
- Work together on the California Freight Plan
- Identify transportation projects of concern to tribes

### *Energy*

- Collaborate to improve energy diversity in the region

### *Cultural Resources*

- Work together to create a process that protects cultural resources without further burdening the tribes

Advocate/lobby together in Sacramento and Washington, D.C. for projects of mutual interest in the region.

Explore ways in which to strengthen collaboration in emergency management and public safety.

The SCTCA can play a role in educating the jurisdictions on tribal issues and understanding sovereignty as it relates to land use and regional planning.

The information shared today can be integrated into key SANDAG initiatives, including San Diego Forward, and as well as other initiatives.

Chairman Dale thanked Chairman LaChappa and the Barona Tribal Council for hosting this important event. He also thanked the Boards of SANDAG and the SCTCA for taking the time out of their busy schedules to reflect on these issues and to help us to identify areas in which we can work together to make this region an even better place.

In his closing remarks, Chairman Smith noted that the discussion was very constructive. He stated, "Today we had a unique opportunity as elected leaders in our communities to come together and discuss our issues and concerns as well as to develop a collaborative action plan that can guide us through the next several years."

He thanked Chairman LaChappa for Barona's hospitality in hosting the Summit and wished the participants a safe journey home.

## **Adjournment**

SANDAG Chairman Dale adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS DISCUSSION AND ACTIONS

APRIL 11, 2014

Chairman Jack Dale (Santee) called the meeting of the SANDAG Board of Directors/Tribal Summit to order at 10 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached.

**1. NETWORKING AMONG ELECTED OFFICIALS**

Members of the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA) and the SANDAG Board of Directors participated in an informal networking forum.

**2. WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS (INFORMATION)**

Tribal Elder "Boxie" Phoenix led the assembly in a blessing.

Chairman Clifford LaChappa, Barona Band of Mission Indians, welcomed the assembly to the Barona Resort and the Tribal Summit.

Chairman Dale welcomed the assembly and introduced the program.

Chairman Robert Smith, Pala Band of Mission Indians (SCTCA), welcomed the assembly.

Action: This item was presented for information.

**3. SOVEREIGNTY AND TRIBAL NATIONS IN THE SAN DIEGO REGION (INFORMATION)**

The United States Constitution and treaties recognize Native American communities as sovereign nations within the territorial boundaries of the United States. In the San Diego region, there are 17 federally recognized tribal governments, with jurisdiction over 18 reservations - the most in any county in the United States.

Chairman Anthony Pico, Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Nation (SCTCA), briefed the assembly regarding the background of tribal sovereignty and on the tribal nations in the San Diego region.

Action: This item was presented for information.

**4. SAN DIEGO FORWARD: THE REGIONAL PLAN – VIDEO (INFORMATION)**

San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan will combine a big-picture vision for how our region will grow over the next 35 years, with an implementation program to help make that vision a reality. Working in close partnership with the region's 18 cities and the county government, SANDAG will seek to create an innovative plan for our growing community that fuels our economy, protects our environment, and maintains our quality of life. A video introduction to San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan was shared.

First Vice Chair Jim Janney (Imperial Beach) introduced the item.

Action: This item was presented for information.

## 5. REVIEW OF POLICY AREAS FOR DISCUSSION (DISCUSSION)

### A. Policy Areas Identified by Tribes

As part of the tribal consultation process for San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan, the SCTCA and SANDAG conducted a survey of tribal nations to determine what areas within San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan were of interest to the tribes.

Deputy Mayor Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach), SANDAG Regional Planning Committee Chair, introduced the item.

Chairwoman LaVonne Peck, La Jolla Band of the Luiseño Indians (SCTCA), briefed the assembly on the topic areas to set the context for dialogue. The areas identified were cultural resources, economic development, energy, and environmental conservation.

### B. Group Discussion on Policy Areas of Mutual Interest

Using an interactive tool, the SCTCA and SANDAG Boards reviewed the previously identified policy areas, and with the assistance of a facilitator, determined those of mutual interest for further discussion.

Lewis Michaelson, Facilitator, led the assembly in a word cloud exercise designed to focus the discussion on areas of mutual interest. The areas that appeared as most often selected were economy, energy, transportation, water quality, infrastructure, traffic, environment, cultural resources, education, jobs, sustainability, and prosperity. The assembly discussed the word cloud exercise results and expressed their concerns and priorities.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

## 6. LUNCHEON

## 7. GROUP DISCUSSION: PRIORITIZE STRATEGIC POLICY AREAS (INFORMATION)

SCTCA and SANDAG Board members discussed policy areas related to San Diego Forward: The Regional Plan to include economy, energy, transportation, water quality, infrastructure, traffic, environment, cultural resources, education, jobs, sustainability, and prosperity. The assembly identified collaborative opportunities and prioritized strategic actions of mutual concern.

Mr. Michaelson led the discussion.

Action: This item was presented for discussion.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Kevin Swanson, a member of the public, spoke regarding the upcoming San Diego 2015 celebration.

## 9. NEXT STEPS AND CLOSING REMARKS

Chairman Smith and Chairman Dale provided closing remarks.

The next SANDAG Board Business meeting is scheduled for Friday, April 25, 2014, at 9 a.m.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Dale adjourned the meeting at 2:03 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**  
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**Elected Officials: SCTCA Board Members/SANDAG Board Members – Participants**

<b>Tribal Government Representatives</b>				
	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>Agency</b>	<b>Title</b>
Hon.	Robert H.	Smith	Pala Band of Mission Indians, <i>SCTCA Chair</i>	Chair
Hon.	Clifford	LaChappa	Barona Band of Mission Indians	Chair
	'Boxie'	Phoenix	Barona Band of Mission Indians	Tribal Elder
Hon.	Robert	Pinto, Sr.	Ewiaapaayp Band of the Kumeyaay Indians	Chair
Hon.	Ray	Hunter	Jamul Indian Village	Chair
Hon.	La Vonne	Peck	La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Chair
Hon.	Adam	Giesler	La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Secretary/Treasurer
Hon.	Eric	LaChappa	La Posta Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Secretary/Treasurer
Hon.	Mark	Romero	Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Chair
Hon.	Virgil	Oyos	Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Vice Chair
Hon.	Dale	Brush	Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians	Councilmember
Hon.	Bo	Mazzetti	Rincon Band of the Luiseño Nation	Chair
Hon.	Allen E.	Lawson <sup>†</sup>	San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Chair
Hon.	Ricci	LaBrake	Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Vice Chair
Hon.	Anthony	Pico	Viejas Band of the Kumeyaay Nation	Chair
	Denis	Turner	Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Executive Director
Hon.	Dave	Toler	Reservation Transportation Authority	Executive Board Member
<b>SANDAG Board Members</b>				
<b>Title</b>				<b>City/Jurisdiction</b>
Hon.	Jack	Dale	SANDAG, (Chair, Board of Directors)	City of Santee
Hon.	Cheryl	Cox	SANDAG	City of Chula Vista
Hon.	Terry	Sinnott	SANDAG	City of Del Mar
Hon.	Teresa	Barth	SANDAG	City of Encinitas
Hon.	Sam	Abed	SANDAG	City of Escondido
Hon.	Jim	Janney	SANDAG (1st Vice Chair, Board of Directors)	City of Imperial Beach
Hon.	Kristine	Alessio	SANDAG	City of La Mesa
Hon.	Mary Teresa	Sessom	SANDAG	City of Lemon Grove
Hon.	Ron	Morrison	SANDAG	City of National City
Hon.	Jack	Feller	SANDAG	City of Oceanside
Hon.	Don	Higginson	SANDAG (2nd Vice Chair, Board)	City of Poway
Hon.	Todd	Gloria	SANDAG (Chair, Transportation Committee)	City of San Diego
Hon.	Chris	Orlando	SANDAG	City of San Marcos

<sup>†</sup> SCTCA Advisory Member on SANDAG Board of Directors

**SANDAG Board Members**

Hon. John	Minto	SANDAG	City of Santee
Hon. Lesa	Heebner	SANDAG	City of Solana Beach
Hon. Judy	Ritter	SANDAG	City of Vista
Hon. Dianne	Jacob	SANDAG	County of San Diego
Hon. Ron	Roberts	SANDAG	County of San Diego
Hon. Dave	Roberts	SANDAG (Regional Planning Committee)	County of San Diego
Mr. Gary	Gallegos	SANDAG, Executive Director	

**SANDAG Board Advisory Members<sup>\*</sup>**

Hon. Laurie	Berman	SANDAG	CALTRANS
	Kim	SANDAG	Dept. of Defense
Hon. Bill	Horn	SANDAG	NCTD
Hon. David	Barnum	SANDAG	SD City Water Authority
	Ron	SANDAG	Port of San Diego
	Remedios	Gomez-Arnau	Republic of Mexico

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Martha Leticia	Castañeda	City of Tijuana
Sandra	Flores Bernal	City of Tijuana
Maria del		
Refugio	Lugo	City of Tijuana
Jose Miguel	Ramirez Bilbao	City of Tijuana

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<sup>\*</sup> Chairman Allen Lawson, San Pasqual; Chairman Robert Smith, Pala, are advisory members to the SANDAG Board of Directors, representing the SCTCA.