

2010
SAN DIEGO REGIONAL TRIBAL SUMMIT



Rincon Indian Reservation

Proceedings

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Introduction

On April 9, the 2010 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit was hosted by the Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians. The San Diego Association of Governments (SANDAG), the Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association (SCTCA), the Reservation Transportation Authority (RTA), Caltrans, and the County of San Diego collaborated to plan the 2010 summit and bring together elected leaders from local governments who make up SANDAG and the 17 federally recognized tribal governments in the San Diego region. The purpose of the Tribal Summit was to identify policy level issues of mutual concern related to transportation and regional planning and discuss priority areas that could be jointly addressed over the next few years. SANDAG is currently preparing the next comprehensive update of the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) and will embark upon an update to the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) following completion of the 2050 RTP. The Tribal Summit provided a timely opportunity to discuss tribal input regarding transportation and important regional planning issues for inclusion in these regional planning efforts.



PROCEEDINGS

First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas) called the meeting of the 2010 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit to order at 10:07 a.m. The attendance sheet for the meeting is attached. (Attachment 1).

Welcome and Introduction

SCTCA Chairman Robert H. Smith (Pala Band of Mission Indians) welcomed the Summit participants to the meeting. Vice Chair Stephanie Spencer (Rincon Band of Luiseño Indians) welcomed the Summit participants to Rincon. Members of the SCTCA and SANDAG Boards of Directors introduced themselves.

Opening Remarks

An opening tribal blessing was led by Chairman Chris Devers (Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians) followed by a formal welcoming, acknowledgements, and thanks. SCTCA Chairman Smith and SANDAG First Vice Chair Stocks addressed the Summit participants and thanked the host and participating organizations.

In his opening remarks, Chairman Smith noted that the Boards of SANDAG and the SCTCA had a unique opportunity to come together to address transportation and regional planning priorities. For many years having a seat at the table to express their nations' concerns did not exist for tribal governments in the region. Thanks to SANDAG, tribal nations and SANDAG have built a strong relationship over the past few years.

Through intertribal councils, such as the SCTCA, tribal nations seek to protect, establish, and exercise their sovereign rights as governments. The SCTCA serves as a forum for a wide variety of issues for tribal governments in the region, including transportation.



SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith (Pala Band of Mission Indians) and SANDAG First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks (Encinitas)

Although the 17 individual sovereign tribal nations each have their own laws and policies, they recognize key issues they share and need to work on together.

Through the efforts of the RTA in 2004, SANDAG and the intertribal councils began a dialogue on how best to work together. In 2005, the SCTCA joined the Borders Committee as an advisory member. Shortly after that, the SCTCA joined the SANDAG Board of Directors and four of its Policy Advisory Committees. Chairman Smith noted today both Boards were attending the 2010 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit.

Chairman Smith remarked that the SCTCA appreciated the government-to-government approach taken by SANDAG in recent years. This recognizes the role of tribal nations as sovereign nations and their right to participate in regional planning processes as government entities. He added that being on the Board and Policy Advisory Committees means a tribal voice can be heard on policy issues, such as public safety, conservation, and transportation as they are being developed.

SCTCA representatives on SANDAG, he stated, bring issues to the SCTCA Board, and together the tribal leadership evaluates and considers its position, bringing back those concerns to SANDAG to integrate tribal concerns into regional policy. Many tribal lands are located in isolated areas of the county and transportation improvements are key to the future of tribal nations.

Chairman Smith remarked that he was hopeful that if the tribal and nontribal leaders at the table were mutually respectful they would reach innovative solutions.



SANDAG Executive Director, Gary Gallegos, and SCTCA Executive Director, Denis Turner

In his remarks, SANDAG First Vice Chair Stocks stated that it was agreed that holding a San Diego Regional Tribal Summit at a key milestone point in the 2050 RTP process was an effective means to discuss policy-level issues related to the RTP development on a government-to-government basis, building on the strong working relationship already established between SANDAG and tribal nations in the region.

First Vice Chair Stocks explained that an ad hoc task force composed of elected officials from the SANDAG Borders Committee, led by Imperial Beach Councilmember Patricia McCoy, and tribal leaders from the SCTCA developed an agenda, which was approved by both Boards. The members of the task force included: SCTCA Chairman Smith, Chairman Devers, and Chairman Johnny Hernandez (Ipai Nation of Santa Ysabel) with assistance from Chairman Allen Lawson (San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians) and Chairman Edwin 'Thorpe' Romero (Barona Band of Mission Indians); and SANDAG members Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego), Councilmember Sam Abed (Escondido), and Councilmember John Minto (Santee).

First Vice Chair Stocks stated that the goals of the Summit are to: (a) allow elected officials from tribal nations and local jurisdictions to discuss areas of mutual interest in transportation and regional planning; and (b) formulate priority action areas in transportation as well as other regional policy areas, such as energy, conservation, and public safety. After reviewing the agenda with the participants he called for public and member comments.

Public/Member Comments

Vista Councilmember Bob Campbell (North County Transit District), thanked the tribal nations in the region who, through the RTA, partnered with NCTD on the FTA Tribal Transit program. The program has enabled NCTD to enhance Route 388/389 to better serve the tribal and rural communities. He stated he looked forward to developing other similar partnerships.

Tim Harjo (U.S. Census Bureau) provided information about the 2010 Census as it relates to the tribal nations. He commented on how the data from the Census will provide tribal nations with information they can use to plan for their communities and to pursue funding opportunities. He explained that the Census no longer uses the long form, but rather has a short ten question form. More detailed information will be collected every two years from a sample of the population through the American Community Survey. He offered that the Census staff would be available to provide workshops on the technical use of the data collected from the Census once it is available for public use.



Bob Campbell, Board of Directors of the North County Transit District

First Vice Chair Stocks reiterated that the public comments portion of the meeting serves as an area to briefly comment on issues that are not already on the agenda, highlighting the previous statement as a good example.

Lorraine Leighton (member of the public) provided her observations about the extensive use of mobile phones by casino charter bus drivers and operators of several public routes. She expressed her concern and the need to address these operations.

Karen Hewitt (U.S. Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice [DOJ]) stated that tribal issues are a priority for the Obama Administration. The DOJ has set up a new Web portal with tribal information at www.tribalsafety.gov. On May 13, 2010, applications were due for tribal grants from the DOJ for public safety, youth, and crime. The U.S. Attorney also announced an available Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation Fact Sheet, and a webinar entitled, "Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation" held on March 18, 2010.



Chairman Johnny Hernandez, Lipay Nation of Santa Ysabel

residents were not informed about road closures resulting from that construction. She requested assistance from SANDAG and the City of Oceanside in helping to resolve this matter with Caltrans.

Joan Brubaker (member of the public) commented on having only one road in/out of the area adjacent to the widening of SR 76. She suggested that additional access be provided to the residents of that area.

Review of Accomplishments in Collaborative Planning Since 2006 Tribal Summit

First Vice Chair Stocks introduced Imperial Beach Councilmember and SANDAG Borders Committee Chair McCoy. Councilmember McCoy discussed the initial collaboration that led to the development of the 2006 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit, with the objective of incorporating Tribal nations into the regional planning process.

Chairman Hernandez provided a brief overview of the Intertribal Long-Term Recovery Foundation, which provides emergency funds and disaster relief, as well as the organization's goals and objectives in dealing with current issues tribes face. He invited all to attend the gala fundraiser at 6 p.m. on April 24, 2010, at the U.S. Grant Hotel in Downtown San Diego.

Margaret Mahik (member of the public) commented regarding construction on State Route 76 (SR 76) and access/egress to her neighborhood. She stated that



Borders Committee Chair, Patricia McCoy, and SCTCA representative Chairman Chris Devers, Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians

She provided a brief summary of the accomplishments in government-to-government collaborative planning that resulted from the action plan developed from the 2006 Summit. She discussed the outcomes of the dialogue between the SCTCA and SANDAG leadership, which led to the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in 2007, which allowed for the incorporation of representatives of the SCTCA as advisory members on the SANDAG Board of Directors and four of its Policy Advisory Committees.

Another outcome of the 2006 Summit was the creation the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation, which provides regular feedback and comments on current activities and plans being implemented by SANDAG and the tribal governments. The purpose is to coordinate programs, address issues of concern, and ensure that the needs and issues of tribal governments are being incorporated into the transportation planning process.

SCTCA Chairman Smith provided a list of milestones and accomplishments since the 2006 San Diego Regional Tribal Summit. He noted that for the 2030 Regional Transportation Plan, an initial set of objectives was established for tribal transportation planning. Through the consultation process, including a survey of tribal transportation needs, a joint technical workshop, and the 2006 Tribal Summit, a set of cooperative strategies was developed between the SCTCA and SANDAG Boards.



Chairman Mel Vernon, San Luis Rey Band of Luiseno Indians; Councilmember Lesa Heebner (Solana Beach)

He referred to Attachment J in the background paper included in the 2010 Summit agenda packet, a timeline of activities that shows the recommendations, action, and the milestones achieved. There are four principal transportation-related policy areas that were considered in the 2030 RTP as a result of the consultation process with tribal governments, and these have continued as areas of ongoing collaboration. He noted examples, such as the coordination between agencies and tribes on the Indian Reservation Roads Inventory and collaboration on the Operational Improvements Study for SR 76. In the area of transit, the Working Group developed a Tribal Transit Feasibility Study, which formed the basis for the RTA to successfully apply for federal funding for tribal transit.

He stated that the matrix highlights the collaborative nature of all of the various efforts of the partners in this regional framework. In some cases, tribal nations took the lead, while in other areas the County of San Diego, Caltrans, RTA, or SANDAG took the lead. In most cases, it was a collaboration of multiple agencies. These efforts illustrate the importance of collaboration and the benefit of pooling resources and expertise for a common goal.

SCTCA Chairman Smith concluded by noting that a great deal has been accomplished in these past few years and remarked that he hoped that this review would set the stage for determining what SANDAG and the tribal nations would like to work on in the coming years.

Overview of the Tribal Policy Planning Issues in the San Diego Region

Before introducing Chairman Devers, SCTCA Chairman Smith introduced Chief Judge Anthony Brandenburg (Intertribal Courts of Southern California). As the issues of tribal sovereignty and Public Law 280 were the subject of the sovereignty video presented at the Summit, SCTCA Chairman Smith asked Chief Judge Brandenburg to provide a summary of the Intertribal Courts of Southern California and its accomplishments.

SCTCA Chairman Smith introduced Chairman Devers, who acknowledged the subcommittee that worked to prepare for the Summit and provided an explanation of the development process, potential outcomes, and future goals.

He noted he has been a representative for the SCTCA on the SANDAG Borders Committee since the signing of the MOU in 2007. He commented that he has seen a lot of similarities in border-related issues and learned a lot, as well as shared a tribal perspective. Tribes share issues with surrounding counties because tribal lands are contiguous to San Diego County, and tribal nations also share issues with Mexico as sovereign nations. He commented that one of several goals for this Summit was to educate local jurisdictions on how tribal governments function.

He emphasized the importance of understanding the origin of tribal sovereignty and the challenges California tribes face because Public Law 280 shapes how tribes govern and the extent to which they can develop policies.



Hon. Dave Toler, San Pasqual (new Co-Chair of Tribal Transportation Working Group) and Chief Judge Anthony Brandenburg



Chairman Mark Romero, Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians

Chairman Devers presented a video highlighting issues including, tribal sovereignty, and its implications for tribal planning issues in the San Diego region. A suggestion was made to have the video made available to the public as an educational tool. Additional comments were made thanking and recognizing the work of the tribes on the video.

Supervisor Slater-Price suggested that there are many ways in which tribal governments and local cities can work together in the region to accomplish many things.

Councilmember Crystal Crawford (Del Mar) acknowledged a complex history of tribal relations and the multiple wrongs that have been done. She complimented the SCTCA for producing such a helpful video for beginning to understand the complexity of tribal sovereignty and suggested that there would be multiple educational outlets for sharing this with a wider audience.



(Left to right): Renée Wasmund, SANDAG Chief Deputy Executive Director; Councilmember Judy Ritter (Vista); Chairman Johnny Hernandez (Ipai Nation of Santa Ysabel); Supervisor Pam Slater-Price (County of San Diego); Supervisor Bill Horn (County of San Diego).

Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside) reiterated the comments of his colleagues, adding that he had recently returned from Washington, DC and had the pleasure of visiting the National Museum of the American Indian. He believes it is critical to have tribal nations involved in regional planning and commended tribal leaders for their advocacy. He commented that this Summit would not have been possible a few years ago. He commended the tribes in North County near his city for being good neighbors and sharing various issues of common concern, including the environmental impact of developments, such as Gregory Canyon and the improvements on SR 76.

Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa) provided historical insight regarding the changing role of tribes within San Diego County. He suggested that anyone involved in policy as an elected official should have a clear understanding of the meaning of sovereignty.

Councilmember Abed commented that the City of Escondido has strengthened its tribal relations and looks forward to that relationship growing stronger. He also suggested holding the Tribal Summit on a yearly basis.

Chief Judge Brandenburg discussed the 17 tribes in San Diego County, and suggested that the County Board of Supervisors designate the federal holiday of California Native American Day, as a San Diego County holiday.

Chairman Devers inquired as to whether there might be funding available to expand the video and what the process might be to make it available to other agencies. SCTCA Chairman Smith responded that the recommendations and suggestions from the SANDAG Board members would be taken back to the SCTCA Board for consideration and action regarding the video.

Chairman Romero stated that this video is an important overview of what tribal sovereignty means. Understanding tribal sovereignty is critical to building a solid government-to-government relationship between tribal governments and SANDAG. He noted that there have been many advances made in the relationship since the 2006 Summit, but there is still much more to accomplish.



Chairman Edwin 'Thorpe' Romero (Barona Band of Mission Indians); Councilmember Judy Ritter (Vista)

Chairman Romero made a statement regarding the three elements he considers to be the foundation of the intergovernmental relationship for planning: culture, communication, and commitment. By culture he suggested that there are hundreds of years of mistrust, but building relationships between governments today will change the way we do things in the future. With regard to communication, this refers to the critical importance of consultation with tribes in the planning process. He added that tribes also need to commit to sharing their information that can be essential in developing regional

plans. By commitment he meant the importance of making a commitment to respect tribal sovereignty. If the federal government can do it, so can local governments. A commitment to pursue this relationship is important from both sides.

Tribal governments, he stated, want to be a part of SANDAG. Tribal nations — rich and poor, gaming and nongaming — need to be part of the process. Tribes recognize that their footprint no longer remains on tribal land. He stated that if the tribes and SANDAG work together, future generations will be better off. He noted that the SCTCA appreciates being on the SANDAG Board as advisory members, adding that his voice on the Board could be heard. This allows tribes to have a voice and to deal with issues in between the summits. He concluded by noting that this continued dialogue is critical to improving the quality of life in this region.

Councilmember Campbell recognized the efforts of Chairman Mel Vernon (San Luis Rey Band of Luiseño [a California tribe whose traditional land is in the San Luis Rey River Valley]) in collaboration with the City of Vista involving the development of recreational fields honoring the historical significance of tribal nations in that city.

Vision Quest Plenary Discussion

SCTCA Chairman Smith and SANDAG First Vice Chair Stocks shared the results of their own recent agency summits. The SCTCA and SANDAG Board members discussed opportunities for tribal and local governments to work together to improve the quality of life in the region.

Mayor Madrid suggested that the advisory board members, including the tribal leaders, could be given an opportunity to update the SANDAG Board at the beginning of each policy meeting.

Councilmember McCoy suggested that the Summit participants read the background paper prepared by staff and the Tribal Transportation Working Group for the Summit as it touches on many of the issues being discussed.

Supervisor Bill Horn (County of San Diego) congratulated Chairman Devers on his tribal nation's lawsuit against the State of California. He commented regarding the role of tribes in relation to the state government and the importance of developing a strategic county plan. There are difficult issues related to the relationship among the state, tribes, and local governments. The state has not redistributed fairly the funding that the tribes intended to be used for mitigation. He suggested working together to get more resources back to the county.

First Vice Chair Stocks noted that many of the technical transportation details that come to the Board are discussed by the city staff with SANDAG through the Cities/County Technical Advisory Committee (CTAC). He suggested that perhaps there should be tribal representation on CTAC as a way to stay involved on the regionwide technical transportation planning issues.

Chairman Hernandez stated that the SANDAG Board should recognize the level of tribal leadership present at this Summit. He noted that tribal leadership is working to bring the funding back to the region for their rural communities as well as tribal communities. The Summit participants should understand that the tribal chairs present today are the equivalent to the presidents of their nations. He commented that there is so much that can be done together once that is understood. There are many issues the tribal leadership has faced through the centuries and will continue to face. The tribes respect SANDAG, the County, and the cities as governments; they ask simply to be given the same respect as governments. It is time to work together. San Diego has 17 very powerful tribes collected in the SCTCA. If the region wants to accomplish something, SANDAG and the SCTCA should sit down at a policy level every year.



Councilmember Sam Abed (Escondido); Chairman Chris Devers (Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians)

suggested the background paper serves as a good starting point. She highlighted the example of energy as an area of collaboration.

Mayor Mary Sessom (Lemon Grove) noted that many of the cities in the region are facing limited budgets as they are trying to plan for their city's future. As immediate past Chair of SANDAG, she often went to Sacramento to make the case for the region. She had not thought to go with tribal leaders, but she would have liked to have done that. She

Chairman Devers noted that it would be critical to put together a strategic plan for the county that includes the cities and the tribes. Term limits create an obstacle to getting things done in Sacramento as it is a revolving door. It is expensive to educate the officials in Sacramento regarding local needs. He asked that the Summit participants give their ideas about how to develop a strategic plan that can help the region at the state level.

Councilmember Crawford concurred with the notion that tribes and local cities should work together on developing a strategic plan. She

suggested the importance of thinking through our shared issues and seeing how we might be able to collaborate on trips to Sacramento to advocate for the region in the future.

Mayor Jim Desmond (San Marcos) suggested the possibility of collaborating and educating ourselves on countywide water issues to increase opportunities for state legislation.



Chairman Allen Lawson (San Pasqual Band of Diegueno Mission Indians)

Mayor Jim Janney (Imperial Beach) noted that as the Chair of the Regional Planning Committee he has seen several tribal leaders make significant contributions to the discussions. He cited a case related to the Shoreline Preservation Working Group in which the tribal representative suggested ways in which the Working Group and tribes could collaborate on seeking funding for beach sand replenishment.

Vice Chair Spencer followed up on the comment made by Mayor Sessom. She noted that Rincon just won a case against the State. Rincon never indicated that it did not want

to pay its fair share of mitigation. The main point was that Rincon, as a sovereign nation in this region, wanted to keep the mitigation funding here. She would have appreciated local support when the Rincon tribe was making its case.

Supervisor Slater-Price noted that in the future it would be good to go through the elected officials and not staff. She would have supported Rincon's case if she had been aware of the situation.

Ray Hunter (former Chairman of Jamul) commented that he expected Supervisor Dianne Jacob at the Summit. He asked that her colleagues inform her of the Summit the next time.

Chairman Vernon noted that much of what he heard was positive. He reiterated the importance of understanding sovereignty. His tribe is involved in a long process to attain federal recognition, but he cannot wait for that. He has become involved in a number of projects that affect tribal cultural resources.

Before pausing for lunch, Chairman Romero and Tribal Elder, Boxie Phoenix of Barona, on behalf of the SCTCA, recognized and acknowledged the work of Tribal Liaison, Jane Clough-Riquelme, Ph.D., SANDAG

Senior Planner, and presented her with a statuette of appreciation. Mr. Phoenix explained the traditional gifting ceremony to honor someone in the tribal community and the significance of the honoree being wrapped in a blanket. Dr. Clough-Riquelme thanked



tribal leadership and discussed the honor receiving the award and in working with tribal nations in the region. The Summit was paused for lunch at 12:07 p.m. The meeting was reconvened at 1:06 p.m.

Tribal Transportation Issues for the 2050 Regional Transportation Plan



five strategies through an interactive polling exercise (see Attachment 2).

Chairman Devers was concerned that the tribal leaders could not vote on behalf of other leaders. First Vice Chair Stocks clarified that this is a polling exercise of the participants in attendance. It is simply a snap shot to get an idea of main concerns. Any issues requiring action would be brought before both the SCTCA and SANDAG Board.

Chairman Devers made an inquiry regarding taxing on services on tribal lands, such as gas stations that are serving the community, and how those taxes could be incorporated and returned to the tribal community. Chairman Romero clarified how Barona negotiates the taxation for their gas stations with the State of California, but his understanding was that it is on a case-by-case basis.

SANDAG Executive Director Gary Gallegos suggested that the taxation issue might be more appropriate for the next session on regional policy.

Councilmember Judy Ritter (Vista) stated her concern regarding conducting the polling exercise with the information that was provided. She felt she needed a primer on how tribal governments work.

Chairman Romero suggested that from an opportunity standpoint, tribes and local agencies should pursue funding together and get additional funding for the region to serve this community.

SANDAG First Vice Chair Stocks introduced Mr. Phoenix. Mr. Phoenix summarized the tribal transportation strategies the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues (Working Group) has been discussing during the past several months.

Dr. Clough-Riquelme reviewed the proposed tribal transportation strategies developed by the Working Group. The Tribal Summit participants were asked to prioritize the top



Ray Hunter, Representative from Jamul; Mayor Don Higginson (Poway)

Chairman Devers noted that it is important to identify corridors that are beneficial to tribes and identify funds to benefit the community.

Mayor Sessom noted that some of the differences in priorities among the transportation strategies can be attributed to tribes being concerned about addressing current issues, while SANDAG is looking 50 years out.

Chairman Hernandez noted it is important to collaborate and share information. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) structure is complicated and tribes need assistance in developing their Tribal Transportation Plans to be eligible for funding through this mechanism.

Mayor Desmond stated his support for a collaborative legislative agenda with tribal nations, which he thought would probably incorporate several of the transportation strategies suggested in the list.

Chairman Devers stated that he felt the critical issues of a collaborative legislative agenda and identifying and funding corridor studies would be beneficial to all.

Councilmember Crawford suggested that the reason the 'Incorporation of Tribal Transportation Plans' strategy may have been a higher priority for the SANDAG Board is because the Board is so involved in the development of the 2050 RTP. It is important to get the big picture of all the needs in the region.

Laurie Berman (Director, Caltrans District 11) suggested importance of understanding the planning processes from both sides.



(Left to right) Vice Chair Stephanie Spencer (Rincon Band of Luiseno Indians); Chairman Johnny Hernandez (Ipai Nation of Santa Ysabel); SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith (Pala Band of Mission Indians)



Mr. Phoenix stated that assistance from SANDAG in developing Tribal Transportation Plans would be helpful. Tribes get very little assistance from the BIA and their roads inventory is so out of date, resulting in tribes falling so far behind in their infrastructure needs. Tribes have been out of the loop for so long that any assistance to allow them to be included in the RTP would be appreciated.

In reference to the utilization of the SANDAG Service Bureau, Mayor Janney noted that it is available to everyone in San Diego and

provides multiple planning services that are particularly helpful to small jurisdictions, such as Imperial Beach. He could see the parallel with smaller tribes that do not have the human resources to do some of the planning work that they might need.

Tribal Policy Issues for the Inclusion in the Regional Comprehensive Plan

At the 2006 Tribal Summit, breakout sessions were held on regional policy issues other than transportation. These issues were then discussed by the SANDAG Borders, Regional Planning, and Public Safety Committees during the last several years. Mayor Janney, Regional Planning Committee Chair, introduced this item. Santa Ysabel Chairman Hernandez provided observations from his experience on the Regional Planning Committee. He noted multiple areas for potential collaboration, including energy and fire protection.



Vice-Chairwoman Michelle Cuero (Campo Band of the Kumeyaay Nation)

The RCP serves as the long-term planning framework for the San Diego region. It provides a broad context in which local and regional decisions can be made that move the region toward a sustainable future—a future with more choices and opportunities for all residents of the region. In addition to SANDAG, there are many agencies in the region that are responsible for helping to implement the RCP. The following policy issues were first identified during breakout sessions at the 2006 Regional Tribal Summit and have been refined and amended through follow-up discussions at SANDAG Policy Advisory Committee and working group meetings.

Coleen Clementson (SANDAG Principal Planner) summarized the proposed regional policy



Mayor Jim Wood (Oceanside) and Supervisor Greg Cox (County of San Diego)

issues. She noted that these issues could be considered in a future update of the RCP for the San Diego region. Through an interactive polling exercise, Tribal Summit participants were asked to rate their level of agreement or disagreement with several regional policy statements (see Attachment 3).

Councilmember Abed highlighted the emergency preparedness strategy, indicating that the County has a County Emergency Response Plan. Jurisdictions receive periodic updates, and the tribal nations should be part of that process.

Mayor Madrid suggested that one of the ideas would be to share best practices. In his community, there is a multijurisdictional group on emergency preparedness that has been in existence for several decades. It would be good to share best practices and learn from each other.

Supervisor Slater-Price noted that she will follow up with the County Office of Emergency Services to ensure there is tribal representation on the regional advisory committee.

Mike Connolly (tribal consultant on behalf of Campo) made some observations regarding the tribal transportation white paper provided to the participants as background for the Summit. He noted the following issues to consider:

- Tribal governments as land use authorities have their own process for determining appropriate land use. This should be acknowledged by the County of San Diego when discussing the impacts of tribal developments. They should not be subject to the same process as a non-tribal development within County jurisdiction.
- The County of San Diego's land use policy of low density zoning for unincorporated areas has an impact on tribal lands. There is a lack of equity mechanisms to accommodate tribal needs versus the low density zoning.
- There should be a fair division of tax revenues between the tribes and the County. Sales tax, property taxes, and other revenue collected from nontribal members living on reservations are not returned to the respective tribe. The Campo tribe, for example, provides many governmental services like fire protection through mutual aid agreements to the surrounding communities as well as the tribes.
- Multiple species habitat planning and conservation planning are not considering the impacts on tribal lands. Often habitat areas are located near tribal reservations and impact the tribes' ability to develop when many of the species are pushed to those areas by nontribal development
- Water distribution has been used to control development in the unincorporated areas by the County. Tribes are often put at a disadvantage because of inconsistencies in rules, especially those related to groundwater. The County should work with tribes to develop distribution agreements that make it fair for all.

Mayor Madrid asked how Mr. Connolly's comments and other issues raised would be addressed.

Chairman Devers asked for Mr. Connolly's comments for the SCTCA to make sure the issues are followed up on through the SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees and the County.



Mayor Art Madrid (La Mesa);
Eric La Chappa (La Posta Tribal Council); and
Mayor Jim Desmond (San Marcos)

Mark Muir (San Diego County Water Authority) described several of their programs and encouraged tribes to participate.

Concluding Remarks and Next Steps

Chairman Devers remarked that he was pleased with the content of the Summit. He noted that there were a number of issues that could, by themselves, constitute an entire meeting. It will be important to prioritize issue areas and to work on them immediately. He concurred that more frequent summits would be advantageous for making progress on multiple goals and objectives.

Chairman Romero concurred with Chairman Devers that much progress was made. It is critical to involve tribes in this process, and there are many opportunities to collaborate on planning and funding. He also acknowledged Mr. Phoenix for his dedication to his role as Co-Chair of the Interagency Technical Working Group on Tribal Transportation Issues. Chairman Romero, on behalf of the SCTCA, thanked Mr. Phoenix for leading this effort in increasing tribal input into the transportation planning process.



SCTCA Chairman Robert Smith, SANDAG
First Vice Chair Jerome Stocks, and SANDAG
Second Vice Chair Jack Dale

First Vice Chair Stocks indicated that he was very pleased with the outcome and felt that there was a lot of information, noting that he learned a lot from the discussion.

Supervisor Slater-Price remarked that there are a number of critical areas besides transportation in which the various agencies and tribes can work together. She noted that water, energy, and public safety are all areas that could be discussed on a continuous basis through the SANDAG Policy Advisory Committees throughout the year. The other County-focused issues, like health and human services, can be pursued through the County.

She committed to following up on the issue of emergency services and incorporating tribal governments into that process. She highlighted the importance of moving forward on various issues immediately and not waiting for another Summit. She suggested a more interactive approach rather than waiting for a large policy meeting; get the necessary people together in a particular issue area and move forward, then use the Summits as a way to report back on accomplishments.

Mr. Gallegos clarified that even though the horizon for the RTP is 2050, SANDAG is required by law to update the plan every four years. Each time SANDAG updates the RTP, the region revisits the programs, plans, and projects, including addressing tribal issues.

The Summit was adjourned at 2:42 p.m.

ATTENDANCE
SANDAG BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING/TRIBAL SUMMIT
APRIL 9, 2010

Elected Officials: Tribal Nations/SANDAG Board Members – Participants

Tribal Government Representatives				
	First Name	Last Name	Tribal Nation	Title
Hon.	Robert H.	Smith	Pala Band of Mission Indians, <i>SCTCA Chair</i>	Chair
Hon.	Thorpe	Romero*	Barona Band of Mission Indians	Chair
	Boxie	Phoenix	Barona Band of Mission Indians	Tribal Elder
Hon.	Michelle	Cuero	Campo Band of Mission Indians	Vice Chair
Hon.	June	Jones	Campo Band of Mission Indians	Treasurer
Hon.	Johnny	Hernandez	Iipay Nation of San Ysabel	Chair
Hon.	Charlene	Chamberlain	Jamul Indian Village	Vice Chair
Hon.	Ray	Hunter	Jamul Indian Village	Gaming Commission
Hon.	La Vonne	Peck	La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Chair
Hon.	Adam	Giesler	La Jolla Band of Luiseño Indians	Delegate
Hon.	Eric	LaChappa	La Posta Band of Kumeyaay Indians	Secretary/Treasurer
Hon.	Milton	Campbell	Los Coyotes Band of Cahuilla/Cupeño Indians	Tribal Council
Hon.	Mark	Romero	Mesa Grande Band of Mission Indians	Chair
Hon.	Chris	Devers	Pauma Band of Luiseño Indians	Chair
Hon.	Stephanie	Spencer	Rincon Band of the Luiseño Nation	Vice Chair
Hon.	Mel	Vernon	San Luis Rey Band of Luiseño Indians [†]	Chair
Hon.	Allen E.	Lawson [‡]	San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Chair
Hon.	Dave	Toler	San Pasqual Band of Diegueño Indians	Delegate
			Southern California Tribal Chairmen's Association	Executive Director
	Denis	Turner	Reservation Transportation Authority	Chair
	Ben	Magante	Intertribal Courts of Southern California	Chief Judge

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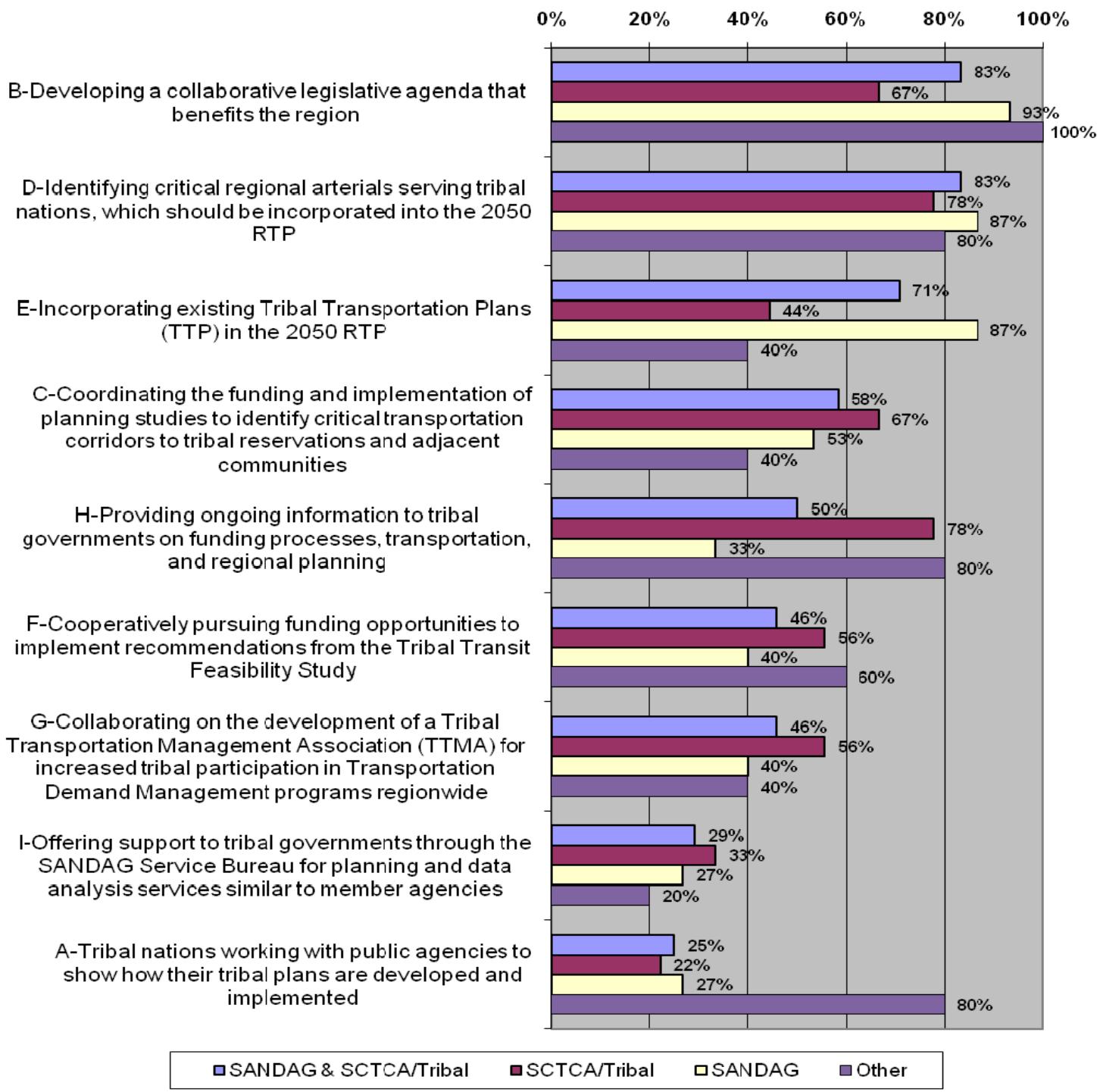
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